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Next Monday will be the birthday of our dear Chemawa—49 years old!

Mr. and Mrs. Mason and Miss Martha Packineau accompanied our party to Evergreen last Friday evening.

The orchestra members certainly appreciated the care evidenced for their comfort at the party of the Senior Class last Saturday evening. Our hearty thanks go to whom they are due.

Miss Flora Dexter returned from Monmouth, where she is attending the State Normal School, to Chemawa last Friday evening. She has just experienced a few days of examinations and we are pleased to state that she passed them.

Rev. D. A. Thompson of Portland, Synodical Executive for Oregon, was a campus visitor on Sunday. Dr. Thompson addressed the Sunday School in the morning, and both the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. groups in the afternoon.

Well and good! At last it rained here and put an end to our long-drawn-out spell of snow and freezing weather. There is no use in discussing the matter—rain seems more in keeping with the fitness of things so far as the Willamette Valley is concerned.

Mr. A. G. Wilson, formerly chief clerk at Chemawa but now in the service at Standing Rock Agency, N. Dak., has written his family, who are at present remaining in Chemawa, that there are thirty inches of ice frozen over the Missouri river where he now is. It must be chilly in that section!

Miss Eliza James was up from Portland to spend the week-end with Chemawa friends. Miss Eliza is now attending the Lincoln high school in Portland and getting along very nicely. She gave a good account of all of our girls who at present chance to be living in Portland, engaged at various tasks.

Last Friday evening our orchestra, boys' vocal octette, and Cleo Plasteur as reader, put on a program at Evergreen. A crowded house greeted our people and splendid response was made to every number presented. It must be said that the program was of a high class and fully up to the standards of our great school.

Supt. and Mrs. Lipps and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Larsen and daughter, Mrs. Brickell, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Kirk were among the home folk in attendance at the program rendered by the string quartet on Monday evening for the Freshmen class of our high school. Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Thomas and daughter, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Walter Denton, musical people of Salem, were out to listen to the program and had most flattering comments to offer. Next Tuesday evening the quartet will appear in the auditorium of the high school at Molalla.

Comparisons are often odious but just the same this is a world in which comparisons are made and will be made for many a day yet to come. We started out with the intention of comparing the senior party, given in the gym last Saturday evening, with like parties of years ago, but we find the party of last Saturday incomparable. It was in a class all its own and we feel unable to describe it in a brief article. We wish, however, to state that we were enraptured over the beauty of the decorations. The colors of the senior class are red and black and "hearts" provided the "motif" for many artistic touches in decorations. All went as merrily on as possible for a couple of hours and then the class and all guests repaired to the "Wigwam," where Mrs. Brickell had arranged a most delicious luncheon and where joy and "General Good-Time" again broke forth. Supt. Lipps and one or two others made short after-dinner talks of a most interesting nature and then came the end of a memorable evening—all too soon for many of those present. Well, it was a great success for Miss White and her Senior Class.

In compliance with the wishes of Commissioner Burke and Supt. Lipps, Governor Patterson appointed a committee to inspect our school plant and report on exactly how they found things in every way. The committee appointed by the Governor consisted of Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, in charge of the state hospital for the insane, Mr. L. M. Gilbert, in charge of the Oregon State Training School for boys, and Mrs. Clara C. Patterson who is in charge of the State Industrial School for girls—all prominent and capable people who have had much experience in institutional work. They visited the school last Friday and went over the entire plant carefully and systematically, proving themselves both observing and able as well as possessed of the quality of great personal affability. Supt. Lipps took them through the various departments, beginning in the morning and devoting the greater part of the day to the pleasurable task. At the luncheon hour all repaired to the Wigwam, where Mrs. Brickell and our young ladies under her charge had prepared a delightful dinner, which was served in courses. At the Wigwam some of our people, Dr. Sisco, Mrs. Lipps, Mrs. Brickell and Miss White, joined Supt. Lipps and the visitors for the dinner. During the meal the Chemawa String Quartet contributed musical numbers. From every point of view Friday last will be long referred to as a "red letter" day at Chemawa, as we were all delighted to welcome this committee of distinguished people.

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