

Brief Record of County Events

Special Correspondence

NEWS OF WESTON

FIRST CASE DIPHTHERIA THIS SEASON IN WESTON.

Four Million Brick Made at Weston Yards Last Season, and More Next—Basket Ball Team Organized—Pool of 45,000 Bushels Wheat Sold at 62 3-4 Cents—Concrete Walks a Success—Gardena Land Commands High Prices and Much Enthusiasm.

Weston, Or., Dec. 20.—C. S. Van De Water, of Walla Walla, an O. R. & N. official, was in the city today on business.

Charles Smith was a Pendleton business visitor today.

There will be a social dance given at the Weston opera house Friday evening.

The Methodist and United Brethren churches will have Christmas trees Christmas eve, and elaborate programs will be carried out.

A small child in the family of James Kilgore has diphtheria in quite a serious form. The child took sick yesterday and the house has been quarantined to prevent any spread of the disease. This is the first case in Weston this season.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Weston Christmas ball, which will take place in the opera house on the evening of the 25th. McMinn's complete orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. The following floor committee has been appointed: Lester O'Hara, Charles Cully, Weston; Len Douglas, Athena; Lawrence Ljeuallen, Adams; Ralph Walters, Milton; L. Holmes, Helix.

The Weston brick yards, under the management of Clark Nelson, which employs 50 men seven months during the year, is one of the chief industries in this section. Four million brick were turned out the past season, and arrangements will be made to turn out a larger amount in 1906. A fine quality of pressed brick is also manufactured at the yards for the use of fronts for buildings, etc. Two thousand cords of wood from the Meacham district is used annually for the burning of this brick. Large shipments are constantly being made to all north-western points.

Basket Ball. A basket ball association has been organized in Weston, the following officers having been elected: President, Harry Warren; manager and secretary, coach, Frank Graham. Both young lady and gentlemen teams have been organized, and all are members of the association. The first game will take place Saturday between a team

of citizens and the Weston high school team. Next Saturday, December 20, a game will be played between the Milton Columbia college team and the Weston high school at this place.

Wheat in Pool. Forty-five thousand bushels of wheat were placed in a pool Tuesday by Weston growers and it was purchased at 62 3-4 cents per bushel by S. A. Barnes, agent for the Pacific Coast Elevator company, and J. H. Price, agent for Kerr-Gifford, S. A. Barnes receiving the wheat in his warehouse. There is still considerable wheat being held in the warehouses.

Concrete Walks Successful. The concrete crosswalks which were recently installed in Weston at a cost of \$500 as an experiment, are proving a complete success. No matter how rainy the weather, these walks are always in fine condition for the traveling public. The main street crosswalks are all concrete, and are the only ones in eastern Oregon at this time. The rock was taken from the hills near town. The streets of Weston will also be macadamized with crushed rock in the near future.

Land Bought at Gardena. A number of citizens from this place and vicinity are investing in land at Gardena, 16 miles northwest of Weston, which land comes under the 5000 acres being irrigated by the Walla Walla Irrigation company. Messrs. Clark Wood, Henry Schroeder and T. J. Shaw, all of this place, purchased 10 acres each the early part of the week for which they paid \$150 per acre. It is fruit and garden land, and 1900 acres are now being sold off in 10-acre tracts.

Messrs. Blair and Wood, who are handling some of this land for the company will take a party of 12 or 15 men from here in a few days to look at the land. As the drive is quite long for this season of the year, these gentlemen have agreed to pay all expenses of the land seekers of Gardena and return. A regular excursion party is expected to be formed.

RELIEVE COAL FAMINE.

Union Pacific Will Ship Illinois Coal to Idaho.

The Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line are doing everything in their power to relieve the coal situation in south Idaho, according to Secretary of State W. H. Gibson and State Treasurer Coffin, who returned Monday morning from a trip to Salt Lake, whether they went to look into the coal matter, says the Boise Statesman. The officers visited General Traffic Manager Plaisted, Assistant General Superintendent Buckingham. All of the officers connected with the freight department of the Short Line promised to use every effort to divert coal to Idaho.

"The Union Pacific has cut off the O. R. & N.'s coal supply," said Mr. Gibson yesterday, "and has purchased 10,000 tons of coal in Illinois for distribution to those points east of Rock Springs which have been heretofore furnished from this end of the line. I was informed by the Short Line freight department that not one ton of Rock Springs coal is being shipped to eastern points and that every ounce is being distributed in Utah and Idaho.

"I was told by the Short Line officials last Saturday evening that at that time they had coal enough to run the locomotives of their system for 36 hours and no longer. They had been diverting their engine coal to south Idaho and to Salt Lake, until they were themselves in serious danger of suffering from the famine.

Three thousand tons per week are being shipped in from Colorado to ply the demand in Utah, and it is now up to the operating department of the Short Line to bring the coal to this part of the state."

Salt Lake last week was in even worse condition than Boise, says Mr. Gibson. The coal famine there was real and a great deal of suffering ensued. It was only late last week that a relief of enough coal to supply the most urgent demands.

