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## OUR COMMENCEMENT

Large Crowds of Visitors and Fine Programs are Features of Chemawa's Closing Week

Again we take pleasure in chronicling the events which were featured in connection with Chemawa's commencement for 1918. Everything and every plan worked so nicely and was so intensely interesting that it is a pleasure to tell our readers of what we had in the way of delightful entertainment. Not only did Supt. Hall succeed in drawing to our school many old-time students and parents of our pupils, but the people of this community—far and near—turned out in ever increasing numbers as the events of one day followed another. Another pleasing after-thought in connection therewith is based on the knowledge that all were more than pleased and there is evidence that they passed the good news on to their neighbors.

There is also splendid evidence of an awakening interest in our school and we predict that Supt. Hall will fan this interest to a positive flame in the years to come. Our employes and pupils, one and all from the youngest to the oldest, seemed to take a personal pride in seeing that things were just right. The morale was excellent.

### RECEPTION TO THE SENIORS

Our commencement exercises may justly be said to have started on Friday evening, May 31st, this being the date of a reception given in honor of the seniors by Supt. and Mrs. Hall. "The Residence" was ablaze with light and was most tastefully and beautifully decorated, '18 pennants predominating, and as the seniors, members of the alumni, and friends entered the magnificent reception room they, each in turn, were profoundly impressed by the magnificence of the scene. Let us voice the statement right here that we have never seen so large and fine and varied a collection of Indian baskets as Supt. and Mrs. Hall have in their home and we doubt if a similar display can be made by any-one.

On this occasion the evening was passed in games of most striking character and appropriate and pleasing prizes were awarded the winners. The members of the alumni sang an appropriate song in honor of the seniors and later in the evening the seniors themselves

gave a song, also of most pleasing originality. Refreshments were served at the proper time on many small tables placed about the room and they were most delicious and bountiful. All were charmingly served and there was everywhere a feeling of good cheer and perfect contentment. All too soon it became time for the guests to depart and the thanks to host and hostess which accompanied the leave taking were most sincere. It was an evening of unalloyed pleasure for all.

### FLAG DEDICATED

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 2, the entire faculty and student body assembled in the auditorium for the dedication of Chemawa's large and beautiful service flag. All stood with bowed heads as the flag was borne down the center aisle and as it was raised to place sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The flag was raised to position by Robert Downie and George Barrett and the knot tied by Reginald Downie—quite an honor for all these young men. Supt. Hall made a splendid talk in keeping with the occasion and was followed by Reggie Downie, who read the roll of honor—naming all who had a star on the flag. After this the school sang "Chemawa." There are 118 stars on our service flag, one of which is gold. Since the dedication it has been ascertained that we are entitled to the honor of placing several more stars on this patriotic emblem.

At the close of these exercises the band under direction of Mr. Loos, played a sacred concert which gave pleasure to all. The war having robbed Chemawa of her older band boys it has been necessary to depend upon our junior band, and we are pleased to state that the work of these young musicians has been most excellent. The concert on this occasion gave pleasure to everybody.

### THE BACCALAUREATE

At 8 o'clock in the evening all assembled in the auditorium for the baccalaureate sermon and the various exercises connected therewith. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Henry J. Talbot of Kimball College, Willamette University, and it was most appropriate in every utterance. The speaker had a

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