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MEMORIAL DAY.

The day was observed at Chemawa as in the past. Early in the morning the men employes, assisted by the boys, cut over forty heaping clothes baskets full of roses which were used in the decoration of the graves. At ten in the morning the school assembled in the chapel and the following program was given:

Hymn—America	School
Lord's Prayer.....	School
Original Poem—"Memorial Day".....	
Written by Hazel Butler and read by Matilda John	
Patriotic Selection.....	Orin French
Address	Mr. J. J. Swartz
Salute to the Flag	
Song—Star Spangled Banner	School
Watchword	

Then the line was formed. The band was followed by the boys in full uniform and under arms. This was followed by a guarded detail carrying a flag full of roses. Then came a company of girls carrying roses in baskets, after which came the girls and employes of the school. When the cemetery was reached lines were formed; the companies brought to salute and taps was sounded, after which the pupils decorated the graves. The entire cemetery was buried under roses.

The afternoon was spent in resting and some walking parties were organized, the band going to Salem to assist the G. A. R. in the decoration of the graves.

MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY.

Do you know what it means, this twining of greens,

Do you know what it means, boys and girls?
This strewing with flowers the grass grown grave,

This draping with garlands the tombs of the brave.

Many, many years have passed,
Many hopes and fears are past.
Gone now are the days of battle,
Of the awful roar and rattle.

Today the songs of the blue and the gray
Clasp hands and honor—Memorial Day.

We forget the pain and woe
As we live and as we know
That the fighting and the sighing,
Cries of wounded, prayers of dying,
Have brought the sons of the blue and the gray,

To join their hands on—Memorial Day.

—Hazel Butler,
Junior Class.

LOCALS

Miss Hofer of Salem and her aunt, Mrs. Elwell of New York, visited Chemawa during the week.

Mrs. O'Herron of Salem and Mrs. Giles of Nebraska City, Nebr., were among the recent visitors at the school.

Many of our boys and girls are picking berries around the neighboring farms. This gives them a chance to make some spending money.

Mr. Nelson Rainville stopped off for a short visit with his children this week, enroute to Eastern Oregon from Los Angeles, Calif., where he spent the winter.

Mr. Joseph James of Bellingham, Washington, visited Mr. Smith and family this week. Mr. James was a school mate of Mr. Smith at Puyallup school in 1894 while Mr. Chalcraft was superintendent there. Mr. James is a graduate of Haskell and is now tailoring at Bellingham.