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President Taft's Visit.

On last Sunday evening President Taft's special train stopped at Chemawa for about three minutes, and it is doubtful whether he received more of an ovation on his entire trip than he did from the Indian pupils of this School.

In anticipation of his coming strings of electric lights had been strung in the vicinity of the depot; large flags and Chemawa pennants were swung to the breeze and the pupils massed by the side of the railroad in front of the station. The small girls in front were supplied with flags and the band was in place ready for action.

As the President's special slowed down a continual roar of Taft! Taft! Taft! rent the air. The boys swung their caps and the girls their flags with great enthusiasm and it was not until President Taft had bowed repeatedly that the cheering ceased. Supt. Chalcraft and Asst. Supt. Campbell were introduced to the President and shook hands with him. Mr. Taft asked where the pupils came from and was informed that they came from Alaska, Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho and Montana and after some informal talk he was asked to say a few

words to the pupils. "Speech, speech, speech" called the girls and the genial smile of the President spread. The President then said:

Well my dear children I am very glad to be here. I do not doubt but that you are getting a good education here and I hope that with that education you will make the most of your lives. I do not know just what direction your education is taking but suppose it is along the lines of scientific agriculture and perhaps mechanical arts and trades, but in any event you will have the Government training in order that you may become good citizens of the United States. If you have that same feeling of patriotism as was evidenced by the waving of those flags, you will be loyal to your country and willing to die for it if necessary.

Now, my children you all look very healthy, and are surrounded with the best influences, and I sincerely hope that you will improve every opportunity and grow to be good men and good women. God bless you.

At the conclusion of the President's remarks he was presented with a handsome bouquet of Chemawa's roses and the train slowly pulled out. Immediately the band struck up "America" and the entire school joined in. The school appreciates the President's visit and his inspiring words will always be remembered by the student body of Chemawa.