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The steady reliable boy who always studies his lessons and is always interested in his work will be the steady reliable man who will have a leading part in the affairs of his country.

Don't loaf at your work. Some boys and men can loaf while they appear to be working. Throw away the loafing habit and when you work do as our President advises you to do, "Work hard while you work and when you play, play hard."

Authority has been granted for the material with which to construct a board walk from the school to the new electric line and the material is on the ground and Mr. Woods and his force of carpenters are hard at work laying a good substantial four foot plank walk.

When the next issue of the AMERICAN reaches its readers Thanksgiving Day will have once more been with us and the pupils will have enjoyed their customary turkey dinner. Some have suggested that Thanksgiving Day should be at some other season of the year, but but we believe that as conceived by the Pilgrim Fathers the purpose of the Day would be promoted by leaving it at the time when our barns and bins are full of the products of the soil.

Some of us may be opposed to football but those of us in Indian Schools who have noticed the football boys will agree that they are our cleanest young men.

In this column of the paper we give a list of table manners as formulated by the pupils of one of Chemawa's school rooms. This list of table manners is applicable to all young people and will bear careful reading.

In another column of this issue will be seen a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs concerning the formation of Bands of Mercy. This in order that all young people may be taught gentleness and humanity. We are glad that in some directions our Chemawa pupils do not need as much training in this respect as some other boys and girls. One evidence of this is the multitudes of robins that visit the Chemawa lawns and are unmolested during the winter months. But, there are many things that we, as a school, are lacking in and a careful reading and carrying out of the suggestions therewith will help us all.

Table Rules

The Fifth "A" class give us fifteen rules for use at the table:

- 1—Tell no stories that might spoil your neighbor's appetite.
- 2—Do not think of yourself alone, see that your neighbor gets something to eat as well as yourself.
- 3—Show not your greediness.
- 4—Be polite.
- 5—Do not talk in a loud, boisterous tone.
- 6—Do not lean your elbows on the table, sit erect.
- 7—Do not eat with your knife.
- 8—Do not reach in front of people for food.
- 9—Ask them to pass the food.
- 10—When you ask for anything say "Please."
- 11—Eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly as much for the sake of your digestion as for the sake of politeness.
- 12—Take small bites and don't try to talk with your mouth full.
- 13—Don't try to talk and swallow at the same time; the consequences might be disastrous.
- 14—Break your bread into small pieces not more than enough for two bites. Don't eclipse your smiling face with a huge slice of bread.
- 15—Be pleasant; it aids digestion and raises you in the estimation of your friends.