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## WESTON LADIES CLUB BEGINS FOURTH YEAR

The Saturday Afternoon Club will resume its activities tomorrow for the new club year. It will then have entered upon the fourth year of its existence, during which it has done much for the promotion of civic good and for the social and intellectual benefit of its members.

Among the Club's greatest achievements was the transformation into a small city park, well grassed and containing an attractive pavilion of a tract of land near the center of town which had formerly been a camping ground and had become littered up with all sorts of trash and refuse. Becoming used to it, male residents in general continued to tolerate it year after year; but to the club ladies it was an eyesore, and they went to work with rakes and hoses and cleaned it up. Now it is a source of pride to the community. Another club accomplishment was the building of a public tennis court, located on North Water street. The organization has ever given its countenance and encouragement to worthy community movements. Last summer it was sponsor for a series of concerts and socials, given on the green of the city park referred to, for the benefit of the Weston band.

The club is affiliated with the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. Its membership list is limited to 25. It is gay as well as grave, and last winter presented at both Weston and Athena a most successful musical comedy, "The New Minister." Its meetings are enlivened by music and are invariably regarded by the members as quite worth while, from the standpoint of entertainment as well as instruction. They are held alternate Saturdays at 2:30 p. m. The hostesses for the year are:

October 7—Mrs. A. J. McIntyre.  
October 21—Mrs. J. Wurser.  
November 4—Mrs. W. A. Graham.  
November 18—Mrs. J. A. McRae.  
December 2—Mrs. F. D. Watts.  
December 16—Mrs. R. Morrison.  
December 30—Mrs. C. H. Smith.  
January 13—Mrs. E. M. Smith.  
January 27—Mrs. J. W. Porter.  
February 10—Mrs. E. O. DeMoss.  
February 24—Mothers' Day.  
March 10—Mrs. W. A. Barnes.  
March 24—Mrs. Wm. MacKenzie.  
April 7—Mrs. S. A. Barnes.  
April 21—Mrs. W. E. Woods.  
May 5—Mrs. R. W. Brown.

The club issues a neat year book printed at the Leader office, in which the nature and program of each of its meetings are set forth. Its officers are:

Mrs. E. O. DeMoss, president; Mrs. E. C. Rogers, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Prouditt, secretary; Mrs. W. S. Price, treasurer; Mrs. F. D. Watts, reporter.

Aside from the officers the club membership roll includes Mrs. W. A. Barnes, Mrs. S. A. Barnes, Mrs. R. W. Brown, Mrs. Geo. B. Carmichael, Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mrs. Wm. MacKenzie, Mrs. K. MacKenzie, Mrs. J. A. McRae, Mrs. R. Morrison, Mrs. A. J. McIntyre, Mrs. W. S. Jayne, Mrs. C. L. Pinkerton, Mrs. J. W. Porter, Mrs. J. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mrs. L. R. Van Winkle, Mrs. Minnie Walker, Mrs. J. Wurser, Mrs. W. E. Woods.

### Runyan Pleads Guilty

Charles Runyan, indicted by the grand jury on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, appeared before Judge Phelps in the Circuit Court and changed his former plea of not guilty, with a request for the leniency of the court. He was given six months to 10 years in the state penitentiary but allowed 10 days in that to prepare a petition for parole. Runyan shot George Sparrman at the Cayuse roundup several months ago during a quarrel when Runyan resented being called a sheepherder. Both men are cowpunchers and were working at the roundup. It was at that time that the injured man would not recover but he was out of the hospital in a short time and later was riding in bucking horse contests.—Tribune.

### May Gravel Roads

Dr. M. S. Kern announced to the Commercial association last night that there is a move on foot for the formation of another good roads association to be organized for the purpose of graveling the main travelled roads of the county.—Tribune.

### Big Tent Show Coming

"The Girl of Eagle Ranch," a big western play with twenty people in the cast, including band and orchestra, will be produced here under canvas, Thursday, October 12, for one night only. The tent will be pitched on north Water street. The advance man says of the show:

"Take notice that this is not a ring circus or moving picture, but a high-class stage production for ladies and children as well as gentlemen. The company carries its own special scenery and lighting effects, and music is rendered during the action by its big five-piece orchestra. The six vaudeville acts in connection consist of singing and dancing, acrobatic and tumbling feats and laughable comedy and musical sketches.

