

### Commencement Day at Chemawa

The commencement exercises began on Sunday evening, July 29th, with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. G. Eliot Jr., of Portland. His excellent talk was very much appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present, his advice to the graduates being especially appropriate for the occasion.

On Monday, the school field sports were held. Asa Bagnell, class of '06, broke the school's record clearing 20.7 ft. in a broad jump. Other feats of agility and strength were accomplished, all proving that our boys can take their place among the best in athletics.

Tuesday, July 31st, the graduation exercises were held, and a very large crowd of visitors came from Salem and other nearby places to witness them.

They spent the morning pleasantly in inspecting the industrial departments where the pupils were at work. At 10 o'clock the band discoursed sweet music from the band stand and at twelve, those who had brought their lunch were sitting under the fir trees—picnic fashion—satisfying their hunger, while at the employees' club a regular dinner was served for the convenience of the guests, unprovided with a lunch basket.

At 1 o'clock the band gave another concert, after which the crowd found their way to the assembly hall, where the graduation exercises were held.

The room was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape and flowers, the bunting which was festooned from the center of the ceiling to the corners of the room corresponding with the class colors.

The class motto, "New Struggles Dedicate New Triumphs," The letters of which were in gold mounted on a light blue background, was suspended from

the ceiling over the platform while here and there, wherever they could be tastefully displayed, flowers and foliage finished the decoration.

The vocal numbers which were under the leadership of Mrs. Campbell, delighted the audience, and Miss G. Brewer's finely rendered instrumental solo was highly appreciated.

The six graduates, instead of giving the usual stereotyped class orations, varied the program, and gave talks on their trades which they had learned while at Chemawa, and demonstrated their work from the platform—thus following the suggestion and wishes of the Commissioner of Indian affairs. We quote from the Oregon Daily Journal:

"The regular graduation exercises were held in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. This program was decidedly unique and was along the lines suggested by Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Francis E. Leupp. The graduates, instead of giving the usual stereotyped high school oration, gave a demonstration on the stage. The girl graduate, Julia Selatsie, measured a girl on the stage for a dress and told her how she would make the dress. John Benson, an Alaska boy, actually built a set of stairs on the stage, while Leon Parker gave a talk and demonstration on engineering, and Fortunato Jayme, a Filipino youth, who is at the head of the printing of the school paper, gave a demonstration of putting out a paper."

The diplomas were awarded by Miss Estelle Reel, the national superintendent of Indian schools.

#### THE EVENING EXERCISES

At 8 o'clock, the assembly hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The aisles and every inch of space where a chair