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LOCAL

Yesterday was "All Fool's Day." Did you escape?

William Brown is now drum major in the band, and we hear that he is an especially good one, too.

Well "March came in like a lamb" and went out the same way in spite of the old saw that she should go out "like a lion," with her tail just cracking.

Freddie Freeman visited friends here last Monday, while enroute to Siletz, where he has property holdings. In the distant past his father was a tailor at Chemawa. A year or so ago Freddie graduated from Washington University in Seattle and at present he has a position in one of the banks in that city. Pretty good, we say.

Mr. Bent was the speaker last Saturday evening before the Campfire girls' organization in Salem. The meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. building and in every way it was a memorable occasion. Rosalia Grounds accompanied Mr. Bent and gave recitations, using the Indian sign language to considerable extent. She reports having had an unforgettable experience and one that was most pleasureable in every way.

Supt. Lipps is in receipt of quite an interesting letter from Frank Corbett, who will be remembered by many of our former students. Frank is now in the service of the government in the capacity of head advisor and physical education teacher at the Cherokee school in North Carolina and is getting along nicely. He has innumerable friends in the great Northwest who are interested in his success and advancement and who are counting on him as one of the leaders among his people. We are back of him ourselves.

Supt. Lipps left yesterday on business connected with his duties as District Superintendent. He was joined in Portland by Mr. George La Vatta, Placement Agent, and they proceeded from there to the Yakima Agency together. They will be met at Toppenish, Wash., by Mr. F. W. Boyd, Agricultural Extension Agent, and the party will travel together in Mr. Boyd's car via Ellensburg, Wenasatchee and Chelan, Wash., to the Colville Reservation. Mr. Lipps expects to be away for about ten days or two weeks. During his absence Assistant Superintendent Mote is in charge of affairs at Chemawa.

Mr. Kunkel and his band boys were in Salem last Thursday evening and were featured in the Spring Opening parade. The organization also played selections in front of many of the prominent business houses and everywhere they went they had a crowd with them. They were given refreshments and also tickets to the show at the Capital. On all sides complimentary comment on the work of the band was heard and it rejoices all of us that it should be so. Mr. Bent accompanied the band on this occasion as one of the cornetists.

We cannot recall a year when so much interest has been shown by our students in the declamation contests as this year. Interest was high on all sides and the results were in every way most satisfactory and we are certain that even the losers in the final contests were in truth the winners. Their efforts and interest made it so. All four of the literary societies had representatives in the contests. Last Friday and Saturday evenings were devoted to this work. The judges were from both Salem and Chemawa, and the result was, Nonpareil first, with 14 points; Excelsiors second, 13 points; Reliance third, 5 points; and Winona fourth, 4 points. Principal Mote and his assistants should feel fully satisfied with the results of their work this year in the way of the declamation contest—mighty fine!

During chapel exercises last Sunday evening Supt. Lipps gave a wonderful account of an address recently made before members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce by the Japanese Consul who is located in Portland. He spoke of the terrible earthquake in Japan 11 years ago and of the courage of this admirable people, of their success in rebuilding, and of their complete recovery from the awful disaster. Supt. Lipps drew a wonderful lesson from the rapid rise of the Japanese as a nation from almost a state of barbarism to one of the highest civilization on the globe in about three-quarters of a century, and pointed out the lesson that we should learn from the history of this great advancement. As a nation these people "have arrived" because they willed to do so. Mr. Lipps also gave some good advice to our students regarding the school work of the next two months and of the vacation days to follow. The choir gave a special number and the orchestra played a Schepegrell overture.

Miss Martha Fratis was hostess for a delightful afternoon affair for a large number of former Chemawa students and friends last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller of Portland, honoring Mr. George P. LaVatta. Pleasant talks were given by Mrs. Miller and Mr. LaVatta. Miss Fratis was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. George Morgan. Miss Olive Skipton, who for a number of years was a valuable employee here, presided at the tea urn. The guests for the afternoon were Mr. LaVatta, Miss Tate and Miss Steinbeck of the Portland Y. W. C. A., Miss Massey and Miss Skipton, also of Portland, and Mrs. Aklina Fratis. Those present from Chemawa were: Mrs. Brickell, Mrs. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Downie and Sarah Francis Chamberlin. The girls to attend who are now living in and about Portland were: Mrs. Julia Fratis Morgan, Mrs. Nancy Mathieson Cline, Mrs. Gertrude Caisse Newport, Mrs. Lydia Davis Covert, and Misses Grace Pepion, Elizabeth Shagin, Jennie Tom, Edna Gabriel.