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AFTER THOUGHTS.

Commencement at Chemawa for the year of 1911 is now history. It was a time anxiously awaited by all members of the graduating class. No doubt but at times it seemed to members of the class that the day of graduation would never come. This was months or years ago. As the day grew nearer it goes without proving that these boys and girls, to whom the time had once seemed to lag, experienced many a little shiver of apprehension. It was but natural that such should be the case. But the day came—and is gone never to return.

Commencement day at any school is always accompanied by both joy and sadness—the joy of achievement, of triumph, and the sadness which comes with the parting of friends and breaking with associations which years have endeared. So it has been at Chemawa.

This office is interested in the class. We contributed a member of the class from our staff and we are proud of him. Henry Darnell has been a mem-

ber of our force for nearly four years and in all that time he never wanted to change or to try this, that, or some other thing. Henry always made good and was the valedictorian of his class. On account of his special qualities we hope to be pardoned for giving him editorial mention, but he deserves it. However, we are proud of the class, as a whole, and our best wishes will go with them. Let them continue to make history in the years to come on lines followed in the past.

LOCALS

The Grande Ronde Indian team was composed of boys nearly all of whom had attended school here.

Mrs. Fulkerson and her little son, Donald, arrived home on Tuesday evening from a visit of ten days' duration with relatives at Yacolt, Wash.

George Dowd, formerly a pupil at Chemawa, has been a visitor at the school during the week. He is the manager of the Grande Ronde baseball team.

Matilda John, an ex-pupil, arrived on Monday evening from Tacoma, Wash., to spend the commencement here. Matilda would have graduated this year, but she never returned to finish. Silas Kross, a brother of George Kross of this year's class, also came on the same train to spend the week.

Frank Souvigner of last year's class, attended the commencement here. He was given a big welcome when he appeared in a suit on Monday afternoon and played first base for our team against the Grande Ronde Indians. He performed very well on the first station and we see now that he deserves the position of captain of his home team, the Cathlamet, Wash., nine, which he now holds. In every way he is the same old "Soup."