

PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAYS.

The following letter is self-explanatory. We would be glad to see some Chemawa boy or girl capture first prize in this contest. Make a good, determined effort. It is well worth the trying for:

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EDITOR CHEMAWA AMERICAN:

The Oregon Society of Sons of the American Revolution has several times in the past offered prizes to the school children of the state for essays on subjects connected with Revolutionary History. The results in the past have encouraged the society to renew the offer at this time. Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10, respectively, will therefore be awarded for the three best essays in the order of merit, written by students in the public schools of Oregon, on any of the following subjects:

1. The Arousing of Public Opinion; the Work of Samuel Adams, Thomas Paine, John Dickinson and Patrick Henry.
2. Lexington and Concord.
3. The Battle of King's Mountain.
4. Virginia's Part in the American Revolution.

Essays are limited in length to 3,000 words; must be written on one side of the paper in the student's own handwriting and must be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of the school attended by the author, to the effect that the author is a bona fide student in the school and has been in attendance therein not less than four weeks during the school year of 1903-4. Essays must be forwarded to the chairman of the committee in charge, Wallace McCamant, 34 Concord Building, Portland, Ore., so as to reach him not later than February 1st, 1904. In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these three considerations:

1. Historical accuracy.
2. Manner of treatment.
3. Orthography, grammar, syntax, and punctuation.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished by

any member of the committee. The essay which is awarded the first prize will be published in full, with the name of the author, in the public press.

JOHN K. KOLLOCK,
THOS. G. GREENE,
WALLACE McCAMANT,
Committee.

AT THE CROW AGENCY.

Following is an extract from a letter by H. B. Disney, Crow Agency, Mont., to the AMERICAN:

"I came to this place last July and am now filling the position of industrial teacher and disciplinarian. There are about 170 pupils enrolled and the school is under the supervision of Prof. Watson. There are four teachers in the school room and are all doing good work. The little fellows are now learning to sing and seem to enjoy it. A few days ago I picked up a copy of the AMERICAN dated November 24, 1902. I wish you would send me one or two copies and tell me what the subscription price is."

Old pupils are returning, bringing many new ones with them.

The grounds around the Industrial building looks very neat and attractive and reflect credit on those in charge.

John Stacy will leave Anderson, Cal., in a few days with several new pupils.

Mr. Westley wears a smile that will not come off when he thinks and talks about his big crop of potatoes, onions and other garden products which are being stored in the vegetable house.

Talk about fruit, canned, dried, preserved, and green! You should come to Chemawa and see the thousands of gallons and hundreds of bushels put away for the pupils.