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ALWAYS strike when the iron is hot,  
and strike hard.

You never see good, sensible farmers trotting their large farm horses to and from the barn and the fields. No, they always make them walk, but teach them to walk fast.

How MUCH does it cost to give a pupil or an employe a kind word and a pleasant smile? Yet, think how we can make ourselves happier by being kind and helpful to those around us.

SOMETIMES in the Indian Service we are inclined to complain when we have to and cannot do a dozen things at once. It is better to push ahead, and do the very best we can, completing the work set before us as soon as possible. In that way, time, hard faithful work, good judgment and careful management will accomplish wonders.

Who has enough influence over the Indians on the reservations to induce them to paint their houses? It seems too bad to see nice, large frame houses unpainted. They had better sell a cow or a couple of hogs and buy \$25.00 worth of paint for their houses, which would preserve them to the value of \$100 besides making them neat and attractive.

IT TAKES a good deal more than talk and hot air to build an electric car line, and the citizens of Salem, Haysville, Kisertown and Chemawa must show their earnestness in this matter by offering the Electric Light and Power Co., of Salem, a liberal cash bonus, as well as a right of way, and the assurance of a large amount of business. Property owners along or near this proposed car line to Chemawa can well afford to subscribe to this project when it will without doubt increase the cash value of their land at least twenty-five per cent. This line ought to be built this year, and we believe the company would build it if the people benefitted by it would show the proper spirit, and do the right thing.

EVERY boy at Chemawa who has an allotment on the coast and expects to make his living on it in the future, should take a thorough course in gardening and fruit-growing under Mr. Westley, and dairying under Mr. Godwin, so that he can turn his practical knowledge of the same into dollars. The reservations in the Sound country, especially, are particularly adapted to gardening, fruit growing, dairying, etc., which bring great returns to the men who understand these important industries.

The Indians should learn to be good, thorough gardeners themselves and not rent their land to Italians and Chinamen who get rich off it.

### HE NEVER LOST IT.

We are glad to learn that Tom Scott, an ex-Chemawa pupil from Siletz Reservation, now runs and operates a shoe shop in Keswick, Calif. Tom learned his trade at this school several years ago. When he left