

CAN YOU WRITE?

The American would be pleased to publish, during the entire coming school year, a series of Indian stories, legends, nursery tales, and bits of literary history which have not yet been published. There are many reasons why we would like to publish a series of such articles.

To the Seniors and Juniors of the academic department we submit the following proposition: We will publish four such articles each month. The papers shall be handed in at the printing office not later than the first of each month. The writer must do the work outside of school hours and unassisted. The papers will be passed upon by a committee of three impartial judges selected from among the employes of the school and who shall not be in any way connected with the American. The article marked first by the judges shall be printed as a "First Prize" story and its author given due credit for the same. The second choice of the judges will be published as a "Second Prize" story, while the third and fourth choices of the judges shall be given "Honorable Mention" and their authors duly credited.

Those who will engage in such a contest will find that the result of their labor will more than repay them for their efforts. They are certain to be benefitted.

WOOD BUTCHERS.

We are again lined up and have become acquainted. We have our work pretty well under hand. V. Curly is the largest gentleman on our list. He is working on a wagon and his labor shows that he can become a mechanic if he will but stick at it. A. Cuture is a close second to the above. He can be mentioned in the same terms as Mr. Curly.

C. Pluff is quite skillful. He has three wagon wheels turned out that would put in the shade a great many wheels I have seen turned out by men who passed as mechanics.

Frank Madison is a good worker, but he tries to do too much. Take a little more time. The correctly finished work is what counts, not the amount half done.

Matthias Simpson is one who needs no criticism, only commendations. His work shows that he is getting ahead rapidly. You know of his work last year.

Bennett Reed—well I don't know. He has not yet had the chance.—FRYE.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT.

Quite extensive is a task which the engineers and plumbers now have on hand. The old system of furnishing hot water by means of furnaces and tanks located in each of the various dormitories, etc., about the grounds is soon to be a thing of the past at Chemawa.

Tanks and furnaces are being removed as rapidly as the force of men and boys so employed can accomplish the task. Work is progressing nicely and pipes have been laid and connections made from tower to Small Girls' Home, the dining-hall, laundry and Brewer Hall. Work of connecting McBride Hall, Mitchell Hall, the Small Boys' Home and the gymnasium is now in progress.

The hot water tanks which have hitherto been in service in these various buildings are being removed to the tower. Here they are to be so connected as to operate as one large tank. The water will be steam heated from the power house. There is every indication that when the new system is installed it will prove beneficial in every way—more satisfactory and serviceable, as well as cheaper.