

**Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.**  
The annual meeting of stockholders of The Farmers Bank of Weston will be held at its office in the City of Weston, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon, on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1916, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.  
Weston, Or., December 31, 1915.  
E. M. SMITH, Cashier.

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1:00 to 5:00 P. M.  
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**Fresh Bread Daily**  
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Cake and Pastry.  
Fine Candies.  
Good Meals at All Hours, Etc.  
We specialize in Lodge and Party Suppers.  
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

May this new year bring you a full measure of health and happiness, and all the prosperity you can stand. Our New Year's resolution is to give our friends better service wherever possible, the most value for their money, and merchandise of known quality. We are exclusive Walla agents for the following, and other, quality lines:

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Complete Furnishers of Homes, Offices, Churches, Schools  
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**BREVITIES**

R. B. Couch is up from Pendleton to spend New Year's Day with Weston friends.

Use Fleischman's Compressed Yeast - The best for bread-making. For sale by Weston Bakery. (Adv.)

Miss Norma Smith of Walla Walla visited with her parents in Weston Christmas Day and Sunday.

William MacKenzie, E. M. Smith and Dr. F. D. Watts were business visitors yesterday at the county seat.

Repair work neatly done at the Weston shoe and harness shop, Wheeler hotel building. New management, new equipment. Phone 93. H. Eaton.

Fire of unknown origin was discovered at about seven o'clock this morning in the gymnasium dressing room in the city hall building. The blaze was easily subdued and did but little damage.

With the piping of his house, G. DeGraw has finished the installation of his residential waterworks system. He will have a simple supply for lawn and garden irrigation as well as household use.

The Hudson Auto coming out in January is to be 75 h. p. and I want one. You can buy my car for \$450 off or better and she has run less than 2000 miles - with hardly a mar. F. D. Watts. (Adv.)

We are violating no confidence in announcing that winter is here. Several inches of snow covers the ground and Wednesday night the government thermometer registered one-half degree below zero.

Rev. A. A. Helm, a retired United Brethren minister well known in Weston, where he used to assist in revivals, died Wednesday at his home near Walla Walla. Rev. W. S. Payne went to Walla Walla this morning to conduct the funeral services.

James L. York, who went to North Carolina on a visit this winter, writes that if I will send him the price of a ticket he will bring his grandmother home with him. This is one way of smuggling a Virginia girl into Oregon. The case is being considered. (Signed) J. N. Y.

Athens High and Weston High will meet again this evening in battle royal in the local basket ball court at Weston opera house. This will be the first scheduled game in the East End division of the Umatilla County league. As these teams are well matched, a fast and pretty contest is looked for.

Since esthering up his scattered postholes after the recent tempestuous blow, Johnny Dupuis finds that he has more than he can utilize and offers to exchange some of them for knives and watches. He asserts that they are perfectly good postholes, only a trifle frayed around the edges.

The basket ball tossers of Weston returned Wednesday morning having lost the toss by one point in an exceedingly close and exciting struggle the night before with Hermiston H. Weston led by a small margin all through the game until the last few seconds of play, when Hermiston put over the one field goal needed to bring victory to the Irigation town. The Weston players were Wood and Kirkpatrick, forwards; Duncan, center; Lundell and MacKenzie, guards; Manager Kirkpatrick was especially fortunate in locating the basket, and tossed all but two of Weston's field goals, the latter being scored by his fellow forward, Wood. The boys report cordial treatment and a good time in Hermiston.

Confirming last fall's reports in local baseball circles, "Tasty" Shick of Athens is listed in McCredie's pitching staff for 1916. Weston batmen are not complaining, as they will feel better for not having this brick-topped gunner to face in the forthcoming season of the East End league. To be sure, they could have used Shick then, but not with any comforting degree of certainty. Shick really "broke in" as a member of the Weston team, for which he pitched in 1914 against rival clubs of the Blue Mountain league. Honoree Fawcett, the Oregonian's sporting editor, says of Shick that he is "a second Vaseo Gregg discovered and unearthed in the brambles around Athens by Robert Cronin."

