

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to hear the beautiful song of the Meadow Lark. The 6th of January seems rather early for the harbinger of spring but the little fellow sang with all his might the cheeriest, happiest song as if he was so glad to get back to Oregon. And the Sun! how it did shine and sparkle and beam on the little fellow! It said to him and to all of us, "Here I am! don't you see me? Every cloud has a golden lining in Oregon, for I am just waiting to come out after my long winter nap and make some of you growlers forget that it rains sometimes in Oregon."

PROPOSALS FOR BRICK DORMITORY.—Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C. Dec. 13, 1903. SEALED PROPOSALS desired "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 Northwestern 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.

The joint meeting between the Deweys and E-telle Reels proved beyond a doubt that the younger boys and girls, as well as the older ones, of this school, derive marked benefit from their literary societies. Manuel Robles, proved by his speech that he is fast gaining a vocabulary by which to express himself. His argument would have been a credit to a much older boy. Peter Casey and Webster's Unabridged are not strangers. Surely study has its own reward, Evaline M'Koy and Fannie Sisk were leaders among the girls. The following is the program:

Music, Annie Hayes; Reading, Bessie Boles; Pen Picture, Tillie Souvignier; Reading, Robert Cameron; Riddles, Robert Davis; Jokes, Alex Dupuis; Riddles, Mary Jurha; Song, Patricia Nelson.

Question, Resolved:—That Education is of more benefit to man than wealth.

Affirmative.

Negative.

Robert Cameron

Robert Davis

Evaline M'Koy

Fannie Sisk.

Chemawa Base-ball Team.

The Chemawa base ball team organized Jan. 6th for the coming season. The team has organized rather early for "webfoot." But the earlier the better, and we hope to see the team add several more beautiful, shining silver cups to its collection.

Joseph M. Teabo is Captain and Edward S. Davis, Asst. Captain.

Mr. Teabo, catcher, has had several years experience on the diamond, as well as on the gridiron, and is widely known throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Two new men, Silas Moon and Sebastain LeChester, will try for positions in the first team. Both have played in good teams, and know what ball playing is.

Invitations from other teams will be accepted until the schedule is complete.

Prospects are good for a winning team this year. Davis, an old timer, is in good trim; Dyke is an O. K. ball player; Larsen, a cool headed lad, can show his work at the bat; and Morris the "whirlwind" pitcher, will twirl the sphere this season and do it well, too.