

CHEMAWA, OREGON,

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School "Takes Up."

The boys have come back to school  
And me;  
And a conflict of riot and rule  
I see;  
The whispered joke, and the stealthy grin,  
The clinging wax, and the crooked pin,  
The smothered laugh, and the buzzing din—  
Ah me!  
My profile chalked on the outer walls—  
Dear me!  
And the ceiling stuccoed with paper balls  
I see;  
The shuffling feet on the gritty floor,  
The inky face at the school room door,  
The vicious pinch and the muffled roar—  
Ah me!  
The question brisk and the answer slow—  
Ah me;  
The "I furgit" and the "I dun no,"  
Ah me;  
" 'N' four times seven is twenty-nine!"  
" 'N' Rome is a town on the river Rhine,"  
" 'N' George is a verb 'n' agrees with  
wine,"  
Dear me!  
Grinace and giggle, grin and wink—  
Dear me!  
Buzz, hum and whisper—who can think?  
Oh, me!  
Woundn't it be a better rule  
To let the boy grow up a fool  
Rather than send him back to school  
And me?

—BOB BURDETTE.

Editorial.

For almost three months the AMERICAN has been having a vacation and it will now again make its appearance at weekly intervals. We trust that this explanation will satisfy our readers who may have missed receiving a few numbers of the AMERICAN.

Never before in the history of the school has Chemawa enjoyed such a profitable vacation. Many of our pupils who have been out in the various homes of our well to do farmers of the Willamette valley have returned refreshed and with the ambition to excel in all they undertake to do the coming school year. Some will remain out on the farms during the winter and attend the public and districts schools under our outing system and we feel certain that it will prove a greater benefit to the pupils taking advantage of this opportunity as it combines all the practical education that the Indian youth will need in fighting the battles of life. The AMERICAN with the best interest at heart for our boys and girls may give a few suggestive advices to the students of our school, in trying to gain the point to which they are working. Every boy and girl in each department should take up their work as seriously as it deserves. No boy or girl can ever know to much about the vocation which he or she has chosen to follow in life, and the value of an education received in the school room combined with that learned in the industrial department is so great in this day and age that students are often unable to see and realize this until it is too late.

Every calling has its hundreds awaiting places and only the strongest, shrewdest and those with clearest heads are able to obtain these valuable situations. Every avenue of life is open to all young men who are not afraid to do the best that is in them.

Every one interested in the advance and importance of having good music will be glad to know that the Chemawa Indian band has been reorganized under the directorship of Prof. Stoudenmeyer with an attendance of thirty members.

The ever-increasing liking and taste for more refined and artistic music of our pupils is encouraging as it shows advancement not only in their literary and industrial life but in the higher, more elevat-