James M. Kyle, mayor of Stanfield, seeks a position on the public service commission, formerly the railroad commission, as the member from Eastern Oregon, and will be up for the republican nomination at the primaries in May. Mr. Kyle has long been prominent in his neighborhood as an irrigationist and a community builder, and is thought well of by the people of the west end of this county. If nominated and elected he promises to "give my very best efforts to the fulfillment of the duties of this office along lines which will be to the best interests of the district and the state."

Every piano student should understand harmony in order to properly analyze and interpret musical compositions, as well as to construct harmonious accompaniments for songs and with solo instruments. You can acquire this knowledge this winter at a very low cost, as I will teach harmony in classes of six or more at 50c per lesson. Private one hour lessons, \$1.00 each. A. W. Lundell, Mus. Bach.

Protracted meetings will begin next Sunday at the Methodist church and continue thereafter, until further notice. A cordial invitation to attend is extended all the people of Weston and vicinity. Rev. C. A. Rexroad, well known here as an able pulpit orator, has consented to help Pastor Wood in the meetings, and is expected to arrive next Monday. Mr. Rexroad is now stationed at Corvallis.

According to the Milton Eagle nearly 100 names have already been placed on the remonstrance addressed to the county court on the building of a road up Course creek and across the mountains to meet the road from Elgin, and the circulators say they have met with but few refusals among all they have asked to sign.

Two more registered Hereford bulls have just been added to their herds by Weston cattlemen. The animals, which are coming yearlings, were bought at Pendleton by J. P. Luealton and P. A. McBride, and are said to have cost more than \$150 each. They were raised by Elias Bailey, a prominent Iowa breeder.

After a week's visit with her parents in Athens, Miss Cecile Boyd leaves January 1st for New York City to take further professional work as playground instructor, and will be absent eighteen months. With this additional training in view, Miss Boyd resigned her position in the Pendleton schools.

More than a million votes were cast in the Milton Eagle's big circulation contest, the grand prize being a handsome mahogany piano. Incidentally, Brother Shaggy must have raked a medium of equally handsome shekels. At last reports Miss Helen Broxton led with 214,000 votes.

Now and then the lot of the rural mail carrier is not all thorns and thistles. Herbert Baker having been remembered by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smock for Christmas with an obese and succulent chicken. In behalf of himself and Uncle Sam he desires to express his boundless gratitude.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco King was the scene of enjoyable festivity Christmas day, and a bountiful dinner was served to thirty people. The guests included Mrs. H. M. Green, the Henry Waddinghams, the J. A. Kings, Mrs. Letha King and children and Arthur Ross and family.

The management of Weston opera house has announced a grand ball for New Year's night, with music by Keen's orchestra. Their Christmas masquerade was well attended and highly enjoyable, and not a few attractive costumes were seen on the floor.

Dr. J. G. Turner of Love & Turner, eye specialist of Portland, will be in Weston again Monday, January 10, and in Athens Tuesday, January 11. Headaches relieved; cross eyes straightened. No charge for consultation or examination. (Adv.)

Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Van Walters of Portland, will hold services next Sunday in the Episcopal church at the usual hours, and all are invited to attend. Dr. Van Walters will arrive in Weston today, and expects also to visit Milton and Freewater.

Monroe Turner was in town during the week from Spokane, where Mr. H. E. Turner and his sons have lately taken up their residence. It is reported that they contemplate locating in Montana to engage in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Saling were entertained by the P. H. Long at home on Christmas day. They took part in the singing during the Christmas tree exercises at the Christian church in that city.

Ed. Tucker and family were here for the holidays from Elgin station near Walla Walla, where they have been spending the winter. Mr. Tucker is feeding his stock in that locality.

Miss Elsie Ogilvy of Pilot Rock is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Dudley.

William Albert visited with his sons at Pendleton during the Christmas holiday.

Those owing me are requested to call and settle before January 1, 1916. E. K. Zehm. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Milton, spent Christmas day with Mr. Brown's parents at Weston.

