

The Salem Indian School is unique in its history in that, there are many notable happenings that have been recorded, ~~and we quote from writings by historians.~~ The general impression is that the word Chemawa^{'s} deals exclusively with the present location of the Chemawa school, ~~but~~ ^{and so} before going into history of the present location it might be well for us to begin at the beginning, which takes us back about 10 years before the school ^{was} ~~at Chemawa was~~ transferred from Forest Grove, Oregon ~~we quote from writings by historians~~ to its present location. It is found in the introduction of the Salem directory of 1871 and 1872, written by L. E. Judson and signed by his

initials, these words: "Thus year by year, slowly, yet surely, the little isolated settlement of hardy pioneers increased in wealth and numbers while the Mission settlement at Chemeketa, with its mills, and its farms at Chemewa, opposite to the place now called Wheatland, giving employment to many who, but for such an opportunity to earn the necessaries of life must have found much greater difficulty to improve a claim or make a settlement and was a nucleus around which were gathering the elements of an embryo town which has grown to be the city of Salem, the capitol of the state of Oregon-----first in educational and political influence in this young and vigorous state.

"Its farm at Chemewa" meant the original Jason Lee mission site, of course. The spelling of Mr. Judson of the name Chemewa was C-h-e-m-e-w-a

At the time of the establishment of the school in 1895 and the place named Chemewa, Reverend J. L. Parrish said that it was appropriate, for it was not far from the original Chemewa, place of the gravel on the river.

The original pronunciation of the name Chemewa was Chem-a-wei, ~~and the Ch, meaning place, was made with the guttural sound from the throat like the blowing of the breath.~~ The ~~name~~ ^{name} with Chemeketa, Indian name for the site of Salem, ^{Meaning} meaning place of meeting.

Historians have variously surmised that the meaning of the word Chemawa was "True Talk", or "Old Home", "Gravelly Soil", etc. We at Chemawa have accepted the meaning of the word Chemawa to be "Happy Home".

Here are some of the things
There was started and organized

at old Chemawa (the place opposite Wheatland) the first Indian School west of the Rockies and north of the Californis line.

The first Protestant Sunday School in the same territory was organized there, still in existence as the Sunday School of the first Methodist Church of Salem. The beginnings of that church were made at the mission when it was still in Old Chemawa.

Many important things were started there, among them being the civil common wealth of Oregon, beginning with the ~~provisional~~ ^{provisional} government authorized and set in motion there February 18, 1841.

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The provisional government was written there, in the mission grainery and hospital.

Missionaries societies to the Indians were organized there, and temperance societies.

Indian slavery in the Oregon country was abolished there. The first medical physician began his practice there.

The first white woman and child buried in Oregon country soil had

interment there, -----later
removed to Lee Mission Cemetery,
Salem.

Sufficient has been said to
indicate the honorable and historically
high setting of the name Chemawa.

The question has been asked who
named the place Chemawa? Dr. H. J.
Minthorn, uncle to Ex-president
Herbert Hoover, is said to have given
the name Chemawa. Herbert Hoover,

7 Wm about 11 and an orphan, came to
Chemawa *with* the family of which he
had been a member and so remained until
he entered Stanford University with
the first class of the institution,
along with Senator Charles McNary of
Oregon, whose country home is but a
short distance north ~~west~~ *west* of the

school and a neighbor and friend
of the institution to the nth
degree.

~~Such is the~~
so much for the
place originally
called Dhruv

Prior to establishment of
Boarding Schools WAR-FARE - extermination
only good Indian - a dead one.

Forest Grove Indian Training School
"Harrison Institute"
Salem Indian School
"C H E M A W A"

Newberg- Portland
First land donated by Citizens of Salem
40 acres by students.

Civilization- Father fails to recognize son

Highest average attendance 1080

Lowest " " 300

Present enrollment 367