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## WHY?

It is sometimes questioned why in Indian schools the students do not feel the responsibility for the success and good name of their school as do white boys and girls who are required to pay tuition. Generally in colleges and other institutions of learning the student thinks that his school is the best, and when it is attacked he will fight for it. When comparisons come up he will not admit that any other can surpass his. He says, "Other schools may have some advantages we do not have, but we have other things that are better." He will not look for the good qualities in other schools and fail to see that his own is just a little better. Whether it is, or is not, is for him to judge, and if he gives his own the inferior place that very essential quality of the heart—loyalty—is lacking. To him no other on the whole ought to be better. If there is, then let him see to it that he does his part in raising it to the high standard.

This brings us to a probable answer to the question. Might it be that the reason that a good many of the students in Indians schools do not feel the responsibility as do students of other schools is that in the former the management and teachers chiefly make the schools, while in the latter the students make it, with assistance of the faculty? We are glad to note that at Chemawa we have some of the most loyal students we have ever met anywhere and the student body has largely awakened to the fact that they are almost entirely responsible for the good work and name of Chemawa, and this class is loyally standing behind the faculty in bringing Chemawa up to its highest efficiency.

## REPORTER'S NOTES

By Robert Downie

Duane Kimball, who was working recently in the printing office, is now working on the landscape gardening force.

Abbie Breen who recently arrived at school to take up special work in the blacksmith shop, is showing much interest.

Last week the carpenters put out 500 feet of board tiling, which will be used in drain ditches in the lower lake bottom.

Last week the vocational blacksmiths were busy making tires for our wagons. The prevocational were kept busy at various small jobs.

On Saturday night the seventh grade gave their annual party. Games were the feature of the evening and a general good time was had.

Louis Sanderson, an ex-student and one of our best five-mile relay runners in past years, paid Chemawa friends and relatives a visit last week.

Nellie Francis, who is now acting as head cook on one division at the hospital, is taking no small interest. She is a good cook and a faithful worker.

The painters are at it on all sides. Last week they put freshening touches on Mitchell Hall and are now hard at work painting the outside of the Small Boys' Home.

At odd times cinders are being hauled out on the road throughout the campus. It will not be long before all chuck-holes are filled and standing water will be scarce.

Mr. Ross, landscape gardener, has a few of his force busy at all times making flower beds for spring use. These will be filled up with several hundred plants, which were ordered some time ago.

Tom Philips recently turned his carpenter bench into a ship building plant and is now putting up a model ship, which no doubt will be put on exhibition some time in the near future. It is a fine model.

On Thursday evening of last week the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. held their annual joint social in the association room of the school building. Games were enjoyed, after which coffee and cake were served.

Chemawa is said to be one of the prettiest and neatest looking places in Oregon. The present condition of the lawns and campus generally, with their vivid green appearance and freshness, certainly tends to make life worth living.

The Mt. Angel basketball team was defeated in a hard-fought game last Wednesday night by a score of 28-17. The game was a fast one and showed that our boys are coming back to their regular form and are playing real basketball.

On Saturday our 'varsity team will play the fast South Parkway team of Portland on the home floor. Our team was defeated early in the season by them in a game in Portland and we are now working harder than ever to wipe out that defeat.

Myra Rauzi, Mae Adams, Elizabeth Reinville and Veltha Frazier, prevocational who performed the cooking for the football squad last fall, are now under Miss Skipton in providing for the basketball squad. The boys appreciate the kindness of these people in cooking for them.