

## LOCAL

Merry Christmas!

The carpenters are engaged at the task of laying a new walk leading to the cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Woods.

Mr. Henry Turner was the baker in charge for the past few days during the illness of his father, Mr. Theo Turner.

One of Chemawa's black bears will visit Salem during the latter part of the week as an advertisement for Ye Liberty theatre.

Mr. Bettles is preparing nine well-fattened pigs for the students' Christmas menu. This certainly sounds good and we wager the porkers will taste good, too.

Mr. Swoboda has turned his entire force loose on the old shoes that have accumulated in his department. It is the intention to have them all repaired before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers and child are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swoboda, expecting to remain for several weeks. Mrs. Ayers is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swoboda.

Miss Skipton was a dinner guest on Monday of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis of Salem. Mr. Lewis is one of the officials at the state penitentiary, a position he has held for many years.

Pupils of the lower grades are making splendid preparations for the entertainment which they are to give on Christmas Eve. From reports to reach us we feel justified in urging all to attend.

Mr. Iliff informs us that he will give us the result of his observations during his recent visit to the Benson Polytechnic in Portland for readers of The American in one of our early issues in 1921.

Frank Corbett received a Christmas box of "goodies" from his home in Idaho a few days ago and very generously invited his friends to his room for a little feast shortly after. A nice time is reported.

Gilbert Conner, a member of the class of 1915, is here for a holiday visit. He is an ex-navy service man and reports indicate that during the war he made good, with a plus. His home is near Pendleton, Oregon.

The American wishes every one of its many readers a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year. We shall not issue again until after the holidays, at which time we hope to tell you of many happy events in life at Chemawa.

From refuse lumber the carpenters are making fruit boxes for next year's fruit crop. This is a splendid example of forethought. Such practicability will commend itself to all serious-minded people. There are many ways to teach.

A band company has been organized. Fine new uniforms, caps and leggings give the members a fine appearance and we imagine they help out in tunefulness. On Sunday they made their first appearance and played "to beat the band."

Miss Stonebrink, teacher of room four and a-half, intends to throw her room open and have a Christmas tree for the members of her class. The children will be afforded an opportunity in this way to present small gifts and remembrances to their classmates.

It appears the girls' coach is going to experience the same difficulty that is confronting the boys' coach—that of picking his team. Several besides the letter men bid fair for positions. While it is not a gamble, yet it is really going to be hard to select the first five.

Mr. Paul Corbett left on Tuesday with his daughter Josephine for his home in Kamiah, Idaho. He was greatly impressed with our school and returned home with a better idea of the purposes and scope of the great institution called "Chemawa." We were glad to have Mr. Corbett visit us, for he is one of the prominent men of his community—a man of good reputation and of sterling character.

Plans for the double garage and woodsheds for the engineer and blacksmith were drawn by Martin Colby. Two senior carpenter boys will have charge of the framing and wood work, the concrete floor will be done by a detail of boys under the supervision of Mr. Mason, and the painting will be done by the boys of that detail. Thus it will be observed that the entire work will be largely in the hands of students—a good plan.

The electricians are installing a new 10-horse power motor in the carpenter shop. It will be able to meet all the requirements of this busy place and will enhance the capacity of the shop. This is another permanent improvement at Chemawa. There is a continuous addition of improvements at this school, which of themselves denote growth and enlargement in all lines. Supt. Hall is certainly successful in getting things of all kinds for the general improvement of our school.

The annual printers "big eat" came off in the printing office on Saturday last. Mr. Turney has given his force a dinner for years on the Saturday before Christmas. There were sandwiches of all kinds, biscuits, layer cakes, cookies, coffee, bananas, ice cream, etc., sufficient for forty people. The fourteen printer boys, with Supt. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Turney and Mr. and Mrs. Downie, managed to handle the large array of eatables. The force desires to express their appreciation to Mr. Turney not only for this compliment, but for the daily acts of kindness and patience shown.