"Everybody is invited to come early and enjoy the half hour concert by our concert band, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Doors open at 7:15; show at 8:15. Adults, 50 cents; children under 12, 25 cents."

### Grant For Road Bonds

At a meeting of the Grant county good roads association held at John Day Saturday evening, resolutions were adopted favoring a special election in the near future to decide whether the county shall bond itself for the purpose of constructing the proposed John Day highway. The association went on record as unanimously favoring the bond issue. About six miles of the proposed state highway through the John Day valley passes through the Whitman national forest. With the exception of this short strip the survey will be completed within a very short time and it was the opinion of Judge Hagney that the forest service would complete the survey through the forest if the proper application were made.

## U. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL "RALLY DAY" SUNDAY

"Rally Day" is announced for next Sunday at 11 a. m. by the United Brethren Sunday school. An interesting program will be given, and a collection will be taken for the purpose of repapering and otherwise beautifying the interior of the Sunday school room. The exercises will include a song by the school; invocation by the pastor; prayer song by Mrs. Kennard's class; "Paul's First Missionary Journey," by Gail Williams; "Paul's Second Missionary Journey," by Hilda McRae; "Jesus Will Bless the Little Ones," by Curtis Shellenberger and Mrs. Kennard's class; reading by Charlotte MacKenzie; instrumental solo by Gertrude Van Winkle; song by the Calder twins; "Rally Day," by Mrs. J. H. Williams; "Our Rally Day," by boys' class; reading by Erma McIntyre; instrumental solo by Isabelle MacKenzie; cornet solo by Harvey Lundell; song by the school.

### An Upland Wedding

Mr. Arthur L. Carlson of King county, Washington, and Miss Lorena Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Hopkins, were united in marriage Sunday, October 1, at the home of the bride's parents on the Weston uplands. It was a quiet affair, attended by the immediate relatives of the bride and a few neighbors. Following the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. W. B. Smith, a bountiful wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson have hearty well wishes of the many friends of the bride throughout the Weston countryside, where she has lived from girlhood and is held in high esteem.

For the second time in two years, Carmen Jones, of district No. 99, McKay, has been first in her class at the state school club exhibit at the State Fair and will again have the opportunity to take advantage of the summer course at the Oregon Agricultural College, the reward for winners in all classes. Her specialty is turkeys and the class is designated as Poultry raising No. 2. She made a remarkable record last year with her birds and this year, though the competition was greater, and her showing not so good, she was successful by a clear margin. One other of the Umatilla county prize winners was almost among the firsts at the state show. Arthur Crane of Umapine, pig raiser, lost out by a fraction of a point. He is second in that class. All four of the children returned Saturday morning from the fair. The others were Philip Faucett of Stanfield and Dorothy Briggs of Hermiston.—Tribune.

## Going Some—and Still After Him



—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## \$100,000 FIRE GUTS LEADING FARMERS TAKE ON MORE LAND

Damage that totals around one hundred thousand dollars was done yesterday morning by a basement fire in the Schmidt block on Main Street in Pendleton. Douglas Belts, a former Pilot Rock stockman, who is owner of the building, Bond Bros., and the Popular Cash Store who occupied the lower floor of the building, are the heaviest losers.

Pendleton papers say the fire was the most disastrous in years. The flames were confined almost entirely to the basement and the smoke was so dense that the firemen found it impossible to get down where they could see it. All they could do was to pour water into the basement and drown out the fire and it took more than three hours to do this.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The alarm was turned in about 6:45 a. m., and it was past 10:30 before the flames were under control.

The stock of the Popular Cash store is a total loss. A great deal of it was burned outright and the balance was so damaged by smoke and water that it is practically worthless. The stock was valued at approximately \$24,000 by R. Alexander, the owner, and the insurance will cover only about half that amount.

The building was valued at \$30,000 and the damage will probably reach between \$7000 and \$10,000. The flooring will have to be replaced entirely and all of the timbers of the basement. The fire burned the walls almost to the second floor in some places. Mr. Belts thinks his loss is covered by insurance.

