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EATABLES FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

THE GROCERY DEPARTMENT has made a special effort to have in stock all of the necessary goodies and vegetables for Christmas week. Our vegetable counter is full and overflowing with nice Blue Ribbon Celery, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Lettuce, Turnips, Parsnips, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberries, Brussels Sprouts, and Choice Apples.

The new crop of Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Walnuts, Almonds, Peanuts, Brazil Nuts, Figs, Dates, Mince Meat, Raisins and Currents are now in. The new Full Cream Cheese is just right. An extra large shipment of Tru Blu Crackers, Candies and Fancy Cookies just in, and very fine.

Come in and look around. Yours for the Christmas dinner from soup to coffee.

THE GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

TWENTY PERCENT OFF on all Cut Glass and Fancy China

Our stock is complete with rich, sparkling cut glass of the newest designs and shapes. What is more dainty for a gift than cut glass? For this Christmas we are showing a very attractive line of dainty hand painted china—single pieces or in sets—all imported ware; very pretty, all out on tables for your inspection. To reduce our stock, for Saturday and Monday this entire lot 20 percent less than regular price.

FOR "HIS" CHRISTMAS

Why not a tie or fancy box of suspenders, hose supporters, shirts, belts or any of the useful things found in the men's department, for HIS Christmas?

MECHANICAL TOYS ONE-THIRD LESS

Most of Toyland will go for one-third less Saturday and Monday. This refers to all the mechanical toys in the house—and we have a lot of them—trains, wagons, tops, guns, pianos, blocks, animals—a thousand of them. Come and carry away all you wish at one-third less than the marked price.

DOLLS DOLLS DOLLS

Even tho it is next to impossible to get kid body dolls, we are fortunate to have a goodly supply and are offering them to you at less than wholesale prices today. Visit Babyland and see the dolls of every size and description.

WESTON MERCANTILE Co. - - - Weston, Oregon

BREVITIES

There's a warning in Watts & Rogers' big ad. Better save ten percent interest.

Mrs. Walter Rose of Rodondo Beach is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Scrimsher.

Mrs. M. E. Ferguson is building an addition to her farm residence on Weston uplands.

I. C. Hopkins and family are moving next week to the Helix neighborhood to reside for the winter.

Miss Ruby Price, who is specializing in music at Washington State College, is expected home tomorrow for the holidays.

Mrs. Delia Winn returned Wednesday from La Grande, where she attended the funeral of her cousin, Frank Bay. He was accidentally electrocuted last week while doing some plumbing work under a house.

A mass meeting of farmers was held Wednesday at Athena at which preliminary steps were taken to build a concrete elevator of 100,000 bushels capacity. J. M. Banister, Sim J. Culley and H. J. Wilson were present from Weston.

Will Warren and Newt Morgan, former Weston boys, have bought out a garage and transfer business at Benge, Wash. In ordering the Leader sent to his new abode Newt remarks that "reading the Leader is as much of a habit as eating and juts as hard to do without."

A successful and enjoyable basket social was given Monday evening at Wild Horse school house, with a program by the school children. Seventeen baskets sold under the hammer by Tim McBride brought \$30.50, which sum goes to the purchase of a flag and for other school purposes.

The second quarterly conference of the year will be held at the United Brethren church Saturday evening and Sunday. The business session will convene at 8 p. m. Saturday. Sunday morning and evening Rev. W. A. Nicoles of Spokane will preach. "Everybody is invited to come out and hear the splendid message our conference superintendent will bring to us," says Pastor Wiggins.

The Weston Commercial club, which has been meeting in Masonic hall, has in view the fitting up of club rooms in the City hall in cooperation with the city council. If the plan is carried out, attractive quarters will be provided for the use in common of the city council, the local library, the Red Cross and commercial club in the room now used by the council and library. The project was broached by Marvin Price and generally discussed. Objection was urged that the club's present quarters are more centrally located and that the plan might entail too much expense. President Rogers appointed a committee consisting of Joe Hodgson, Sim J. Culley and Dr. Watts to investigate and report upon the proposition.

The mildest December weather ever experienced in Weston was followed Tuesday night and Wednesday by the heaviest rain of the year—warm yet exceedingly copious. Walla Walla reports a temperature of 66 degrees at 2 a. m. December 18—the highest December temperature ever recorded in that city. A marked contrast with the cold and snow of last winter is noted at Weston. On January 1, 1917, the snow at Blue Mountain sawmill measured 54 inches in depth.

Lucien Gatchen, for many years a resident of the Blue mountains about 16 miles east of Weston, has sold his place for \$1350 and moved to the Walla Walla valley. Mr. Gatchen's mountain claim was familiar to local campers under the name of Blue springs. In the years that he occupied the claim he had cut off practically all of the timber. Although located at nearly the top of the mountains it is said that he always had good success in raising vegetables.

Professor A. W. Lundell of this city has been engaged by the management of the Milton and Free-water Choral society to sing the bass solos in The Messiah, which will be presented the evening of January 10 at Columbia College auditorium. Professor Lundell is familiar with these difficult solos, having sung them heretofore in Messiah presentations.

Local Pythians conferred the third rank Wednesday evening on George Walden and the second rank on Fred Voght. A delegation of Athena knights were present.

