LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM OUR SISTER TOWNS

Incidents, Events and Personal Mention Found In the Leader and Advance.

> Weston. (Leader.)

The two diphtheria case in N. H. Nelson's family near the depot are recovering nicely.

John Reynolds, a Weston boy of the loug ago, is here from Woodburn, Ore., on a visit to his mother, Mrs.

Miss Inez Gross, who has been stop-ping with Mrs. C. M. Brotherton at Athena during the summer, was a guest this week of Miss Verna Van-

About 200 tons of timothy hay from mountain fields have so far been stored in Dozier's warehouse at Westou, and more is coming in daily. This week's quotation is \$11 per ton, f. o. b., and fifty tons were sold at this figure. However, it does not meet the views of most of the timothy grow-

Alex Johnson was in the city Sat-urday from his Pine creek farm, look-ing quite content, and free from anxiety concerning the wheat market.

Mr. Johnson disposed of his crop as
soon as harvested at 65 cents per bushel and is now undisturbed by the battles between the bulls and bears at Chicago or elsewhere.

The Fletcher Co.'s sawmill is having a busy run, and there is now nearly a million feet of nice, dry lumber on the yard. The addition of an edger to the plant has made much improvement in the mill's product. The fruit box factory is now in constant operation, and many boxes are being hauled to the packing centers.

John Hubbard, the aged gardener, is seriously ill, and having no home in which to take refuge, was sent today to the county hospital. Age and infirmity and a weakness for liquor are responsible for his misfortunes. "Uncle Johnny" has lived in the Weston neighborhood for a quarter of a century, and has been locally famous for years because of his skill as a gardener. He has heretofore made a living by farming rented land and disposing of his produce at Weston and Athena.

J. B. DaPuis fell from an empty wood rack at his place near town, Monday evening, and will be laid up for several weeks in consequence. The accident was a singular one. He missed his footing on the rack bed, and while striving to recover his equilibrium slid rapidly toward the rear end, grabbing a stake en route. This broke, and he pitched forward upon an unyieldnig planet. For a time he could neither move nor speak, but has since recovered the latter faculty and is ready for a knife trade. Dr. Cashatt repaired the damages, which consist of splintered bones in the left shoulder, torn liga-ments and several bad bruises.

Two girls residing on Weston mountain, a daughter of L. C. Sommerville and a daughter of L. Vanderpool, were the victims of an exciting runaway accident yesterday afternoon, while driving to town. On the hill road east of town the tongue dropped and the team became frightened, galloping madly down the grade. Both the girls were thrown from the hack and Miss Vanderpool was caught in the wheel, being whirled around and around for some distance before she could release herself. Miss Sommerville was thrown upon some rocks and sustained a fracture of the thigh bone. Miss Vanderpool escaped with some very severe bruises. Dr. Cashatt was called hurriedly from town to attend the patients at the home of Mrs. Susan Walden, whither they were taken. Miss Sommerville has long been an invalid, rendering her injury all the more serious.

Adams. (Advance.)

Mrs. Wm. Spoor, and Miss Bade Carlstrom entertained their Symday school classes at the home of Mrs. Spoor yesterday afternoon. The little folks all enjoyed the occasion in great

Frank Moore, who has been assist ing C. C. Carpenter in barvest, left yesterday for Thorn Fiollow station, where he will assume the arduous duties of wheat buck for the Interior Warehouse Co.

J. B. McDill, the superlutendent of the county poor farm, near Pendleton, spent Monday in this vicinity. He found the people able, though, to hustle three meals a day for themselves, so did not carry anybody away

Thos. Brewster, who has his stock on his summer range near Lehrpan Springs, was down Saturday. He says that it has been pleasant in the mountains this year, but that, the patronage of the Lehman Springs has en very poor this season.

