

CROP PROSPECTS.

The farm and garden of Chemawa never gave better promise than the present season. The orchards are laden with fruit this year so that there will be a profusion of both small and tree fruits. The indications are that there will be an abundance of strawberries, blackberries, apples, cherries, prune plums, prunes, petite and Italian, pears and some few loganberries. The latter being planted last year. Green onions, radishes and lettuce are about ready for the table and new potatoes will be here long before last year's crop is eaten. Peas, beans and other vegetables are all looking well. Keeping the weeds down makes the gardeners' hustle. The grain and hay crops never looked so well as at present. This is reassuring inasmuch as this season we have in a smaller acreage than for the past three years, but Mr. Swartz says he thinks the returns from this year's sowing will excell last year's in spite of the reduced acreage. Next year with our additional 100 acres allowed by Congress this year, Chemawa will be able to take another step forward along agricultural lines.

FROM ABROAD.

The real opening of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation took place this week, when the fortunate landseekers who secured the first numbers at the great land drawing last August, appeared at the Coeur d'Alene Land Office to select and file upon their homesteads.

Promptly at 9 o'clock, Isadore Selig, of Myrtle Creek, Ore., who had drawn No. 1, filed upon an allotment two miles west of the town of St. Maries. John Hedmark, of Spokane, followed. He held No. 2, and took land one mile

north of Chateolet. Charles G. Cromwell, of Spokane, who held No. 3, took land near Cherry Meadows.

There was some delay in the filing, owing to the changes made necessary by the action of the Interior Department. Herman Neudauer, of Tacoma, was the fourth claimant, and Ella Maloney, of Spokane, took the fifth claim.

A party sent out by an Eastern publication arrived this week and is camped at The Dalles at Grand Dalles. It came down the river from Pasco in a rowboat piloted by captain Michael Martineau, a well-known half-breed riverman. Its purpose is to gather data concerning the Indians and it has made arrangements to visit the old Indian village of Wishkum every day. This village lies about four miles to the east, near the North Bank road.

CHEMAWA-WASHINGTON HIGH.

Last Friday we played the Washington High School team from Portland and were defeated by a score of 4 to 1. The day was far from being an ideal one for a base ball game, nevertheless both teams played good ball despite the slippery condition of the ball and the wet grounds. Outside of the first inning, when Haight threw wild to third with three men on bases, Chemawa played the Portland boys to a stand-still. Snooker, our regular second baseman, played a star game at the catcher's position. The Portland boys were gentlemen, both on and off the field, and it was a pleasure to have them play here. They were accompanied by Mr. Earle, who a few years ago coached our football team.

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