Harry Eaton, assistant in the Weston bakery, was called to Spokane last week by the death of his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Banister have gone to Spokane for a visit with Mrs. Fred Hine, sister of Mrs. Banister.

Mr. and Mrs. G. DeGraw are entertaining their young grandson, Ralph Larson of Walla Walla, during holiday week.

Mrs. M. J. Maybee returned Tuesday from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Turner, in Grangeville, Idaho.

The Misses Dorothy and Marjorie Bullfinch are at home for the holidays from Steptoe, Wash., where they are teaching in the Steptoe schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gordon were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. Gordon's parents, having motored over from their Athens farm.

H. L. Hedrick has added a line of Ford automobile extras to his stock at the Weston garage, in order to be prepared for handling the Ford agency here.

Rev. W. C. Gallaher, a pioneer minister of the Walla Walla valley, died last week at his home near Vincent, Oregon. He was more than 80 years of age.

After the recent dance at the opera house a purse containing money was found lying on a chair. The owner may recover same by applying to J. M. Ashworth and proving property.

Miss Odessa Kirkpatrick is back at her desk in the local telephones exchange, having returned Tuesday from a Christmas visit with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Adick, at Orofino, Idaho.

**The Sages of the Curbstone.**  
(By Ben Lammpan.)

The sages of the curbstone can read his record down, from the gray and gloomy morning when he hooped it into town—hooped it into our fair city on his uppers, busted flat, with patches on his breeches, and a much bedented hat; and, without a deal of urging, you may get them to recall, how he got his start in Buntingtown splitting wood for Deacon Small; how he herded cows for Bilkins, how he chored at the stable—but, reminiscent sages will confess that they're not able to inform the queering stranger how he finally essayed to pile up a tier of "rhino," and enjoy it in the shade. No talent graced his efforts, the ancient ones will say; but the fact is, while they gossiped he went out and mowed the hay; while they dabbled at the corner, cussing at the lack of work, he went forth to seek employment and was never known to shirk.

The sages of the curbstone oft bemoan their lack of luck, and they cannot see that fortune is the net result of pluck; they fail to grasp the meaning of the wherefore and the why, and wonder at the luckiness of those who only try; so they gather in convention, and often they discuss the fickle chance of fortune and the "lucky, lucky cuss." Thus they tell the tale in unison and never cease to wonder at the ease with which his ventures acquired a load of plunder—for the sages of the curbstone, son, are much like me and you, they lack the inner vision that is given to the few; they are not exactly suited to industrial pursuits, but prefer to eke in Buntingtown and kick their dusty boots; as a winning occupation this employment is a joke, but the sages of the curbstone are content to sit and smoke. And the topic that allures them, that most affords them bread and butter, is the "rhino" that he made it in a little town like this!

Ypres and Death.  
In Holland and Flanders, according to the Manchester Guardian, Ypres is connected in the mind of the people with the idea of death. If a Dutchman or a Fleming wishes to describe a particularly lurid person he will say: "Hij siet er uit als de dood van Ypres" ("He looks like the death of Ypres"). This expression has been proverbial since Ypres was ravaged by the plague in 1340; "the death of Ypres" is a vivid expression like our "black death." But it is also taken literally for Ypres is in sober truth one of the dead cities of Flanders. It is more dead than "Bongos in morte," which owes its reputation in this respect more to George Ibsen's novel and the reviews of other artists than to actual fact. "Ypres sleeps and rings again here," says a Dutch writer of travel pictures.

Making Matches.  
The manufacture of matches is a complicated and elaborate process, in which are used a succession of ingenious machines and devices which must work at all times with the utmost precision and delicacy. It is now possible to turn out from a single dipping machine about 600,000 square matches an hour. A green log is made into matches and packed for shipment in less than two hours.

Johnnie's Excuse.  
"Why don't you say Thank you, Johnnie, when you are handed any thing?" said Mrs. Brown at the table. "You sister always says it."  
"Yes," replied little Johnnie, "but a woman and always wants to have the last word."—Exchange.

