

**THE MIRACLE OF TENACITY**

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"Can you stick by your proposition?" "Can you persevere after failure?" "Have you grit enough to hold on, stick and hang, in spite of the most disheartening obstacles?"

We have all observed that many Indian boys and girls, as well as others, discontinue their schooling before they should. They had pluck enough to begin things with enthusiasm, but did not have grit enough to carry them to a finish. The point where you are tempted to quit, the point where your grit leaves you, will measure your achieving power.

Many of the grandest men and women in the world today started as poor boys and girls, with not half the opportunities afforded students at Chemawa. Their greatest assets were pure grit and invincible purpose.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

The water sprinklers are again singing their songs on Chemawa's lawns.

Mr. Welch and his detail have spent some time of late at the task of repairing the potato plow, putting it into commission for the farmers. A wagon, too, has just been the source of attraction for the blacksmiths.

It is reported to us that Nick Hatch is president of the Minute Men's Club of Benson Polytechnic of Portland, and is also fire chief of the entire institution. Pretty good, we think.

The boys of Mitchell Hall wish to express their appreciation of the fine new rugs which now grace the hallways of this large dormitory. As Supt. Hall secured them for the boys they wish especially to thank him.

Wallace Beebe and his detail have been engaged of late at painting the various fences about the farm when nothing more urgent demanded attention. A little paint on a fence make a tremendous improvement in its appearance.

Mr. Mudge and his carpenter apprentices are busy putting in condition the play ground apparatus for the small girls. Some new features and fixtures will be installed in order to insure both pleasure and safety. From now on for some months this part of the campus is destined to be a popular place.

One of the industries that is carried on here now is not generally noted. It consists of labor on the part of our wild birds who have nested about the grounds and are feeding their young. They work incessantly and lovingly, without no thought of let-up or complaint. A lesson for us all!

Mr. Sanders and his detail have just given the

printing office a new coat of paint and the last we saw of them they were freshening up the bandstand.

Mr. Bettles, assistant to Mr. Ross in looking after our beautiful grounds, reports that one day last week he and his detail transplanted more than 700 bulbs and plants that were placed at various sections of the campus with the expectation that they will be blooming by commencement.

The Athletic Association members feel deeply indebted to Mr. Swoboda and his leather working detail for numerous hurry-up jobs in repairing baseball mits, running shoes, and goodness knows what else, on short notice and in first-class style. This department is certainly necessary to our sporting fraternity.

Mr. Mason wishes us to draw attention to a table just completed by Wallace Morgan. This is his first year at carpentry and the table in question is certainly a most creditable piece of work—a credit to him and his school. It will be on display during demonstration week. Albert Spearson has also a most beautiful table to his credit. It is solid oak and all the joining and workmanship bespeaks praise for the maker.

**ITEMS FROM THE TRADES**

The farmers are planting corn.

The new playground swings at the girls' quarters are being put up.

The painters have finished the well house and are now at work on another building.

The carpenters are working on stage properties. There is considerable of this to do to get them ready for the entertainment.

One thousand little chicks keep Mr. Theo Turner busy these days. It is intended to add 500 pullets to the flock early in July.

While a number of our trees were killed by the severe weather of a year ago and had to be taken out, the prospect is good for a crop of fruit from the remainder of the orchard.

The additional strawberry plants set out this spring are increasing the work of the garden force and will make an added increase in berries for use on the school tables, which will be greatly appreciated.

Some of the boys here claim to know how to drive a team. With some it is all claim, as an observer can see that the driver is "humped over" with elbows on knees, lines hanging slack, and thoughts anywhere but on his job of driving. The horses become startled and bolt. Result: A runaway, broken harness, broken wagon, injured team and possibly injured driver, all because he was not attending to his job. If you claim you can drive a team you will have to demonstrate it to make people believe it.