

McBride Hall.

McBride Hall, the new Girls' Home which is in course of erection, was the scene of an interesting ceremony Thursday morning. The corner stone was laid and everything was done to make the occasion a memorable and impressive one. The cadets, headed by the band, marched in fine style to the building. The girls followed, also in line, keeping time and step to the music. The band, the choir and the employes occupied the temporary floor of the building. The program was short but interesting. Supt. Potter spoke a few words explaining why the corner stone was laid and why the building was named McBride Hall. He told of the effort made by Senator McBride to secure the appropriation and thought it only a slight acknowledgment of our appreciation to name the structure after him. Mr. Potter then read a letter which he wrote to the people, who a hundred years from now will probably open and read. It contained a full account of the present occasion. The letter was written in our superintendent's usual happy vein and was much appreciated by the audience. The letter, with a copy of the two last CHEMAWA AMERICANS, the New Years edition of the CHEMAWA AMERICAN, which was gotten up and issued by our deceased friend, Elijah Brown, a roll of all the employes and pupils of the school at the present time, the School Souvenir, Salem Statesman, Salem Journal, copy of the Girls' and Boys' Detail and Classification and Hospital Report, were placed in a glass jar by Mr. Campbell and all placed by him in the corner stone. Mrs. Theisz, the girl's matron, covered it with mortar. The whole school, led by the choir, sang "America." The band played Star Spangled Banner and the whole school gave three cheers for Uncle Sam. A photographer from Salem was on hand and used his camera to fine advantage.

The new Yakima boys and girls have fallen in line in good shape. Their splendid behavior and good manners reflect much credit on their school and teachers at Yakima.

The Dewey Lyceum met last Thursday at the usual time, and devoted most of the time to the election of new officers. Levi Sorter was elected president for the month of December. The constitution which had previously been framed by a committee, was read by the chairman, and was approved and adopted by the society. They then adjourned for the evening.

Mrs. Jay Lynch, wife of Indian Agent Lynch accompanied the Yakima party to Chemawa and spent two days in visiting the school. Mrs. Lynch is an earnest devoted friend of the Indians and has their real welfare and advancement at heart. She made many warm friends among the employes, and we all hope to have her visit Chemawa again.

The names of the pupils who came from Yakima Agency, Wash. with Mr. Potter are,—Nettie Hoffer, Julia Selatsee, Madeline Corville, Elva Hashnut, Georgie Girard, Willie Winner, Louis Gunnier, Henry John, Apas Gowdy, Seymore Gowdy, George Olney, Joe David, Harry Ah-lo-wich-es-cum, Willie Columbus, and Peter Jackson.

The Small Boys' Home has 100 small boys, and not one of them has been sick enough to go to the hospital this year. That is an excellent record and shows what splendid care and motherly attention are given to the little boys at Chemawa by their matron Mrs. Adair.

What was our night-watchman doing the night of Dec. 12th., to allow such a mean intruder to come upon our beautiful grounds and destroy the flowers and roses which abounded so plentifully? They were all dead the next morning.

Apas Gowdy and Harry Jacobs caught cold on their way down from Yakima and Mr. Potter thought they had better go to the hospital for a few days so they would get rid of the colds quickly.

Miss Alice Miller who left for her California home three years ago returned to visit her old school for a few days. We are glad to have her with us.