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COMMENCEMENT.

June has become the great commencement month throughout the length and breadth of this great land of ours. Every year sees thousands of students graduated from our various institutions of learning, and so it will continue to be in the future, even in increased ratio let us hope.

The greatest and best indication of the fitness of any nation to survive is found in the standard of education within the borders of that nation. Nothing will so quickly degenerate the people of any land as ignorance. A nation of ignoramous must be a nation of weaklings and degenerates. When you educate the mind you build character and strong characters, and many of them, make a strong nation.

Upon our own graduates, those who are to go out from the kindly shelter of Chemawa within the week, we wish to impress the true meaning of the word "commencement." Far from meaning "finis," it means "beginning." We admonish them to make a good beginning

—much depends upon it, for the honor of each individual and the glory of Chemawa, their alma mater. As a class we have faith in them.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bensall, of Siletz, paid Chemawa friends a visit within the week.

The mower has been started on the early hay at Chemawa and much of it has already been cut.

Mrs. Woods chaperoned five girls to Salem last Thursday that they might attend the Sells-Floto circus.

Miss Katie Brewer is expected to arrive from Tacoma tomorrow for a visit of some length with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Jones and Miss Wolfe were among those who attended the Portland Rose Festival from Chemawa last week.

Mr. Ernest Brewer came down from the Tacoma, Wash., home on Saturday and remained until Monday visiting relatives and friends.

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the Fort Totten Indian school. The exercises are to be held from June 23 to 27, inclusive.

On Wednesday evening the graduating exercises of the Sacred Heart Academy of Salem took place. The exercises were held in the Grand Opera House. Miss Pearl Robert, who favored us during the past year by assisting in our school concerts as pianist, was one of the graduates. Many of her Chemawa friends were in attendance on this occasion and the estimable young lady had the good wishes of all.