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Editorial.

Thanksgiving Day will be appropriately observed at this school. A grand sociable will be given Thanksgiving Eve. Religious services will be held on Thanksgiving morning. An elegant turkey dinner which cannot be surpassed anywhere will interest and delight the pupils during the noon hour. In the evening a rare musical treat will be given the pupils by the Chemawa Cadet Band, in a special concert.

While the people of this great country are giving thanks next Thursday, to their Creator for the blessings bestowed upon them, surely the Indian youths of our land have very great reasons to be especially thankful for the favors extended to them by the kind and liberal government. They should show their true gratitude and thankfulness for the very excellent schools provided for them without cost, where all the comforts of a good home and the facilities for acquiring a first class trade and education are given to them. How thankful they should be for all this when there are thousands of poor white children in this country and others who have no home or even a chance to go to school and get an education. The Indian boy or girl who is truly thankful to the United States for a home and school will show it by being good, obedient and diligent in their work and studies, so that time and money

will not be wasted on them. They will also grow up to be good, industrious citizens of our country.

What is an education worth? It depends what kind of an education we have obtained. There are some people who possess an education that is worth more than an Alaskan mine or a block of real estate in Seattle. There are others whose education is not worth a dollar to them, just because they never thoroughly understand any particular trade or trade of learning. They merely monkeyed along, when at school carelessly neglected to study their lessons and learn a trade, more bent on having a good time than to get an education. When that class of students leave school they are unable to do the work required of good mechanics, or educated people, hence their going to school was merely a waste of time and money.

Our education and trade is worth five to ten thousand dollars to any one if they will use it to the best possibility and advantage. Indian boys or girls who can go out and earn \$2 to \$3 per day as carpenters, harness-makers, tailors, seamstresses, tailoresses, cooks etc etc, possesses capital stock to the value of ten thousand dollars. They may not think it. However it is a fact. Ten thousand dollars at interest at six per cent, will only yield an income of \$600 per year or \$50 per month. If a young man or woman can clear \$600 per year at his or her trade, then that trade should be as ten thousand dollars capital stock to them.

Are not boys foolish who waste their golden moments when at school? If in five years you can learn a trade and acquire an education worth \$10,000. How much do you earn each of these five years of hard faithful application and study? Your answer is \$2,000 per year. How much is that per day? Get a piece of paper and figure it out. Then think about it, and be more determined than ever to improve every hour and day while at school, because it pays.