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THERE IS NO such word as "fail" to an ambitious boy or girl. But very frequently we hear some of them remark that they can't learn in school nor in the shops. They are the boys and girls that have not the strength of mind to "stick-to it." They are too lazy, to do anything that will elevate them in life. They are weak in mind and have no power to think for their future. On the other hand we see boys and girls who are trying their best to lay a good foundation for their future lives. See, they are ambitious and what will be the reward of their ambition? The correct answer will be "success." We all want success and the only way we can get it is to work for it.

THE Fourth of July is fast drawing near and with it brings the roar of cannon, the explosion of torpedos, firecrackers, in fact every known devise of which a noise can be produced by the aid of power. The small boys' heart bounds when he thinks of the Fourth of July its citizens rejoice and join in the fes-

tivities of celebrating this national holiday. If we were to ask the small boy, say a large boy and even many grown up men, why all this noise and hilarity? Out side of receiving the answer that it is Fourth of July many are ignorant of this true sense and meaning. This day does not mean a noise of cannon and firecrackers alone its meaning is far greater. It is on this day that all patriotic Americans recall the Fourth of July 1776 when the Declaration of Independence first made known to the world. It was on this day that the great bell on the Pennsylvania Court House pealed forth, proclaiming its inscribed motto, "Proclaim liberty through the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Thus we celebrate this day and now enjoy liberties which no other nations can give. How much we ought to be thankful for. Can anyone imagine the trials and privations suffered through seven long years of courage and strife by our forefathers in order to attain this liberty we now enjoy. Every child woman and man should know its significance and in celebrating this day remember the cause for which so many noble patriots fell that the country they might live and enjoy liberty and union.

Why is it that there is so much reverse opinion as to the meaning of the word Chemawa? Some parties say that it means low and marshy grounds, or swamps, while others contend that its meaning is happy home, both agree however that it is a word derived from the Indian language, but what tube its origin descends is another cause for contention. Who can tell us its true meaning in such a way that all such reverse opinion would cease. The swamps may have at one time been a very appropriate name but of later years who have had the privilege of Chemawa advantage and hospitality are of the opinion that happy home is the true meaning.