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## SCHOOL YEAR CLOSES

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Many good talks were made. Mr. Sicade of Tacoma, Wash., was the principal speaker, and Mr. Larsen and Mr. Johnson also gave good talks, as did the chairman, Mr. Downie. Harry Frost gave a reading and John Dexter played a violin solo. This proved in every way a most interesting and profitable meeting.

In the afternoon a class of girls in physical education under the direction of Mrs. Downie gave a splendid entertainment, using a specially constructed platform on the lawn just in front of our new dining hall. The program rendered consisted of folk dances, sailor dances, Indian club drills, etc., and it certainly was most creditable to the last detail. Miss Eakin played the piano for all accompaniments to the drills and dances. It was a splendid demonstration.

In the evening during the arrival of visitors to attend the presentation of the operetta the band gave a pleasing concert.

Promptly at 8:00 the curtain rose on what was probably the largest crowd ever assembled in our auditorium. The Annual Fashion Show, an Indian Suite, and "Pepita," a Mexican operetta, were the attractions. The place was packed like a sardine can—all seats occupied, many sat two in a seat; the aisles were crowded, some standing, some sitting on the stools and chairs carried in hastily at the last moment; and some were sitting on the floor. But it was a good-natured crowd and everyone made the best of the situation. The work on the stage was high-class and again the young people of Chemawa scored. We are proud of our students—it seems that they always "make good." Praise of the works presented was heard on all sides, and it pleases us to have pleased the public.

Wednesday forenoon was devoted to putting the campus, dormitories and departments in good shape or condition—a sort of general "clean-up" period. Also it was the period designated for inspection of the industrial exhibits of the school. Quite a considerable

interest was displayed, not only by visitors but by our own people in what was to be seen. Many were amazed at the vocational work of our students and the outstanding ability evidenced in ways and arts too numerous to mention. But any skeptic must have been convinced that in industrial pursuits our young people are fully abreast of the times and Chemawa has again proven her worth.

On Wednesday afternoon there was a campus meeting held on the lawn just south of the Superintendent's home. It was in reality a "stunt" meet in which all of the high school grades and the literary societies vied for first prize. It proved an interesting affair and some of the "stunts" were "too good to be true." The afternoon passed all too quickly. The Winona girls captured the first prize and Rose Smith of the Nonpareils won "honorable mention" for her society. It was a great success.

Shortly after 6 o'clock the band gave a pleasing concert while the people were arriving to attend the last performance of "Pepita," the operetta being produced this year.

The attendance on Wednesday night was on a par with that of the night before. On both evenings there was an unprecedented attendance. Every seat in the auditorium was filled, chairs and stools placed in the aisles were occupied (often two people occupying one seat), some were sitting on the floor and others were standing; the doors and windows were all occupied by people on the "outside," and hundreds were turned away. There has been nothing like it at Chemawa, at least in recent years.

The annual inter-class track and field meet, held Thursday morning, was carried off by the sophomore class. The juniors were second, followed closely by the out-going seniors. Dewey Matt and Gideon B. Grub were tied for honors as high point men. The usual intense rivalry between the classes was evident and each victory was earned by genuine effort. The records for the field events were creditable and those on the track, considering the conditions, were also good.

At 2 o'clock our Boy Scout organization, under direction of Mr. Bent, gave a demonstration of their work along various lines. It lasted about an hour and was in every way a clever and creditable demonstration of the merits and activities of our organization.

At three o'clock, directly following the demonstration of our Scouts, there was a game of baseball between Chemawa and Willamette University. Some of our best players were absent and we labored under a severe handicap—we both labored and lost, by a score of 11 to 4. It was a good game, anyway.

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