

I 21.

3 MAY 8  
COPY 1956

# The Chemawa American

Printed at Chemawa, Oregon, and Devoted to the Interests of Indian Education

Vol. XXV

Wednesday, June 6, 1923

No. 32

## CHEMAWA DEMONSTRATES HER GREATNESS

### Academic and Vocational Cultural Exercises

### WE CONTINUE TO PROGRESS

**The Greatest Crowds in the History of Chemawa Attend all Exercises—Programs of Real Merit Provided for Our Many Guests and Visitors—All Were Both Surprised and Interested**

Another class of graduates has been added to Chemawa's large and ever-growing list to uphold the traditions of our grand old school and to add to the credit of their alma mater. God speed the class and may they never falter in the work before them, either individually or collectively. Following is the list of graduates:

Anna La Rance, Oka Paulina, Robert Johnson, Roy Courville, Addie Merrill, Carrie Anderson, Frank Johnson, Carney French, Cecile Smith, Erma La Clair, Alex Beauvais, Albert Orsen, George Phinney and William Minthorne.

It seems in telling the story of our commencement that one of the most outstanding features was Supt. Hall's talk to the class and it was of such a character that we are proud to print it as given on Wednesday, May 23:

**"TO THE SENIORS—CLASS OF 1923:** The day will soon arrive when you must say farewell to fellow-students, employes and friends. You have lived at Chemawa for some time and no doubt here you have passed the most pleasant days of your lives. Most of you have given Chemawa your very best. Myself and employe associates have endeavored to study the individual needs of you seniors and to give that which would help you the most. If we have failed to reach your expectations in any particular it is because we could not, and not that we did not try. We realize

our obligations in the upbuilding of the students, for on us depends to a large extent the intellectual and moral development of the future Indian men and women of our land.

"You have reached that period in your lives when you have the pride of graduating, but you will also have the pang of parting from old associates and probably the most intimate friends you will ever have in your lives.

"If you permit me to give you a parting word of advice, I will say to cultivate determination; aside from morality it is the most important qualification for those who wish to win success. Firmness and determination mean substantially the same thing. They mean stability, strength and fixedness. Without those qualifications a man or woman will accomplish very little, but with them, combined with other qualifications, the field is almost boundless. The road of life, on the average, is a difficult place to travel and the man or woman who can make a successful journey is one who will not turn back as soon as he finds an obstruction in the way.

"This is the most painful part of my message. You have been under our immediate direction for a long time and I feel that each is an intimate friend and co-worker. Really, we have all been students together, the teachers, employes, you and I. You have learned much from us; we have learned much from you. Each day has been one of growth, as we have explored the fields of thought and investigation together. Every year has done its best to impress upon you what it now becomes your duty and high privilege to express to the world.

"As you go forth from Chemawa, out of school life here, step bravely and boldly into life's school, resolving to prove all things for yourself, to hold fast that which is good. Make the world better, wiser and happier because of your living in it. Thus only can you fill up the measure of your opportunities and meet the demands of your responsibilities.

"We have all been such close friends that not only I, but your teacher, Mrs. Risser, and others here, regret our parting. But we rejoice that you have been found worthy of a higher place in life's big school.

(Continued on page 2)