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### The 'Old Year and the New

The clocks were on the stroke of twelve,

The moon was bright and high;

A footstep broke the frozen crust,

A shadow passed me by.

I saw a veteran, lame and old,

Whose march was almost done,

The battered knapsack on his back

Was empty, like his gun.

The silver chimes began to ring,

I heard a bugle blow,

A dashing soldier, young and fair,

Came riding o'er the snow

The frost was on his cloak of blue

And on his yellow plume,

And on his sword he bore a rose—

A red, red rose—in bloom.

He halted where the aged man

Had fallen in the snows,

And icy winds had made for him

A bed of white repose.

He set the bugle to his lips,

The notes of "taps" he blew,

And then I knew that I beheld

The old year and the new.

—Minnie Irvin in Leslie's Weekly.

THREE CHEERS for 1906! Farewell 1905!

WITH THE beginning of the year 1906, the total enrollment of Chemawa is 500.

THE HARDEST thing of all labors is studying, but its results are priceless. It gives life comfort and happiness.

Now is the time to carry into effect new resolutions. If we can, let us change the bad old habits into good new ones. We know it is hard to break up all at once the old ways, but 365 days is quite a long time, and will give us enough opportunities to banish them from our lives all our bad habits if we are sincere in our desire to reform.

"HE IS TWICE a thief who steals another's time." Boys and girls should remember this when they prevent another from studying. If you don't want to learn your lessons, it is no sign that everybody is like you. There are boys in this school who would study a great deal more in their rooms if they were not inflected with visitors who drop in for a friendly chat before going to bed, and before they realize it the time has been filtered away. Take care of the minutes, and the hours will take care of themselves.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC are spending a great deal of money in improvements of its railroad system in Oregon. An additional appropriation of \$4,160,000.00 has been made by the executive board of the Harriman system for new roads in Oregon. The location, mileage and general plan of which have not been announced. This makes a total of \$24,000,000.00, which the Harriman lines will spend in Oregon for the years 1905 and 1906.