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ACADEMIC NOTES

Miss Goodman discussed chapter XI, and Miss Stanley chapter XII, Class-room Methods and Management, in teachers' meeting Wednesday morning. Miss Judd and Miss Kelly were assigned chapters XIII and XIV for the next meeting. Other topics discussed at the meeting were the essays on home building, the best method of bringing up the work of pupils who are failing to make passing grades, and the prevocational and vocational declamation contests.

The entire time of both sessions of the school assembly last Wednesday was devoted to a study of the history of our splendid school. Carrie Anderson gave the A division a splendid talk on this subject and Clara Hamilton took the same topic for her talk to the B division. The following facts were gleaned from the talks given by these girls:

A SHORT HISTORY OF CHEMAWA

In the year 1880, Feb. 25, a small school was organized at Forest Grove by an army officer, Lieut. M. C. Wilkinson. At first the school was not popular with the Indians and only a few boys were willing to attend. The Indians brought in other children who had been left homeless and, finally, the Indians realized the value of the school and were willing to trust to its care their sons and daughters. There were only ninety-three students who attended at Forest Grove, but to the courageous group who endured severe hardships and toiled to lay the foundation for the school that later became our beloved Chemawa, we owe our deepest gratitude.

The school did splendid work for two years then Lieut. Wilkinson was called back to his post in the army and left the school in charge of his wife, until she was relieved by Dr. Minthorne. The Doctor administered the affairs of the small school until 1884. During this time a serious calamity befell the school, the large girls' building was destroyed by fire. However this did not prove so great a disaster as it at first seemed for plans were made to move the school to a more suitable location.

The school at Forest Grove was built on a fifteen-acre tract of donated land. Since a decision had been reached to change the location of the school, Dr. Minthorne sent some one out to get information concerning tracts of land that might be secured. Shortly after this a report was received on four tracts of land, each offered at a considerable price. One, near Newberg, and another near Portland, were considered too near the cities for the best interests of the school, so

the offers were declined. The third piece offered as a possible site for the school was near Olympia, but the fourth place, where Chemawa now stands, was chosen because it seemed to be an ideal location for a school; near enough to the capital city for business or pleasure trips, yet far enough removed to prevent the distractions of the city from interfering with school duties.

Mr. Brewer with fourteen Indian boys came over and established a camp on the spot where McBride Hall now stands. The ground was covered with underbrush and dense groves of trees, but Mr. Brewer and his boys followed a trail to the place that is now known as Old Chemawa. Here they built shacks to afford temporary shelter while they cleared land and prepared for the coming of the school. In October, 1885, the school was moved from Forest Grove to Chemawa.

VARSIITY PLAYS MT. ANGEL HARD GAME

Last Friday evening our basketeers staged a wonderful comeback here against the strong Mt. Angel Collegians. The score of 10 to 8 in favor of Mt. Angel at the close of the first half would indicate something of the terrific battle that took place during the first 20 minutes of play.

The big husky Angels found formidable opponents in our youngsters, with their ever-determined spirit to fight till the last dog was hanged, and not for a minute did they show any sign of weakness. The checking on the part of both teams was unusually close and baskets were converted only after a struggle and excellent passing. The score just about balanced till the latter part of the second half when the weight of the much heavier opponents began to have its effect and DePoe, our lanky center, was put out of the running for a short period on account of a hard slam to the floor. He was soon followed to the dressing room by Buchert, who sustained a temporary injury. In short, the second half had all the earmarks of a football game with the much larger Collegians displaying fine charging tactics and the best interference for their basket shooters seen in action this season.

Though our team did not win they made a splendid showing against a team of seasoned veterans and held them to the final score of 27 to 12.

George and Buchert, forwards; DePoe, center; Abraham, Phinney and Liljegren, guards; all played a fine steady game, as did Norwest, who replaced Buchert in the latter part of the second half.

A letter from Catherine Reed, gives the information that she has finished her first year in a hospital in Los Angeles; this year, together with the credits received for previous training at Chemawa, gives her one more year before becoming a graduate nurse. She did not mention Hattie Cayton in this letter, but it is understood that Hattie is also doing well.

Last Saturday night the Enterprise society, composed mostly of small girls, gave their first party to a gym full of guests. The usual short program, games, music, etc., filled the evening but the party was unusual in its liveliness and great fun. From the time the first guest arrived until refreshments were announced things kept humming. We pronounce the Enterprise fine hostesses and look forward with pleasure to their next social appearance. Miss Gunn is their advisor.