

LOCALS

Mr. Antoine Caisse was a visitor at Chemawa on Sunday.

The dairy boys cut some of the early rye for the dairy herd this week.

Mrs. Brewer and Miss Gertrude Brewer were Portland visitors within the week.

The painters have started to paint the small boys' home. After this is finished the little boys will move in.

The decorations in chapel on Sunday evening were very beautiful and evoked many exclamations of admiration. Easter usually marks the period of flowers.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer we learn that Frank A. Loomis has bought an interest in Quaker Drug Co. of the sound city. For five years he was connected with Woodard, Clark & Co. of Portland. The gentleman is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having reached the rank of captain of scouts during his service in the Philippines. Some six or seven years ago he held the position of disciplinarian at Chemawa for a couple of years. Nearly all the old-timers at the school remember "Major" Loomis and wish him well.

OUR FRIEND

Few there are at Chemawa who will not recall Mr. J. B. Johnson, of Colfax, Wash., who has visited at Chemawa on many occasions. We are in receipt of an article concerning Mr. Johnson, which appeared in the Spokane Spokesman-Review, excerpts of which we are pleased to publish as follows:

"I enjoy association with children so

much that I put in the most of my time trying to make them happy. I know from letters I receive that my visits do the children good and have proved inspirational to the teachers. My wife enjoys visiting relatives around Colfax and this leaves me free to travel around and visit schools.

"I have been in every section of California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington and am constantly in receipt of letters from school children in all of these states who show appreciation of my visits. In Colfax I keep open house for the boys and girls who visit me by the score, and one of my greatest pleasures is to show them the souvenirs of my travels, which consist principally of photographs of children and letters from them."

Mr. Johnson is a man of venerable appearance with a long gray beard. He is 71 years old, but says he is as young in spirit as ever. He was born near Valley Forge, Pa., and spent his young manhood as a farmer and school teacher in that vicinity. He then engaged in the lumber and mercantile business for six years. Following this he was elected superintendent of schools of Cameron county, serving in that capacity three successive terms, or nine years in all. He then taught school for seven more years. After traveling for two years he finally located in Whitman county.

Twenty-three years ago he purchased a farm on Spring Flat, between Pullman and Colfax, for \$5,500, which he sold later for \$20,000. Since then he has made his home in Colfax. He has visited nearly every school in Spokane time and again and expects to visit most of them during the week that he will remain here.