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LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

PIONEER LIFE IN THE LATE SIXTIES.

(A True Story by Chelnesha M. Olsen.)

The old stockade on the Sevier has long since gone to ruin. It is now a little less than a half a century since that fateful summer, when the Cheyenne lurked in every shadow and in the sage-brush surrounding the town, ready to spring upon the ambitious settler who ventured from the stockade to find some food for the half-starved settlers, or ventured out to his badly suffering crops long ago left to the mercy of the savages who swooped down upon the little town of Richland.

And the settlers! Only a few are still living who remember when the men wore rough beards, hunting shirts, weather-beaten and often stained with blood; when the women often went barefooted and wore homespun gowns, for the nearest store was almost one hundred miles distant and could not be reached without great risk of life. Many were those who, driven to desperation, ventured forth, and whose tortured bodies were found later by the scouts. The children, too, seemed to comprehend the danger, and stood the sufferings of the settlement as staunchly as did the grown people, often showing marvelous bravery.

There were not many horses in the town, especially those fit for Indian warfare. Several of the fastest were owned by Jacob Schmidt, who was considered one of the bravest and most useful men in the town. He devoted his time to carrying dispatches from Richland to the surrounding settlements, and rode through the Indian infested hills and valleys, lying close to his horse's back to escape the flying bullets of the Indians. He would grow white with hatred at the mention of the "red devils," as he termed them. Two years before, while Schmidt was absent from home, his wife and three small chil-

dren had been murdered by the savages, and his oldest daughter, then a girl of thirteen years, had been taken into captivity. He later recaptured his daughter, at the same time killing ten of the Indians. Mary inherited her father's bravery; it was she who cared for the horses while her father was engaged in carrying the dispatches.

One morning Schmidt learned from a renegade Indian that a neighboring settlement was to be attacked by the Cheyennes that night, and leaping upon his already saddled steed he hastened with the warning. The day passed, it began to grow late; the sun began to lower, the shadows were lengthening, the sun dropped behind the trees, and still Schmidt had not returned. "What had happened?" the settlers asked one another, for Schmidt was long over due! "Had the Indians killed him?"

"He is coming," shouted one of the men.

All eyes turned to the direction in which he pointed. Dimly outlined in the distance they beheld a man on horseback coming toward them very swiftly. If it were Schmidt, why was he coming so fast? The rider was within a few vards and the horse was heaving as if it had run a great distance. The man was not Schmidt, but another who had been out scouting and had discovered that it was upon this settlement that the attack was to be made. Schmidt was still out and a dispatch had to be sent for help to Centreville, eighteen miles away, to summon the company of soldiers. Not a man in the town would venture, for the Indians were everywhere and it would be certain death, they thought. Something had to be done, and that quickly.

"Look!" cried a voice.

Everyone was speechless as they gazed after a woman's form on a black horse, fast receding in the moonlight.

"It's Mary," they whispered, "on black Bess. She's taking the dispatch!"

About two hours after the girl's disappearance Schmidt returned. Upon hearing of his daughter's departure he became frantic and

was prevented from remounting his horse and following her by the men, who had all they could do to hold him. He had not slept for three nights and four days, having been carrying messages constantly, but his Mary needed his help.

The news of the danger spread over the little town like magic. Men, women and children rushed to the fort. A shot told them that the red men had been sighted. The fields were still dotted with running figures when a volley, and still another, came. As those inside the stockade watched the stream of settlers dash inside the gate they grew cold at the sound which haunted them in their dreams at night-the warwhoop. The deep, hideous gutteral notes of the scalp hallaoing rose and fell with a terrible fierceness. Nearer and nearer came the savages, yelling like demons. Before the rushing savages were a few settlers who had not yet reached the gate. All in, the gate closed with a bang, and instantaneously a shower of bullets beat against it like hail.

