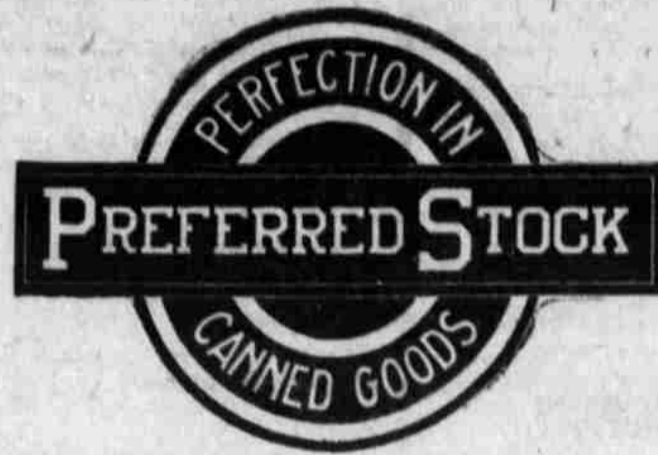


STOCK REDUCING MONTH

The backward season has so retarded spring business as to render it necessary for us to make special inducements in order to dispose of the splendid stock that has been purchased for the spring trade.

All over this big, bright, roomy store you will find piles of seasonable merchandise especially priced for this sale—goods you will want and that will go higher in price, making it the part of economy to make your purchases early.



We are doing our share to hold the present high prices down—proof a-plenty when people come from Pendleton and Walla Walla to buy groceries of us.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods—the standard of excellence.

Chase & Sanborn's Teas and Coffees—quality unquestioned.

Fresh fruits and vegetables daily.

We buy your eggs, butter, meat, lard, vegetables, chickens—in fact, almost anything.



We have gone over our shoe stock and selected all the short ends and discontinued lines, about one thousand pairs in all, and divided them into four big lots which we offer at surprisingly low prices in view of present market conditions. These lots—values \$2.25, \$3.00, \$4.50 and \$6.50—are priced, respectively, at \$1.59-\$1.98-\$2.98-\$4.79

DO YOU KNOW that you can buy from us

A good standard overall, indigo dye, well made, for only \$1.00
Other overalls as low as 83c
The best boy's suit you ever saw from \$1.98 to \$5.00 and up to \$10.00
A man's suit from \$8.50 to 20.00
A good shirt for only 49c, and the heavy standard ones for 65c
Three pairs canvas gloves for only 25c
Three pairs good Rockford sox for 25c
Children's hose for only 10c
A good shoe for only 1.79

A bargain in shoes for each member of the family.

Do not overlook the fact that we have bargain counters in our store where remnants, discontinued and short end lines can be purchased at a substantial saving.

HATS AT ONLY \$1.79

While we carry the Tiger and Mulvey hats in the new spring blocks and wanted colors for the season, we also have to dispose of at a bargain about ten dozen good value hats, good styles, that formerly sold for \$3.00. All piled on sales tables. Look them over and select your size for only \$2.79.

SHIRTS AT ONLY 49c

Right in the face of advancing prices we offer real money saving opportunities. This line of shirts will surprise you. Good styles and patterns, well made, that are easily worth 75c. We have too many and to reduce this stock will sell these while they last at (only two to a customer) 49c.



Young Men's Suits

Ours is the famous "Belmont Clothes" for young men. Boys, if you could only see these suits and note the snappy styles you so much desire—the nobby blue serges, novelties, browns and greys; the pinch back, belt back, or conservative loose back, just as your wish dictates—good serviceable suits and the price from \$8.50 to \$15.00. Look at our windows.

WESTON MERCANTILE CO.

BREVITIES

Good cook stove for sale. Andy T. Barnett.

Fine clothes made to order and guaranteed to satisfy at surprisingly low prices. Reynaud the Tailor.

Mrs. George Nesbitt and three children left Monday for an extended visit with her mother at Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. J. V. Bell, Mrs. Marvin Adkins and Miss Mabel Lualuen were recent visitors with friends in Walla Walla.

