

ACADEMIC NOTES

Now that the test in writing, reading, and conversational exercises are behind us the questions used last year in the final exams have been distributed to the classrooms and industrial teachers for a thorough review before taking the finals for this year.

When a teacher is needed in any of the classrooms and an appeal is made to the Juniors to "help out" we like to see the smile that flashes out on Jack Abraham's face as his hand goes up to volunteer. Last Wednesday Jack took care of the second graders while Miss Judd was absent for a time. The small folks seem to enjoy being taught by Jack quite as well as he enjoys the teaching.

Each department is contributing its part toward the success of the operetta. The sewing rooms and the tailor shop are turning out nobby costumes, the carpenter shop has grown an enormous tree with spreading branches, and the painters will soon be dipping brushes in bark brown and leaf green to help convince us that we are really out of doors with a bunch of college boys and girls on the night of May 26.

On account of our industrial demonstration taking place on the dates scheduled for the eighth grade examinations for the state diplomas, none of the eighth grade students was able to take the examination this year. For the past two years this examination has been quite an event in our academic work, and students plan and prepare for it during the entire year. In fact, a number of the boys and girls in this year's class began their preparation two years ago by successfully passing the state physiology test, and the following year the examination in geography, thereby eliminating two subjects from the exams for this year.

SENIOR NOTES

This is the last of the senior notes this year, so we'll try and give all the news we know.

Our botany is another study which we pay attention to. Everything is going along nicely.

We are working harder than ever on our operetta. Every spare moment you can hear some-one singing a solo or a couple singing a duet. In fact, it keeps us busy.

The senior reporter doesn't seem to want to stop writing, but we guess he'll have to as there seems to be nothing more to be said. We've promised to give you all the news and this is all.

Graduation day grows near and we will soon be leaving. We are grateful to the many instructors and teachers who have assisted us over the hard places and wish to thank every one of them for their kind help.

We, the senior class of '23, do will this space to the coming seniors of 1924 in hopes that they will make use of it to the best advantage in letting their friends and relatives know how they are progressing, as did the senior class of 1923.

The senior examinations started early. Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we were kept busy answering the various questions, in general exercises, literature and English. And now we are tackling the hardest ones, those in geometry and botany.

Did you hear of the seniors' promotion in the dining hall? The senior table was moved from the south end of the dining hall to the middle. Now when visitors come they are pleased to see the senior motto and colors placed where they make a good showing.

ITEMS FROM THE TRADES

The farmers are planting potatoes.

Prospects for strawberry crops are excellent this year.

The masons are building new walks at the rear of the students' kitchen.

A recent test of our dairy herd shows it to be 100 per cent free of disease.

At present the tailors are making costumes, as well as other things, and have a busy shop.

The carpenters are repairing the scenery at the auditorium and are making some new scenery as well.

The painters will paint the new scenery for the operetta this year. They have been finishing some of the furniture that was not completed before demonstration.

There has come to our notice at various times certain individuals who are loath to work at their assigned tasks in shop or on farm, but who are eager to work for outside employers anywhere throughout the neighborhood. When questioned concerning this seeming reluctance one is met with the statement that nothing is received for the work at Chemawa. This statement shows a lack of appreciation of the advantages and home surroundings and the wrong spirit toward the place that shelters and cares for our students. We are glad to note, however, that the majority put the proposition differently in that they first want to know if they can be spared from their places of work before they consider their own inclination. These are the lads who have our commendation and it is found that they always are the most sought after by our neighbors who need help.

The school year is drawing to a close at Chemawa. With each passing year it is natural to take stock of ourselves and see what we have accomplished and by a sort of mental trial balance determine where we stand in comparison with former years. We find no excuses necessary for the past year. No doubt there is much unaccomplished that had been in Supt. Hall's plans in the form of a hope, but even so, under his supervision and the co-operation of his faculty the work has been commendable in every way and vast progress has been made in every way. We are always hoping for better and greater achievement and are already looking forward to and planning our work for next year.