Inside the stockade there was no confusion. even the little children kept quiet and out of the way. Every man was at his loophole, and every man, too, was aware that every shot he fired must count, for the supply of powder was getting low. The women and older children busied themselves in making bullets and loading the guns for the men at the loopholes. Over all the moon and stars looked down in solemn dignity.

Fiercer grew the fight, and lower grew the powder supply. Although this little band of pioneers were doing deadly work there were always plenty of redskins to take the place of the ones who dropped. But the supply of powder was fast giving out.

Suddenly the impish yelling ceased. Those on watch could see in the moonlight the skulking black forms moving away in the distance. It was too much to hope that the Indians had given up.

"Wonder what their little game is now?"

said Schmidt. "You may depend upon it, they are up to some new deviltry."

It was a period of intense stillness and fearful suspense; the settlers hardly dared to breathe freely. Nor did the strict vigilance lax; every man at his loophole strained his eyes, peering out into the dim moonlight to detect some sneaking savage.

Where was Mary? Was one of those skulking redskins wearing her scalp? or had she succeeded in reaching the soldiers at Centreville? If help would only arrive in time! was the muttered prayer.

They waited an hour—maybe two. It seemed ages to the waiting townspeople. A white-faced woman ran out of her cabin, and in an awe-stricken whisper: "They're boring under the stockade." Which investigation proved to be true, for a stealthy, crunching sound fell upon their listening ears. So this was their scheme.

Two silent, determined men took their places near where they thought the hole would be made. The noise kept on at intervals. Men. women and children took places at the walls to listen for that grinding sound. Several other places were discovered, at each place two men knelt with axes raised to kill the first Indian to come from under the wall. Through the loopholes the watchers could see several black wriggling forms making their way through the grass to the wall. They were becoming bolder again and the silhouettes of several forms carrying something toward the stockade could be seen. They did not have to wait long for soon they smelt smoke. It was small pieces of wood the Indians had carried and they were starting fires all around the walls. Now they were carrying poles. What was to be done? No powder to shoot with and the Indians about to burn up the fort, and climb over the walls by means of poles.

In the cabin where the digging and boring was first heard, the ground was beginning toloosen. A small light was made, showing the guards what the Indians were doing. Finally the ground caved in. The earth was quickly taken out of the hole from the outside and two feathers poked through. Higher and higher they lifted; then a cruel face. The men made quick use of their weapons; then settled to watch once more. After some time had elapsed the dead body of the Indian disappeared and a hideous yell rent the air. Once again the deep gutteral sound of the warwhoop seemed to come from every side.

It was almost daylight. Several feathered heads were seen slowly rising over the stockade wall. The settlers waited breathlessly. They were helpless, and knew now that they would be massacred if help did not come immediately.

Suddenly the fearful yelling stopped. A volley rang out some distance away. Soon another volley; this time very much nearer. A flash of hope brightened the solemn faces of the besieged pioneers. Could it really be help coming or was it another band of the Cheyennes? The Indians seemd to be dissatisfied. They hesitated a moment, and then they could be seen running hither and thither in a confused way. There was a rush, not at the fort this time, but to the heavy woods, for there, riding across the fields. came a band of soldiers.

A great cheer came from the townsmen in the stockade as they watched their rescuers rush triumphantly toward the gate, which was swung open to meet them, and the first to enter was Mary. At the sight of her three rousing cheers were given.

She had insisted upon returning with the soldiers, knowing that her father would be uneasy until he had her with him again.

SENIOR TROUBLES.

The close of each school year finds many impatient Seniors daily visiting the various departments in quest of grades, credits, recommendations, assistance on this and other numerous requirements that so concern members of that class. Already have those elderly people versed in pedagogy begun to ply their magic

quest to the end of securing that which fits a Normal student for "abnormal" life. At almost any period of the day one may see some members of the faculty, closely and secretly interviewed by a judicious Senior. It may be that the conference is with the teacher in mathematics, when such a question as "Do you think I display marked ability in mathematics?" is asked.

