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ITEMS FROM THE TRADES

We are fortunate in having painters who put on the plaster to paint over when it is lacking.

The painters will soon repaint the bakery. At present they are finishing work in the girls' quarters.

The farmers have finished planting wheat. The oats will soon be planted also. Potatoes are showing good size and quantity.

Recently the blacksmiths overhauled the beds at Winona Hall, greatly improving the appearance and comfort of the dormitories.

The large wood-turning lathe received from the Cushman school has been placed in the carpenter shop and will soon be in use.

Pigs must eat and squeal, but the more they eat the less they squeal. Have you noticed how quiet Mr. Betties keeps them? There is a reason.

Cows and calves are doing nicely at the dairy, except when someone leaves the gate open, then they do not behave so well. Shut the gate, dairy boys.

The blacksmiths are rebuilding the steel lockers received from the Cushman School and are providing some much-needed accommodation for the boys' dormitories.

Our new machine shop is almost ready for the roof and a force of carpenters is expected on the job the first of the week. We hope to have it completed shortly.

We have reason to be proud of the condition of our barns. We learn that Commissioner Sells spoke favorably of their condition and we feel that he would find the same condition any time.

The tailors are proceeding with the usual yearly work of fitting out the boys. Some exceedingly creditable work is being done in this department, of which the school should be proud.

The plumbers are a busy lot at present with radiators, traps and heating mains. Some much-needed spouting and eave troughs have been put up also and other jobs too numerous to mention have been completed.

The carpenters recently completed repairs on the back stairs at Winona Hall and a like piece of work is now under way at Mitchell Hall. Door locks, win-

dow screens and other repairs too numerous to mention are claiming their attention at present. The new curtains for the library are in place and the necessary work on the furniture is going forward.

Several sets of harness were shipped from our harness department last week. More is being made all the time and the boys are doing well at the work. Shoes continue to come in from all directions and in a very short time go out again for more service. The boys in this department have an excellent opportunity to learn one of the best paying trades there is today.

The engineers have been studying about coal and its properties. That is not the reason for last week's shortage, however. The vacuum pump that handles the return from the heating system is undergoing repairs. We are also in need of a new boiler feed pump, which we hope will arrive soon. At present the washer at the laundry is claiming our attention.

ACADEMIC NOTES

The juniors were pleased to welcome James Choate into the class.

Miss Hendrix was ill for several days last week and Miss Aiken substituted in her place.

In a speed contest in arithmetic in the seventh grade, John Petellir was the winner.

Mr. Devol visited the junior class last week during algebra period and helped untangle some problems.

The members of the eighth grade are drafting a constitution for their class. Debates seem to be the order of the day, but they hope to have all questions settled satisfactorily by next week.

The officers of the eighth grade are: President, Cruz McDaniels; vice-president, Henrietta Chamberlin; secretary, Charles Buchert; treasurer, Jessie Cleveland; sergeant-at-arms, Irving Hendrix; yell leader, Robert Chamberlin.

The juniors have begun their experiments in chemistry. Tuesday Edna Hill performed a very successful experiment in preparing chlorine gas. Elmer Therriault and Albert Spearson were busy on Monday preparing hydrochloric acid for use in the plumbing shop.

The engineers are deriving much benefit from their study of chemistry.