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Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

George Lekanoff made a business trip to Portland last Friday.

We wish all of our readers A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We have two games of basketball scheduled with the University of Oregon.

Alex Williams went home recently on account of poor health. He was a promising basketball player.

The gardeners have completed the task of digging potatoes. After the holidays they will start pruning in the orchards.

Inasmuch as the date of this issue of The American is on Christmas day it necessarily is printed on the day previous.

As there are preparations for a great observance of the holiday week at Chemawa, we will skip one issue of The American. Our next issue will be dated January 8, 1919.

Miss Ruth Brewer arrived home from Corvallis, where she is attending the Oregon Agricultural College, last Friday evening. She will enjoy a vacation of two weeks duration.

Hauser Bros. of Salem are going to give a cup to the highest point winners among our shop teams in the tournament to be held here during the holiday week. Now, boys, do your best.

Supt. and Mrs. Hall are in receipt of a letter from Elwood Towner, who is now a member of Co. M, 11th Regiment, U. S. Marines, and in service in France. Elwood says he has been kept on the move of late and says he is "well and making the best of it." He voiced his loyalty to the school and sent the season's greetings to all. Good for Elwood!

Christmas spirit is certainly in evidence at Chemawa. The auto truck was busy for four or five days last week hauling Christmas trees and greenery for use in all the quarters, dining hall, class rooms and auditorium. Even the big archway at the entrance is covered with fir boughs as well as the porch entrances to the quarters and gymnasium. The students' private rooms present a holiday attire. Everybody is happy and busy preparing to make others so.

Chemawa responded well indeed to the Red Cross Christmas Roll call. Mrs. Hall, president of the auxiliary, called a meeting at which forces were organized for the drive. Miss Shoulder, treasurer, was made captain of the team with Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Cox, Miss Mischell, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Loos, Catherine Wilder, and Bertha Grimes as helpers. A sum amounting to \$252.00 was secured and turned in to the Salem headquarters. The Service flag is to be seen in many windows throughout Chemawa.

"The Man Without a Country" was shown on the screen on Friday night.

Great quantities of celery was raised this year by Mr. Turner, our gardener, for use of the students.

The mechanical drawing room in the industrial building has been arranged whereby the classes in agriculture, gardening and horticulture may be given their daily lectures during the winter months. Mr. Turner and Mr. Ratzeburg are quite constant.

Mr. Moss and daughter, Della, left for their home on the Flathead reservation on Sunday. Mr. Moss has been at Chemawa for some time waiting for Della to get strong enough to travel. She has been very ill with pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

The athletic buffet has been closed for the present. The profits have enabled the athletic association to be self-supporting, with a balance on hand. Mr. Bent and student body president, Bob Downie, have been at the head of the business and deserve credit for the management.

Walter Williams, of the Navy, stationed at Goat Island in San Francisco bay, arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with his friends at Chemawa. He has thirty days' furlough and expects to make a hurried visit to his home in Alaska also. Walter is an ex-student and very popular with all students and employes who knew him.

Not the least interesting of the several Christmas programs was the one given by the Junior Y. W. C. A. under Miss Eakin in the Winonas' parlors on Sunday afternoon. Songs, readings, and appropriate exercises were enthusiastically given by the small girls. There were several guests present who appreciated the courtesy of being invited and enjoyed the program.

The engineering force has had a busy time since Mr. Dickinson assumed the duties of chief engineer. He found so much accumulated general work imperative, together with the cleaning out of several boilers, repairing the stokers, installing a motor for the ice plant, rearranging the electric wiring and numerous other jobs, that the entire force has been busy day and night in order to keep the plant going. With such a large system as we have at Chemawa, including the sewer, water, lighting, steam heat, refrigerating system as well as the mechanical engineering generally, that the Chief Engineer and all his helpers have their hands full. During the winter months about thirty-five tons of coal daily is handled by the firemen, which has to be wheeled from the coal bunkers. This added to the cleaning of the fires and removing the many tons of ashes daily is some task. It is fervently hoped that the price of crude oil will be such that we may return to its use, for the handling of so much coal is mere drudgery. As our boilers are in use twenty-four hours each day, four shifts of ten boys each are required for the operation of the power plant alone.