

LITERARY SOCIETIES

Our four literary societies held their first meeting on the evening of Sept. 30th. Our academic building was a busier place than usual on this occasion, because it became necessary to organize a junior society for the girls and one for the boys to accommodate the pupils of the fifth grade and the B division of the sixth grade.

All boys who were not affiliated with either society reported to the principal's office, where their names were listed and the boys divided into two classes for visiting the societies. Twenty-one boys visited Reliance and twenty-two visited Excelsior. Fifty-four girls were received in room 3 by Miss Ahrens and sent as visitors to the Winona and Nonpareil societies. At the next meeting of the societies these students will have the privilege of visiting the other society to which they are eligible and their membership will be placed the following week with the society of their choice.

Miss Hauk assisted Miss Gunn in organizing the girls' junior society. We have not yet learned the names of the new organizations, but judging from the enthusiasm of that first meeting we believe it will keep the senior societies stepping to keep pace.

Miss Fee is advisor to the boys' junior society and, as one of the teachers remarked, she certainly arouses the right spirit for society work.

ITEMS FROM THE TRADES

The fair is over and we are settling down to intensive instruction in all departments. A word to the boys in the shops is in order at this time: There are more boys wanting admission to some of the shops than we have room for at present. Those that do not keep up with their work and fail to make the most of their opportunities need not be surprised if they find that they are changed and someone else who will try is given the space they formerly held. Stick to your job and do your work well.

The senior carpenter boys are working on the interior finish of the new cottage. Others of the same class are building some book stacks for the academic building. Repairs and improvements at all points are receiving attention also.

The machinists are working on all the machines now, as the preliminary instruction has been completed and each boy has come to the place where he can put up a piece of work and use the machine creditably. The boys of the auto repairing division have taken out the worn bearings of the big truck and are ready to install new bearings as soon as they arrive.

A new cement porch has been placed at the gymnasium and new foundations for piers also. The

mason department is now doing the same kind of a job at the school kitchen.

OUR LIBRARY

A special effort is being made to have our library used every possible hour during the day. From now on the library will be open for the following hours: For Girls—4:00 to 5:00 P. M. each day for the division that is in school in the afternoon; 1:00 to 4:00 Saturday P. M., boys' town day. For Boys—6:00 to 7:00 P. M. each school day for the division that is in school in the afternoon; 1:00 to 4:00 Saturday P. M., girls' town day.

The library will be open during school hours each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the session that the A division is in school. Pupils may be sent from the classrooms for reference work during these hours. Pupils on the B division, who are released from detail during school hours, should go to the library and become acquainted with good books.

Some Chemawa employees who recently entered the library for the first time remarked at the splendid selection of books and asked the privilege of using the library. We are glad to serve the employees. We are more than glad to serve our students, for the reading of good books contributes largely toward a liberal education.

BAYVIEW VISITORS

Last week all Chemawa was pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Peratovich of Bayview, Alaska, who placed their son and other children in our school.

Mr. Peratovich is in many ways an unusually progressive man. He established the first salmon cannery, the first movie theatre, the first electric light and power plant, and the first general store in Bayview. At present he is the owner of the store, the movie house, and electric plant—a mighty good showing for any man, and he is still a young man, too.

Mr. Peratovich tells us that he received his education wholly in Alaska and he is largely what is termed a self-made man. He is a credit to himself and a splendid example and leader for the people of his section.

Bayview is on Prince of Wales Island, the natural resources being lumber, fish, mining, and trapping for fur-bearing animals. There are many possibilities there our visitor informed us and he expects that in time the resources of his island will be developed and exploited to an extent undreamed of now. We predict that Mr. Peratovich will be a leader in such development and exploitation.

Cruz McDaniels brought in the last of the diplomas from the Marion county examinations, when he removed his conditions in an examination taken in the County Superintendent's office September 1st. He received his diploma September 7th. The other students who successfully passed the eighth grade examinations are Roderick Hill, Lloyd Tillotson, William Minthorn, Rebecca Carpenter and Erma LaClair.