The question comes similarly to the department of education when one asked, "Do you think I will make a psychological reasoner?" These and many other worries make the life of the average Senior as busy as a bee in June. Here is the rehearsing of the events that are dated for the near future, as we overheard them betwen two Seniors:

"Oh, just think what we have before us; there are our finals, and our back work will all have to be made up soon. I'm conditioned in gym., also in agriculture because my grafts didn't grow; then we have to have the outlines for our theses in by the fifteenth of April, and the girls think they won't give us longer than the tenth of May to have our graduating dresses finished. And besides this we'll have to get our pictures taken before school closes; then there's the Junior banquet; do hope I'll be able to eat. But just think of the applications we'll have to send out. Oh! I'll be glad when it's over."

ALUMNI. And Undergraduates.

(By Clara Tarte.)

Misses Nora Corbett and Helen Goldwaith are teaching at Buckley, Wash.

Miss Jessie Jamison is now Mrs. G. Eames and is living in California.

Mr. Martin Korstad is practicing law in Seattle. Mr. Korstad is in the same city, engaged in the manufacturing of artificial limbs.

Miss Laura Grant is teaching at Prosser. Wash.

Mr. Kibbe is now married and is principal of a school at Tumwater, Wash.

Misses Jessie Bryant and Frances Moncrief are teaching in Olympia, Wash.

Miss Anna Walden is teaching at North Yakima, Wash.

Miss Bertha Johnson is teaching near Burlington, Wash.

Miss Edna Cochel, of Mt. Vernon, is married to Mr. Wycoff.

Miss Maude Drake was called home a few days ago on account of her father's illness.

Miss Lillian Miller, '01, is teaching in the Seattle High school.

Mr. Lucius Jones is married and living at Nooksack, Wash.

Miss Grace Dickey is teaching in Seattle.

Mrs. Meyers is teaching at East Sound, Wash.

Mr. Earl Morris is attending an art school at Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Josie Little and Mr. Walter Wells were recently married.

Miss Ammie Lowe is teaching at Walla Walla. Miss Gladys Patric has had to give up her work and go south for her health.

Miss Edna Andett is teaching at West Seattle, Wash.



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EDITORIAL.

Nine years ago, when this school first came into existence, Dr. Mathes was chosen the administrative head. Dr. Mathes was then occupying the chair of history in the Idaho Normal School at Lewiston. The choice has proven to be a wise one. Under his farseeing and conscientious management the school has prospered greatly. This Normal is the only one in the state that has had but one president. This fact speaks well of Dr. Mathes' ability as an organizer and executive.

Dr. Mathes has had many tempting offers, by other institutions of learning, if he would sever his connection with the school. But he is a firm believer in the great future of this institution, and we find him today guiding and directing its manageemnt toward that end.

Let us look at just a few of the great changes during the last eight years. In 1900 the campus consisted of frog ponds, rocks and stumps;

today we have a beautiful plot of ground, and with the plans which are laid for the future there will be no more beautiful campus anywhere. There was no gymnasium, no dormitory, no greenhouse, no society or Y. W. C. A. halls. With the completion of the Science Annex we have the most beautiful building in the The faculty has increased from six to twenty-six members. Here a comment should be made upon the kind of faculty which he has We find all of the faculty strong, broad and intellectual, graduates of various eastern colleges and universities. In bringing about these changes in selecting the members of the faculty, Dr. Mathes has been the everpresent and active factor.

It is by these that he is judged by the outside world, but we students, who meet him everyday, who sit in his classes, feel his influence in another way, more subtle and far-reaching. His kindly nature, his refinement and courteous manner has its effect upon the scholars. We leave the school and pass out into the world feeling that we have learned lessons from him never to be forgotten—lessons that we could not have gotten from a less noble character, a less deep nature. And so we find Dr. Mathes respected by the world without, loved and respected by the student body.

It is with much pleasure that we publish the original story, found in Literary Department. The management of the paper would like to see it made a permanent feature. Let others follow Miss Olsen's example.

