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ATHLETIC NOTES

On Washington's Birthday our entire student body crowded into the gymnasium to enjoy an afternoon of sport events. As a preliminary, our little boys from the States pitted their might and brawn against that of the boys from the territory of Alaska in wrestling, boxing, rope-climbing, tug-o'-war and basketball. We dare say the preliminary outshined the main feature. Each event meant real business with them and they gladly went forth to do battle for their respective sides. Their games ended in a tie 20 to 20.

In a basketball game that followed, our Climbers' Club team lost to a team from the Parrish junior high school by the narrow margin of 12 to 8, and the game was just as close as the score indicates. In the closing event of the afternoon our second team took the second team of the Salem high school to the cleaners 33 to 21. Coquille Thompson was the shining light of our scoring machine, while Allie Smith and Frank Tillman, forwards; Jack Abraham and Roy Peratrovich, guards; rounded out the medicine that stopped the Salemites.

In the evening our wrestling team and that of the Oregon City high school furnished the thrills and excitement. Eleven matches were made and our team walked off with six of them, went to draw in another, and lost four. Ole Strom, Dan Collins, Moses George, Clifford Meacham, Auxenty Stepetin and Percy Woodcock all proved masters of their men and won their matches, while Charles Fagerstrom wrestled his man to a draw. Though Karl Muller, Charles Morgan, Daniel B. Ann and Bill Johnson lost their matches it was only by the narrow margin of a fall over a decision that beat them and they were very much in the race to the end. In every respect it was a fast, snappy and interesting match.

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Mrs. Iliff is again on duty after an illness which compelled her absence from the academic department for several days. During her illness Miss Eakin acted as principal of the academic department.

A basketball team composed of the Meachem brothers, the Logan brothers, Prettyman and Tillman, that call themselves the "Unknown Team" defeated the second team of the deaf school by a score of 31-16. By their game spirit and good playing they are certainly going to make themselves quite well "Known."

Agnes Orr is the practice teacher in the primary sewing department, having about 15 girls in her class. These girls do the mending and the repair work as prescribed by the course of study.

Mr. James A. McGregor, of Rosebud, S. D., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hall, and according to official notice, will take charge about March 1st, next. He comes splendidly recommended and all Chemawa will gladly give him loyalty and co-operation in large measure as has always so cheerfully been given the retiring superintendent.

Miss Agnes Covalt, Red Cross nurse and connected with the Marion county five-year health program, visits Chemawa on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of each week, teaching the Red Cross course in nursing to the eighth grade girls, numbering about 80. These classes get theoretical as well as practical work. The girls are quite enthusiastic over the instruction received.

The Sigma girls, about 75 in number, had their annual "fish dinner" last Thursday evening in the domestic science dining hall. The organization of this most popular and valuable society was instituted by Mrs. Hall about ten years ago at a fish dinner given to a small number of girls, charter members, and each year a celebration of the event takes place. The society has grown until there are members in most communities throughout the northwest.

The Washington Birthday entertainment which was put on last Sunday evening by the lower grade pupils of the school was in every way a most creditable affair. It may in truth be said that we cannot recall ever having seen a better entertainment put on anywhere by students of like grades. Recent operations on tonsils and eyes had conspired an interference with rehearsals that was hard to overcome, and one or two pupils assumed leading parts during the last day or so before the date the entertainment was to be given. Miss Thornhill, assisted by Miss Caryl, had the affair in hand and they are entitled to great praise as a result of their efforts.

Chemawa has had bad luck with its band for some years. It seems impossible to secure an efficient bandmaster. A temporary one gets the band on a good footing; then a civil service man is appointed. The temporary man leaves; the civil service man delays reporting or does not report at all. The result seems to be that our band stagnates. We had the making of a good band under Mr. Norris, but as soon as he got notice that a regular man had been appointed he sought a permanent job and left quickly. It is difficult to get a good musician and disciplinarian in one. This is a condition for which no one is responsible, but has certainly worked a great hardship at Chemawa. Mr. Bent is our standby.