Minor damage was done by the smoke to occupants of the upper floor. All of the rooms were so heavy with smoke that they could scarcely be entered. Some were able to move their furnishings out.

Bond Bros. are the heaviest losers. Their stock of men's furnishings was worth about \$81,000 and the insurance carried amounted to only about half that amount. A great deal of stock in the basement was a complete loss. This was worth at least \$30,000. All that was not burned was carted away as soon as the smoke cleared and was stored in the vacant room in the Judd building. The salvage may amount to \$10,000.

Bond Bros have already laid plans for re-opening the store. Both members of the firm will leave for the east to purchase an entire new stock which will be shipped out by express. Meanwhile the storeroom will be fitted up for occupancy and Bonds declare they will put in entirely new fixtures.

Seventeen hundred liquor permits were issued last month at Walla Walla, an average of 68 a day. At the county fair only two men were in cells, while a year ago on that date there were 29. A year ago on October 1, 229 men had been registered at the jail and this year there have been 104.

Everybody enjoys a good show. Therefore you will like "The Girl of Eagle Ranch," north Water street, Weston, October 12. (Adv.)

Grants Pass.—Josephine county gets \$3000 more for Pacific Highway.

### Condemns Pendleton Bill

M. Michelbook of McMinnville, Oregon, was a Weston visitor Saturday. He likes the looks of the country, and would like to trade some Walla Walla realty which he now owns for wheat land in this neighborhood. His holdings there include a residence property valued at \$5000, a garden tract, worth \$15000 and an orchard held at \$6000. Mr. Michelbook says that McMinnville will cast a large vote against the Pendleton Normal school bill. He regards Pendleton's assumption in asking for a new plant when one already exists at Weston, as ridiculous, and says that his neighbors look at the matter in the same light. He is the father of three volunteer soldiers who are now on the Mexican border. They are Captain F. L. Michelbook of Company A; Sergeant Jas. and Corporal Roy Michelbook.

### Acknowledging the Coin

Since last reports the following valued friends and patrons have gladdened the Weston Leader sanctum with subscription payments—thus helping us at an opportune time.

George Sower, Will Beathe, Joe Blomgren, Fred Gerberding, S. S. Nelson, Trajan Tucker, R. Morrison, J. E. McDaniel, Golden Rule Hotel, C. E. DuPuis, George Walden, Orval Duncan, H. A. Sret, I. F. Settle, Mrs. Susan Tucker, J. H. Jrice, Donald P. Mitchell, Herman O'Harris, Jess Gordon, W. A. Barnes, Dr. C. H. Smith, Mrs. H. N. Greer, Joe Hyatt, J. M. Price.

Like Oliver Twist, however, we are wanting more, and assure all and sundry that we are in no danger of "writer's cramp" from making out receipts. Drop in any time and contribute.

## COUNTY REPUBLICANS WILL HOLD RALLY AT PENDLETON

Tuesday, October 17, will be the big political day in the Umatilla County campaign. This will be Hughes day throughout the county. Every Hughes household will fly the American flag and there will be a big demonstration with parade of automobiles and Hughes Alliance Clubs in Pendleton in the evening, after which Senator Charles W. Fulton will address the people of Umatilla County on the issues of the campaign at Happy Canyon at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Umatilla County Republican Central Committee is making great preparations for this event. A large number of flags have been ordered and the people who do not have a flag of their own can secure one from either the Central Committee or the Hughes Alliance Club.

Ten thousand red, white and blue Hughes buttons will be distributed for that day. All of the Hughes Alliances in the county will send delegates to Pendleton and they will form a marching club for that evening carrying Hughes pennants. The band will meet Senator Fulton at the train when he arrives and will also furnish music for the evening. There will also be music by local singers of repute and addresses by well known politicians and candidates for office besides the address of Senator Fulton.

## \$2 WHEAT PREDICTED BEFORE JANUARY 1st

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Grainmen predict two dollar wheat before January 1, 1917. Today's prices, both cash and futures, range ten cents lower than the records of January, 1915.

