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Editorial

As we near the end of the first semester, we can look back and think of all the things that we have or should have accomplished. Are you among those who are quite well satisfied with the advance of your work and studies? If you are, then we congratulate you and wish you much success and happiness in achieving everything that Chemawa has in store for you this coming semester and to the end of this school term. But maybe you are among those who are sometimes failing, or just getting by, or find the way hard or trying. If you are, stop and think of the men who had to fight their way from the bottom to the top to make this country what it is today. Take Abraham Lincoln, for instance. He never quit when the going got "tough." Many times he failed but he always strived to do greater things until he became one of our best loved and best known Presidents. You too, can some day become outstanding, if you start now to do your work right and with the thought in mind that some day you will make use of everything that you have learned here. Set yourself some goals, and when these are reached, set some greater one, always striving to do greater things. With this, and the ambition to do them, you are sure to go far in this world.—STANLEY WILLIAMS

Why surely there is a value of failure! Where would men and women be today if there were no failures—no value of failure? It is one of the best things that could happen to people—just like us.

Let us say, for example, that we have failed in some of our subjects this last quarter. As we look back and think about why we failed, we see where we have fallen in our trail. We know the reason for our failure. Then, because we know what our trouble has been, we are filled with the determination to overcome this obstacle, to go on and suc-

ceed where we have failed before. A good example of there being a value in failure, is that one of Edison's invention of the incandescent lamp or the light globe. His first experiment was a failure, as was his second, and third. But, he did not give up or become discouraged. Each time he failed, he was filled with that much more determination to succeed—to make the lamp a success. Each time he was unsuccessful, he knew what had caused his failure and he benefited by it. So it is that we benefit by our failures.

—MARJORIE SKAHAN

Telephone-Radio Training Begins at Chemawa

On January 13, classes opened for telephone and radio construction, conducted by the Indian Division of the CCC, for the purpose of providing basic knowledge of electricity as related to telephone and radio communication. The training will include practical experiences under qualified instructors in systems which are found on the Indian Reservations. At present, there are between 25 or 30 enrollees, of Indian blood, from all reservations of the Northwest.

Mr. Ray Rice, of the Yakima Agency, and Mr. W.T. Wilson, fire dispatcher, Tahola Agency, have been detailed as instructors. Mr. Jack Abrahams, a graduate of Chemawa, from Umatilla, will act as the boys' adviser in Brewer hall. Mr. E.F. Pillsbury, Supervisor of Telephone Construction, will be in charge of the classes, which will end about April 10.

Umatilla Representatives at Chemawa

The chapel Monday, evening, January 6, honored Superintendent RoeCloud and delegates of the Tribal Council of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The Umatilla Homeroom group were seated on the stage throughout the meeting and later presented questions which were answered by the delegates or Mr. LaVatta,

Dr. RoeCloud introduced the Indians of the delegation who spoke in their own language about the Indians who lived long ago, while Gilbert Conner, a graduate of Chemawa, interpreted for them.

Mr. Sheldon, the Financial Clerk, told of the financial standing of the Umatilla reservation. Mr. Gilbert Conner contrived the subject by telling of their economic problems, their self government, hunting and fishing laws, timber rights, and farming on the Umatilla reservation.