J. B. Kennedy motored up from Pendleton Wednesday for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Payne.

Mrs. Lizzie Mansfield has invested in a Dodge motor car, but prefers as yet to leave the operation thereof to her nephew, Dick Harris.

The concrete foundations for the elevators at Weston and Downing were completed Wednesday. The crews were then laid off to await the arrival of lumber which has been delayed in shipment from the mills.

Dr. Kennard brought a Country Club—one of the noblest cars made by the Overland people—to Weston yesterday from Walla Walla for Dr. Alfred F. Sempert. It is almost a safe bet who will get the first ride.

F. A. Melcher, a traveling salesman of San Francisco, was a recent visitor to Weston and engaged Miss Alma Barnett to tat two American flags, one of which will be sent to New York City. The completed flags will be entered in competition at an exhibit to be made by silk thread manufacturers.

Mrs. George W. Kennedy, daughter of Postmaster T. J. Tweedy, was killed and Fred Bunn, a stockman, and Anton Gentges, a railroad man, severely injured in a collision at Pendleton Sunday evening between an O-W engine and a Ford automobile owned and driven by Mr. Bunn. The tragic accident occurred at the West Webb street railroad crossing, and the car was knocked down a steep embankment and literally demolished. It was traveling at a high rate of speed, a speaking tour of the county.

The growing season around Weston is from 30 to 40 days late this year, according to some of our representative farmers. On the 7th day of May two years ago wheat was knee high, and some of it was knocked down by a snow storm. Right now it barely covers the ground and is rather a poor stand, although some fields—notably that of Hamp Booher—are an exception. However, Weston will probably raise a normal crop. It will be remembered that on June 1st of last year the outlook was very gloomy, yet the wheat "came through" as usual. Not so much re-seeding was necessary in this neighborhood as had been expected.

Athena Press: There are a number of vacant lots in Athena that could and would be planted to potatoes if the matter of seed could be satisfactorily adjusted. There are boys who could raise the crop and pay for the seed after the crop had been harvested this fall. A commercial association or a civic club would be in a position to make the adjustment easy. As a rule, the ones who are in need of vacant lot products are those least able to pay for plowing the ground and securing the seed.

F. C. Fitzpatrick, superintendent of the Weston schools, was here this week consulting with the board as to the selection of assistant teachers and other matters. Mr. Fitzpatrick, who was the board's choice from more than fifty applicants for the superintendency, possesses a pleasing personality and made a favorable impression upon the Weston people whom he met. He will go back to Roseburg to remain until September, when Mrs. Fitzpatrick will accompany him to Weston.

Col. F. G. Lucas returned Tuesday from a long automobile trip through the old Oregon military land grant—which included a 560 mile stretch from Ontario to Albany. He accompanied W. P. Davidson of St. Paul, who is half owner of the grant and is also president of the Oregon & Western Colonization company. Louis W. Hill, the railroad magnate, owns the remaining half of this great tract, which contains 800,000 acres.

E. J. Adams, western Oregon member of the state highway commission, will address the people of Weston May 9 at 10 a. m., while on traveling at a high rate of speed, a speaking tour of the county.

Ford touring car for sale. Dr. Kennard.

Hamp Booher has bought a new Buick touring car.

The Pilot Rock school has been closed because of diphtheria.

J. J. Beefer is again confined to his home with illness, and Dr. Sempert is assisting at the City drug store.

J. D. Miller is recovering from a severe attack of measles. Four children in his family also had the disease.

Mrs. Cora Simpson and the Misses Zilla and Edra Simpson of Walla Walla were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pries.

Congressman Sinnott sent the boy scouts a large assortment of seeds free. Come and get some at the store. F. D. Watts.

Upland potatoes are now moving freely to market at from \$3.25 to \$4.50 per hundred weight. A number of growers contracted their spuds a month ago at the price first mentioned.

The Saturday Afternoon Club will hold their final meeting for the year on Saturday, May 5, at the home of Mrs. R. W. Brown. Autos will leave the DeMoss furniture store at 2 p. m.

Usual services at the Methodist church next Sunday morning, but the evening service will be conducted by fine young preachers from Milton. It begins at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all not otherwise engaged. W. B. Smith, pastor.

