

LOCALS

If you receive an invitation and accept, convention requires you to send a note of regret, should you change your mind concerning acceptance.

The Engineers boys enjoy very much their encyclopaedia of engineering and magazines which they have in their Instruction room at the Power House.

One of our girls who had to use her utmost efforts to succeed in getting back to Chemawa, speaks from her heart when she says; "I want to tell you friends and all that I am glad I am back at Chemawa and hope I will succeed in my studies"

Miss Koester sprung a new one on the office this week in the shape of a word. Here it is, the longest one in the English language, Trans-mag-ni-fi-can-du-ban-dan-di-si-ol-o-gy, and it means "Transforming over and over again, she says. We have no use for this word at Chemawa.

The Industrial boys are very busy at present. Spring weather being here many things are to be attended. The lawn needs reseeding in places where the grass is tramped out; the hedges put in shape; flower beds dug and prepared for the reception of new plants, a thousand and one things attended, and that all at once.

The farmers are about six weeks late with their work this year, owing to the backwardness of the season. Now that good weather has come all departments of the school farm and garden are exceedingly busy. Mr. Swartz and his force are plowing and seeding grain and hay, while Mr. Westley and his gardeners have about finished spraying the or-

chards and have planted their early vegetables, consisting of onions, radishes, peas, beans, etc. Early potatoes are planted. They have six acres to prepare for strawberries and about the same amount of ground for loganberries. Late potatoes will follow, with corn and other staple crops. Mr. Burdett has a force of boys clearing additional ground for the farm and garden. The dairy force is busy caring for the stock and making butter.

LANGUAGE EXERCISE.

(Uncorrected.)

BY THOMPSON BLACK.

Robert Fulton was the inventor of the steam boat. He was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1765, and began his experiments with steam in 1793. His first successful steamboat, the "Clermont," was launched on the Hudson in the year 1807; that was 102 years ago. The journey was from New York to Albany. It occupied thirty-two hours. Robert Fulton's home was in Lancaster Pennsylvania. During the Revolutionary War, he took a great interest in the gun shops in the village. In the year 1794, he went to Paris where he painted the first panorama ever seen in France. He then began to make experiments with torpedoes to be used in war. He also invented a boat that would travel under the water.

He then returned to America. In the year 1807 the "Clermont" was finished, and the Engine was put in place. The vessel was 130 feet long and 18½ feet wide.

The eleventh of August in the same year was the day set for a trial trip. The boat was to steam up the Hudson River, and if possible, go as far as Albany. And it did. In 1815 when only fifty years old Robert Fulton died.

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