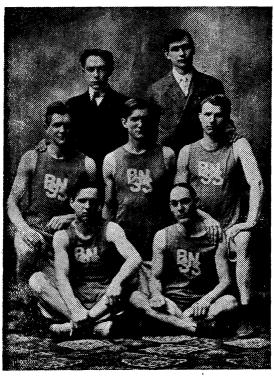
One thing which we lack in this school is school spirit. It is not because there is lack of spirit in the schools. Class spirit runs high at times. But it is the prevailing opinion that class spirit is carried to an extreme, and to the extinction of school spirit. A school is a unit and there should be unity between the students. We find class contests, class functions better patronized than those where the school as a whole is concerned. Not that we do not believe

in class spirit, a great deal of good may be gotten from contests and friendly rivalry, but we should not forget that school matters are far more important than class matters. Let us salute with one accord the "Blue and White." our school colors.

What do you think about a school pin?

ATHLETICS.

(By Noah Davenport.)



Back row, from left to right: Clark, Manager; Bond, Coach; Davenport, (Captain) Guard; Goodell, Center; Bowman, Guard; Petheram, Forward; Cory, Forward.

NORMAL VS. EVERSON.

The most amusing and really pitiful game of the season we played some time ago with an "alleged" team from the burg of Everson. Guy Dunning, captain. It will be remembered that Mr. Dunning made a record here in times past. One of our professors was heard to apply the name of "Greek gods" to the athletes of the school, and it has occurred to us that this term was suggested by the athlete in a bathing suit who starred for Everson. To the "god" characteristic he added all the charm of a Romeo and scarce could make a free throw (of which his referee gave him many) without casting languishing eyes at the Juliets in the gallery. We are justly proud of this Normal product the way he sustains his old name. Everson has since forgotten to give us our retur game or to return the nine good dollars we gave them. We notice that Mr. Dunning has headed a baseball team of rural teachers to combat city teachers. Probably it is due to this fact that he has overlooked us.

Basket ball season has closed at the Normal and with the close of the season activities in the line of athletics cease. We have been unfortunate in getting outside teams to play here, there being no outside team in the gymnasium this year.

We notice that Ellensburg Normal is claiming the state championship of all Normals and High School teams on the ground that they won from us and from the champion High School team of Seattle. We would like to call attention to the fact that Ellensburg has not played a single important game outside their own gym. this year. They arranged two dates with us, calling the games off in each case after we had done our advertising. It is all very well for a team to stay in their own so-called gymnasium and boast about beating all comers, but the team that deserves credit for their victories is the one that will move away from home and risk a game. We question this assertion of yours, Mr. McKinstry, and invite you to take a chance away from home.

Our season was to close with a game with Snohomish, on March 28, but without notifying us they failed to appear. We made up a team from the school and the local Y. M. C. A., which put up as good a game as Snohomish would have furnished us. We thank the Y. M. C. A.

boys for their kindness. If there is such a thing as honor in athletic sports we would like to suggest that one or two or three high schools on the coast might profit by practising it when they deal with other schools. The habit of breaking contracts is not a good one to form in the high school.

The association has taken up the matter of building an asphalt tennis court in the near future.

The Normal has put out a magnificent baseball team. With Mr. Leavy to secure the games and Mr. Bowman to lead the team to victory there will be things doing in baseball.

LOCALS.

(By Louise Walker and Helen Linden.)
THINGS OF INTEREST.

The faculty had an enjoyable evening on Wednesday, March 26. This was one of a series of parties of the year. The faculty was divided into three divisions for entertainment, each division to entertain twice during the year. One of these divisions presented a play, "The Shake-spearean Conference," to the rest of the faculty, after which the cast and audience adjourned to the faculty room, where a genuine college spread followed.

The following is an extract from the W. W. H. S. Pedestal:

First Girl—"Oh, kids, there are 300 girls at Bellingham and only five boys."

Second Girl-"Well, five will do me."

We would like to inform our Walla Walla friends that we have twenty-five boys, and that quality, not quantity, counts.

