

## INDIANS LEAD ALL THE WAY

**Portland Runners are Defeated  
by Twelve and Quarter  
Minutes.**

In the first relay race ever run from Salem to Portland, the Chemawa team, composed of ten Indian students, yesterday defeated ten runners of the Portland Y. M. C. A. by 12¼ minutes. The exact distance covered by the runners was 51.3 miles, the average time being a mile in 6 minutes and 20 seconds.

The weather conditions were ideal and the roads in good condition when Haight of the Chemawa team and Rasmussen of the Portland Y. M. C. A. were each handed a letter by W. N. Gatens, private secretary to Governor Chamberlain, written by the governor to Mayor Lane of Portland, at the west entrance to Oregon's capitol yesterday morning. The runners started from the tape at 9:40 o'clock. The Indian soon took the lead, which was maintained by the Chemawa students over the entire course to Portland. At station No. 1, near Chemawa, the Indians lead by 5 minutes; at station No. 2, by 3¼ minutes; at station No. 3, by 5 minutes; at station No. 4, by 4 minutes; at station No. 5, by 6 minutes; at station No. 6, by 7 minutes; at station No. 7, by 6 minutes; at station No. 8, by 8 minutes; at station No. 9, no time was taken; at station No. 10, the finish, by 12¼ minutes.

The entire distance, 51.3-10 miles, was covered by the Indians in 5 hours and 26 minutes, an average of a mile in 6 minutes and 20 seconds.

The order of the runners was the same as published in yesterday's Statesman with the exception that on the Portland team Rasmussen was substituted for Backus as starter, and the latter took

the place of Wetterborg at station No. 7.

The time made by Haight of Chemawa from the state house to the first station, 28 minutes and 53 seconds, was within 28 seconds of the world's record for the same distance, 5½ miles, made on a cinder track.

A large number of people gathered at the capitol to see the beginning of the race and all along the route great interest was shown in the contest, the road being lined with men, women and children, who cheered the racers as they sped on their way. A. M. Grilley, of the Portland Y. M. C. A., and Rube Saunders, of this city followed the runners to Portland on bicycles and acted as official time-keepers. Assistant Superintendent W. P. Campbell, of the Chemawa Indian school and O. J. Wilson of this city, also followed in an automobile as far as Woodburn.

A movement is now on foot to arrange a relay race to be participated in by teams of various institutions of Oregon and to take place at Lone Oak track during the meeting of the state fair in September.

The race was to the swift.

The steady gait of the Indian boys won the race.

Jas. R. Smith, the trainer and coach for the Chemawa relay team that won the race yesterday, is deserving of a great deal of credit for the splendid victory. He was with the runners from Oregon City. Mr. Smith is the assistant engineer of the institution. He is a graduate of the school.

The crowd in front of The Statesman office yesterday, was not looking for election returns; simply anxious to ascertain how swift the Indians are afoot.  
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