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The Origin of Thunder and Lightning.

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Once when I was about four years of age we were all kept in as it was stormy and it was thundering and lightening so I went to my grandma and asked her what caused this awful noise and who tossed the light through the air, and this is what she told me:

Though the Thlinget's are not fully civilized they still cling to some of their Indian ways. The eagle is the emblem of liberty and the crow is the emblem of evil things. Well, grandma said what I thought was some one tossing lights was just a large crow which blinked its eyes and caused the lightning to flash, and flapped its wings and caused a great noise, or thunder. For a while after I always watched out for a big crow and if I did see one, off I'd go and tell my grandma that I saw the great evil bird.

When the storm is over, they always call a meeting after which they place rice on the graves of the dead. They say that when it thunders it is the gods that are trying to let them know that they are displeased with them.

I believed all of this until I was taken

to the Sitka Mission where I was taught that it was not so and I learned to read the Bible and sing beautiful hymns. After attending school at the mission for ten years I wanted to come down here to Chemawa, so I could learn more of the world and not remain in an uncivilized condition.

LOCALS

Albert Garry put a point on one of the light plows for the farm boys last Tuesday.

The painters are improving the appearance of the gymnasium with a new coat of white paint.

Miss Francis Dugan of Salem was out visiting Mrs. Mann and children last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Norah Mann entertained Mrs. Newcomb and her daughter Fannie last Monday evening with her beautiful soprano voice.

The Rose Avenue League opened up their season last Monday evening after supper. The Unions and Tigers played first and the Union team was victorious. Miller of the Tigers opened up the season with a three bagger and Larsen of the Union made a home run.