

GENERAL ITEMS

The printing office is full of "devils"—five of them.

Martin Colby was in charge of the mechanical drawing classes during the absence of Mr. Iliff on business in Portland. This speaks mighty well for Martin.

Mr. Chamberlin reports that pupils who arrived here on the close of the Cushman School have been well instructed in steam and electrical engineering and they are all doing most creditable work in his department.

Mrs. Risser and the seniors are putting in overtime in the preparation and rehearsal of a play which the seniors are to produce in the near future. Our hopes are high for an evening of enjoyment—real entertainment.

The date of the open session for the Reliance Literary Society will be January 14 and the members are already busy with preparations for the event. This session will undoubtedly be of more than ordinary interest.

Mr. Stuart, with a small force of plumber boys, is about as lively as a "short order" cook, for he and his boys are constantly in receipt of short order "S. O. S.s" from all over the grounds. They respond, too.

Mr. Hauser is coach of the basketball teams and has about 30 hoop-shooters at practice regularly and from this material he will select the 'varsity team. The prospects for a good strong team to represent the school this season are good.

Mr. Bettles reports an increase of 32 new members in the Hog family—born last week. He also states that he is fattening a number of porkers for Christmas. There is no denying the fact that roast pork tastes about as good as anything imaginable.

Mr. James reports business good in the tailor shop at all times. He is not advertising for business, as he and his boys always have a lapful of it. He has praise for his boys in regard to their efforts, ability and industry. We like to get a report of this nature.

Mrs. Rose Downie is coaching the girls who aspire to play basketball this season. She has about 25 girls playing under her supervision and from this material will select those who are to compose the representative girls' team of the school. The indications are favorable for a good girls' team this year.

The county authorities have of late done a lot of work on the roads in our section. Henry Turner, assistant farmer at Chemawa, has also done a lot of work recently on our private roads, so altogether we are quite fortunate in the condition of our roadways at present. Good roads are both a necessity and a blessing.

Mr. Bent, bandmaster, reports a membership of 36 in his organization and says that everything goes forth musically and harmoniously to his satisfaction. He expects by spring to direct a 40-piece band at Chemawa and we hope he is not disappointed, as a good big band is an asset for any school, and Chemawa wants and must have the best—nothing less.

A "C" club is the latest organization to take on life at Chemawa. It is composed of athletes of the school who have in past events won their "C" and its object is to maintain proper interest and a spirit of fair play in all of Chemawa's athletic activities. There is no doubt but this is a move in the right direction. Mr. Reginald Downie is selected as president.

On Wednesday our new library building was opened for the accommodation of those connected with the school. The new building is most splendidly arranged for its purpose and is a source of pride for all—young and old. We have a large number of splendid volumes which cover the best works in English that are obtainable. No definite arrangements as to hours have been made, but this matter will probably be settled within a few days.

On every hand we encounter the Christmas spirit among the students. Many are already decorating their rooms. Rumor has it that the boys of Mitchell Hall are considering the matter of offering a prize among themselves for the best decorated room in that popular building. We like to hear of such moves and that they originated with the boys themselves. Under the circumstances we shall be looking over Mitchell Hall for the "last word" in room decoration.

The track men are already "working out" easily in preparation for the indoor track meet which occurs annually in Portland in the spring. Although the meet is yet quite a ways off by beginning now and working easily our boys will be in better form to stand the test than if they waited until the last minute and attempted to rush themselves into condition. Mr. Sanders will undoubtedly be the coach for the track team boys. We have a mighty fine outlook for a team this year.

We are to have a high old time in basketball during the holiday week, as is assured by the formation of a basketball league. This tournament will have as competitors teams composed of vocational students—freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. It is more than probable that the winners among the vocational students will be challenged by the high school students. At any rate we are certain of some mighty classy demonstrations in hoop shooting. Be there and back your favorites—you can't lose.

Get the Christmas spirit!