Mrs. Louis Audette left for Clares-

WESTON AND ADAMS near that place. Mr. Audette will given. He states that this is a very follow as soon as the fall work is completed. Mr. and Mrs. Art Ried lieves that if all will contribute we accompanies them to the new home, Mrs. Reid going with Mrs. Audette Wednesday, while Mr. Reid will not go until Mr. Audette takes his farm

> L. M. Watrus has a document in his possession which is both interesting and peculiar. It is a warranty deed from Platt R. Spencer and his wife, Persis Spencer, to Hyram Wat-rus, who was father to the present holder of the document. It was written with the old goose quill pen, but every letter is as clear and distinct today as when inscribed. The date of the instrument is March 3, 1846. Platt R. Spencer was the father of what is known as the Spencerian system of writing, and this deed is system of writing, and this deed is written in his very best style. Until one has seen something of this kind in the original, it is impossible to realize all the beauties of that system of penmanship. The document now has no other value than that of a relic or curiosity, but Mr. Watrus would not part with it for a great many dollars many dollars.

EXPERT DISTRICT ACCOUNTS.

County Court and District Attorney May Order It Done

That the books of the clerks of all the more important school districts of the county will be experted, is now very probable. The matter of having this done has been considered by Dis-trict Attorney Pheips and the county court for some time past, says the East Oregonian. At the recent meet-ing of the commissioners the subject came in for some attention.

District Attorney Phelps announces that! he will request the boards of directors in the large districts of the county to have their accounts experted. Should this request not be complied with by them, it is probable that the clerks of the different districts will be subpoensed to come before the district attorney with the books, and the same will then be examined.

For some time past it has been urged that the accounts of the school clerks should be experted, and this is said to be favored by all the members of the county court as well as the district attorney. As to whether the county or the different districts will be requested to pay for the work is not yet determined.

Only the larger districts of the county will be asked to check their accounts according to the district attorney. These will probably be the Pendleton, Athena, Weston and Mil-ton districts, though others may also be included. Though the matter has not yet reached the stage where ex-perts are to be employed, it is pre-sumed that Clark and Buchanen, who have been working on the accounts of the county officials, will be engaged for the work.

DEAD INDIANS "OWN" LAND.

Fifty-Two Thousand Acres of Uintah Reservation Fraudalently Held.

G. Clark, the former chief ranger and chief of Indian police on the Uintah reservation, charges that at least 52,000 acres of irrigable land on the reservation is allotted to dead Indians. He declares that he is ready to furnish evidence to substantiate his statement should an investigation be made by the proper authorities. Mr. Clark says:

"Personal interests have been looked after at the expense of the public in making the allottment. It is my belief, having been among them for thirteen years, that there are not more than 1,200 Indians on the reservation. Estimate one fourth of them as heads of families, entitled to 80 acres apiece, and this makes 24,000 acres.

"The other 90 women and children are entitled to 40 acres each, representing 116,000 acres, the grand total being 60,000 acres. The information that 112,000 acres of land has been allotted to the Indians makes clear the purpose of many mysterious irregularities which to my certain knowledge have been practiced in con-nection with the opening of this reservation."

OLD PAONEER DEAD.

J. W. Young Saddenly Passes Away Sat-

urday Afternoo J. W. Young died Saturday afternoon at his home in Weston, suddenly. He had been in ill health the past several months, but his condition was not considered precarious at any time. Heart disease is believed to be the

cause of death. Mr. Young was one of the first pioneers of Weston and is well known throughout the county. He operated one of the first sawmills on Weston mountain and later moved to Weston where he accumulated considerable property. He also owned valuable farming land.

Mr. Young leaves a sister, Mrs. A Phillips, she being the only near relative in this country.

Milton Peaches Excel.

G. A. Hobbs informs the Mitlon Eagle that out of a lot of Malta peaches shipped to the Umatilla coun-ty exhibit by him on the 7th of August, four were selected that tipped the scales at 4 lbs. 15 ounces, the best of the whole state so far. These peaches were grown by Mr. Forsythe and were taken from trees that were overloaded. Mr. Hobbs is county solicitor and is desirous that anyone having choice samples of anything nice should notify him so he can call for same. The bolm Wednesday more ng to take up name of grower will accompany the her residence on the bomestead exhibit and proper credit will be

hard year to gather exhibits but be-lieves that if all will contribute we can make a very creditable showing.

Tule Fire at Hot Lake.

A fire, which for a time threatened to burn the buildings at Hot Lake, caught from sparks from a passing engine and burned over a large area of tules and grass. A number of section men were taken from this city on a switch engine and after hard fighting the fire was gotten under control. The report was current on the streets last night that the hotel had caught fire, but that proved without foundation.—La Grande Observer.

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