

PROPOSALS FOR BRICK DORMITORY.—Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C. Dec. 13, 1903. SEALED PROPOSALS endorsed "Proposals for Dormitory, Salem, Oregon," and addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., will be received at the Indian Office until two o'clock p. m. of Thursday Jan'y, 15, 1903, for furnishing the necessary materials and labor required to construct and complete a brick dormitory with plumbing, steam heat and electric light at the Salem School, Chemawa, Oregon, in strict accordance with plans, specifications and instructions to bidders which may be examined at this office; the offices of the "Improvement Bulletin" Minneapolis, Minnesota; the "Chronicle" of San Francisco, California; the "Oregon Statesman" Salem, Oregon; the "Morning Oregonian," Portland, Oregon; the "Post-Intelligencer," Seattle, Washington; the "Builders' and Traders' Exchanges of Omaha, Nebr., Milwaukee, Wis. and Minneapolis, Minn.; the North western Manufacturers' Association, St. Paul, Minn.; the U. S. Indian Warehouses at 815 Howard St., Omaha, Nebr., 265 So. Canal St. Chicago, Ill.; and 119-121 Wooster St. New York City, and at the school.

For further information apply to Thos. W. Potter, Supt. Indian School, Chemawa, Oregon.

W. A. Jones, Commissioner.

The Chemawa Band is improving rapidly and an extended tour through California Oregon and Washington is being arranged.

U. S. INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL,
CHEMAWA, ORE., DEC. 31, 1903.
PRESIDENT OF MULTNOMAH CLUB,
PORTLAND, OREGON.

DEAR SIR:

In the early part of the season the Chemawa football team played a game of football with the Multnomah team and were defeated by a score of 16 to 0, which was fully expected, as the boys here were badly organized and not in practice.

The manager of your team promised to play a return game later in the season, as you have always done before, but we can-

not succeed in getting him to set a date, or play us the return game.

It is true our boys have improved greatly and can play a good stiff game, as was evidenced by their contest at Vancouver, where they defeated the soldiers 35 to 0. Yet we entertain too high an opinion of Multnomah's ability and courage to think that your peerless braves would now refuse to play us because of fear of getting defeated.

I sincerely hope you will persuade your boys to play the return game in the near future, as agreed, and prove that they are courteous gentlemen as well as courageous athletes. I am,

Very respectfully,

T. W. POTTER,
Superintendent.

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Up-side Down Chinese.

In the first place the Chinese live on the other side of the earth. Perhaps that accounts for their upside down method in everything.

The Chinese surname comes first instead of last. The Chinese begin dinner with dessert and end with soup and fish. The Chinese shake their own hands instead of the hands of those they greet. The spoken language of China is not written and the written language is not spoken. The Chinese launch their vessels sidewise, and mount their horses from the off side.

Books are read backward and what we call footnotes are inserted at the top of the page.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals and in mourning at weddings, while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

The Chinese compass points to the south instead of the north. The men carry on dressmaking and the women carry burdens.—[Ex.

Misfits at the Bargain Sale.

Nell—I stopped in at a bargain sale today.

Belle—Did you see anything that looked real cheap?

Nell—Yes; several men waiting for their wives.—[Ex.