

## Salem-Portland 50 Mile Relay Race Won by Chemawa from Portland

Y. M. C. A. Letter carried in  
Five Hours and Twenty-  
six Minutes

MAINTAIN LEAD ALL THE WAY. RUN-  
NERS ARE CHEERED BY CROWDS ALL  
ALONG THE ROUTE.

The Salem-Portland relay race between the local Y. M. C. A. and the Chemawa Indian school was won yesterday by the Indians. The race was a close contest and the Association boy was only 12 minutes behind the Indian lad when he reached the Y. M. C. A. building. The race started from the State House, Salem, at 9:40 A. M., and the Indian runner reached the terminus in Portland at 3:06 P. M. The race was the first of its kind ever held on the Coast, and one of the longest relay races ever held in the country.

At 9:40 the two runners, Sidney Rasmussen, representing the Y. M. C. A. and Walter Haight, a Klamath Indian lad representing the Government school, were each handed a copy of a letter containing greetings from Governor Chamberlain addressed to Mayor Lane at the west steps of the Capitol. Both men started off amid the cheers of a large crowd of Salem people, took Capital street to Market, then on to the State Fair road leading towards this city. All along the road they were greeted with cheers. Crowds of farmers had assembled, and at the crossroads there was usually a vehicle containing some party that had traveled a distance to witness the race. The two runners, with the Indian boy in the lead, passed down the road about a mile east of the Chemawa School. Nearly every student in the school was there to

give the school yell.

The runners changed at a point about five miles north of Salem, and the Indian had gained seven minutes on his rival. The fresh runners followed the County road, passing about a mile east of Brooks and a half mile from Gervais. A large crowd was there to greet them, and as the first man passed through the crowd, a number of guns were fired. The Indian lads kept the lead, and never allowed the palefaces to pass them. At Canby they took the railroad track and followed the line to Oregon City. There they crossed the Suspension Bridge and came into Portland on the Oswego road. Here they encountered some very heavy hills, especially the Oswego hill. With the Indian still in the lead they passed through Fulton and came in the city over Kelly street. Then they took Water street to Columbia, Columbia to Fourth, then on to the Association building.

A large crowd was in front of the Y. M. C. A. building when Amos Smoker, the Indian boy who was to finish the race, came in sight. Cheers went up as the little fellow came in weary and panting after his long run. He delivered the message to the party on the platform, then hurried into the association building to take a shower. Twelve minutes later Frank Newell, the Y. M. C. A. man came running in, and delivered a copy of the same document. He, too, was greeted with cheers, and soon disappeared into the association building.

The first Indian lad was Walter Haight the second was Sam John, a lad from California. He in turn was relieved by Peter Seymour, and Seymour turned the letter over to Michel Wilson, a full-blooded Nez Perce from Idaho. At Hubbard