

FROM THE CLASS-ROOMS

The chemistry classes have been experimenting with a most poisonous gas (chlorine) and feel pleased to say that there was no accident of any kind during the handling of it. This gas was used during the world war and killed thousands of soldiers before gas masks could be produced. Both boys and girls of the senior class have now had their pictures taken and ordered and hope to have them all out before Christmas. If nothing else we will at least have pictures to give as presents. The Billy girls were called home unexpectedly a few days before Thanksgiving but managed to return in time for the big dinner and football game.

In Mrs. Lobdell's room the 7 and 8 grades are planning to have every student give a penny so we can help the Red Cross by buying a Red Cross stamp. In the gymnasium we are taking up basketball. We are also having first aid lessons. We are glad to have Mr. Lobdell back in mathematics class. We have finished reading the King Arthur stories and we are now writing a play taken from it. We are all taking part in the writing.

In the 8th grade we are reading the story "Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens. It is very interesting and we hope to finish it before Christmas so we can write a short play on it.

ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the Pootan Campfire have been working on beaded head bands. Five of our girls were in the operetta so we have not had our regular meetings.

The Winona Dramatic club, now under the name of "Scene Shifters Club," held a meeting on the evening of Nov. 21. The following were elected: President, Oswald Burland; vice-president, Irma Charles; secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Henderson; reporter, Catherine Bailey. The club began working on their dramatic note books and followed with the initiation of members.

Boy Scout Troop 8 had a fine meeting and "eats" on the evening of Nov. 28. Supt. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Gilliam, Mrs. Decorah, Mrs. Fratis and Mr. Bent were also there to enjoy the evening. In connection with the food the scouts are thankful to Mr. Kunkle and Mr. Theo Turner. Mr. Kleihage is scoutmaster of this troop.

DEPARTED

Last Sunday morning, at an early hour, Mrs. Mary Newell, aged 81 years, departed life here at Chemawa. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Mary Newell, head of domestic science department at this school; another daughter, Mrs. F. C. Farrar, of San Francisco, California, and a son, Gordon Newell, of Marion, Virginia.

The departed came to Chemawa with her daughter Mary about a year and a-half ago and until quite recently she was the personification of good health—being unusually alert mentally and physically. She was blessed with unusually fine mind and was of a nature to win friends. She was beloved by young and old alike and her memory will be with us in the long years yet to come. She was truly one of God's gentlewomen, and THE AMERICAN joins the entire population of Chemawa in offering the surviving relatives condolences in this bitterly dark hour.

SHOPS

In the month of November, the menders of bad soles repaired 669 pairs of shoes. The printers were taken into camp and we are expecting to do the same to the tailors.

The old truck building is being remodeled and equipped for a plumbing shop. The new deep well will be connected this week. This will be another source of water supply.

The tailor boys made the costumes used in the operetta and all are a credit to the work of the boys. A new civilian suit has just been completed by Earl Stanhope and John Trottier.

**LOYALTY**

IF YOU work for a man, in heaven's name work for him. If he pays you wages, that supply your bread and butter, work for him, think well of him, stand by him and stand by the institution he represents. I think if I worked for a man, I would not work for him part of the time, but all the time. I would give him an undivided service or none. If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage, why, resign your position, and when outside, damn to your hearts content. But I pray you as long as you are part of an institution do not condemn it. Not that you will injure the institution—not that—but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself.

Elbert Hubbard