

THE RIGHT KIND OF SPIRIT

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persists, sticks, hangs on when others let go. Tenacity of purpose gives confidence. If you stick to your purpose through thick and thin, if you have the genius of persistence, you have the very first qualifications of an achiever.

Thousands of people all over our country are in poverty and suffering who found out after they had given up that they had been almost in sight of success when they surrendered; who saw those who took up the work where they had dropped it win out very quickly. There may come a time in your life when you will have no idea what to do next; when you may not be able to make an intelligent move, when you can see no light ahead. Then is the time simply to hang on and refuse to give up. We hammer in this lesson to you students time and again because it is the very first lesson you should learn. You should "keep on," "keep on," always "keep on." Without this tenacity of purpose, education—brilliance, even genius—will not amount to much. With it any one of you here will succeed. It was holding on three more days that enabled Columbus to discover the new world. It was holding on which took Peary to the north pole. The same is true of many wonderful things. The world owes more to the persistency that never gives up than to almost anything else.

This is a proof of your greatness: Students, when you can stick to your aim, can accomplish your purpose in spite of all embarrassments, irritations and disheartening conditions.

Many of our grandest men and women started out poor, without friends, had no backing, had no capital but pure grit and invincible purpose, and we urge each of our readers to be dominated by some mighty aim while at Chemawa, to have a fixed purpose to get everything here, something definite, a plan, and you may be sure every employee and student here will be glad to stand by you.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Mrs. Risser discussed in a very interesting and helpful manner chapter XV, Classroom Method and Management, in teachers' meeting Monday morning. Chapter XVI was assigned to Miss McDowell and chapter XVII to Miss Connolly for discussion at the next meeting, March 28. Other matters discussed in the meeting were the vocational declamation contests, means of improving the discipline in the classrooms, and the advisability of having the five-minute recess period for all prevocational and primary pupils. Plans were also discussed for the writing of the Home Building essays and teachers were requested to prepare questions in compliance with the request received from Mr. Peairs, Chief Supervisor of Education.

The school assembly, which had been postponed two weeks on account of adverse circumstances, was held last Wednesday to commemorate Chemawa's forty-third anniversary. The vocational classes had a lively contest in class songs and yells, followed by a competition for first place as author of a Chemawa poem. In the morning session Robert Johnson, of the tenth grade, carried off first honors with his poem. The prize was a delicious cake baked by the girls of the domestic science department. Jesse Morgan, of the ninth grade, carried off the second prize, a box of fine chocolate candy; Maude Potts carried off third prize, a box of candy; and Occenia Dehkittie, a little freshman, took fourth prize, which was a small cake. The ninth grade walked off with the first award on the class yells, and the eighth grade took first with their class song.

In the afternoon session Rose Seeds, ninth grade, carried off first honors with her class poem; Margaret Frank, eighth grade, won second; and Moses George, seventh grade, won third place. The prizes, similar to those presented to the contestants in the other division, were presented by Miss Judd. The freshies surprised us with the vigor of their class yell and carried off first honors. The Juniors were given first place in the song contest. A number of friends on the campus dropped in to hear the contests. The judges were selected by the presidents of the classes for the song and yell contest, and appointed by the principal for the contest in poetry. Superintendent Hall presented the prizes to the pupils of the morning session and added interest, and sometimes merriment, by his presentation speeches.

ITEMS FROM THE TRADES

Carpenters are at work on the new brooder house.

The truck crew are busy hauling wood, two cars of which arrived this week.

The masons have been stopping leaks in the wash-room at the Small Boys' Home.

Demonstration week is not far off now and trades departments are busy preparing for it.

The hose carts are taking on a new coat of red and black which greatly improves their appearance.

Just at present the farmers are waiting for the moisture to dry out so they can finish the ploughing.

The engineers have a new interpretation for an old song. They sing it, "Keep the oil fires burning."

Baseball season is here. The carpenters have made a batting cage for the practice of batting and the grounds have been laid out anew.

Mrs. Martha Armstrong, who has been employed here during the winter, left last week for her home at St. Marie, Idaho. Her sister, Miss Skipton, accompanied her as far as Portland.