

OPPORTUNITIES

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done things in this world? There is nothing so fascinating as the stories of how men and women who have brought great things to pass got their start, of their obscure beginnings and triumphant endings, their struggles, their long waitings amid want and woe, the obstacles overcome, the final victories—the stories of men and women who have seized hold of common situations and made them great, or of those of average ability who have succeeded by reason of indomitable will and inflexible purpose.

“No chance” has ever been the excuse of those who fail. Talk to the great army of failures and most of them will tell you that they never had an opportunity like others; that there was no-one to help them, and no-one would give them a boost; that there was “no chance” for them, and that all the good opportunities were gone before their arrival on the scene, etc. Students of the right sort do not make excuses, they work; they do not whine, they keep forging ahead; they do not wait for somebody to help them, they help themselves; they do not wait for an opportunity, they make it.

What would the complaining students think of their chances in life if they were compelled to change places with young “Abe” Lincoln, the child of the backwoods? What if they found themselves in a rude log cabin without doors or windows, in the heart of the wilderness, far remote from schools, churches, railroads, without newspapers, books or money—without even the ordinary necessities? What would they think of having to walk nine miles a day to attend a rude school in a neighbor’s cabin? What would they think of their chances for self-culture if they were obliged to scour the country on foot for some fifty miles to borrow a few books, and then after a hard day’s work read them by the light of a log fire? Yet out of such iron conditions arose a great president.

Let us emphasize the statement that there is a grand success awaiting every-one living under the American flag who has the grit to seize his chance and then fight his way. This great opportunity lies within yourself. Your opportunity is wrapped up right within your own personality—it is represented by your own efforts. Get to work and prove your metal. Stay with the job of securing an education and thus be loyal to yourself, your government, and your school.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE NOTES

Anna Holst is cook for the junior class this week.

Ione Henry was the bread baker for our high school lunches.

Mr. Conser visited our department during our lesson hour last week.

While free from running errands our little orderly is crocheting on doilies.

The Seniors are very busy planning their menu for the coming demonstration dinners.

Nancy Matthison is our cook this week and we are very much pleased with the meals she serves.

Elizabeth Beall is in charge of the high school lunches. She takes a great deal of interest in preparing them.

Mrs. Brickell gave the junior class girls a little talk on Monday morning. The consequences are they are developing “speed.”

Lucy Craig was invited to have dinner with her sister, Anna Miller, at the domestic science on Wednesday evening.

Joyce Simmons, Millie Bennett, Frances Fitzpatrick, Laura Waun and Victoria Sansaver have shown great skill in cake baking this week.

The junior domestic science girls thank Mr. Hall and others for the compliments given on the dinner served in honor of Mr. Conser.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS

The prevocational boys are enjoying the study of tools and materials and are doing good work along that line.

The engineers are wiring the machine shop for lighting and to the motor. Recently the boys of the electrical division did some wiring at the Superintendent’s cottage.

The painters are busy in a number of places which shows that paint will work wonders in appearances. The hallways at Brewer Hall are greatly improved as well as the Y. M. C. A. room.

The plumbers have placed the water and sewer lines at the Superintendent’s cottage and the plastering is done. They will set the fixtures as soon as the carpenters have placed the finishings.

The carpenters are making a complete set of screens for McBride Hall and will put them together this week. A great deal of repair work has been done recently, especially to doors and windows.

The blacksmiths have more tillage machinery they are working over for the farm and from appearances there will be a complete line ready for the farmers when the weather makes crop planting possible.

Listen to a word of advice: If you will notice, the fellow who came to Chemawa to learn and is not afraid to work that he be enabled to learn, is the fellow who is always ahead. You never get something for nothing in education. You must work if you will win.

The motor for the machine shop was received the first of this week and the machine shop will be in operation Friday. The boys of this detail are greatly interested in their work and the explanation of various parts of the work. Mr. Muller is enjoying answering many questions as the crew work together.