Strayed—A light Jersey milch cow with halter. Reward. J. F. Snider.

Jake Narkaus has gone to Prescott, Wash., to look after his cattle, which are on winter pasture there.

Mrs. Porter Graham senior, well known pioneer woman of Weston, is very ill, and fears are entertained that she cannot recover.

A time change is expected to take place Sunday on the O-W. line, by which the morning train from Walla Walla will arrive thirty minutes later than at present.

EVERYTHING READY FOR COMMUNITY X-MAS TREE

Below is the program of the community Christmas tree at Weston opera house Christmas eve. Active preparations are being made for the affair by the program committee, and the presentation of The Nativity in a series of tableaux with suitable lighting effects, is expected to prove an especially beautiful and elaborate feature. An ample sum to finance the tree has been raised by the soliciting committee and the great event is awaited with expectant eagerness—especially by the younger population.

Selection by the Orchestra.
Joy to the World—Chorus and Audience.
Invocation—Rev. E. F. Wriggle.
Address—Rev. E. S. Powell.
Cornet solo, The Holy City—Harvey Lundell, with orchestra accompaniment.
The Nativity in Tableaux.
Scene 1—The Star and the Wise Men. Chorus—The Morning Star.
Scene 2—The Angel's Message to the Shepherds. Chorus—And There Were Shepherds.
Scene 3—
Part 1—The Madonna and Child. Chorus—The Christmas Song.
Part 2—The Coming of the Wise Men.
Part 3—The Coming of the Shepherds. Chorus—Holy Night.
Part 4—Worshipping the Christ Child. Soft music by Orchestra.
Anthem—Glory to God in the Highest.
A Visit from Santa Claus.

WESTON SCHOOLS

Christmas vacation begins Friday evening, December 21, and ends January 1, 1918. School will resume January 2.

Superintendent and Mrs. Fitzpatrick will leave Friday evening for their home at Roseburg. Immediately after Christmas Mr. Fitzpatrick will attend the State Teachers Association in Portland.

A very interesting contest took place Friday night between the girls' basket ball teams of Athena and Weston. It was the first game of the season for Weston and the girls made a good showing. As the game opened Athena made two field goals, causing great suspense until the ball passed into the hands of the Weston girls, where it remained the most of the evening. The Weston forwards did fast work throwing for baskets, and the locals won handily by a score of 65 to 15. The victory was largely due to the splendid team work of all the girls, who showed the results of faithful practice.

Miss Rintoul, teacher of the first and second grades, will leave Friday for her home at The Dalles, where she will spend Christmas.

An interesting talk was given by Rev. E. F. Wriggle to the pupils of the first and second grades Thursday afternoon. It was much enjoyed.

The seventh grade pupils of Miss Clark's room are to have a Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

A short impromptu program will be given Friday afternoon by the pupils of the third and fourth grades. A novel feature will be a miniature Christmas forest instead of a Christmas tree. It will be composed of small trees and will be arranged on a table.

Miss Tipton, third and fourth grade teacher, leaves Friday evening to spend the Yuletide season at her home in Roseburg.

Mr. Needham expects to spend part of his vacation at his home in Eugene. Later he will attend the State Teachers Association.

Miss Simmons will spend the holidays with friends in Boise, Idaho.

Lowest prices on cigars and tobacco at The Pastime. Nice Christmas jars of tobacco. E. E. Zehm.

The Need is Desperate

At the commercial club meeting Tuesday evening a letter was read from Judge Lowell of Pendleton and a telegram from W. M. Ladd and others of Portland urging haste in the raising of Weston's quota for the Armenian and Syrian relief fund.

It appeared from these messages that the need is desperate and urgent if the United States would save thousands of women and children from starvation.

The telegram was addressed to Mayor Banister and the letter to J. H. Price. It was set forth that Marion county, although not so rich a county as Umatilla, has started out to raise no less than \$15,000 for this worthy cause. Umatilla county's allotment is only \$5000 and Weston's only \$300.

The local committee reported that about \$230 is already in hand and that the balance would undoubtedly be forthcoming before the end of the week.

The committee consists of Mayor Banister, G. W. Staggs, E. F. Wriggle and S. E. Powell.

Saturday Afternoon Club

The Saturday Afternoon Club met December 15 at the home of Mrs. L. R. Van Winkle, Mrs. W. A. Barnes and Mrs. Van Winkle being the hostesses. The ladies were first favored with a short talk by Rev. Pritchard of Walla Walla, who spoke on Armenian relief. After a short business session a pleasing piano solo was given by Mrs. Watts. A very able and interesting sermon written by Rev. Boyd of Portland and entitled, "The Two Germans," was read by Mrs. J. H. Williams.

Mrs. Rogers gave extracts from a magazine article, "What We Can Learn from the Enemy," and several questions relating to Germany were answered by club members. Two vocal solos were given by Mrs. Geo. B. Carmichael and were much appreciated. Light refreshments were served by the hostesses.

It was with regret that the club ladies accepted the resignation of Mrs. Wilbur Woods, who goes elsewhere to reside.

The next meeting will be held January 12 at the home of Mrs. Williams.

Church of the Brethren

Order of services for Sunday December 23, 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.



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