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The painters have just completed the task of painting the interior of the laundry.

Conductor Vosburgh and his bandboys give an impromptu concert out on the lawn nearly every evening to the delight of all.

The carpenters have completed the second "bleacher" for our athletic field. They will make no more bleachers this season.

Quite a number of our people, young and old, attended the circus in Salem last Saturday and saw the same old elephants, monkeys and clowns.

The senate committee and representatives of the Indian Office will visit Chemawa next Saturday afternoon. The gentleman will be most welcome.

Mr. Hatch, a Salem electrician, has just completed the task of rewiring the laundry plant, with assistance from our school apprentices who are studying this work.

We are happy to acknowledge a most pleasant visit from Mr. Bruce Kinney, director of Baptist Indian Missions, whose headquarters are in Denver, Colorado.

David Brewer of Tacoma was a visitor at the school recently. He was trying to arrange for a game of baseball between our boys and a team that he represents.

Urban Brunoe and Frank Dumont, two of our apprentice auto mechanics, just recently overhauled and repaired the school mowing machine, and have a good job to their credit.

The junior class in domestic science gave two dinners last week, one on Wednesday evening and the other on Thursday. Both proved most creditable and and gave great pleasure to the invited guests.

The afternoon division of the boys on the kitchen detail enjoyed a banquet last Thursday evening. Tomorrow the morning division boys of the same detail will be banqueted. Not bad for either side!

We trust that others may feel the same regarding The American as do Mr. and Mrs. David A. Brown. Writing from Wanblee, S. Dakota, recently they said: "We find many interesting lessons in your little paper. We've used a number of them in our club discussions. We note a great progress in your work of educating our Indian boys and girls. 'Indian Progress' is the theme of our clubs."

Our two troops of Girl Scouts enjoyed a joint meeting last Thursday evening under the direction of their captains, Mrs. Middleton and Miss Lundquist. Mr. Francisco, ex-Scout official of our boy troops, was the guest of honor.

Mrs. Melovidoff's freshman class of girls in domestic science gave a tea last Wednesday evening, inviting a few employes and quite a number of their student friends. The affair was in every way an enjoyable event.

About 60 members of the Little Flower Society went to Hazel Green Saturday afternoon for a picnic. Miss Roddy, Miss Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders accompanied the girls and all report that it was a most enjoyable occasion in every way.

Next Sunday our baccalaureate address will be delivered by Dr. William Wallace Youngson, a scholarly and affable gentleman who is well known throughout the west. The graduation exercises will be held on the following evening, June 1st.

Just as we were going to press we learned that Supt. and Mrs. Ryan attended the Indian Pageant, "Red Pioneers," at McMinnville last Monday evening, Mr. Ryan as the special representative of Commissioner Rhoads. Some of our students were included in the cast of 125.

There will be one more issue of The Chemawa American this school year—it will be put out as soon after graduation next Monday as possible, and will chronicle the various events attending what is certainly destined to go down in Chemawa's history as a good year.

Our trio, Mr. Melovidoff and Mr. and Mrs. Turney, provided music last Friday evening in Salem for the reception given in the Masonic Temple by the Oregon "Business and Professional Women" at their convention. The affair was outstanding both as a business and social event.

Last week was a busy one at the Wigwam, and the girls under direction of Mrs. Mayne and Mrs. Melovidoff gave four dinners and teas—one on Tuesday, two on Wednesday and one on Thursday. All were most excellent and no doubt entailed a great deal of work for instructors and students.

Russel Adams, a former graduate, visited at Chemawa during the past week while enroute from Pendleton, where he now resides, to his boyhood home at Siletz. For quite a number of years Russel has been employed in the railroad shops of the Union Pacific at Pendleton.

Supt. Ryan was in charge of our chapel exercises last Sunday evening and gave in detail a talk explaining what is planned for our students next year. We gather that the academic courses will be strengthened, rather than weakened as many seem to have feared, while the vocational courses will be made far better in every way. It was a good talk and timely—of real interest to all of us. In addition to Mr. Ryan's talk a quartet of boys sang a couple of numbers, the choir contributed, and the orchestra was heard in a fine selection.