

FRIENDLY ATTITUDE.

In the "Book Review" column of Sunday's Oregon Journal is found an article of considerable heart interest. Although the article in question is taken from "The Redman" this fact itself is indicative of the attitude of the Journal. The article follows:

"The Red Man," an illustrated magazine by Indians, published monthly by the Carlisle Indian Press, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.—The December issue, which is just to hand, would seem, in make up and character of contents, to answer the much mooted question, "Does it pay to educate the Indian?" The magazine is creditable in every way, and can readily be ranked among the high class periodicals.

An article of special interest is found on page 137, where the superintendent of the school, M. Friedman, answers the objections of Governor W. E. Clark of Alaska, to educating the Alaska Indians in the United States.

Governor Clark claims that Indians that have been educated in the United States return to Alaska "insolent and indolent, and their morals are unspeakable. The native will learn the white man's vices much more readily than he will learn the white man's virtues."

To this Mr. Friedman replies: "Careful records have been kept of the few Indians from Alaska who were educated at Carlisle, and the records they have made since their return to their homes, and are making now, are ample vindication of the government's aim of giving these Indians a practical education both in farming and the trades. These records, based on the accomplishments of the individual boy or girl, demonstrate that the Alaskan returned students have suc-

ceeded, either as self-supporting citizens or as leaders and teachers among their people." The writer then backs his statement up with numerous authenticated incidents from the records that have been kept, thereby seeming to have entirely the best of the controversy. If Governor Clark's opinions should obtain, when carried into other things, the wheels of progress would stop. Like too many, who see but the surface and judge the whole from the exceptional case, Governor Clark has undoubtedly formed his opinion, which of course could not be valued as compared with the superintendent of the school, whose business it is to follow these cases up. Many a white boy has come back to his country home from college a "smart Aleck, having learned what is not and never will be of any use to him," yet the college and its teachings are not condemned and tabooed; and while an individual may occasionally be harmed by greater opportunity, no country and no people can fail to be benefited by giving its children the broadest opportunity and most liberal education, be he red, white or black.

Chemawa can give some splendid examples of the benefit of educating the Alaska Indian in the United States, and, faulty as our Indian policy has often been, in our schools as in the reservation, there has always been a steady move forward, and Mr. Friedman is eminently right in the position he takes as opposed to the views of Alaska's governor.

The Blues and Reds, girls' teams, played their first game of the season on Wednesday evening. Both teams played very well and new players were in the game. The Reds won by a score of 6 to 0.