

The Chemawa American

Published Weekly at the United States Indian Training School.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, 25 CENTS A YEAR. CLUBS OF FIVE OR OVER 20 CENTS.

Entered at the Chemawa, Oregon, Postoffice as second-class mail matter.

PRINTING STAFF

ROBERT CAMERON	WEBSTER HUDSON
CALVIN DARNELL	LOUIS JOHN
GUS BOWECHOP	GORDON HOBUCKET
JOHN MCCUSH	BENJAMIN WILCOX
FRANK COBURN	JOSEPH DILLSTROM
HENRY DARNELL	ALBERT DEMERS

It has been customary for several years past for the girls chaperoned by a number of employees to have a picnic on the Fourth of July at Lincoln's landing on the Willamette River about three miles from the school, spending part of the time in swimming and bathing.

The girls and employes went down to the river as usual this Fourth and were having a good time, about a hundred being in the water, when three girls Jennie Shutchagen aged 15, Anna Jessen aged 16, (both from Alaska) and Mary Krider aged 13 from the sound country, swam too far out and were caught in the swift and treacherous current, which rapidly carried them away. Rescue by boat was at once attempted by those present, and tho the girls were good swimmers, after a short struggle they went down, Mary Krider being rescued by two of the men who were present at the last moment and not until the other girls had gone down for the third time. Search was at once begun by means of

three boats and dredges, but it was three hours before the bodies were recovered.

Efforts to resuscitate them were continued for three hours, the nurse being present at the drowning, and Dr. Tucker the school physician and Dr. Mott of Salem arrived later.

When the news of the drowning reached the school and those who were celebrating in Salem a gloom was cast over them all, most of them returning to the school. It was after nine o'clock when the bodies reached Chemawa.

The funeral service, which was a very impressive and sad one, was held at 6 o'clock Friday evening conducted by the Baptist minister of Salem.

These two girls were good Christians and very popular. A memorial meeting was held on Sunday evening by the choir in honor of Jennie Shutchagen who was a member of the choir and was to have taken part in the cantata at commencement. The following letter was written by Annie Jessen last January:

Chemawa, Ore., Jan. 13, 1907.
My Dear father and Mother:

I will now take the pleasure of writing you a letter this evening to let you know how I am getting along here at school. I am well and happy and hope you are the same at home.

Well father and mother I hope you all are living a better Christian life and live in Jesus. I am in the branch which is called Subeam and I am learning about Christ so I can live in him and do what he wants me to do. Well father and mother may our Heavenly Father be with you all. As I haven't much to say I'll close with love and kisses to you all.

Your loving daughter
Anna Jessen.