

# WE WISH

that before the flowers bloom again the war will have been over, Liberty for the World assured, our boys returned to us. It is also our hope that the New Year will bring you much happiness and prosperity and that it may be the herald of a better America, a better Oregon and a better Weston.

## PRE-INVENTORY SPECIALS

We are now into our inventory and find many odds and ends of stock that we desire to TURN INTO CASH before closing our books for the year.

### Men's Shoes

One lot of men's shoes, all sizes, lace or button; good values—some of them dress and many of them strong service shoes. Worth up to \$4.50. To turn into cash, only

**\$3.39**

### Ladies' Shoes

One lot ladies' shoes, values up to \$5.00. Not all sizes left, but most of the best sizes can be found in this lot that is marked to turn into cash for only

**\$2.98**

### Children's Shoes

A fine lot of children's shoes—just what you've been looking for—sensible service shoes, neat and pretty. Used to sell for \$2.50 and more, but now the price is only

**\$1.69**

### Storm Goods

We are loaded to the guards with mackinaws, stag shirts, fur lined coats and heavy, warm, storm clothing. These are all reduced in price. Buy for next season and save from two to four dollars per garment.

### Ladies' and Children's Coats

We offer these at real money-saving bargains. We have left some choice garments that have been reduced in price and that will be very attractive to you in view of the fact that the style for next season will show little change. It will be to your advantage to purchase now at a decided saving over next season's prices.

Everything  
for the  
Table

# WESTON MERCANTILE Co. - - - Weston, Oregon

### BREVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price are visiting in Walla Walla.

Will King is confined to his home with a serious attack of paralysis.

New Overland car for hire. Call at the Mendwell garage. Zeke O'Harra.

Mr. and Mrs. Aronld Woods of Athena were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ross.

Dan Hopkins has sold his leased holdings in the Helix neighborhood and has moved to a ranch near La Crosse, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Read were here from Walla Walla for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Read's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown.

C. H. Stanfield of La Crosse, Wash., was among the old-time Odd Fellows of Weston who came in last evening for the home-coming.

Ralph Tucker has returned from a visit to his brother, Sergeant Elmer Tucker, at Camp Lewis, Wash. While there he called upon another Weston soldier, Lieutenant C. H. Smith.

Robert Hopkins has leased the land holdings of his uncle, Herbert Hopkins, on the Weston uplands and will farm them hereafter. The place has heretofore been handled by his father.

The Athena Press reports that Earl Dudley has sold his lease on the Killgore place to Sim Culley and has leased 2300 acres including the Barger farm west of Athena from Mr. Bagwell.

The Leader is on a cash basis and wants no patronage on any other terms. Its own bills, which are not inconsiderable in these times of war prices, must all be met in cash, and it is not in a position to extend credit. Clark Wood, publisher.

E. C. Rogers and family, J. H. Williams and family, Mrs. Miller and Mr. A. Phillips were entertained at Christmas dinner by Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Watts. A twenty-pound turkey from the McBride farm occupied the place of honor on the Yuletide board.

An enjoyable family reunion and Christmas dinner was held at the old Price homestead north of town in honor of Mrs. Z. C. Price. Her seven children and six grandchildren were present, Vernon O'Harra being the only guest aside from the family circle, which included Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Price and Miss Ruby Price; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Lavender and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Price, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price and children, Mr. J. C. Price.

A pleasing Christmas program was given Friday evening by the pupils of Dry Hollow school, district No. 20, north of town. Among those taking part were Ray Dudley, Stephen, Eldon and Afton McIntyre, Winnie York, Dillard D. York, Erma McIntyre. A playlet entitled "The Christmas of the Little Pines," was given by all the children.

Because of the slippery roads Wednesday there were several automobile accidents in this neighborhood, none of which resulted seriously. Rufe Brown's car skidded and turned over, but landed on its side and nobody was hurt. As he had his family in the car, Mr. Brown is inclined to feel quite fortunate.

### United Brethren Church

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, A New Book. In the evening Rev. E. S. Powell will preach the first sermon of a series of union evangelistic sermons. On Monday evening the pastor will preach.

Services every evening during the week, at the U. B. church, beginning promptly at seven-thirty. Professor F. C. Fitzpatrick will be choir leader. Under his direction the people will be given splendid music. Everybody is urged to attend these meetings.

### Pioneer Woman Called

Mrs. Porter Graham senior, a highly respected pioneer woman of Weston, died December 24, 1917, at her home in this city, at the age of 79 years.

