

CHEMAWA AMERICAN

Printed at Chemawa, Oregon, and Devoted to the Interests of Indian Education

VOL. XXXV

WEDNESDAY JAN. 31, 1934

NO. 9

FORMER STUDENT OPENS OWN SHOP

John Frenier, class of '29, has written recently to his old instructor in tailoring, Mr. James, informing him concerning his recent advent into the tailoring business and also into the sea of matrimony. It seems John has opened his own shop in Sisseton, S. D., and is teaching his wife the business. He sends along as evidence his clever three-column ad in the *Sisseton Journal Press*. Our congratulations to John. We reprint his letter, in part, as follows:

Sisseton, S. D.,
Jan. 13, 1934.

Dear Mr. James:

I have been in business since last summer. Over a half year now and I am not rich yet, but I am not broke either. So after all tailoring comes in handy.

We started in one large room but it was too unhandy so we got these three rooms over the Parker Barber and Beauty Shop.

Perhaps you have not heard that I've been married for over a year now. I am teaching her to help me. She can repair, spot, and press, and she's getting good at feling.

I've been adding tools one by one.

Tell all the tailors hello for us. If George Nicholson is there will you tell him to write to me? It sure would be nice to hear from you. How is your family?

I'm going to start making suits pretty soon. I have already applied to a house in Chicago for samples.

How is Chemawa? Is there much change since I left there?

There's only about three-thousand in this town but it is big enough for us right now. Rent is low and that's the main thing. After times get better we can locate in a bigger town.

I sure was glad to learn that you were still there teaching the boys. I am sending along one of my advertisements. Well, as I haven't much to tell I will close here.

Your student,
JOHN B. FRENIER.

A PHILIPPINE CHALLENGE TO THE INDIAN SERVICE AND THE INDIANS

What may the Indians hope for from their Indian Forests?

How largely may it be hoped that Indian management will replace white management?

The question equally applies to the range lands of the Indians. Philippine experience may give the answer. The man who planned and executed the Philippine achievement is likewise an authority on American Indian problems—Lt. Col. George P. Ahern, U. S. A. Colonel Ahern thinks that the Indians ought to do better than the Filipinos.

There are forty million acres of Philippine forests. These forests came under American administration after 1900. Col. Ahern, who was Secretary of the In-

terior for the Philippines, deliberately went ahead to substitute Filipinos for Americans in the forests jobs, but as a means to that end he tackled the essential job of education of Filipinos in forestry.

This education has been supplied through the Philippine Forest school, and through scholarships which have enabled the most promising Filipinos to take advantage of the best training offered in the United States and Europe.

Today there are five hundred and fifty technical employees in the Philippine forests. *There is one American and there are four hundred and forty-nine Filipinos.*

Col. Ahern states: "The forty million acres of Philippine forests under government control are in better condition today than in 1900. Today, but five percent of the annual tree growth is cut, while in the United States as a whole we cut more than six times the annual growth of merchantable timber."

Secretary Ickes and the Indian Commissioner have announced that whenever practicable, and as quickly as practicable, Indian forests should be exploited through tribal operation instead of through contracts with white contractors.

The start of a training in practical forestry is now being supplied by the Emergency Conservation Work camps for the training of Indian foresters, to be run this winter under Indian Emergency Conservation Work. Scholarships for advanced work must be later provided, exactly as was done in the Philippines.—COMMISSIONER COLLIER in *Indians At Work*.

LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan entertained the student council at dinner on January 17. The councilmen reported a very enjoyable evening.

On January 25 a tea was given in honor of Miss Helbing. Many of the people present were associated with Miss Helbing's work.

Miss Alice Judd has just recuperated from a very severe attack of the flu, which kept her confined to bed for the past week. All her friends are glad to see her up and about again.

Among distinguished guests listed at Kola Teepee for this week, we find Miss Helbing, Dr. Hickman and Dr. Thompson. We welcome them and trust that they will find their work with us pleasant.