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"Officially" spring has arrived.

Mr. Larsen made a trip to Grand Ronde on official business last Monday.

Last Saturday evening the younger and smaller pupils enjoyed a social in the big gym.

Mrs. Bent and Miss White went to Portland last Saturday and returned with Mr. Bent on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Love and daughter, Miss Iva Claire, were dinner guests of Chemawa last Sunday.

The seniors have decided that it is time to get busy with their "annual" and are showing great activity in the matter. This is well as the time left for the work is short indeed.

Miss Flora Dexter made a trip to Seattle last week and in this way passed the "spring vacation" granted at the Monmouth Normal School which she is attending. After our chapel exercises last Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mason drove her over to her school in their auto.

On Monday evening the string quartet began a new series of chamber music concerts, the senior class being honored on this occasion. An entire new program built around a standard work of Mozart was given. Among those present in addition to the seniors were Supt. and Mrs. Lipps, Mrs. Brickell, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Larsen and daughter, Miss Vivian, Mr. Blackeagle, Mr. and Mrs. Mason.

Reno Booth, a member of our graduating class of last year, is now singing over the radio from Portland regularly. He sings over KOIN and KXL. His regular night is on Tuesday, between 11 and 12 o'clock. This is known as the "Varsity Hour." On Thursday nights he is on from 10:30 to 12 with the Portland Tomcats. He is anxious to have request numbers sent in for that makes business for him. It should be mentioned that he often sings during the noon hour, 12 to 1 o'clock. In a letter to Supt. Lipps, Reno says that he expects to do some stage work pretty soon and is anxious to secure a genuine Indian costume for the work. If any of our readers have something in that line to loan or to sell they will favor Reno by addressing him at Portland, Oregon, general delivery.

Last November it was our great pleasure to publish an article on the life and work of Mr. Arthur C. Parker, one of the most able men living, in our opinion, regardless of race or nationality. We are now in receipt of a copy of a recent issue of "The Lake Mahopae Weekly," published in Mahopae, N. Y., in which our entire article is reprinted. The work and struggles of Mr. Parker should point the way for our Indian boys and girls and his wonderful achievements should inspire them with a burning desire to make something of themselves. If they will pay the price of achievement as did Mr. Parker, in study and work, they, too, can go far. Speaking of himself, Mr. Parker said: "Nothing ever came easy for me. My obstacles have been heavy and high. I had to overcome them or perish. I chose to overcome them."

The task of erecting the fine new dormitory for the small boys is under way. Work is in progress on the foundation, the concrete is being run into the forms. Many and various are the contracts being let for bids on materials for construction purposes. A busy season is just opening up.

On Friday evening the orchestra gave a program at the Greenwood school over in Polk county. The organization was accompanied on the trip by a couple of our young ladies, Misses Martha Packineau and Cleo Plasteur the latter in the capacity of reader, in which she made a decidedly good impression. In every way our orchestra scored a success.

A debate of more than ordinary interest took place in our auditorium last Thursday evening when Willamette University debaters, Messrs. McMenamie and Campbell, met the team representing the University of Arizona, Messrs. Simpson and Rose. The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, that the plea of temporary insanity in defense of crime should be prohibited by law," Willamette supporting the affirmative and Arizona taking the negative. The critic judge, Dr. A. E. O'Konski of O. S. C., decided in favor of the Arizona debaters. Supt. Lipps of Chemawa acted as chairman. It was in every way a most interesting debate.

EDUCATION AND THE PART IT PLAYS
IN LIFE

By CLEO PLASTEUR, Chemawa Student

It has been said that an educated man lives, an ignorant one merely exists. When one looks about him, he believes this to be true in a great measure.

Let one imagine himself knowing naught of books, music, or art; not being able to understand and appreciate the pleasant associations with people of higher ambitions, desires, standards or ideals. Is that person living? No, merely existing.

At times we grow selfish and fail to appreciate the many things that educate us, because it often requires effort to do so.

It should be the aim of every worthy citizen to achieve an education which will enable him to establish himself in a congenial environment, and make an honorable, respectable living in the community in which he lives.

Whether an education be acquired by years of study in school, or by experience, it contributes to one's happiness.

Our students are living under conditions which place them under certain obligations. First, there is a huge debt we owe to our parents. Second, every Indian owes his race a debt because the younger generation is lifted from a primitive existence. This lifting should show the elders that only an education has accomplished this. Civilization with its modern life is gradually crowding around the primitive man and sooner or later he must adapt civilized ways or perish.

Then there is debt to the government, supported by tax-payers who want to feel that the money and time spent, has not been wasted. It should be the aim of every person to make the very best of himself according to his knowledge, advantages and opportunities. Nothing can be more gratifying than to know that the goal is reached, the obligations are paid and mankind is aided. Then, is an education worth while? Yes!