

LOCAL

A Merry Christmas to all.

Julia Fratis was a week-end visitor to her mother.

Nancy Mathison has changed her name to Mrs. Luther P. Lynd. This newly married couple reside in Portland.

We regret that society notes were crowded out of this issue for the girls, as they have been prompt and faithful in handing them in.

Mr. Hobucket, clerk at Hoquiam, Washington, and Martin Colby, both old Chemawa boys, were here over Sunday.

The happiest little girls that can be imagined are the 130 at Hawley Hall. They moved last week and say it is just like being in a fine hotel.

Chemawa will have a white Christmas. There have been "oodles" of snow and plenty of freezing weather. Lots of Chemawa folks say they like it. We wonder!

Four of our Chemawa girls who are employed in Portland, Anna LaRance, Rose Seeds, Sadie Seeds and Rose Gray, have sent in subscriptions for the American. They say they want to keep in touch with their Alma Mater.

Mrs. Turney and her choir gave the annual Christmas pageant on Sunday evening. A more beautiful and impressive service than this pageant is difficult to imagine. The singing surpassed anything previously attempted.

Marguerite and Henrietta Chamberlin were happily married not long since. Marguerite is now Mrs. Tweed and resides in Portland. Henrietta is Mrs. Bulgin and has gone with her husband and his parents to Florida for the winter.

A Chemawa club is being organized in Portland. It is understood the following girls are the charter members: Anna LaRance, Julia Fratis, Rose Gray, Martha Fratis, Mamie Thomas, Theresa Gua and Marie Sorenson. There are quite a number of others in Portland who will join. This club meets at the Y. W. C. A. once a week.

The Sigma Phi Delta Society held their Christmas party on Thursday evening. The following twenty-two girls were pledged: Anna Fagerstrom, Alvira Montgomery, Josephine Nelson, Lydia Davis, Agnes Peratrovitch, Josephine Sommers, Mabel Bremner, Helen Peratrovich, Martha Orsen, Anna Moon, Agnes Williams, Lila Crofoot, Pauline Kamkoff, Marie Andrews, Agnes Orr, Evelyn Whitebear, Theresa Williams, Laura Rose, Minnie Cox, Nora Lande, Edna Audette and Eva Bean.

Last Sunday afternoon the entire student body tramped their way through the snow to the ice pond just north of the school where there is an ideal place about two hundred yards square to skate and slide. Snow and ice here is unusual and when it comes there is not much time lost in wading into it. Everybody slid, skated and washed faces to their hearts' content and came home calling it a perfect day. The girls numbered into the hundreds, both large and small, and the boys saw to it that none of them reached home without having their faces washed. Needless to say the boys did not do all the face washing, for the way some of our husky girls grabbed boys and washed their faces and poked snow down their necks made it look like there was nothing to it. There has been

many small skating parties since the snow came, but this makes the first one in which the whole school participated. Last Friday night the high school students were escorted to the ice. After all had enough of skating they surrounded a nice warm fire and enjoyed hot-dog sandwiches and coffee.

ACADEMIC NOTES

The adult primary class has a record of perfect attendance during the past week. In some other classes boys have remained out of school for no better reason than to skate on the ice. We congratulate the adult primary on their good judgment.

Red Cross letters were distributed at teachers' meeting last Friday, and chapters were assigned in Silent and Oral Reading for discussion in the meeting to be held Jan. 5, at 7:30 a. m. Numerous other matters concerning the welfare of the school were discussed before the meeting adjourned.

The second grade pupils report no failures for the past period, and challenge any class to equal their record for high class standing. Won't it be jolly when these folks reach the seventh grade and no one is compelled to report to the Superintendent for failure in any subject?

Not long ago Francis Hight, general manager of The Youth's Companion, mailed us a number of his splendid "Citizen Builder" posters. The following sentiment, taken from one of these posters, has helped a number of boys to discover the exact cause of their difficulties with fellow students and instructors, in other words, to find themselves:

"One ship drives east and another west
With the self-same winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
Which decide the way to go."

Have you noticed the bulletin board recently? This week it contains the Christmas program of three junior literary societies and one senior society. Not long ago the senior societies presented their junior societies with colors and gavels and thereby became sponsors for the junior societies. However, the junior societies are a pace ahead of their sponsors in the matter of posting beautifully decorated programs, and getting them up in good season so that everyone may know his place on the program.

The school assembly has enjoyed a number of treats recently. Miss Houk gave us one of her excellent Riley selections, and responded to the encore with another; Miss Gunn gave a splendid talk on an article in a magazine that is available through our library and inspired us with a desire to read not only that article but the magazine each month; Miss Stanley in her charming "story teller" mood gave us a health story that carried a lesson; Miss Thornhill proved conclusively that "There aint no ghosts." On account of the long holiday season no teacher was selected for the assemblies Jan. 7.