

Sam Morris and Johnson Williams two Nez Perce boys from Ft. Lapwai school arrived on Wednesday. They are bright healthy boys. Sam has entered the Carpenters Department.

The delay experienced by Pugh and Van Patten, our contractors, on account of cars is about over. They advertised for 50 teams to haul supplies and now they have all the cars they need.

Mr. Becker and his Engineer boys will be in the front rank when they have their electric lighting and steam heating plant enlarged. There will be three boilers, two engines, two dynamos and a motor to look after.

Mr. Campbell and a party of boys put out 6000 heads of early cabbage on Tuesday. Our friends may wonder and think it strange that early cabbage should be put out at this time, but this will give us cabbage in April and May. Such is Oregon climate.

James McMann left for his home in California on Tuesday. James is blind and has been here for a number of years and during the winter months has attended the blind school at Salem. Miss Dohse went with him as far as Roseburg, putting him on the stage at that point.

Major T. Jay Buford and daughter and Miss Lane of Salem were Chemawa visitors on Sunday. The Major is Deputy Grand Master of the Independent Order of Lions and is at present instituting a lodge of that Order in Salem. The Major is always a welcome visitor at Chemawa.

Our friend Dr. T. G. Elliott of Portland gave us one of his splendid sermons on last Sunday evening in the Academic Hall. The Doctor takes a great interest in the Indians and is one of his best friends. He has visited many of our schools and reservations and it is a great pleasure to have him drop in on us.

### The Alaskan Indians.

The Alaskan Indian Problem will soon be the question which will be before the people of the United States. Their case and that of the plains Indian are somewhat similar. Like the plains Indian of

the early days the Alaskan Indians were entirely self-supporting, free and independent following their vocation of hunting and fishing.

The salmon in the streams of Alaska are to them what the Buffalo were to the Indians of the interior, and just as the passing away of the buffalo so will the passing of the salmon fishing of Alaska lead to the pauperization of the Indians.

Anyone who knows anything about Indians knows that the Indian was not responsible for the disappearance of the buffalo. No one was more careful than he not to waste anything. Often have we heard the expression "That an Indian when he had killed a buffalo left nothing excepting the hoof and horns." So with the Alaskan Indians, they waste nothing when it comes to salmon fishing. They do their fishing up stream and since the white men have come in and placed their nets across his streams very few fish escape for Poor Lo.

The regulations prescribe that nets should not be placed entirely across the stream and that there shall be no nets in over Sunday, etc., but from what we can hear at this distance in many cases these regulations are flagrantly violated and the main sufferers are the Indians.

Their fishing done they have nothing to which they can turn their hands. Now is the time for the government to do something for these people before their livelihood is taken from them entirely and they are made a helpless people by the march of civilization. Education and civilization are supposed to go hand in hand. The white man is supposed to take the civilization to him, but from our point of view it is of a decidedly inferior quality, and the time is ripe for treating these people with equity and justice.

All kinds of athletic games are beneficial if indulged in to a certain extent. A school without good strong athletes is generally a dead institution. Young men and women who indulge in good healthful exercise are better able to solve mathematical problems and master their other studies than their puny pale face brothers or sisters.

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