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Merry Christmas to all!

Watch for Santa tonight.

Isabel Hewson returned a few days ago to her home in Metlakatla, Alaska.

Miss Roddy is again at her desk in the administrative office after a brief vacation.

Miss Myrtle Peters, our financial clerk, is enjoying a vacation that will last over the holidays.

Victor Smith, one of our seniors, will pass the holidays at his home near Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Ratzburg, our school gardener, is taking a short vacation—"annual leave"—during the holidays' season.

Girls with shoe-top stockings will be out of luck when it comes to hanging them up for Santa to fill tonight.

Following a custom of the past we will not attempt to issue The American during the holidays, but hope to greet our readers again two weeks from today.

Last Thursday evening, in response to a telegram announcing a serious illness in her family, Miss Opal Mountjoy left hurriedly for her home in Montana.

Miss Idaho Lipps, who is a member of the teaching staff of the Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) schools, arrived home in Chemawa last Sunday to remain over the holiday season.

Florence Allman departed last Friday with Mylie Lawyer for Lapwai, Idaho, the home of the latter, where the Yule Tide season will be passed. Both are Chemawa students.

At the last meeting of the Little Flower Society Melba Arnoux was elected vice-president, succeeding Sylvia Peterson, who has returned to her home in Browning, Montana.

There was a "Christmas Sale" here last Thursday and Friday under the auspices of the home economics department. Report has it that patronage was good and buyers received real bargains, so everyone was happy.

Last Saturday evening the members of the Excelsior Literary Society gave their annual "open session" entertainment and again the society covered itself with laurels. It is reported to have been a real live program that the members gave, one that took a lot of work to prepare, and the society and their advisor, Mr. Carl Turner, are all entitled to praise for their efforts. A good show.

Miss Elizabeth Shagin, a former student, came up from Portland, where she is making her home, to visit friends and witness the Christmas pageant given in the chapel last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Steward and Miss Roddy gave Miss French a farewell dinner at the home of the latter one evening last week. Twelve invited guests were in attendance and the occasion was a merry affair.

The Y. W. C. A. and Girl Reserves have been very busy for the past few weeks preparing a box of Christmas cheer for the patients at the Tacoma Hospital. Scrap books, dolls, and many mysterious packages whose contents could only be guessed were packed and sent on their way last Saturday.

A week or so ago our students were treated to the meat of reindeer brought from the Arctic clime of Northern Alaska. Tomorrow we will have turkey from Oregon on our students' tables. How wonderful are the workings of man! 'Tis but step in modern life from a taste of reindeer to one of turkey.

Last Thursday evening our orchestra appeared at Brooks in support of a minstrel show that was presented there under the auspices of the school as a means for raising money for a proper Christmas for the students of that institution. A wonderful luncheon was served as the close of a well-spent evening.

The campfire girls gave a party to a number of their boy friends last night. The affair was held in the Wigwam and Misses Nye and Black acted as both chaperones and patronesses. The evening was a jolly one, spent in games of various kinds, conversation, music, "stunts," etc., and ended with generous servings of dainty refreshments. A real good time!

Miss Sylvia Peterson, who has been a faithful member of our office force for some time, left last Monday for her home in Browning, Montana. After a visit and rest she will accept a position as a deputy to the County Treasurer there. This is a most responsible position and we feel certain that Miss Sylvia will fill it to her own credit and the satisfaction of all.

The Girls' sextet and the Boys' quartet from Chemawa were invited to sing in Miller's store in Salem. On Saturday morning these two organizations, accompanied by Mrs. Turney and Miss Judd, gave a delightful half-hour of Christmas music before an appreciative group of store employees and Salem shoppers. The students sang most acceptably, and received many complimentary expressions of appreciation.

About ninety girls attended the program in the Y. W. C. A. room on Sunday afternoon when the girls of the Y. W. C. A. were hosts to the Girl Reserves of McBride and Hawley halls. Each club presented a share of the delightful Christmas program. A processional by the little girls, songs, stories and recitations were well given. A unique feature was the carols from many lands given by the McBride Girl Reserves. Russian, Polish, Swedish, German and Spanish carols were presented in costume, with a brief sketch of the Christmas customs of those countries. At the close of the program gifts were presented to the little girls, and bags of candy to all who attended the program.