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REPORTER'S NOTES

By Robert Downie

The lawn mowers are kept busy at all times keeping the lawns trimmed up, which you can easily notice all about the campus.

Last week Agnes Swanson and Elizabeth Reinville returned to Chemawa. These girls are very well liked and were gladly welcomed.

We have at this time four teams plowing up the fields and two more will be added just as soon as a set of harness can be fitted out for them.

The farmers are kept hustling at the present putting in crops as fast as they are permitted to do so. We can see large crops already for the future.

Joseph Bettles, who has charge of the dairy, has proved himself to be the man for the position. Joe is a live wire and will talk "dairy" to you whenever you desire.

For the past week or two Mr. McLean was busy in the tailor shop fitting out the boys with uniforms and corduroy suits. At this time he has the boys almost fitted out.

At this school it seems as though we have had a pretty good year for vegetables of all forms and shapes and Mr. Turner is storing them away as fast as he can possibly do so.

The blacksmith shop is now in full swing, repairing such farm implements that need to be and also making what is in their power to make. Their productive work is very satisfactory.

Irving Shepard, Jacob Mynuck and George Lekanoff are expected here on the first of the month. These are good live boys and will be sure of a hearty welcome on their return to school.

The gardeners are still picking apples for our use during the winter, and a crop of 500 bushels will be had. Each day we have apples in some form or another, which no doubt every one enjoys.

On Monday last the dairy detail put in their time in butchering veal which was shipped to Portland. There are several at the dairy who understand how to butcher and they do the work up in fine shape.

On Monday a team of horses were hard at work hauling flour from the cars to the bakery. This flour will no doubt be put to the best advantage later by Mrs. Teabo, who is baking every day in large quantities.

A large crop of potatoes is promised this year and it is probable that large forces will be added to the garden detail to help sack them up later. All spare help will be needed during that period. Do not crawl out of it.

Owing to the fact the leaves are falling, and falling rapidly, Mr. Ross and his detail will be kept busy raking them up as fast as they fall. This is another one of the annual duties, but is a side issue at this time on account of the shortage of help. Be patient and all will turn out better than you may expect.

Through the entire year the bakery is kept on the jump in order to put out such bakery goods as are needed by the school. Under the instruction of Mrs. Teabo the bakers put out the following during the week: About 500 loaves of bread per day, cake once a week, rolls three times a week, and pie three times a week, aside from several other items. We are here and ought to be thankful to help in stowing it away.

SPANISH INFLUENZA

All over Christendom there has raged for several months a disease commonly known as Spanish Influenza. Wherever it has appeared fatalities have been left in its wake. In its early stages it seems more like la grippe or a bad cold than anything else. Almost invariably it develops into pneumonia—this is the cause of so many deaths in various sections of the country.

People of weak lungs or with tuberculosis have fared worse than others at the hands of this scourge, therefore it would seem wise for those of pulmonary weaknesses to exercise extraordinary care in combating the disease. But in spite of every care known to medical science nearly every community has suffered from the influenza. We here at Chemawa have had our losses—death, sadness and sorrow. In other schools it has been the same, and in the homes of the land as well. We are as safe here as anywhere, and safer than in many places, because we have more done for us in the way of preventive measures and better care afforded those stricken. That we have suffered the appearance of the Grim Reaper within our fold is no occasion for alarm or any feeling of censure against the place or those in authority. At this writing the worst is over, to judge from present conditions, and we hope it may be so.

One of our former students, writing from an eastern naval station, informs us that in his camp 1,200 men died of the influenza and the complications that follow in its wake. When we consider fatalities on such a scale as that we must feel ourselves most fortunate to have escaped as we have. Let us all hope that the dread malady has spent its fury and is now about done for. Let us remain calm, cast out all fear, and await the future with an inward assurance that all will be well. Be not afraid.