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## STILL GOING AHEAD

Wonderful Building Activity All Summer and More to Follow

Vast, indeed, have been the improvements at Chemawa during the past few months. And the good work still goes on. It is quite impossible in an article of this nature to give in detail an adequate idea of the great achievement of the summer along building lines. But we shall give as good a summary as we can.

In the first place there is just completed the new Brewer Hall, a splendid two-story brick building, capable of accommodating nearly 200 boys. It has splendid electrical wiring, and plumbing up-to-the-minute, baths, toilets and everything representing the last word in safety and convenience. There is a fine reading room and there is also a splendid room to be utilized as a barbershop. It is at present being supplied with the best of furniture. It is a building, inside and out, that would stand as a credit to any community. We have been told that as a dormitory there is nothing in the service in its class. It is already partly occupied by a number of our young men and we trust that they will realize how fortunate they are.

Mitchell Hall has been renovated and splendidly fixed up with new electrical wiring, a new fire-proof roof, new floors, new baths and toilets. Made modern in every particular.

Considerable work has already been done in the reconstruction of our power plant. The old boilers have been removed, other work necessary for the installation of new boilers has been done. Some of the materials for the work on hand are arriving at intervals now and in the course of about six weeks we shall have our power plant functioning as of yore. The cost of this work will be approximately \$25,000.

One of the greatest projects of our school during the spring and summer was the dredging out of the drain ditch, or swail, that meandered in a circle across our large farm, and which in a way took care of the school sewage. Closely connected with this project, in reality a part of it, was the construction of a septic tank and filtration plant. All of this is now complete and considered from every angle it is impossible to estimate the value of this system, as it now stands, to the school, or to over-emphasize its importance. The cost

of this work was in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

That portion of the "Old Brewer Hall" which was salvaged has been moved directly back from where it formerly stood and is being fixed up as apartments for employes.

The Wooden structure formerly known as "Winona Hall," a dormitory for girls, has been remodeled inside and out and made over into apartments for employes. A most spacious auditorium in this building was constructed and here Miss Eakin, Protestant Missionary, will conduct the work of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. In fact, all religious work of the Protestant students will be conducted in this auditorium. Miss Eakin has spared neither trouble nor expense in fixing up and furnishing this auditorium for her young charges and much credit is due her.

During the past few weeks a great deal of work has been done in renovating the dining hall and kitchen of what is commonly termed the "Employes' Mess." The place is now a credit in every way—just lovely!

McBride Hall is being fitted up with new plumbing in the way of modern baths, showers, laundry, etc.

The structure which in years gone by was known as the administrative office is to be entirely remodeled and fitted up as a guest home. It is planned to make of this home something truly lovely and unique—it will also be most modern in the utility of its equipment while in furnishings it is the intention to emphasize Indian decorative art. This will be a "feature" of our great school in days to come—days not far distant, as the work of transformation is to start very soon. This will be "Kola Tepee."

The Senior academic building came in for its share of attention and so did the auditorium adjoining it. Work was done on the roofs of both buildings in regard to the condition of the gutters and the outside wood work was painted. The electrical wiring of both buildings was looked after and in the main the buildings were rewired with special attention to both safety and utility. New switchboards were installed in the auditorium and everything brought up to date. During the summer Supt. Lipps made an arrangement whereby new scenery, curtains, etc., of the finest workmanship and quality were added to the auditorium stage. All just splendid!

Much time was spent in painting at Winona and Hawley Halls. The roofs of both of these dormitories as well as the outsides of all windows were painted.

In addition to the above-mentioned projects and improvements already completed and under way there have been many minor undertakings concluded during the summer. Some time back we opined that Supt. Lipps was in truth a "Master Builder" and we are now, after reviewing the achievements of the past few months, more certain of it than ever. We do not wish to appear boastful, but just the same our Superintendent is building a wonderful school—a great—Chemawa.