While driving to town Monday from the R. W. Brown farm, Dale Brown and his three young sisters were thrown from the rig during a runaway, but by great good fortune all of them escaped without any very serious hurt. A loosened lug frightened the horses, and when they were in full flight the tongue dropped, upending the rig and spilling all of its occupants.

President Price of the commercial club announced the appointment Tuesday evening of the local committee which will work in co-operation with the county committee of national defense under the direction of the Weston committeeman, S. A. Barnes. Its members are: W. H. Gould, chairman; Mrs. E. M. Warren, Mrs. Clara Price, Miss Doris Barnes, J. W. Porter,

Frank Springer, professional brickyarder and amateur poet, has come up from Portland to serve as Pink Harbour's right bower.

Master Dick DeMoss is a victim of the measles, and his dad insults him by saying that his face resembles nothing so much as a mammoth bronze turkey egg. We fancy that Dick is the sort to get even when he grows up.

Charles Bullfinch junior has returned from southern Idaho, after an absence of two years. He is eager to join the navy, and with that patriotic end in view had an operation performed by Dr. Smith for the excision of varicose veins.

"Dad" DeGraw's residence has received so much improvement, both inside and out, as to quite put to shame the humble editorial domicile alongside. The latest embellishment is a new coat of paint in ivory white and bungalow brown, and the effect is both artistic and inviting.

HALF A CAR OF TROUT TO BE RELEASED IN PINE

In a few weeks Rainbow car will arrive at Weston from the Bonneville fish hatchery, and part of its contents will be released in Pine creek above the waterworks dam, where there is perpetual running water. The remainder will be deposited in trout streams in the neighborhood of Milton.

This news, gratifying to local anglers, was obtained from George Tonkin, state deputy game warden, who visited Weston Tuesday. Mr. Tonkin said the shipment would contain several different varieties of trout about the length of one's finger, and that they will be ready for the hook in about another season.

This shipment aside, the prospects are that Pine creek will be a better trout stream this spring than for a dozen years or more. The fish ladder put in by farmers in the Hudson Bay district to make passage way for the finny tribe over a high fall, is said to be working nicely. In this event Pine creek will afford the same sport that it did in the good old days of yore, when Dill Earp, Johnny Reynolds and Ed Weaver made their respective reputations as piscatorial experts.

CONSCRIPTION BILL IS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS

Both Branches Vote for Selective Draft, 24 Opposing in House, 8 in Senate.

Washington.—The nation will raise its army of 2,000,000 by selective conscription.

The draft army bill passed both house and senate, the house by 397 to 24, and the senate by 81 to 5.

Senators voting against the bill were: Borah, Gore, Gronna, Hardwick, Kirby, La Follette, Thomas and Trammell. Senator Lane did not appear in the senate and was not paired. In the house, eight republicans, 14 democrats and London, New York, socialist, and Randall, California, prohibitionist, voted against the bill.

The others voting against it were: Bacon, Michigan; Burnett, Alabama; Church, California; Clark, Florida; Claypool, Ohio; Dill, Washington; Dominick, South Carolina; Gordon, Ohio; Hayes, California; Hillard, Colorado; Huddleston, Alabama; Keating, Colorado; King, Illinois; La Follette, Washington; Lundeen, Minnesota; Mason, Illinois; Nolan, California; Powers, Kentucky; Bears, Florida; Sherwood, Ohio; Sisson, Mississippi. Joint conferences this week must settle differences between the measures.

The senate bill would draft men between 21 and 27; the house between 21 and 40.

Familiar Misquotations. "Where there's a will there are many quibbling relations."

Bomb Dropped on Dutch Town.

London.—Bombs were dropped by an airplane Sunday night on Zierikzee, in the Dutch province of Zeeland, says a Reuter dispatch from The Hague. Three persons were killed and much material damage was done. The nationality of the airplane has not been established.

Joffre Wants Flag in France.

Washington.—Marshal Joffre told the people of America through Washington newspaper correspondents who called upon him, that France cherishes the confident hope that the flag of the United States soon will be flying on her battle lines.

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