

LOCAL

Happy New Year!

Fred Wilder dropped in unannounced during the Christmas festivities.

Mrs. Sara Brewer Chamberlin is assisting in the office during the stress of work.

Say, were you in the dining hall Christmas noon? If not, you missed a wonderful sight.

Work started up yesterday with vim in every department, after intermittent work during holiday week.

Albert Spearson, Joe Racine and Charles Ell, last year graduates, had a happy reunion at Chemawa last week.

Chemawa was headquarters for a large number of ex-students during the holidays. They were warmly welcomed to their old school.

Our school choir, under Mrs. Turney, never sang more sweetly than when they rendered Christmas carols on early Christmas morn.

Eleanor Hauk, '19, who is attending Oregon State University, spent the holidays at Chemawa. Nancy Matthison, '21, who holds a position at the St. Agnes Baby Home near Portland, also spent a few days with us.

Mrs. McAdoo, who has been acting as seamstress since September, resigned to take effect December 31st. Mrs. Gokey will fill the vacancy and Mrs. Cicely Knowles, of Portland, will take the post in Winona vacated by Mrs. Gokey.

Mr. Bent's orchestra supplied music for the various functions during holidays. The members of this organization consist of Mr. Bent, leader, Mr. Bruce, Allan Shepard, John Dexter, Frank James, Isaac Other Medicine and Harriet Hill.

The Christmas pageant, or "Holy Night," rendered each year on the Sunday night before Christmas, it seems to us was never surpassed in previous years. Mrs. Turney is ever faithful, efficient and on the alert to bring out the best in her music classes.

A belated message from Ketchikan gives the sad news of the death of Sadie Gowen which occurred on December 21st. Sadie came to Chemawa to attend school this year, but was soon forced to leave on account of an affection of the heart, from which she succumbed at home.

Mr. Gordon Hobucket, a clerk in the Indian Service and now employed at Hoquiam, Wash., was a visitor at his alma mater during the holidays. His interest in Chemawa has never grown less since the day of his graduation quite a number of years ago. We are pleased to report that he is well and getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch motored to their farm at Mill City on New Years Day.

The engineering force has just completed the installation of a separate pipe line with which to supply steam for the pump, laundry and kitchen. Heretofore the high-pressure steam heating line was used and by having a separate line a considerable saving will be effected in steam and fuel.

A visit to our immaculately kept hospital on Christmas morning was a delight. The happy faces of the patients and nurses fully repaid Mrs. Ranzall, head nurse, and her helpers for the labor spent in transforming the hospital into a fairyland. The many gifts showered upon the patients and others were fully appreciated.

All during the holidays there was not a dull moment for the students. Plans had been made so that some kind of entertainment was in effect every afternoon and evening. The afternoon athletic sports in the gym were unusually fine this year; classes and literary societies competing. The basketball teams of both boys and girls gave fine exhibitions, as also did those taking part in the wrestling and boxing events.

Miss Laura Hudson, of Metlakatla, Alaska, was a most welcome visitor at our school for a few days during the holiday week. She will graduate from the Benson Polytechnic for girls, Portland, this month, which will be greatly to her credit. She is a charming vocalist and has gained considerable prominence in Portland on account of her art. This proves what Indian girls can do when they mean business.

The printers had their usual annual dinner in the print shop on Saturday before Christmas. Mr. Turney has given his boys each year for the past ten years carte blanche in preparing their own dinner, and they always make full use of this permission. This is a mighty pretty custom and most generous on part of Mr. Turney, printer. The guests this year included Superintendent and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Turney and Mr. and Mrs. Downie.

One of the educational features of last week was the spelling contest between the four older Societies. It was splendidly organized and so interesting that everybody was on their toes. The words were distinctly pronounced and distinctly spelled and loud enough to be heard by all in the auditorium, which added to the interest. Much enthusiasm was shown by the different societies and when the final announcement was made that the Nonpareils had won there was unlimited enthusiasm by that society as well as their brother society, the Excelsiors. The Reliance Society came second, however, in standing. It was a fine evening for all. This spelling match was one of the best we have yet had.