

Warm-up Notes

Thanksgiving is passed, and what a jolly time we did have! The dining room was decorated beautifully and the dinner was excellent. One of the girls gave a toast "Go the Boys" (The employees said we scorched them). Joe McCorkle responded for the boys and he had the audacity to say that they did not mind our being here as we were useful in cooking, washing and mending clothes, etc. Ah, Joseph! we'll scorch you again for that, young man.

And now everybody is busy getting ready for Christmas. Flora Sooksoit says she can almost see Santa Claus coming down the chimney, and Miss Collins is wondering if we have brothers enough to wear all the hat bands we are making.

By the way, that was a dandy joke we had on Miss Collins the other night. She gave some of us "Company A" girls permission to remain in the reading room and work on our Christmas things after the regular bed time, saying she would come and tell us when she wanted us to go to bed. Then she went to her office and fell fast asleep. An hour passed, then another flew by, and still she did not come. But Mr. Charlie Jim, the watchman, did come and he would not believe us when we told him that we had Miss Collins' permission to stay up and that she was right in her office. He went away and we made our fingers fly faster than ever, as were afraid he would wake Miss Collins up. But he came back in a few minutes and said he knew we were not telling the truth because Miss Collins' office was all dark, and he begged us to go to bed and be good. But we told him we could not go to bed and be

good, because Miss Collins told us she would come and tell us when she wanted us to go to bed, and we must obey her. Just then Miss Collins came in and joined in the laugh against herself. But she says she has learned one thing and that is that she has the most obedient girls in the Indian Service.

Joe McCorkle says there is no nonsense among the boys. They are too busy for any foolishness. Perhaps so, Joseph, but we would like a sensible explanation of that funny thing we heard about Timan the other morning.

Mr. Westley's Lecture

On Monday evening Mr. Westley delivered a very instructive lecture to the student body. He first told us, not only how to dry prunes, but showed us the advantages of drying in a kiln over sun drying. He illustrated that the method of drying in Oregon was much superior to that in California, and as a consequence the Oregon prunes are better keepers than the California prunes. He then told us how to preserve the prunes from year to year by re-dipping and re-drying them. He had samples of this year's prunes and also last year's prunes that had been re-dipped and re-dried, and it was impossible to pick out one from the other, in fact the last year's prunes looked better than this year's.

He then told us how trees should be planted, grafted, and pruned, illustrating each step. Many questions were asked Mr. Westley both by the employees and students, showing a decided interest in the subject discussed.