Mrs. Graham's maiden name was Rebecca Jane Tuttle. She was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 15, 1838, and moved to Iowa with her parents in 1851. She was united

in marriage to Porter Graham in 1856. Six years later they crossed the plains, locating near Salem. In 1872 they moved to Weston, where Mrs. Graham resided continuously until her death. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Graham was the mother of nine children, four of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Ellen Holt of Colorado, William A. and Charles P. Graham of Weston, Jennie M. Godfrey of Orofino, Idaho. The three last named, together with her bereaved husband, were with her at the hour of dissolution.

One sister, one brother, fifteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren also survive her.

The funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church by Rev. W. S. Payne. Interment was had in Masonic cemetery.

### Community Christmas Tree

The community Christmas tree exercises at Weston were attended by more than 454 people, crowding the opera house to capacity.

This number of gift packages had been prepared, and were not quite enough to go around. However, every child in the hall received a present, and only a few grownups were left to Hooverize in sweetmeats.

The program was impressive and beautiful. Scenes of The Nativity were presented in a series of effective tableaux, marked by elaborate and appropriate costuming. Special mention is due Charles Eugene Hedrick, two months old, for his admirable enactment of the leading role.

The program committee is entitled to much credit for the brilliant success of the exercises. This committee consisted of: Claud Price, A. W. Lundell, Mrs. J. H. Williams, Mrs. R. Prouditt, Mrs. C. L. Pinkerton.

Mrs. Williams had immediate direction of the tableaux. Mr. Lundell directed the music.

East Oregonian: Rudolph Proehl, a stiel of Weston, who enlisted with Troop D and who was subsequently given an honorable discharge for physical disability, was in the city Saturday registering for the draft. He underwent an operation in an effort to keep his place in the ranks of the Umatilla county troop, but his health has not improved.

### Upland Personals

Mrs. L. H. Dowd is spending the holidays with relatives in McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schneider motored to Walla Walla Monday to visit her brother, who was home from Camp Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Avery of the Blue Mountain sawmill have gone to Corvallis for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyatt are visiting at La Crosse, Washington.

The Christmas tree at the school house was well attended and the program was very good, owing to the careful training received by the pupils from their teacher, Miss Lansdale.

Mr. A. Barnes of Pendleton spent Christmas on the mountain.

Mrs. Bert Piersol has moved to Athena to spend her children to school.

Mrs. J. E. McDaniel left Saturday for Bellingham to spend the winter with her mother.

Mrs. Cecil Hyatt was a Walla Walla visitor Monday.

Miss Mary Lansdale is spending her vacation with her mother at Two Rivers, Wash.

Mrs. Charles May and children have returned from a visit with her mother, who lives at Ironside.

### Cheerless Poetry

The following lines from the Burley Advocate were handed us by Dad DeGraw with the remark that they made him laugh. They have made us laugh, too, so we've decided to pass them on:

Tuesdays are meatless,  
Wednesdays are wheatless,  
Am getting more eatless each day.  
My home it is heatless,  
My beds are sheetless,  
They were sent to the Y. M. C. A.  
The bar rooms are treatless,  
My coffee is sweetless,  
Each day I grow older and wiser.  
My socks are footless,  
My trousers are seatless—  
My God, how I do hate the kaiser!

Chas. H. Carter Dan P. Smythe  
**Carter & Smythe**  
LAWYERS

Pendleton Oregon

W. N. Peterson G. H. Bishop  
**Peterson & Bishop**  
LAWYERS

Pendleton, Or. Freewater, Or.

### ITALIANS RECAPTURE IMPORTANT POSITION

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy.—In a succession of brilliant attacks the Italians succeeded in dislodging the enemy from a great part of Monte Asolone and driving him back more than two-thirds of a mile along a three-mile front.

The enemy's occupation of Asolone was regarded as a serious menace, because it gave him partial control of San Lorenzo valley, leading to the plain and Bassano.

Had the enemy been able to hold it and capture Monte Coston, between it and Monte Grappa, which latter is the enemy's objective as the completely dominating position of the entire range, this key position would have been seriously menaced.

Their rebuff at this important point, however, keeps the Austro-German forces not only at a considerable distance from the plain they are seeking, but makes their progress toward it extremely difficult now that the weather conditions, unfavorable for several days, are rapidly increasing in severity.

### SPY TRAFFIC DISCOVERED

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### Church of the Brethren

Order of services for Sunday December 30, 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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### Weston Meat Market

Beef by the quarter

12½c per lb.

Meats and Fish

Ham, Lard and Bacon

A. P. Perry