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At the time of going to press yesterday our string quartet was scheduled to appear in Salem last night.

Yesterday was Lincoln's Birthday and tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day—and here we are, right between the two great days!

Mr. and Mrs. Mason accompanied our party to Hazel Green last Friday night and took several girls with them in their car.

Next Saturday is the date set for the annual party of the Senior Class. A full account will be given in our next issue, but at this date we are safe in predicting a memorable party.

The recent cold weather has made business a trifle too good for Mr. Kunkel and his plumbing detail. Many water pipes insisted on freezing up and causing trouble in every way.

The cold snap which has prevailed here recently has made a record so far as duration is concerned. People are pretty well sickened with the task of draining and filling the radiators of their cars.

Miss Flora Dexter, who is attending the State Normal School at Monmouth with Chemawa as her headquarters, came over from Monmouth last Friday evening and spent the week-end here with friends, as is her custom. She is getting along nicely with her studies at the Normal School.

For the enlightenment of inquiring friends, we wish to state that Capt. Stacy is now located at Mission, S. Dak., and it is our presumption that he is still in the service. He left Chemawa the 1st of January after some three or four years' activity on our academic teachers' force. Good luck to him.

At the conclusion of the chamber music concert rendered Monday for the especial benefit of the Sophomore class by the string quartet, the members of the string ensemble were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Larsen for a waffle supper. The musicians certainly appreciated both the great courtesy and the waffles.

The officers of the boys' battalion held a meeting last Sunday and elected the following officers: President, Eldred George, adjutant; vice-president, Clifford Meachem, captain of D company; secretary-treasurer, John Frenier, corporal of A company; sergeant-at-arms, Roy Peratrovich, captain of B company; and reporter, William Wall, 1st. Lieutenant of band company. An officer's code was discussed and it was finally adopted as written and read by Mr. Turney at a previous joint meeting. The meeting was then devoted to a discussion of the various movements that should be improved and corrected in both the boys' and the girls' battalions. Mr. Downie, acting-chairman of the meeting, made a few corrections in the conducting of the various companies. Then the adjournment took place.—WILLIAM WALL, Reporter.

Next Friday evening our orchestra is to give a concert at Evergreen, not far from Silverton. It is expected that an octette of our boys will accompany the orchestra to lend variation to the program. A reader is also expected to go with the party.

The first prize in the "writers' contest" for last month was won by Bernice Blakeslee and the second prize went to Leo Cottonoir. Both had interesting articles and both were published in *The American*. This could be made a feature of great value to our students, and we would be rejoiced to note more interest in the matter on the part of our young people.

On Thursday evening of last week, disciplinarians and matrons met at McBride Hall with the officers of the various companies comprising the student battalion. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and formulate an officers' code. This is really a matter of greater importance than one would realize without giving it serious consideration. The more thought one gives the subject the greater appears the possible benefits and advantages of such a code. The officers will receive benefits according to what they, themselves, put into the code. For good results the code must be made an individual matter, largely.

Last Saturday evening was the date of the Reliance Literary Society's annual "open session." It is said that history "repeats itself;" this is not true in connection with the show staged by the Reliance boys last Saturday, as nothing of the sort was "put on" in former years to be repeated. From all directions and sources we've heard commendable mention of the affair. It was a session of real worth-while effort and clean entertainment. With the exception of the assistance given by Mrs. Turney and Mr. Kunkel as pianists the boys and their advisor, Mr. Fisher, staged the show with society help only, and we wish to state that they have established a new standard for boy societies at Chemawa. Our compliments to them.

On Sunday evening, during chapel exercises, we had two speakers, Supt. Lipps and Dr. Sisco. Supt. Lipps first made a brief talk covering the matter and state of the health of our Indian people of the great Northwest, dating back over the last 100 years, as revealed by historic data. He showed how the ravages of disease and not war had decimated the ranks of former inhabitants, wiping out in some instances entire tribes. Lack of scientific knowledge with which to combat the ravages of disease was what rendered the Indian forefathers helpless. Dr. Sisco followed and gave a most interesting and valuable talk on fevers—"Spring Fever" being the special topic. Various conditions were discussed in understandable terms, making it clear that the blood is really the greatest factor in health, good or bad. The Doctor gave an illuminating array of facts regarding food and proved the importance of diet to keep the body fit to combat diseases of every nature. Supt. Lipps followed the Doctor with a second short talk of a most instructive nature. Both speakers seemed at their best. In addition to the discourses above-mentioned, Reno Booth, a member of our last year's graduating class, who was present, contributed a most pleasing vocal solo, Christine Muller gave a recitation, the choir sang an anthem and the orchestra gave its usual offering.