The season of indigestion is upon us. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for indigestion and Dyspepsia will do everything for the stomach that an overworked or over-worked stomach can do for itself. Kodol digests what you eat—gives the stomach a rest—relieves sour stomach, belching, heartburn, indigestion, etc. Sold by Tallman & Co.

Independence, by a vote of two to one, has decided to issue water bonds for \$25,000, for a municipal plant.

DICKENS IN ROME.

The Great Author Was Disappointed in the Italian Capital.

When Charles Dickens arrived in Rome, on Jan. 30, 1845, he was profoundly disappointed. "It was no more my Rome, degraded and fallen asleep in the sun among a heap of ruins, than Lincoln's Inn Fields is." A short time before, while he was straining his eyes across the Campagna, a distant view of the town had recalled London. This feeling soon passed away. He thought spring the most delightful season for Italy. He was again in Rome in 1853; saw J. G. Lockhart, "fearfully weak and broken;" smoked and drank punch with David Roberts, who was painting that famous picture of Rome now in the Scottish National gallery. The Pantheon he thought nobler than of yore, the other antiquities smaller.

It was in San Lorenzo square, Florence, that Robert Browning picked up the part manuscript and part printed Roman murder trial of 1698 from which he spun his wonderful "Ring and the Book." The church of San Lorenzo, in Lucina, off the Corso, in Rome, was the scene of Pompilia's marriage. It was there also that the murdered bodies were laid for the inspection of "half Rome." There was a weird funeral, attended by Capuchins, when we were in this church. While in Rome the Brownings stayed at 28 Via del Tritone.—Chambers' Journal.

COWS IN HOLLAND.

In No Other Place in the World Are They Given Such Care.

In Holland cows are to a certain extent a part of the family, for one member of the family always sleeps in the stable to watch, and often the place is made a sort of family sitting room.

The cow stable is generally a large building, paved with brick, upon which the cows lie, straw being scarce. There is a brick paved passage down the center, at one end of which is a fireplace, and the windows are covered with white curtains as dainty as those used in the house proper.

Sometimes the entire family will gather in the stable in the evenings, enjoying the warmth of the fire and exchanging the talk of the day, while the cattle, always placed with their heads facing the central passage, chew their cuds and almost seem to enjoy the human companionship. These cows are seldom brown, most of them being black or white or of the two colors mixed, and because of the fertility of the pasturage and the care taken in their keep they are capable of giving large yields of rich milk. In no place in the world are cows made as much of, and from the annual yield of butter it would seem that the care is not taken in vain.

FOOD VALUE OF BANANAS.

They Are Not, Like Some Fruits, Good Only For Their Flavor.

Professors of dietetics tell us that the banana is not, as many fruits are, a flavor and nothing more, but a food and a source of real nutriment. It is at once useful and delicious. It not only gratifies the palate, but supplies material for combustion and the maintenance of animal heat, while it also builds up the muscles and repairs the worn and threadbare nerves.

The flour made from it in its dried state is equal in nutritive value to rice. Dried and sprinkled with sugar, a form in which it has been recently introduced in this country, the upstart banana is, weight for weight, as nutritious as the venerable fig.

But it is in the fresh state that the banana chiefly appeals to us. Its creamy succulence and delicate odor are inviting, and its pleasant savor is a prelude to good digestion. Dependent as that savor is in ethereal body, which the coal tar investigators have not yet been able to imitate by chemical essence, it is a subtle stimulus to all subsequent elementary processes. And thus it is that the banana is an eminently digestible food. No sense of oppression or drowsiness follows a meal of it, and a meal of it may be bulky enough.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Modern Entertaining.

A London drawing room in the season resembles nothing so much as the parrot house at the zoo. For this deafening din society has only itself to blame, entertaining being based upon the principle that you must first hire somebody to make a noise and then invite your friends to shout the hired noise down. The louder the band the louder the shouts of the guests. The more piercing the shrieks of the soprano the more ear-splitting the yells of the audience must be if the party is to be a success.—London Field.

Took It Like a Sport.

"Is there a chance for me, Gladys?" "There is, George—one in a million." George was a young man of some experience.

"That's too long a shot," he explained, picking up his hat.—Chicago Tribune.

Credit and Debt.

"Yes," said Slopy, "the suit fits me splendidly. Great piece of work; it's a credit to you."

"Yes," replied the tailor, "and please don't forget that it's a debit to you."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Etiquette Would Forbid.

Old Salt—Now, if I told you what I went through when I was wrecked on the coast of Africa you wouldn't believe it. The Landlubber—But—er—I wouldn't say so.

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J. A. Bennett and party returned last week after a weary search for William Holcomb, who was last seen November 27, when he left his companion for a trip up the Boise river. Mr. Bennett said they traced the

missing man to Wood creek, near Halback's mill, and there lost the trail entirely. They have about concluded he is under the ice in Wood creek, since no trace can be found beyond that point. The man was familiar with the country and started from the

home of his brother on Smith's prairie. It seems improbable that he could have been lost.—Boise Capital News.

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