

# Chemawa American

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### —Editorial—

A person may say he has no time for reading—that he would rather spend his time doing more important things. This is no attitude to take toward the reading of good books. Reading is not a waste of time if one selects books that are educational as well as entertaining. If you do more reading you will find that it will help you in more ways than one. For instance, extensive reading will widen your vocabulary. Every book has new words that have not been read before by the person who is reading it. Books about travel will give new ideas to the reader about different parts of the world and the life and occupations there. Some books will give ideas of what people who lived many years ago did. It is always interesting to know such things about the world in the past and what is going on around us at present.

Millions of people in the world read good books and enjoy them. Let each of us be one of those millions and do some reading that will broaden our minds. No one in the world has as much opportunity to read good books as a school boy or girl. It is not too late to resolve to let the reading of a variety of books increase our knowledge.—LILLIAN MORIN

How much time do you waste? What do you do with the time when you are free from engagements or occupation? Many do not think it of great importance, but there are many people who have become famous through their hobbies that they had developed during their spare moments. Perhaps the greatest golf or tennis player at one time played only during his or her leisure time. Or perhaps some of the poorest speakers improved themselves by reading the better class of books during their leisure hours or minutes and are now recognized figures. Everybody could be busy usefully and profitably if he chose to work. By always doing something and occupying ones spare time, one will never be under suspicion of being at the wrong place at the wrong time.

If most of the students here really did something worthwhile, something that is of beneficial value to others as well as themselves during their leisure time, they would be doing exceedingly well and broadening their knowledge of various subjects at the same time.—AGNES HALL

In the novel, "Anthony Adverse," there are some interesting word pictures of Napoleon in action. "Energy radiated from him like heat from the sun. Everybody was positively electrified by it; swept out of their own orbit into his. The force came from the head, the eyes and under the elbows."

In another place we are told about how Napoleon dictated letters. How clerks were worn out and others stepped in to take their places. Napoleon paced back and forth, his head on his chest, his arms behind him, dictating. "The voice continued rapidly, smoothly, tersely, inevitably, bringing order out of chaos, hope and energy out of despair, changing the history of the world."

## SUPT. JACKSON AND MR. SHOWALTER NARRATE SOUTHWEST EXPERIENCES PLUS TALES OF "?" HOME STATE

The first chapel service of this New Year was held January 3, and conducted as usual. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Showalter spoke on their experiences while away on their trip to San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Showalter said they had a very enjoyable trip except when they reached Mr. Jackson's home state of Texas that he had spoken so much about. That was when they began to encounter difficulties and where they had to travel on their first gravel road, had to detour for the first time, and where the scenery was not much to talk about.

Mr. Showalter made his talk very interesting by telling the students about different activities in various schools in comparison to Chemawa. However, Chemawa was more predominating as a whole.

In Santa Fe the metal work shops were very impressive. Everyone was in his own place and was doing something. They were helping their teacher by helping one another. At Riverside they were repairing one of their buildings from top to bottom all at once. Mr. Showalter stated that they probably would not finish this year, but when they do it will be a very fine job.

At one of the council meetings they were told that one must be a very good mechanic in order that he may succeed. In order to be a good mechanic one must have at least four years of practical training.

Mr. Jackson stated that in beauty and otherwise no school they visited had more to speak of than Chemawa. One thing that impresses Mr. Jackson, is Chemawa's spirit of cooperation as a whole. Mr. Jackson balanced the laugh of the evening by telling about Mr. Showalter's experience in San Francisco where he became lost and missed his dinner engagement.

The whole student body was encouraged by Mr. Jackson for this new year just ahead, to do better—not good, but better.

The Washington girls won over the Oregon girls in basketball Sunday at the gym. The score was 6 to 3. Although Washington has played quite a few games, they have not yet been defeated.