An Optimist.  
"I am going to buy a raven," a gentleman informed his neighbor.  
"Really?" rejoined the latter. "What for?"  
"I want to see if these birds really do live 300 years, as people say?"—Westminster Gazette.

Mean Trick.  
"George, father has filled."  
"That's just like him! I told you all along, darling, that he was going to do all he could to keep us from being married!"—Exchange.

**"Axe" Us About It**  
**1916**  
It's to be a good year, friends, for all of us. "We feel it in our bones." And we wish you all health, wealth and happiness, for your prosperity is ours also. With entire confidence we'll write it  
**1916**  
**WATTS & ROGERS**

**ODD BITS OF NEWS.**

Springfield, Ill.—Mrs. Isabella Arnold, who weighed 400 pounds, died recently. It was necessary to hold the funeral on the porch as the coffin was too large to pass through the doorway. Ten pallbearers were required.

Morgantown, W. Va.—Twenty years ago Lewis M. Runner left home for Washington to patent a device. He had never been heard from since until recently, when he returned home. His wife, who had always said he would come back, welcomed him with open arms.

Cottage Grove, Ore.—Bert Nokes set a hen and then decided to move to Spokane, 500 miles distant. He shipped his bird, her nest and all, by express and 13 of the 14 eggs hatched.

Utulo, Neb.—Years ago Arthur Lytle, a fisherman, located his hut on a small island bar lying near the Missouri shore. Dirt washed onto the bar and now it is the size of two sections. Lytle turned farmer and has made a small fortune. Neither Missouri nor Nebraska demand taxes of him, but he cannot vote as his holdings are regarded as under the jurisdiction of the national government. He has resided on the land 25 years.

Wichita, Kan.—Whenever Mrs. Lou E. Fisher tries to telephone, her right arm and side become numb and she becomes unconscious. Her affliction is a case of nerves. Several years ago she received a shock while telephoning.

Biddeford, Me.—James Sargent has the original human calf. It has human skin, covered with human hair. A luxuriant beard hangs from its chin. When it attempts to bellow, it emits sounds resembling a child crying. Otherwise it is a normal calf.

New Manchester, Ind.—For 90 days a hog belonging to C. O. Hudgesson lived off the fat of its own body. The hog got into a huge stack of straw and couldn't get out. It weighed 250 pounds, but when found had shrunk to less than 100 and was still alive.

Grand New Year's Ball tomorrow night at Weston opera house. All are invited.

**Weston Baths and Tailor Shop**  
A clean place, morally, and sanitary.

**Expert Barbering**  
NEAT BATH ROOM  
We clean, alter, press and mend.

And don't forget "Little Jimmie." Shoes shined for ladies and gentlemen.

**R. L. Reynaud**

**Dale Rothwell**  
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I give all my time to the fitting and grinding of glasses. I have practiced in Pendleton six years. All work guaranteed.  
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PENDLETON OREGON

**ON THIS** rather snappy New Year it's a good time to resolve to fill your coal bins. We have plenty of Spring Canyon and Kemmerer coal. Weston Brickyard.

**Build with Brick**

**A New Year Resolution**  
"Resolved, That my home will be made more cheerful this coming year than it was in the past; because I will visit the DeMoss Furniture Store and purchase some article that will make the New Year truly a happy one."  
Let not this be neglected, but come at once. We are ready.  
**E. O. DeMOSS**

The Leader Prints Butter Wraps

**For COMPARISON**

Home Merchant Prices	Mail Order and Peddlers' Prices
25 pound pall stock food.....\$2.25	25 pound pall stock food.....\$2.50
12 pound pkg. stock food..... 1.00	7 pound pkg. stock food..... 1.00
7 1/2 pound pkg. stock food..... .65	3 1/2 pound pkg. stock food..... .50
2 pound pkg. stock food..... .25	1 1/2 pound pkg. stock food..... .25
Comparison of dosage—two table-spoonfuls twice daily.	
WE GUARANTEE THESE GOODS	
Two table-spoonfuls three times daily.	

**Goodwin's Drug Store**  
Weston Oregon