

THE EXCELSIORS.

The societies will soon be disbanded for the season and we will be looking forward to another year. The Excelsior Club is proud of its record for the year 1910. It has been, beyond doubt, the leading society this year and when others seemed on the verge of total annihilation, by the lack of interest, the Excelsiors were sailing on smooth waters. The members were always interested in the programs that were posted and many pleasant evenings were spent in hearing debates and mock trials, and in the transaction of the business necessary for a successful society.

Our meetings on several occasions were honored by the presence of the Reliance Society, who, with their Critic, spent the evening with us and who were generous in their praise of the manner in which we conducted our work. In our contests with our worthy neighbors we have played even, winning one and losing one. We are proud of our record. Our failures we construe as our successes for the year to come.

The Excelsiors were the originators (at Chemawa) of the plan for the losing team of a public debate to forfeit its colors to their opponents and such being the case we surely know how and when to do the honors, rest assured that the name "Excelsior" still stands for good sport and that we will deliver the goods in due season. Below we give a few facts relating to the Excelsior record. Out of a total number of 25 meeting nights, to date, we have held 18 meetings. Seven evenings taken up by other programs.

No. Members on roll	38
Average attendance	22
No Meetings	18
No. Public debates	2
No. Public entertainments	1

WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

During his visit, James J. Hill has reminded forgetful Portland of one fact that she ought to keep in mind. After his day's dash into the Willamette Valley Wednesday he said: "I never realized until today where Portland got her riches from." He added here "are two or three million acres that are unsurpassed in the world for climate and soil."—Portland Journal.

Another Indian murder in the Sibatz region, due to blind pigging, bootlegging and fighting whiskey, at Sheridan, Willamette and elsewhere leads the Dallas Observer to say: "Murders on the Grande Ronde reservation have grown so frequent in the last few years as to become notorious and the people of Polk county are becoming wearied of the ill behavior of the Indians and the constant drain on the country treasury in prosecuting offenders for crime."—Portland Journal.

PORTLAND WORKING HARD.

Try outs for the relay team which will meet the Chemawa Indian School team in the annual Salem-Portland relay race will be held next Saturday at the Y. M. C. A. The race will be held on Saturday, May 28. Under the leadership of Captain Fred Newell, about 25 runners are out every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights about 6:30 o'clock. They run about three miles over the residence streets. Next Saturday's try-out will be held over the Macleay Park course, which is about a five-mile run.—Oregonian.

[We understand they have a regular training table and since the above was printed we understand that they are running every night. The result of the try-out was not published.]