

ability. They really need regular sociables more than the pupils to keep them in good humor, and proper working condition. Those who are too old and cranky to enjoy themselves in a social gathering and too old and cranky to do good cheerful, effective work. Sociables kill the disloyal cliques that infest so many schools and cause a general breaking down of the whole system.

You don't have to dance to enjoy sociables. There are hundreds of other innocent modes of pleasure for both old and young. The main thing is to get out of your "shell," where you think you are being neglected, mistreated and abused by others, into an atmosphere of sunshine, joy, merriment, laughter, jollity, and innocent pleasure. Then forget yourself and your imaginary troubles for an hour, and get into the pleasures and entertainment of the evening.

You will go home feeling like another person, greatly benefitted in body and mind. The next day at your work the pupils will notice the decided change, the sweet gentle smile, and your kind, patient, yet earnest manner toward them. When sociables and sociability do not exist, or even very seldom, look out for the meanest and most detestible qualities of human nature, sticking out as plain as mountains, culminating in rackets, squalls and general smash-ups galore.

The AMERICAN is not "hitting" the Chemawa employes in particular, because probably there is no school in the land where employes, as a whole, are more sociable, kindly disposed toward one another and enjoy making

pupils, as well as themselves, happy, contented and interested in their work.

INDIANS CUT OUT DAM.

The United States Government and the Great Northern Railway Company have joined issues, and the Government has made the first move, says a Great Falls, Mont., press dispatch. News was received today from Wolf Point, on the Fort Peck Indian reservation, that the Indians there, it is alleged, at the direction of the agent, had removed a dam and let all the water run out of the railway company's reservoir at that point.

The reservoir, constructed at a cost of about \$60,000, is one of the largest and most important owned by the Great Northern. The railway companies, several years ago, constructed a reservoir and appropriated water from Wolf Creek, and for several reasons recently the Indians have complained of a short supply of water for irrigation.

In order to protect the asserted rights of the Indians, and to give ground for a suit at law, the department, it is said, ordered the emptying of the reservoir, and in accordance with instructions, a force of Indians was detailed to cut the dam and release the water that was stored. This was done, and if the railway company should wish to retain the reservoir it must speedily bring a suit against the Government.

NO PLACE LIKE OREGON.

"Oh! It rains thirteen months a year in Oregon," we hear some anti-