

LOCAL

Some of our little ones have already heard the jingle of the bells on old Santa's reindeer.

It is not wise to have a hole in your Christmas stocking—or any other kind of a stocking, for that matter.

Supt. and Mrs. Chalcraft and daughter, Miss Alice Chalcraft, of Siletz, visited Chemawa friends yesterday while enroute to Portland.

Snow fell at Chemawa for the first time this winter on Monday. It gladdened the hearts of the "kiddies" and seemed to start the blood of the older students coursing wildly through their veins. As one grows older snow loses much of its attractions, still there is no denying the fact that snow is beautiful to gaze upon—at a distance.

Last Saturday afternoon Percy Woodcock and ten other youngsters were to play a scheduled football game with a team from Salem called the Lion Tamers. Somehow the game never came off and our boys were very much disappointed. We believe that the Salem boys found out that Percy and his blue-suited go-getters could tame a few lions themselves.

Last week many teams were afield at Chemawa turning the soil over with plows. Chemawa owns one of the best farming tracts in the entire Willamette Valley and great crops are raised yearly, but few realize the immense amount of work necessary to care for this 450-acre tract. Again, only a limited number of people realize the figure the farm products cut in our bill of fare year in and year out.

The chapel exercises seemed a little better than usual last Sunday evening. The orchestra played "Serenade d'Amour" by von Blon, Reno Booth sang "West of the Great Divide" by Ball, Charles Moon recited "How I was Sold," the boys' octette sang "Soldiers of the Captain" by Spohr, the choir sang "Sing Praise" by Nolte, and Supt. Hall closed the exercises with some special announcements and a very fine talk on the subject of "Personal Ambition." His talk should have been taken to heart by every one of our students. It was of value to older people, too.

Many of our older students will remember Kiutus Jim, who in his day at Chemawa was an excellent distance runner. Kiutus is now married and the father of two children. In sending us his subscription to The American he says: "My advice to the students at Chemawa is to make good use of their time. Do not get the idea that you are there for a good time only. A good time is a good thing, but it will not get you bread and butter later on. Be obedient to your teachers and prepare for your future. When you take your place as one of the citizens of this great country if you are but half-baked you will suffer."

ATHLETIC NOTES

Seniors Vs. Juniors, Freshmen Vs. Sophomores, Excelsior Vs. Reliance and Nonpareil Vs. Winona are listed on the holiday program to vie in sports in the gym. If their basketball games and other sports are contested like the fight they made for the football championship there will be excitement galore.

At the annual "Jolly-up" the following 17 members of our football team will be awarded letters: Ole Strom, Robert Fielder, Sedan Thomas, Moses George, Paul Ketah, Louis Turntoes, Reginald DePoe, John Kawasuk, Tom Anayah, William Johnson, Sam Nerguson, Willie Skinna, Charles George, Richard O'Brien, James Thomas, George Johnson and Peter Rasmussen.

This evening the first game on our basketball schedule will be played. The Deaf School team will furnish the opposition. This will not be an easy game. Last year we defeated them twice, but each game was hotly contested. Our first five have not been selected and several changes will probably be made. William Brendible and Dewey Matt, forwards; Robert Fielder, center; Dandro George, Reginald DePoe and John Milne, guards, will start the game.

Last Saturday afternoon a very exciting time was had in the gymnasium when the girls of the Junior and Sophomore classes and the junior Winona and junior Nonpareil societies engaged in a couple of games. With nearly all the girls present each team had a host of backers and more than enough to "egg on" a battle, and a battle it must have been if the yelling that was heard from the outside tells anything of the fierceness of the struggle. At any rate the Sophomores defeated the Juniors 9 to 6, and the junior Winonas won from the junior Nonpareils 10 to 6. The girls say they played hard and had more fun than you could shake a stick at.

SOPHMORE NOTES

The Sophomore class held their regular meeting in their class room last Friday evening. The meeting was called to discuss the Xmas gifts and program. The members of the class drew names of those whom they were to present with a Xmas gift.

After a short business session a volunteer program was rendered. James Seeds and Clarence Brown responded with a dialogue, David Peratrovich gave several selections on the guitar, Lincoln Van Alstine read a short sketch entitled "Things That Never Happen." After a few songs and a short talk from our class teacher, Mrs. Palmer, who is leaving us, we adjourned. Good-bye till next meeting. **SOPHOMORES.**