

**THE RIGHT, AND THE WAY, TO BE HAPPY**

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that we enjoy, friendships, love and affection—all of these are simple things, yet within them lies happiness, as nearly as we can come to finding it. Happiness is something we must take as we go along, when it is fresh like newly cut flowers.

There are a considerable number of things, such as impulses, which are good for today but not tomorrow. Today is the day to say the kind words and to obey the generous impulses that stir your heart. Help yourself today to grow larger, broader, happier, more useful, for "put-off" happiness and "put-off" good deeds do not keep—the good intentions which are intended to be put into effect at some future time usually spoil.

We should be happy as we go along, with a full understanding or pledge with ourselves alone that whether we are successful or unsuccessful in any particular undertaking we will at least be happy as we go along, that we will not allow anything to rob us of our right—our inalienable right—to be happy each day. We should resolve that we will not allow any accident or incident or condition, however trying, to interrupt the natural flow of our sense of well being, comfort and happiness. Remember that yesterday is dead; tomorrow is not born; the only time which belongs to you is the passing moment. If we are to get the good things that belong to us here we must extract the sweetness of each passing minute while it is within our reach.

**CHEMAWA HISTORY**

In 1895, Mr. T. W. Potter, then superintendent at Chemawa, purchased the first black bear that called Chemawa his home. Mr. Potter got the cub from a man at Siletz, Or., paying \$8.00 for it. The cub could not go without a name so he was dubbed "Jack." Not long after this the Chemawa baseball team was on a trip to Scott's Mills, northeast of here, and there they secured another cub, called "Joe." They were kept tied to a tree all the time and they became very cross and Jack nearly killed one of the boys. Both cubs were killed. Thus ended our first black bear pets.

In 1898 Mr. Potter again gave his attention to the bruin problem and secured three cubs from some place south of Salem—Maggie and Jeanette making two-thirds of the bear family. The other bear, when three or four years old, crawled out of the pit (at that time located on the site of our present tennis court) by the aid of a ladder someone had left in the pit when cleaning it. Nearly all the boys at school gave chase in the woods just east of the auditorium. The bear was very fat and in the excitement of the chase it be-

came overheated and died shortly after. This left the two bears, Maggie and Jeanette, alone.

"Sampson" was the next to join our bear family. He was secured in Eureka, Calif., by Assist. Supt. Campbell in 1905. So, altogether, Chemawa has owned six bears. It is figured that Maggie and Jeanette are each 26 years old and that Sampson is aged 19 years.

[The above talk was made in assembly last week by George Phinney, and it may be correct, but the writer of this believes that Supt. Chalcraft, who succeeded Mr. Potter as superintendent at Chemawa, told him that he (Supt. Chalcraft) purchased one of the bears from a man near Silverton, Or. Of course we may be mistaken.—ED.]

**OUR STANDING**

Comparing our school with others, as to the percent of failures, Mrs. Iliff, our Principal, presents some data on the Portland high schools which gives the percent of those students making the passing grades. For the year 1920-21 the pupils of our ninth and tenth grades, earning passing grades, was 82 percent, while those of the Benson Polytechnic was 86 percent; Franklin High School 84 percent; High School of Commerce, 81 percent.

The report on Chemawa covers the ninth and tenth grades only, which corresponds to the first two years high school. More failures occur in these two grades than in the eleventh and the twelfth, because poor students become discouraged and drop out without entering the higher grades. There are comparatively few failures in the twelfth grade, for a pupil is keen to finish with his class when he once enters the senior grade. Thus, it will be seen that Chemawa compares very well with the Portland schools. It is said, however, that the James John High School passes 92 percent of its students who take the finals, and the Lincoln High passes 91 percent.

**ITEMS FROM THE TRADES**

Painters are again at the Small Boys' Home working on the stairway. They promise us more exterior painting if the weather holds good.

At present the carpenters are building a nice lot of lockers at the Small Boys' Home. They have received some new bits for the surfacer at the shop and are doing some nice work at smoothing lumber at present.

Since the 5th of February the boys have repaired over 80 pairs of shoes in the shoe shop. It is demonstrated that even though they have no instructor the detail is getting out the work. We commend those boys.

The masons have been studying concrete, excavating and forms in class the past week. They are quite interested. They are still at work on plastering in the various buildings and expect to get the most of the repairing done soon.

Good news has arrived for the boys of the tailoring department who have been without an instructor for some time and who have continued to work on the uniforms and clothing in general. The good news is that Mr. James is to return to the department on the first of March. The boys are glad to hear it and all employees join in their joy at the news.