Heavy crop decrease, discouraging Argentine conditions and the allies demands for Canadian and Australian wheat, caused the price boom. The Board of Trade stated that the Northwest has no seed wheat. Present seed wheat prices are four and seven dollars a bushel.

C. P. Strain, assessor, candidate for re-election, solicits your further support upon his record. His efficient administration and unmatched economy do not constitute his only worth to you. Repeated elections as assessor have given him an influence which he regards as yours and which he uses faithfully for your benefit upon all proper occasions. (Adv.)

Stop! Look! Listen! The biggest and also the best tent show playing Weston this season. "The Girl of Eagle Ranch," under canvas, Thursday, October 12. (Adv.)

Eugene.—\$2500 contract let for a glass palm room addition to the Hotel Osburn.

## PLAY TO BE GIVEN BY WESTON BAND BOYS

"Perils of a Great City," is the name of a thrilling melodrama to be presented Wednesday, October 25, for the benefit of the Weston Concert Band. All the masculine members of the cast are likewise members of that popular musical organization, which will play on the street in full uniform the evening of the production.

This melodrama ranks among the strongest masterpieces of Charles Townsend, the well known playwright. It is a brilliant, dashing, exciting play. Its thrilling situations quicken the pulse and its tender pathos touches the heart. The humor is abundant, and the dialogue is written in the noted author's happiest vein. Selected with care, the cast will do its best to please and interest the local public.

Clark Wood will appear in the character lead of Old Ben, a man with a past. Ernie Blomgren is the leading heavy, Reginald Churchill (otherwise Slippery Sam). Claud Price takes the juvenile lead, Harold Westerly, a man among men. Earl Olson is the second juvenile, Kenneth Marston, who is "held in bondage." Perhaps the most difficult role of the piece, Jacobs, a Jew—a double-dyed yet amusing old villain—is essayed by Roy Bead. Rulin Smith is Dexter, the detective without whom no such play is complete. Eliza Morrison appears in the juvenile lady lead as Lillian Marston, Kenneth's wife. Gladys Smith is the soubrette in the role of Clytie Hath, a lively young lady. Supplying the feminine comedy Josie Lavendar impersonates Jane Ann Deverill, a shy yet watchfully waiting spinster.

Jack Root, a prominent Portland soloist, now a resident of Pilot Rock, will sing between acts.

That Weston people will turn out en masse to "see the show" is the hope of the band boys, and the prospects are that they will not be disappointed. Faithful rehearsing is in progress.

### Wheat Again Catches Fire

Those who purchased the salvage from the recent big grain warehouse fire at Adams bid fair to lose heavily as a result of the hard wind storm of a few weeks ago. The wind fanned the fire that was still in the wheat and it has been burning ever since. A great deal of the wheat that was but little damaged by the original fire is now worthless entirely or badly smoked and scorched. The salvaged grain was sold by the insurance companies to H. W. Collins of this city for approximately \$73,000 but it is understood he was representing Portland parties. Had the fire not been fanned up again the buyers would doubtless have come out of their bargain with a good margin of profit.

The original fire was put out apparently by water and there was little indication of much fire left in the immense pile of wheat until the heavy wind storm came. Ever since the wheat has been smoldering and heavy smoke is still rising from it. Men have been engaged in rescaking the salvage for several weeks and a good many thousand sacks have already been hauled away. Most of it, however, will not be good for anything but chicken, sheep and hog feed, it is said.—East Oregonian.

### Bread Weight Variant

J. A. Yeager, state sealer of weights and measures, who has been making an investigation of the weight of bread loaves for the state department, has found that there is a great dissimilarity in the size of the loaves. At one place he found a 27 ounce loaf and three doors below found another of 19. The average size, he says is about 21 ounces.—Tribune.

The construction of a \$2000 athletic hall for the benefit of the pupils of the Echo school district will be discussed at a meeting called for October 25.

A report from Utah states that Ogden capitalists are adding extensive improvements to the Sumpter Valley R. R. in Oregon, including several new steel bridges.

Thursday, October 12—"The Girl of Eagle Ranch." Also six vaudeville acts; 20 people. (Adv.)

North Bend.—The keel for the largest boat ever built on Coos Bay has been laid, boat to be 360 feet over all.