

A Merry Christmas to You

For the Sake of the Children we Must Make This a Merry Christmas

This store is ready for Christmas. For days we have been working to assist in making your shopping a pleasure. Our store is beautiful in its Holiday attire. Never in its history have we felt so fully prepared to serve you. Long ago we purchased goods

especially for this season that are now on display for the first time. Our store is suggestive of the spirit that permeates the very atmosphere. You are not only welcome but you are urged to visit the store. We will gladly and cordially receive you.

DOLLS—Real kid body dolls—hundreds of them—25c to \$2.69.

SLIPPERS—Men's and ladies', fancy and plain, from \$1.25 to \$2.50.

MEN'S TIES—Real dreams of beauty, absolutely new and the best obtainable; made in Oregon, and priced at from 15c to \$1.00.

TOYLAND—Don't fail to visit Toyland! Horns, drums, crawling bugs, flying birds, trains, wagons. See this wonderful storehouse of Santa Claus!

GAMES—We have assembled many of the new popular games besides many of the old ones you have enjoyed so much. Hundreds of games of every sort for the old and young.



SHOES—A practical and desirable gift that is sure of appreciation. We will sell orders for shoes to be fitted later. What could be more acceptable to your loved one than a dainty pair of shoes?

STATIONERY—A very pretty assortment of fancy boxes priced from 19c to \$2.50.

THE BABY'S CORNER—You must visit our baby department. Everything for the baby is here shown in this very attractive corner.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS—What shall we send the boys? Comfort kits ready for mailing—just the thing the boys will need. Many of these kits have gone forward already. Send more. They contain articles the boys need constantly.

WESTON MERCANTILE CO. - - - Weston, Oregon

BREVITIES

Christmas turkeys for sale. T. L. McBride.

Alfalfa hay for sale. Inquire at Watts & Rogers' store.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith were visiting in Weston Sunday from Walla Walla.

Grady Herndon and family have moved to Freewater to reside during the winter.

E. E. Zehm was called this week to Spokane to attend his mother, who is seriously ill.

Clarence Avery and family are leaving next week for Corvallis for a visit with relatives.

Hooverize and save fifteen percent on cost of living. Buy your flours from Weston Milling Co.

Harry Edwards left Tuesday for Walla Walla to enlist in the United States army. He had previously served in the navy.

A social dance will be given at Weston opera house tomorrow evening with music by Joe Payant's orchestra of five pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nelson and Master James Nelson left this week for Spokane and will probably continue their trip to Alberta.

Leonard Blomgren, Weston boy with the Medical Department of the United States army, is now in active service on the battle front in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kinnear were here Sunday from their Couse creek farm, visiting at the home of Mr. Kinnear's mother, Mrs. Iven O'Harra.

Mrs. R. G. Saling and daughter Lois have taken apartments at the Clara, 409 Villa street, Portland, and she has begun her voice studies under Mrs. Reed.

In line with practical Hooverizing, the Weston Milling Co. is putting out a brand of barley flour which our conservation editor has tried and declares to be excellent. It is made of barley and wheat, and is especially good for gems and hot cakes. Manager Robbins is also grinding a rye flour which he recommends to his patrons.

At the United Brethren Church Sunday there will be preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, Jerusalem. Evening subject, All Night in a Menagerie. All other services as usual. Says Pastor Wriggle: "If you believe that Weston needs such an institution as the Church to be maintained in the community, then be true to your conviction and help maintain it by being present at the Sunday schools and preaching services. Special music Sunday. Everybody come."

Walter Gilmore and Roy Lieualen saw one of those extremely rare birds, a white owl, the other day on Reed and Hawley mountain. It was the first either had seen, and they inspected it with interest. Walter asserts that when he caught his last glimpse of the bird, Roy was in the act of chasing it toward the North Pole—having heard that a white owl is a sign of a hard winter.

Frank Graham has lettered an attractive card board poster which is on display in the postoffice, giving the names and addresses of Weston soldiers in the service of Uncle Sam. This is for the convenience of friends who may wish to write to them or send them the home paper, and was posted following a suggestion made at the commercial club.

Will King has returned from a pleasant visit to his mother, whom he had not seen for many years, at Castle Rock, Colorado. He found her in good health and still able to do her own housework, although she has reached the age of 87 years. Times are good and money plentiful, he says, in the section of Colorado visited by Mr. King.

Harlan Logan, who has been here for an extended visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. P. Lieualen, left last week for the East with a carload of apples for S. S. Shields, the Milton packer. At McEwen, Kansas, he will visit his baby grandchildren, whom he has never seen.

Fred Kyle was in town this week from the Reed and Hawley uplands, where he has been busy with a tank house, a pantry and other improvements at the home of W. A. McCorkell.

Another soaking rain fell Wednesday night in the Weston country. Crop conditions continue favorable throughout this district.

The Weston Concert Band will give the fourth of its series of prize concerts at Weston opera house Thursday evening, December 20th.