Mrs. Nettleton entertained very delightfully the Seniors, Saturday evening, March 28. The Shakespearean Conference, which was given Thursday night, was repeated. The class and cast were then escorted to the faculty room, where dainty refreshments were served. Songs and stories concluded the evening's entertainment.

Miss Maud Drake was called home Monday by the serious illness of her father.

Charis Thompson entertained a number of her little friends at a party in honor of her sixth birthday, Tuesday, March 31, in Edens Hall.

DID ANY POTTY SEE DOT CALF?

Rond a vay. Von ret und vite calf mit its to behind legs was plack. He vas a she calf. Any potty dot prings dot calf home pays me five dollars.

HANS BOGG.

Tree miles behind the pridge.

A large number of students spent their vacation at home.

We are glad to hear the Athletic Association are working hard for a tennis court. The students should help the cause along.

We Seniors have our pins
Don't you see,
They're as pretty as can be
So think we.
And this class of 'Naughty Eight'
Will wear them early and late,
For we think they're simply great,
And they be.

The members of the school and the Y. W. C. A. girls were treated to an interesting talk on "Host and Hostess," by Miss Montgomery, March 26.

The Training School has a garden under construction.

Stella F.—"What will I do with 100 visiting cards?

Agnes M.—"You'll use them up before you change your name."

The Sophs took the Freshmen girls to a beach party a few nights ago and was frozen out.

DECLAMATORY TRIANGLE.

A Triangle Declamatory Contest will be held May 15, at Ellensburg, between Cheney, Ellensburg and Bellingham Normals. Each school will have two representatives, one in declamation, the other in an original oration. Contestants will work for honors. Our declamation representative will be Miss Clara Tarte.

Miss Lucille Griffith and Roxy Mendenhall are visiting Edens Hall.

Olive K.—"Do you want to buy some two-cent stamps?"

Grace H .- "How much are they?"

We are glad to see Mr. Stone and Mr. Forrest back in school again.

The Junior class is coming quite proficient in the art of grafting, through the careful instructions of Mr. Epley.

The students are glad to have a new piano in the gym.

Trimble says it's time for "Bird" hunting.

O.—Grace (Waikle) where are you going to teach, in college or high school?

Grace—Oh, I am going to teach the primary in my own home.

Miss Nissen—"Mr. Romaine, has the earth worm a down side that it walks on?"

Mr. O'Sullivan (in Sociology)—"What effect has moisture on—(Miss) Wood?"

Mr. Stults kindly informed the local editor that his name was mis-spelled in the previous issue. Please note the correction thereof.

Window seats are in great demand at Junior class meetings.

Katherine had a little lamp,
A jealous lamp, no doubt;
For as soon as Katherine's beau came in,
The lamp, you see, went out.

The following members of the faculty have visited neighboring high schools recently. Mr. Romaine, Arlington; Mr. Stone, Stanwood; Mr. Epley, Edmonds; Mr. Forrest, Nooksack; Mr. Bond, Burlington; Mr. Deerwester, Blaine.

Professor, 'tis of thee
And Sociology
The Seniors sing.
We love the ties you wear,
Your smile and curly hair,
But think your tests not fair
O'Sul-li-van.

Mr. Epley gave an illustrated lecture before the Indian students at Tulalip Agency, March 20.

Dr. and Mrs. Mathes spent Saturday, March 28, in Mount Vernon.

E-verything quiet.

D—ark the night.

E-very one studying.

N-o not quite.

S-econd years practicing.

H-ear a shout.

A-wful scrimmage.

L-ights out.

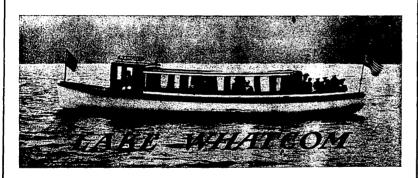
L-ecture, private (girls pout).

Miss Iva Whitesides, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

Miss M. B. Sperry spent her vacation in Seattle.

The earth worm-Bah!

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