

ITEMS FROM THE TRADES

Farmers are cleaning the big ditch on the lake bottom, ploughing has been started on the west field, and seed potatoes have arrived. The planting season will soon be here.

Combined, the masons and engineers have successfully relined the firebox on No. 1 boiler at the power house. Credit is due the employees and students of both these departments for the prompt, continuous and efficient work done.

The carpenters have completed the forms for the brooder house and the masons will begin pouring concrete today. In the past month this department has repaired plaster in the various buildings amounting to 1800 square yards.

Recently, the tailors have finished 80 jobs of various kinds coming into their department. This speaks well for the boys of this department, since they have had no instructor for some time. We are now pleased, however, to have our former friend and instructor back in charge of this department again. Mr. James arrived and took charge March 1 to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The job order system put in force Feb. 12 has been a great help in showing work accomplished in various departments. Since the above-mentioned date the various trades have completed 250 jobs ordered by the Supt. of Industries. The greatest gain of the system is that it shows conclusively what becomes of the time of the several departments, who can complete the most work in each department, and the general management of the department. Since time is the essence of every contract and job the best way to "kill time" is to work it to death.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Mrs. Iliff has been out of school for several days on account of the serious illness of her little girl.

The second grade and the sixth grade report no failures whatever this month. This is a splendid report.

The class in Palmer Method of Penmanship, which Miss Southworth has been conducting for the teachers, will feel keenly the loss of the expert instruction which they have been receiving.

At the regular teachers' meeting on Wednesday morning, chapters 13 and 14, of Betts' "Classroom Method and Management" were discussed. Miss Judd led the discussion on Arithmetic, and Miss Kelly on Geography. Both subjects were presented in a very interesting and profitable manner.

The seventh grade pupils recently illustrated in color their memory copies of "Daffodils." Nineteen papers were selected to hang in exhibit for a few days. Much originality is shown in the various ways of picturing the poem. Charles Wells and Theresa Williams have especially good-looking papers.

Miss Hazel V. Davis, who has recently been appointed to Chemawa, arrived last week and took up her duties in the 6th grade on March 1st. Miss Gertrude Southworth, who has been teaching this grade, will be greatly missed by the many friends she has made during her brief stay at Chemawa. Students and faculty alike regret to see her go.

WHAT WE OBSERVE

Chemawa's only mule is getting well grown up. It is not yet working, but like mules and other creatures it is a real kicker.

For a month or longer now we have had no serious cases of illness at the hospital. This is certainly a report pleasing to all.

Painters have been busy of late painting the various posts and low fences about Chemawa's lawns. The color selected is an attractive green—a color desired by Nature.

Two very fine wardrobes have just been completed by the carpenters for the domestic science department and they are now making screens for the doors and windows of Mr. Iliff's home.

The Waterfront team of basketball players, one of whom was Joe Bettles, were served a fine meal on their arrival here. It was served in the student's dining hall under the supervision of Miss Skipton and Mrs. Brewer.

Mrs. Brooks, niece of Mrs. Vandagriff, came up from Portland recently for a few days during the illness of Mrs. Vandagriff. During the time she was ill the girls in the Teachers' Club are reported to have carried on everything in the finest kind of shape.

Erma LaClair made such a success of her senior demonstration dinner that it is said she would like to do it all over again. Reports are to the effect that her eight guests at the dinner she just served would be most agreeable—were they invited next time.

The recent good weather is bringing out ball players in great abundance. Balls are in the air thick enough, almost, to breathe them. Track aspirants, too, are showing considerable interest. There is no use trying to deny it—we've got a good lively bunch of athletes at Chemawa, so look for events in their season.

We are allowed to report that all is well at the dairy, as new paint and whitewash have been liberally but judiciously used where needed. Mr. Teeter, dairyman in charge, states of late he has had on hand several young calves of promise and that he is saving two of the lot which are extra fine. They are pedigreed stock and are already showing it.