

### Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year to All.

Santa Claus got around to Chemawa in great shape on Xmas eve. All day signs of his coming were in evidence. A great big tree was taken into the chapel and mysterious whispers and "goings on" were the order of the day.

At 7:00 o'clock there was standing room only in our huge and commodious chapel. The immense Christmas tree, filled with ornaments and beautiful gifts, banded beneath its burden in spite of its size. And the dolls and the pretty things set in rows upon the platform dressed in their Sunday best, smiling and beaming upon the eager little faces turned toward them. We all wished we could be little girls again and own one of the beautiful dollies.

Would Santa Claus come? This was the question on many lips. Everybody else was there! There was the tree, but where was Santa? A commotion at the door—all eyes and heads turned that way. There he comes. Who is the rolly polly little woman with him? Why, Mrs. Santa of course. Well we gave them both a royal welcome and Santa responded with a speech in his accustomed genial manner. He was in a hurry, having to visit some other boys and girls so taking Mrs. Santa under his arm they trotted off to gladden other hearts.

Then the gifts were distributed and a general good time was held until all had been remembered. Good-nights were said and all departed for their respective quarters with hearts full of Xmas joy and cheer.

On Christmas morning religion services were held in the chapel. An excellent Christmas program was rendered. The choir sang "The Gloria," from Mozart's 12th mass, in splendid style. Christmas Hymns and a responsive service were a part of the program. The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. held a joint meeting after the chapel service.

In the evening a band concert and phonograph concert was held in the chapel and thus ended a memorable and happy day.

### Reliance Literary Society.

The Reliance Literary society met in school room No. 9, Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 1902. The attendance was fair. The meeting was called to order by Vice president H. L. Lovelace. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There being no business before the house, as new officers were elected last week, the society proceeded to the program which was as follows: Opening Address, Simon Ellis; Reading, Joseph Wallan; Vocal solo, Miss French; Recitation, C. P. Regenery; Reading, Silas Booth; Pen Picture, Henry Lovelace; Current Events, Chas. Cutter; Jokes, John Harris; Vocal solo, Joshua Gibson. The question for debate was, Resolved: That the American Indians would have advanced more in Civilization had our government left them alone. The speakers for the affirmative were Martin Wallan and Haynes DeWitt. The Negative, Chas. Cutter and Simon Ellis. After an exciting debate the judges, Messrs. Teabo, Harris and Moon, decided it a tie.

The Minneapolis Journal in a recent issue contains a very interesting article concerning the Rapid City Indian School S. D., with photographs of buildings and superintendent and Mrs. Sam B. Davis. The school has made wonderful progress under Mr. Davis' able management during the last two years and is destined to become one of the largest Indian schools. Mr. Davis was formerly assistant superintendent and Mrs. Davis, teacher at Chemawa and their many friends here congratulate them on their splendid success and wish for its long continuance.

The young men of the Engineer and Tailor Departments gave a party last Saturday evening. The time was spent in social amusements. A little before ten o'clock refreshments were served. Every one went home feeling they had spent a very enjoyable evening. The following employes were present: Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Becker, Miss French, Miss Reason and Mr. DePoe.