

SAD NEWS.

FOREST GROVE, Or., February 10.—County Surveyor Levi C. Walker, son of Rev. Elkanah and Mary Walker, pioneers of 1838, and noted early-day missionaries, died from pneumonia here this morning, aged 59. He was born February 8, 1852. About 1871 he married Miss Bell Putnam at Amity, Or., with whom he taught at the Chemawa Indian School for several years. He taught also right after his marriage at the Siletz Indian Agency. He graduated from Pacific University in 1873, and for two years, during the presidency of J. F. Ellis, taught mathematics and chemistry in that institution. He is said to have been one of the state's best mathematicians. He has been surveyor of Washington County several times. Two years ago he carried out a surveying contract for the Government in Southern Oregon. He had been City Recorder of Forest Grove three times.

Mr. Walker is survived by a widow and five brothers and sisters—Cyrus H. Walker, of Albany, Or.; Samuel Walker, of Forest Grove; Rev. J. E. Walker, of Shaowu, China; Elda and Leva, teachers in the State University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, Neb. The two sisters are expected here tonight.

Cyrus H. Walker, the brother at Albany, was the first white child born west of the Rocky Mountains.

[Mrs. Walker has the sincere sympathy of her Chemawa friends in this hour of affliction. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have always been staunch friends of Chemawa and greatly interested in the welfare of all Chemawans.—Ed.]

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SERIOUS ENOUGH.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred in our school kitchen yesterday afternoon. One of the 90-gallon chaldrons, filled with prunes, exploded. Mrs. Brewer and Christine Boswell were in the kitchen at the time, but fortunately were unhurt. The chaldron is a complete wreck. Parts of the same breaking the plastering in various places of the room. Eight or ten of the large windows of the dining room were blown out by the force of the concussion. A large quantity of canned fruit was blown from the shelves in the fruit pantry. The walls of the kitchen were completely covered with prunes. It is supposed that the reducing valve controlling the steam in the cookers failed to work.

HELPING MOTHER.

Warren Smith helping his mama with her sewing;

Warren—Let me thread that needle for you, mama.

Mrs. Smith—Yes, you can thread it.

After making several attempts he failed to thread the needle. Then he turned to his mother and said: "I can not thread this needle."

Mrs. Smith—Why not, Warren?

Warren—Because he will not open his eye.

A few minutes later he made another attempt to thread the needle and again failed. He then turned to his mama and said: "I think it has gone blind."

Mrs. S. C. Cloutier, who for a long time was a teacher at Chemawa, sent kind remembrances to her many friends here by Sophia Hoptowit, who arrived a few days ago and entered school.