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## THE HOLIDAY WEEK

**A Great Series of Entertaining Events—Educational, Social and Athletic Features—The Mid-Winter Season Made Memorable by Many Pleasing and Varying Functions**

Just where to begin to tell the story of "our" Christmas is something of a puzzle to us. For many weeks the minds of all have been centered on the various events which would make for a memorable Christmas season. The spirit moved in all, from the little tots clear on up to Supt. McGregor, who became a prime mover in all Christmas matters. So many things had to be looked after and there was much real work for all. It must be so at an institution of the character and magnitude of Chemawa. But just when did "our" Christmas begin?

We believe that for our detail it started on Dec. 18, when the printers had their annual "big eats," as they say. This event was followed the day after by Miss Eakin's activities among, and with, her Protestant charges, which in every instance proved pleasurable. But we shall not go into details regarding the above for mention was made in our last issue.

On the evening of Dec. 23 the primary grades put on an entertainment which was what one in justice would have to call unusually fine, when age and experience and time for preparation were taken into consideration. The little ones had the assistance of a few of the older students, but the younger pupils were in every instance unusually proficient. This entertainment had been placed in the hands of Miss Foster and her splendid work proved that the task had been assigned to proficient hands. It was all most creditable.

After the little tots' entertainment on the evening of the 23rd the various classes repaired to the academic building where Christmas trees were in evidence in each of the class-rooms. Mirth and good will abounded everywhere and for an hour or two joy was unconfined.

On the evening of the 24th, Christmas eve, trees were held in the dormitories and the scenes and programs attending the trees were indescribable. It seemed that everyone in the whole world was happy—yea, more, joy mad.

At 4 o'clock on the morning of Christmas Day Mrs. Turney and the members of her choir, following a custom of many years at Chemawa, began singing carols about the grounds. An hour was given over to carol singing at the various residences and dormitories and then the choir repaired to the Catholic chapel where they sang for Father Gall while he conducted mass. The singing was good and the custom is certainly one worth perpetuating.

At noon came the dinner and a large flock of hungry students did full justice to it. The dinner was fine and ample in every way. It was well cooked and well served and the dining-room looked most attractive. As in former years, the employes all helped serve and the orchestra played throughout the meal. Many visitors were with us to enjoy it all.

At the Employes' Club and in the various homes about the campus there were fine Christmas dinners and it is certain that there was much feasting at Chemawa and that much joy attended it.

During the afternoon there were athletic contests in the gym between the literary societies—Excelsiors vs. Reliance and Winonas vs. Nonpareils. The various stunts proved of great interest. The Reliance defeated the Excelsiors, but there was no defeat to record for the girls' societies, as the Winonas and Nonpareils tied. They did the same last year. Making a "tie of it" is becoming an annual custom with them, it seems.

In the evening the McNary Hall boys and the large boys from Mitchell Hall were hosts at a reception given in the gymnasium honoring McBride Hall girls and the large girls from Winona Hall. This proved a most delightful social event. It is always a great pleasure to reflect on the fact that the parties of our young people are always genteel in every respect, there never being any sign of rowdyism. This party was no exception and the high standard of former days prevailed at this social function. It was both creditable and enjoyable.

On Sunday evening the choir gave a sort of Christmas memorial and pageant service combined. This service is of some six or eight years standing at Chemawa, and is destined to go on and on. It is truly

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