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## SALEM-PORTLAND RELAY RACE.

**Chemawa wins Fourth Annual Race From Portland Y. M. C. A. Time 5 Hours, 17 Minutes. Leading by 13 Minutes and 5 Seconds. Distance 52.1 Miles.**

For the fourth consecutive time the Chemawa Indian runners proved too fleet for the Portland Y. M. C. A. athletes and yesterday again won the annual Salem-to-Portland relay race. Although no new record for the distance was established yesterday, the time made, 5 hours and 17 minutes, represents faster running than in any of the preceding races, as the best previous time, in May 1908, was 5 hours 16 minutes 30 seconds, while the course this year was .8 of a mile longer than in the three other races.

The Indians led from the time the contestants left the Salem Capitol. The Y. M. C. A. runners, not having had the time and facilities for training as had the Indians, were not in condition to stand the gruelling pace and gradually dropped behind. The last white runner finished the race 13 minutes 5 seconds

behind the little Indian, Ben Bearchild, who first handed to Councilman Cellars the message from Governor Benson bearing greetings from the Cherry City.

The majority of the Indian runners added something to the lead which was given them by the preceding relays, but some of the Y. M. C. A. athletes developed wonderful bursts of speed and picked up on their opponents. One of these, Barnollar, who ran the course from Oregon City to Oswego, picked up 2 minutes and 55 seconds, while Mesegee, the Y. M. C. A. runner who preceded Barnollar, also gained 36 seconds.

### FAST MEN START RACE.

The Indians placed all their best runners in the first part of the course, with the exception of Bearchild, the little 14-year-old full-blood, who ran the last relay. This enabled them to take the lead

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