

Miss Schieffelin writes of the good time she is having in Oregon, and it is a comfort for her to learn that her departure here is getting on so well without its head. In her last letter she mentions how of going west she had to keep turning her watch back, which made her feel she was going toward her younger days again. It strikes the Mon-on-the-hill-minded as a good way to grow young, and he is thinking of starting on a continuous journey westward around the world. If he goes around often enough he might find some back so far that he would again be young. Why not?—[Red Man and Relger.]

The Legislature at least one Clatsop will be enjoyed this summer by Indians, one at Oregon City. The Chemawa Band, Red Team, and a large number of students without, camping out for two weeks. The band, with, in for five years past, furnish the music for the association. We rejoice that the Indian boys and girls can have the privilege, and especially that they are "treated as a par with others."—[The Indian's Friend.]

OUT-RANKS THEM ALL.

Chemawa School Exceeds Other Indian Institutions of the Pacific Northwest.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., to the Portland Oregonian, includes a complimentary mention of the Salem school by an official of the Indian Bureau. The dispatch follows:

It seems to be the consensus of opinion among officials of the Indian Bureau, who visit the Pacific coast, that the school at Salem, Or., out-ranks all other Indian schools of the Northwest, and, but for capacity, ranks in the class with Carlisle, Haskell and Hampton. One of the bureau visited the Washington office recently visited a number of schools on the coast, and returned to Washington satisfied at finding the Chemawa institution all that

had been claimed for it by its friends. Speaking of it, he said:

"The Salem school is an exceptionally fine one. The plant generally is in good condition, and the new dormitory, which we called our 'summer hotel,' is not out-classed by any building of its kind in the Indian service. I was unfortunate in visiting Salem when the school was out in session, so gained my opinions principally from the buildings and grounds. Salem certainly has a desirable location for its school, and with a slight re-arrangement of the buildings, which will be made at an opportune time, the plant will be markedly improved in appearance."

"I was particularly pleased with the hospital at the Salem school. I have visited many Indian hospitals, but never before have I seen one that equals that in attractiveness. The school physician is a lover of flowers, and, by the exercise of good taste and some gardening ability, has enriched the hospital with attractive beds and lawns, which must be grateful to the eyes of convalescing patients. The same attractiveness prevails inside the hospital, and from roof to cellar I was unable to find a speck of dirt. Cleanliness is the keynote of the physician and nurse in charge."

"There is a fine opportunity to build an up-great school at Salem," he continued. "There is an immediate demand for enlarging the capacity of the school beyond what is now provided for. Plans are now under consideration for the \$25,000 brick dormitory authorized at the last session of congress, and this, with improved heating and lighting facilities, will provide every present requirement. As I said before, it may be necessary before long to move some of the smaller institutions and possibly erect a new hospital building at a point more isolated than the building now used. The present hospital can readily be used for some other purpose. The ideal hospital is located remote from living quarters, so as to be at a safe distance in case infectious diseases should break out among the patients. It may also be decided to ask congress next winter to provide a new and modern infirmary, to supplant that now in