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Chemawa Takes First Prize

As was mentioned in our last issue, Chemawa was well represented with floats at the Salem Cherry Fair. The fete was a three-day-session affair and immense crowds were in attendance. We had four floats in the procession, which took place on Friday afternoon. One of our floats was given over to our harness-making department, another to the carpenter shop and the blacksmith shop combined, while still another represented the hospital, domestic science and sewing-room departments. The fourth float was representative of our vegetable products, and this float won the first prize. Taking first prize was certainly no light honor. When it is taken into account that we were in competition with Salem and all of Marion and Polk counties we cannot help feeling that this is most creditable to our school in every way. We are all proud and well pleased to have been thus honored.

The following excerpts from the Statesman of July 13th give additional details:

"The Chemawa Indian Training School won the first prize offered for the best decorated and original float. The school

certainly deserved the honor awarded it, there being not only beautifully decorated floats presented by it, but the originality and finish of its display was both interesting and entirely out of the ordinary. Probably the most original float in the Indian School's collection was that representing the institution's medical department. Nurses gowned in the regulation garments, an operating chair, and in fact every article pertaining to the equipment of an up-to-date hospital was arranged on the float.

"Chemawa also did herself proud in producing a float representing the agricultural resources of the school. A large float covered with every conceivable vegetable was in the parade and the spectators gave this feature due consideration by applauding loudly. The school also displayed its harness department, wood work classes and its industrial work on floats."

Ray White has returned to his California home to spend his vacation. He will return to Chemawa in the fall.

A lawn social was enjoyed by the boys and girls on the evening of July 16. There is not the least doubt but they all had a good time.