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We see by the Daily Press that James  
Wheelock, Director of Carlisle's Indian  
Band, has composed a new march, called  
"The Class of 1903 March."

Mr. Wheelock, who is a full blood Onei-  
da Indian, is making quite a reputation  
for himself and is keeping up the Carlisle  
Band to the high standard attained by his  
brother, Dennison.

In the January Success is published a  
picture of Mr. Wheelock, stating that he  
excels in playing the clarinet.

It has sometimes been said that Indian  
School Institutes do not accomplish much  
good. That we get together, pass resolu-  
tions, go home and affairs remain just as  
they were before. At the last meeting of  
the Pacific Coast Indian Institute, at New-  
port, Supervisor Chalcraft brought before  
the Institute the subject of Compulsory Ed-  
ucation, and referred to a law passed by  
the state of Idaho, which accomplished the  
purpose for that state.

As a result of the interchange of ideas at  
Newport, the Idaho law with some altera-  
tions and improvements, bids fair to cover  
the entire Northwest, and is now pending  
in the State Legislatures of Nevada, Ore-  
gon and Washington. In another column  
we give a copy of the law as submitted to  
the Oregon Legislature.

Compulsory Education is a good thing  
and is a necessity for the Indians as well as  
the whites. Among others the great state  
of Pennsylvania has compulsory education,  
and we note in the Daily Press that Dr.  
Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public  
Instruction, for Pennsylvania, has given  
notice to the school directors of certain  
townships and boroughs of that state, that  
the children of their respective districts be-  
tween the ages of 6 and 16 years of age to at-  
tend school, or he will impose the full pen-  
alty of the law. Good. Let compulsory edu-  
cation spread until every child within the  
borders of the United States, whether red,  
white or black is compelled to receive the  
benefits of this twentieth century civiliza-  
tion.

Jay Cooke, the venerable financier,  
always wears a felt hat of a pale fawn color.  
Three or four of these hats are given each  
year to Mr. Cooke by his friend and neigh-  
bor, John B. Stetson. They are made of  
the fur of a South American squirrel that is  
only to be captured among the heights of  
the Andes. They have to be so carefully  
and slowly made and their material is so  
costly that to buy and sell them would  
not pay.—[Ex.

The Chemawa American shows what the  
Indians can do when given an education.  
—[The Murdock.

### Complimentary to Indians.

The Harrisburg Telegraph says: "One of  
the most interesting features of the parade  
was the battalion from the Carlisle Indian  
School and had it been possible for Colonel  
Pratt to have heard the numerous favorable  
comments throughout the city he would have  
been exceedingly gratified. The battalion  
reached here over the Cumberland Valley  
Railroad at 11 o'clock. There were three  
companies of 72 members each and the fa-  
mous Carlisle Indian School band of 52  
pieces, under the direction of Professor  
Wheelock. The Indians marched and  
looked well and were applauded all along  
the route."