

School For Indians.

An associated press dispatch from Washington, D. C., dated May 25, says:—The Indian Office has taken up the task of improving the Indian School at Puyallup. A report recently submitted by the Supervisor of Construction, after spending three weeks at the Tacoma School, shows many of the buildings to be in a dilapidated condition, so far gone that they must be demolished. Others, with extensive repairs, can be made to do service for a while longer, but as he says, the plant will not be modernized with the expenditure of \$30,000 which is to be made. All the buildings are frame, and being heated by stoves and lighted by oil lamps, are in constant danger of destruction by fire. In general, steam heat is to be installed, and electric lighting or gas is to take the place of lamps.

Following out the suggestions of the supervisor, the Indian Office is now at work on plans for a new three room school building, which will accommodate the full 150 pupils, the capacity of the Puyallup School. Plans are also being prepared for remodeling a number of buildings, enlarging others, and generally rearranging the grounds and buildings. New buildings, all to be of frame, are to be built under contract. The work of repair will be done by the employees of the school assisted by some hired labor and the larger boys of the school, this course being resorted to because of the saving in expense.

Sewing-room Items.

The sewing classes have started making Cheviot dresses for the girls.

Susie Segiel was in charge of the sewing-room Thursday afternoon.

Mattie Hallier, Laura Reed and Mary Jurha made twenty-four gingham waists for the little boys this week.

Minnie Pamburn and Nettie Hoffer are making a very pretty dress for Addie Colfax.

Jessie Symington and Minnie Pamburn will start on the curtains for the "Mitchell

Hall" next week.

The sewingroom girls like to sit and sew on the back porch, near the domestic science room.

Miss O'Here says, "Girls don't forget to bring in your stools from the porch when the whistle blows".

Johnny Stacy returned Monday evening from Gearheart, Ore., where he has been attending the Y.M.C.A. conference as a delegate from this school. He reports having had a most enjoyable time.

Irvin & Petseys, one of the largest and most reliable shoe firms in Salem, are soliciting the trade of the school. This is the only large shoe firm that has seen fit to do so, and should get our patronage in return for the money they spend with us. Please call when in need of footwear. You will receive the same courteous treatment whether you purchase or not. Their store is situated at 94 State St., near the bank.

Mr. Westly has organized a suicide club among the gophers in the garden. He uses a gun in such a manner that all the gopher has to do is to go into his hole and throw some dirt at the gun and—he is dead and buried. It saves all funeral expenses and is becoming quite popular among these little inhabitants of the earth. Hardly a day passes but some member of the club commits that fatal blunder which no vermin ever repeats.

In speaking of the part taken by Miss Childers at the commencement exercises in Salem Monday evening, the daily Journal says: "Miss Claudie Childers completely filled the auditorium with the rendition of Mendelssohn's concerto, with Nellie Richmond playing the orchestra part on the second piano. "Miss Childers is a musical genius; attached to music from early childhood, and an ardent student all her life, she has great promise. Miss Childers is a talented young composer, and has some compositions to her credit of more than ordinary value. She has recently written a piece for the Chemawa Indian band.