

LOCALS

Mr. J. J. Swartz, former farm instructor, paid us a short visit on Monday.

Miss Renner spent a few days during the holiday week with friends in Washington.

Dr. McGaw was with us on Sunday and delivered his usual able sermon in the evening.

Father Pryor, of Mt. Angel, was here a good part of last week preparing Catholic pupils for confirmation.

The boys are having lots of fun skating since it started to freeze, but hope to have more fun when the ice gets thicker.

The juniors held a short meeting in their schoolroom on Wednesday morning and organized their class. The following officers were elected: Maud Lowry, President; Ethel Wilson, Vice President; James Evans, Secretary; Paul Kinninook, Treasurer. After the election, colors were chosen, which were Purple and White. The motto will be chosen later.

On Sunday, His Grace, Archbishop Christi, arrived on the early car from Portland to confirm quite a large class of Catholic students. Every preparation had been made to receive him in a manner befitting his rank both as a man and church dignitary. The services were very impressive and were attended by quite a number of our employees. During the service His Grace made a magnificent address to those present. His ideas as set forth on this occasion regarding the attributes of good citizenship are of a lofty character. We would be pleased if he could visit Chemawa at more frequent intervals.

PEARL HARBOR

For four years the great work of dredging and blasting out the channel from the Pacific Ocean to Pearl Harbor, in the island of Oahu, has been steadily progressing. Last week it was finished, and it is announced that now the whole Pacific fleet can find easy access and anchorage in the land locked harbor.

The bar at the entrance, and much of the channel has been blasted from the coral rock. A sum of \$3,296,000 has been spent, and 4,644,300 cubic yards of rock and other material have been handled.

By the time the Panama canal is opened all the buildings of the great naval station will be completed, the contracts for the seven industrial buildings being let this week.

Even then the task of providing for the safety of the harbor from any invading force will not be ended, for huge forts on the island will be needed to secure the harbor from land attack.

But when this is done this great outwork of the national defenses in the Pacific becomes a permanent factor in enabling the fleet of the United States to bring both oceans within its protective power.

On the last day of December we were visited by a snow storm and it has stuck with us pretty well.

Reggie Downie and his "hollanders" are again in action. Its hard telling whether the ice will get thick enough to hold him and his "hollanders" up or not.

Thomas Williams emerged from the hospital on Tuesday looking like he had not seen a square meal for weeks. He will certainly put the kibosh on his meals, from what we hear.