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NORTHWEST INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Chemawa Is Largest—Capacity and Average Attendance of All.

WASHINGTON.—The annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs contains a series of tables showing the capacity and attendance of the Indian schools of the several states, from which some interesting facts regarding the schools of the Pacific Northwest are gleaned. The Chemawa School, at Salem, stands fourth in the list of all Indian schools of the United States in point of size, having a capacity of 500, Haskell and Phoenix each having a capacity for 700 and Carlisle 950. It is shown, however, that the capacity of the Salem School is already overtaxed, as the enrollment for the past year was 569, and the average attendance 502. It is expected that these figures will be perceptibly advanced during the current season.

Oregon has six reservation boarding-schools, Washington and Idaho each three. The following statement shows the capacity, enrollment and average attendance of each.

LOCATION.	Capacity	Enrollment	Average attendance
Oregon—			
Grand Ronde	90	93	84
Klamath	101	139	114
Siletz	100	74	60
Umatilla	80	109	85
Warm Springs	150	111	94
Yainix	80	105	88
Washington—			
Colville	250	136	110
Poyallup	225	274	225
Yakima	150	151	124
Idaho—			
Fort Hall	150	175	156
Fort Lapwai	250	119	74
Lemhi	86	53	37

Oregon and Idaho have no Government day schools.

The Government day schools of the State of Washington are distributed as follows:

	Attendance.	Attendance.	
Nespilem	26	W. Qui'ente	31
Lummi	20	Cheha'is	15
Swinomish	38	Jamestown	19
Port Madison	29	Port Gamble	12
Tulalip	15	Quinault	16
Neah Bay	43	Skokomish	11

Seven Indian children were enrolled in the Coos County, Or., public schools, under contract with the department, and as many in the state of Idaho, although none in Washington.

The Kate Drexel School, on the Umatilla, Or., agency, with a capacity of 135, had a enrollment of 69 and an average attendance of 54. This school is conducted by the Catholic church.

The Catholics also operate schools at Colville Mission, St. George's, on the Puyallup reservation, and at Tulalip. The former has a capacity of 150, and an attendance of 56; the second a capacity of 90, and an attendance of 64, and the last a capacity of 150 and an attendance of 80.

In Idaho the Catholics have a mission on the Coeur d'Alene reservation, with a capacity of 150, and an attendance of 84.

Among the improvements made during the past year was the erection of a new hospital at Klamath, the extension of the water system at Yakima and general improvements, with ring bath, at Colville.

To increase its efficiency from an industrial standpoint, and give more room for pupils, Congress has provided at the Salem school an industrial building, \$6000; a brick dormitory, \$20,000; a laundry, \$5000, and an extension of the steam heating and electric lighting plant, \$11,000, all of which are now under contract.