

LOCAL

Next Friday the orchestra will play a program at Auburn.

Next Sunday is St. Patrick's Day. Better look up your Shamrock!

Mrs. R. W. Hans Seitz of Salem and a party of her lady friends paid Chemawa a visit last Friday and were escorted about the grounds and shone many of the interesting features of our school.

The dean of woman, and her assistant, of the Monmouth Normal, in company with one of the lady teachers of that school, visited at Chemawa last Sunday as the guest of Miss Flora Dexter, who is attending that well-known institution of learning.

Superintendent Estep of the Yakima Agency advises us that Vera Korter, member of the class of 1928, is employed as matron at the Mekusukey Academy in Oklahoma, where she is getting along very nicely. Chemawa sends her good wishes to Vera.

Easter comes unusually early this year, March 31st. Mathematicians estimate that it will be 62 years before Easter again comes on the 31st of March. The majority of us will not be permitted to "Consider the Lilies" and speculate on "how they grow" when that far-off Easter time arrives.

The winners of the English competition prizes for February were Clifford Meachem and Mayme Conway—first and second prizes, respectively. We do not wish to criticize, preferring to encourage instead, but we cannot help feeling that our students would profit immeasurably by getting into this competition a trifle more vigorously. Every effort they put forth will prove to their own advantage.

Coach Downie and Eldred George, representing our basketball team, appeared before the student body of the Salem high school last Monday morning and gave talks relative to past and present basketball conditions, with special reference to the coming state basketball tournament to be staged at Willamette University, beginning this afternoon. Chemawa is to represent this district and Messers. Downie and George report having been most cordially received by the Salem students and to feel assured of the support of that body in the coming tournament. This sounds good.

A couple of young men recently came down to the "states" from Golovin, Alaska, enroute to their homes in New York City, and being friends of Mr. John Dexter and his sister, Miss Flora, they communicated with them and they all met in Portland and had an enjoyable visit. The young men in question are scions of millionaire families, and from Portland they went to Seattle, making the trip by air—John flew with them. They tried to coax Miss Flora to make the flight, but she thought it best that she return to her studies at Monmouth. As these young men make headquarters at the home of the parents of John and Flora at Golovin, while in Alaska, meeting them was of special interest to the brother and sister. The young men will return to Alaska on the first boat north this spring. Their people are interested in the great reindeer herds of the far north. During the next two months they will visit relatives in New York City.

In a letter received from Agnes Peratrovich, member of the graduating class of 1928, of Klawock, Alaska, she states that she is getting along very nicely with her school work. She is teaching the first and second grades, and has over fifty children in her room. The school board has been so favorably impressed with her work that she has been engaged to teach in the same school the coming year, and she plans to attend the Bellingham State Normal School in Washington the coming summer. We are, indeed, glad to be able to make such favorable reports on one of our graduates.

The Reliance Society boys and their invited guests enjoyed quite a frolic last Saturday evening in the gym. This was the annual party of the society and the boys had put forth every possible effort to have everything just so, and—they succeeded. The decorations were in every way most attractive, the society colors predominating, and there were guest favors presaging the coming of St. Patrick's Day. The party was a memorable affair in more ways than one; the orchestra helped out and some of the boys contributed a vocal number. At the proper time a number of girls under direction of Mrs. Brickell served delicious refreshments. All in all, it was "some" party and the boys and their advisor, Mr. Fisher, can look back upon the occasion with a sense of more than ordinary satisfaction.

Although a couple of our orchestral members were unable to participate in the program rendered by our musicians at the Salem Y. M. C. A. building last Friday evening, the concert proved a great success. The audience was composed of prominent people of Salem and they were most responsive and enthusiastic. It was truly a "Chemawa evening." Just at the start of the program Mr. R. J. Hendricks of the Salem Statesman gave a splendid, though brief, talk on Chemawa. He gave a short history of our past, touched on our present, and gave his ideas concerning the future of the school, and the splendid work which it is destined to carry on. In addition to the orchestra Malda Whiteagle was on the program in the role of a reader and she, too, did exceptionally well—she held her audience and was vigorously encored at the conclusion of her number.

Mr. Kunkel, bandmaster, and his large band of young boys gave a most pleasing program in the auditorium last Sunday evening. This was the second concert that Mr. Kunkel has put over since his arrival at Chemawa and it was noticeable that the organization has advanced in many ways since the first concert. Of course there is always, in the beginning of such a program, some over-anxiety or nervousness on the part of young performers, but this soon wears off. All of this is to be expected and proves that public concert work is just what the boys need. Such numbers as "Pique Dame" overture by Suppe prove the nature of the work the boys are doing and stand as a testimonial to the ability of their instructor, Mr. Kunkel. Many of the band music arrangements are made by Mr. Kunkel, himself. On Sunday evening the band had the assistance of the vocal octettes of the boys and girls and Jeanette Belgarde as reader. During a couple of the band numbers Pat Wilkie sang incidental solos and did them well. In every way we are proud of and are solidly behind the organization.