

The President at Chemawa

President Honors Chemawa by Stopping Here on His way Through the State.

May 21, 1903, will long be remembered as a gala day at Chemawa. At 5 A. M. everybody was up and by 7 o'clock the entire school, pupils and employes headed by the band were on their way to Salem where they arrived at 8:50 and took up their position at Marion Square where the President was to address the school children.

A few minutes past nine the President was sighted in the procession and pandemonium broke loose. The more than 2000 school children cheered the Nation's Chief, flags were waved and the Chemawa Band struck up a spirited piece which lasted until the President had taken his place on the platform. Judge George H. Burnett introduced our Chief: "Young America—The President."

Among other things he said:

"Now to you children, just this: I believe in play and I believe in work, and while you play, play hard. I think you will do that. (Applause.) And when you work, don't play at all. And that is pretty good advice for the elders, Governor, too."

Then, as the Salem Statesman says, he paid a splendid tribute to the 600 students of the Salem Indian Training School, as follows:

"And let me say a special word of pleasure at seeing here the teachers and pupils of the Indian School. (Applause.) In the Spanish war I commanded a regiment in which were fifty Indians of whom I was very proud, and most of them came from schools just as these, and they were such good soldiers that I am proud to say that they have shown their good citizenship

since (applause) and the fundamental doctrine of our Government is to treat each one not as to caste, but as to his or her worth as a man or a woman, and therefore exact from each to do his duty as a citizen. (Applause.) Now, you Indian pupils are being trained so that as you grow up each of you shall do his duty as any other man or woman in our land does his or her duty, and if you do you are entitled to exactly the same rights as anyone else." (Applause.)

In closing he said "Good-bye and good luck."

As he left the stand, Chemawa's band again played and the march for home, five miles away, began.

At 12:15 the President's train was sighted and it found the whole school drawn up in front of the entrance and by the railroad track. The employes on the right, then the band and the pupils to the left; the boys in battalion formation to the rear of the girls, who were supplied with flags. And then to the left was a squad of boys representing the farmers with hoes, rakes, spades, etc.

As the train pulled in the band struck up and cheer upon cheer was given with a will, the girls waving their flags and the boys their caps. The President was on the rear platform and was presented with a handsome bunch of Cloth of Gold roses with the compliments of the Chemawa Indian School. These were handed the President by Ethel Parrish.

Mr. Campbell shook hands with the President and thanked him for the honor of stopping and also thanked Hon. Binger Hermann, who was with the President for his kindness in the matter.

The President was observed taking notice of the working party and smiled and seemed to appreciate the idea. The train pulled out very slowly through the entire length of the grounds and the Hon. Binger Hermann pointed out the points of interest to him as they moved along. The