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LOCAL

Miss Annette Hansen of Portland spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. McCrosson.

Chemawa students enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner. As usual the employes acted as waiters.

Supt. and Mrs. Hall were guests of Miss Scholder at the Teachers' Club for Thanksgiving dinner.

Many of our students are excused from study hour on account of having attained an average above 85.

Mr. R. E. Daly, teacher of agriculture, has forwarded his papers for a commission in the signal corps.

Miss Ruth Brewer of O. A. C. spent Thanksgiving at home. She had Miss Lucile Seifert with her as a guest.

The orchestra rendered a very pretty number at Sunday night chapel, "A Hungarian Idyl" by Keler-Bela. "The American Hymn" by Keller was well sung by the choir.

Miss White and Mrs. Teabo ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Brewer and family, while Miss Skipton and Miss McFadden dined with Mr. and Mrs. Woods. Mrs. Doherty was a guest at her niece's in Salem.

The Excelsior Literary Society desires to extend thanks to the Nonpareil Society for the courtesy which was shown them on Friday evening, and which they appreciated very much.

Mr. Lauren Christofferson, who has been clerking in Mr. Henderson's store and who is well known to all Chemawa people, has enlisted in the navy. He left on Monday morning for Portland. Previous, however, to his departure, he was married to Miss Rita Kippenger of Gervais.

Six hundred copies of the new tune for "America" with full band and orchestra parts have been donated to Chemawa, and was sung for the first time at the Thanksgiving entertainment. It has a good swing and has captivated all here who have heard it. The new air of "America" is designed to get away from the English song of "God Save the King," as well as a German song, both of which have the same tune as America."

John Fritts, former Chemawa boy, is now a member of Co. E, 32nd U. S. Infantry, and is stationed at Honolulu, H. T.

James Thompson, one of our Alaskan Indian boys who enlisted in the navy last spring in company with Lyle Carrow, and was stationed at Bremerton, recently wrote Supt. Hall from New York. He is now on the torpedo boat destroyer Terry and has just returned from a voyage to France, but was not allowed shore leave while there. He says that Thomas Williams, another of our boys, is in the naval hospital on account of having his eyes badly burned, which may be the cause of his discharge from the navy. In that event Thomas desires to return to Chemawa. James says he was on the U. S. S. Connecticut for a while, but was transferred to the destroyer Terry.

Now and then, consciously or unconsciously, a person builds better than he knows. The thing to do, whether or not it is premeditated, is to build. One can not expect a crop unless one plants—sowing of seed must precede the harvest. This is true of plant life; it is true of animal life; it is also true in the working of the human mind. It is said, and truly, too, that sturdy oaks from little acorns grow. Having these thoughts in mind we wish both to encourage and to congratulate Miss Scholder for the course she is pursuing in reading of evenings to a number of her smallest charges. From first hand knowledge we feel assured that she is doing a wonderful thing for these little fellows. Her reading is for them the unfolding of many a beautiful vision and opens to them a new world. They learn of a thousand and one things undreamed of and their desire to read, to know, to hear, and to see quickens every faculty of which these lads are possessed. Good books will present to them the best and most ennobling thoughts, and as they are now at the most impressionable age, the benefits they will derive from this evening reading circle is inestimable.

OBEDIENCE MOST NEEDED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—"With the help of God and a few marines I shall carry out the department's instructions." This terse message, variously accredited to every great Naval commander from John Paul Jones to George Dewey, finds a not unimportant place in the scheme of indoctrination of U. S. marines at their training camps.

That a U. S. marine must never fail in anything he undertakes, that discipline, health and courage are indispensable to his success as a marine, and that the "advance always, and never surrender," idea be uppermost in his mind, night and day, are a few of the things in the creed of Uncle Sam's soldiers of the Navy.