Peter Sondergard, who has been with Louis Christenson on Reed and Hawley uplands, has gone to his former home in Nebraska, where he will join the army when his draft number is reached. He transferred from Oregon to Nebraska.

Dr. Watts has just completed quite an extensive investment in Portland real estate, in which transaction he disposed of his holdings of nearly an entire section of timber land in Washington. A choice residence in Laurelhurst was part of the consideration he received.

Local Library is Popular

Miss Cornelia Marvin of Salem, state librarian, who is making a tour of the counties that have branch libraries, was here Friday with Miss Nason, county librarian, and several other Pendleton women, and met in the afternoon with the local library board.

Miss Marvin is working in the interest of branch libraries, with a view to persuading more Oregon counties to establish them. The local board has gone on record as heartily recommending the county library system, from its experience with the Weston branch.

Patronage of the Weston library continues to increase. For the year ending December 1, 1917, 4252 books were taken out—an increase over the preceding year of more than a thousand books.

Girls to Clash Tonight

The first basket ball game of the local season will be played this Friday evening at the high school gym. Girls' teams of Weston High and Athena High will clash.

The locals have been coached by Miss Simmons of the faculty, and are in good trim for the fray. Their lineup follows:

Center—Hazel Duncan.
Side center—Cora Beamer.
Forwards—Dorothy and Ruth Proebstel.
Guards—Hope Boeler and Isabelle Fuson.

Game will be called at 8 p. m. Liberal patronage is hoped for from Weston followers of this popular sport.

WESTON SCHOOLS

The children of the school are learning Christmas songs and are beginning to feel the joyous excitement Christmas brings. Pupils from the various grades have been selected for the play of the Christ Child to be given at the community Christmas tree, and have begun to practice.

The girls of the seventh and eighth grades, under Miss Clark's instruction, are making baskets of matting and raffia, which they expect to finish this week.

The High School Girls' Club have elected Hazel Duncan captain and Cora Beamer manager of the girls' basket ball team.

The girls of the high school are having some good practice in preparation for the game this Friday evening, which promises to be a good one.

The pupils of Miss Tipton's room have completed some excellent maps of North and South America and Africa.

A spelling contest on the regular spelling lessons lasting one month has been held in the eighth grade, and the losing side is to give a party for the winners.

The seventh and eighth grade boys have been practicing faithfully and will soon be ready to accept Athena's challenge. It is the first year of basket ball for the boys and they are taking a keen interest in the game.

The eighth grade has decided to put on a revised version of that old farce, "The Old District School." While this is a very old play, the new version and the jokes on local people and places will make it very interesting. They will begin rehearsals soon after the holidays.

Rev. E. F. Wriggle gave an address before the student body Wednesday afternoon. He emphasized the importance of being well prepared, and of specialization, in these days of competition. He pointed out very clearly the advantage if not the necessity of having a high school education, then finishing college or university—choosing some vocation. We hope to hear Mr. Wriggle again.

Superintendent Fitzpatrick is one of the delegates chosen to represent Umatilla county at the State

Teachers Association, which meets in Portland during the holidays.

Weston High is a member of the State High School Debating League this year. The members of the debating class are much interested in preparing material for the contests soon to be held. So far there are seven of the high schools of Umatilla county in the league.

RED CROSS PROCLAMATION

Whereas the American Red Cross, through its President, Honorable Woodrow Wilson; its Chairman, Honorable William H. Taft, and the Chairman of its War Council, Honorable H. P. Davison, has called upon all loyal and patriotic citizens of the United States to affiliate with said organization by taking membership therein; and

Whereas, the week of December 17-24 has been designated by the aforesaid as the time for membership affiliation; and

Whereas, the State of Oregon has been assigned the quota of 240,000 members, being thirty percent of its estimated population; and

Whereas, to fill this quota it is necessary for every man and woman in Oregon to join the American Red Cross;

Therefore, I, John M. Banister, Mayor of the City of Weston, do hereby proclaim to all citizens of the City of Weston that it is a patriotic duty incumbent upon each and all of them to affiliate with the American Red Cross during the aforesaid week of December 17-24, to the end that the City of Weston and the State of Oregon may sustain our beloved nation and the American Red Cross to the full extent required. Every man and woman in Weston must become a member of the American Red Cross during the week named to fulfill this patriotic obligation.

This proclamation by me issued on December 13, 1917.

J. M. BANISTER, Mayor.
Attest: ANDY T. BARNETT, Recorder.

Pianos tuned and repaired at reasonable prices. First-class work guaranteed. A. W. Lundell, Mus. Bach.

Estray—Came to my place about two weeks ago one iron gray filly, no visible brands, bunch on left spavin joint. Owner can have same by paying expenses. I. C. Hopkins.

Church of the Brethren
Order of services for Sunday December 16, 1917:
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Preaching.
6:30 p. m.—C. W. S.
7:30 p. m.—Bible Study, Life of Christ.
JOHN BONEWITZ, Elder.

The B.B.C. Co.
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Weston Meat Market

Beef by the quarter
12½c per lb.

Meats and Fish
Ham, Lard
and Bacon
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