

**ACADEMIC NOTES**

The teachers met in room 4 of the academic building at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday. Miss Gunn had carefully outlined on the blackboard chapter VII, Classroom Methods and Management, and gave an able discussion of the chapter. Miss Lamb discussed chapter VIII. A lively general discussion followed.

Miss Southworth, who has had special training in penmanship, has consented to meet a class of teachers for a fifteen minute period of practice in writing each school day at 8 a. m. A number of the teachers are anxious to take up this course of instruction and practice since it will equip them for better teaching.

A letter recently received from Clarence Edwards states that he will graduate from one of the high schools of Seattle in June. Clarence has made good in athletics; he made the first team in football, and was elected captain of the track team this year. Reports like this from our former students are gratifying. Clarence graduated at Chemawa in '21.

In assembly Wednesday morning Louise Gardipe asked questions in current events and Mrs. Blackwood read a pleasing little story to the B division. In the afternoon Carrie Anderson quizzed the A division on happenings of importance and Miss Southworth sang two beautiful solos, the second in response to an encore. The afternoon assembly was just a little more enjoyable than any other this year because Supt. and Mrs. Hall were with us. Mr. Hall brought with him a little surprise, concerning which he delivered a brief message. The surprise was the mid-year examination questions, which we dare not open; no, not even for one little peep.

The time of day I do not tell  
As some do, by the clock;  
Or by the distant chiming bell,  
Set on some distant rock;  
But by the progress that I see  
In what I have to do;  
It's either DONE o'clock to me,  
Or only HALF-PAST through.  
—Two- Bits

**ITEMS FROM THE TRADES**

Mr. Swoboda, our shoe and harness maker, has been quite ill. We are hoping for his speedy recovery.

Recently a lad in one of the departments heard about a leak in a roof. He had sufficient interest in his work to find that leak and fix it. By this sign we know that lad is headed toward success.

Plastering at the Small Boys' Home has been repaired by the masons. The coping around the roof of the plumbing shop has been repaired by the masons and the carpenters are laying a new roof on the building.

There has been a decided improvement in the promptness of the boys in reporting to work during the past week. Let us continue to improve along this

line. You will find that a small amount of effort on your part will get you to your place of work before the whistle blows, instead of after it has sounded.

The work of repairing boilers at the power plant required a double shift for the masons and engineers. Let it be said that they did not stop until the job was done and the plant operating again. The possibility of keeping steam on the buildings was due to the prompt and efficient work of the plumbers in placing the large reducing valve on the line at the power plant.

**LIBRARY NOTES**

During good book week one of the Salem papers printed a list of books for boys which was being used by the Salem library. This list had been selected by a club of 70 boys as books which no boy should miss reading. Nearly all of these books are to be found in our school library. One of the most popular was "Treasure Island," which received 53 votes. The "Call of the Wild" received 48 votes. "Bob, Son of Battle," was chosen by 42 boys; and "Captains Courageous" by 39 boys.

Other books listed, which may be obtained at the library were: Wild Animals I have Known, Black Beauty, Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Arabian Nights, A Christmas Carol, The Deerslayer, Hans Brinker, Huckleberry Finn, Ivanhoe, The Prince and Pauper, Robinson Crusoe, Rolf in the Woods, The Story of a Bad Boy, Swiss Family Robinson, Tanglewood Tales, The Three Musketeers, Tom Brown's School Days, Tour of the World in Eighty Days, Two Years Before the Mast, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Westward Ho, Kidnapped, King Arthur and His Knights, Last of the Mohicans, Little Men, Little Women, Lorna Doone, The Man Without a Country, Men of Iron, The Merchant of Venice, The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, Oliver Twist, Life of Theodore Roosevelt.

**WHY THE BIRCH TREES HAVE WHITE MARKS**

A Legend by Clara Hamilton

Long ago, before the birch trees had marks on them, an old Indian, whose name was Sokskasina sat wailing before his tepee. His supply of food was at an end and it was no mere child's play to obtain more. The only thing left to do was to look for berries. So, after a few moments' thought, Sokskasina jumped up and went berry-hunting.

He walked and ran at intervals until he came to the top of a high ridge. He happened to glance down and saw in the lake directly beneath the ridge a small bush of berries. In his delight he jumped right into the lake after the berries. He swam all around hunting for the berries, until glancing up he saw the berries on the side of the ridge. He climbed up and started looking for them up there, but met with a great disappointment, for on looking down he saw the berries in the lake a second time. Sokskasina jumped in again only to find that the berries had again disappeared. Looking up he beheld the berries in the same place as before. Becoming enraged he climbed the ridge, whipped out his knife and struck the trees that bore the berries until there was nothing but tiny white marks all over the tree.

This is the story of why the birch trees have white marks on them.