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## Commencement A Great Success

### Twelve Graduates Acquit Themselves with Credit

The following excellent general write-up of our commencement exercises is from the Salem Statesman:

School work for the students at the Chemawa Indian school officially closed last evening, after the completion of one of the most unique and enjoyable Commencement programs that the people of Salem have ever had the pleasure of attending.

From the opening of the exercises Tuesday morning, when the large crowd of visitors who had gathered at the school were given an opportunity to inspect the industrial departments of the institution, until the close of the beautiful operetta last evening, there was not a feature of the program that was not of the highest order, and the large crowd of Salem people who attended the exercises, especially those unfamiliar with the work carried on at the school, returned to Salem with feelings of wonder and surprise, to learn of the remarkable

work that is being done there.

The exercises of yesterday opened at 9 o'clock a. m. with a field meet between two selected teams called the Amateurs and the Novices. The meet was closely contested resulting in a final score of 55 to 41 in favor of the Amateurs.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, a baseball game was played between the seniors and the faculty. The game was an interesting, one being closely contested up to the last inning when the seniors won by the score 6 to 5.

In the evening a dress parade drill was given by the school battalion. Although the battalion is made up of students ranging all the way from boys of 10 years to grown up men, the dress parade which lasted for several hours, was carried out in the most commendable manner, the officers showing a perfect knowledge of military tactics, and the boys following out the orders with a promptness and precision that betoken a zeal and earnestness that was most commendable. There is little doubt that one would have to look a long while among the colleges and academies of the country to find a student body composed of pale-faced American youths who could duplicate the performances giv-