

"A Timely Tip"

Goods will be higher. Every mail advises us of advances. Our completed inventory shows heavy stocks in all departments that have been bought right. Our advice is to **buy now and save money.** Anticipate your wants for the coming season--- even for next winter.

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.



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' 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.

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

WESTON MERCANTILE Co.

BREVITIES

Senator and Mrs. C. A. Barrett of Athena have gone to Portland where Mr. Barrett will receive medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Price will soon move to the J. C. Turner place north of town, which has been leased by Mr. Price for a term of four years. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are going to Portland to reside.

Chester Allen has leased the S. G. Price place on the Weston uplands, and will soon occupy it with his family. He is at present residing at College Place. Mr. Price has gone to California for the winter.

R. Alexander, pioneer merchant and prominent lodge man of Pendleton, will probably become a candidate for the republican nomination as state treasurer. If he does, he will be the fifth man in the race.

Jack Calder began work this week on a contract near Athena, where he has the plumbing to install and the air pressure system to connect up for Oliver Dickenson's commodious and well-appointed new farm bungalow.

Weston dodged the usual December fog, only to receive its dismal attention in January. However, the fog and rain alternate with sunshine, and he is hard to suit who would kick at the average brand of Weston weather this winter.

Jim Jones, who is connected with the United States postoffice department in an important and indispensable local capacity, was delighted to find a big hunk of fine beef in his own mail box the other day. It was a gift from Tom McCarty, whose lost cow Mr. Jones was instrumental in locating.

The girls' team of basket ball tossers from Weston High were defeated Friday evening at Waitsburg in a close and pretty contest, by the score of seventeen to thirteen. Since Waitsburg High always has a good team, the locals are by no means downcast over the result, and will endeavor to even up matters when the Waitsburg girls come to Weston for the return game January 25.

Lieutenant Herman E. O'Harra has been acting captain of a company from Texas at Camp Fremont, thus giving him valuable experience as a commanding officer. A cycle company is being organized at Camp Fremont, to include sixty motorcycles and thirty automobiles, and he is slated for assignment to this organization as acting captain. He expects to be ordered soon with his new command to a training camp in either Florida or New York.

At the commercial club meeting Tuesday evening the club gave its hearty and unanimous endorsement to the Weston Concert Band, and promised to assist the band in making a financial success of its next series of concerts. The band proposes to give a series of three concerts at one dollar for the series, in order to raise the funds necessary for its maintenance. At the next club meeting committees will be appointed to conduct the ticket sale.

Installation of officers was held Wednesday evening by Stevens Lodge No. 49, K. of P., with C. L. Pinkerton, deputy grand chancellor, officiating: F. G. Lucas, C. C.; Clarence Hand, V. C.; Lester Wilsey, Prelate; J. H. Price, M. F.; P. T. Harbour, K. R. S.; Walter Williams, M. A.; Vernon O'Harra, I. G.; R. R. Proebstel, O. G. The third rank was conferred upon Hulett March and Ray O'Harra and the first rank upon Ernest March.

Following are the total tax levies in the incorporated cities of Umatilla county: Adams 29.5 mills, Athena 30.2 mills, Echo 24.1 mills, Freewater 34.8 mills, Helix 29.4 mills, Hermiston 33.2 mills, Milton 32.5 mills, Pilot Rock 30.1 mills, Stanfield 25.1 mills, Umatilla 33 mills, Pendleton 25.1 mills, Weston 31.5 mills. It will be observed that while Weston is not at the top of the heap, it will nevertheless be paying a fair-to-middling tax.

March 1, 2 and 4 have been assigned as the dates of Weston's second Chautauquus conducted under the auspices of the Ellison-White Chautauquus System. An excellent program is promised.

In remitting for the Leader from Roy, Idaho, J. H. Clark writes that "we are having the mildest winter we have experienced during the eight years we have been in southern Idaho."

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

Mrs. Mark Rhea has moved to Weston from the uplands, and has taken rooms at the girls' dormitory.

Dan Hopkins was in town yesterday after his automobile, which he drove to his new home near La Crosse. He has leased for a term of five years 700 acres less than two miles from La Crosse, and is highly pleased with his new location. Half the place is in summer fallow and he will seed it this spring.

Robert Ferris, former Weston farmer, was quite badly hurt the other day while repairing a barn near La Crosse, Wash., where he has large ranching interests. He fell from the loft onto a sharp-pointed scantling which was standing upright and sustained a gash in the hip seven inches long and three inches in depth.

"When I want reliable news I refer to the Weston Leader," writes Wallace Lytle from Midvale, Idaho, in renewing his subscription. He also remarks that he cannot get along without the little old Weston paper, and we hope he always will feel that way. Mr. Lytle reports lovely weather at Midvale. He sowed five acres of wheat on New Year's day just to try it out.

A basket social was given Friday evening at the new school house on Dry creek and was well attended. An enjoyable hour's program of singing and readings was rendered, the numbers given by Miss Cox being especially appreciated. Twenty seven baskets sold for \$84.70, with J. N. York as auctioneer. They ranged in price from \$1.25 to \$4.75. The proceeds will be used for lamps, stage curtains, window shades and the like.

A badly disappointed young man is Ernest W. Fehr, who was in town today on his return from San Diego, where he was discharged from the navy because of physical disability. He regrets this greatly, as he found the naval branch strictly to his liking and was keen to serve for Uncle Sam. He was in hospital more than two weeks with a serious attack of rheumatism and has not yet recovered. He had enlisted as machinist's mate in the naval aviation corps. Mr. Fehr was formerly with the Weston garage.

Saturday Afternoon Club

The Saturday Afternoon Club was very pleasantly entertained January 12 by Mrs. J. H. Williams and Mrs. R. Morrison at the home of Mrs. Williams.

During the business session the Zone System of the War Revenue Bill was discussed.

France was the subject of the afternoon program, and among the topics responded to by club members were "Our Debt of Gratitude," "Alsace-Lorraine" and "The Marseillaise."

The program closed befittingly with the singing of the grand old battle hymn of France by Mr. Needham, who was promptly tendered a vote of thanks as a mark of the club's appreciation.

Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. E. O. DeMoss and Mrs. Frank Graham.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Payne, and roll call will be answered with quotations from Dickens.

United Brethren Church

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, Of Such is the Kingdom of God.

Union meetings every night during the week, when they will change again to the M. E. Church, South, where services will begin on Sunday evening at 7:30 and continue each evening during the coming week.

All other services at the usual hours. Everybody invited. E. F. WRIGGLE, Pastor.

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INTIMATE FRIEND HELD AS MURDERER

Chehalis, Wash.—A startling sensation developed in the Fred Swayne murder case at Napavine, when Sheriff Berry arrested Oscar B. Main, a prominent real estate dealer of Napavine and most intimate friend of Swayne, in connection with the crime.

Main is a graduate of the University of Washington, and his brother, John F. Main, is supreme court judge of the state of Washington.

Main was a pallbearer at the funeral of Mr. Swayne, which was held in Chehalis.

The murder of Swayne was one of the most brutal ever perpetrated in Lewis county. He was found in his grocery store on a Sunday evening with his head beaten to a pulp.

The first blow apparently was made with the blunt side of a hatchet on the back of his head and he was knocked to the floor. His head was then beaten to a pulp. His money, safe and other valuables were not molested, dispelling the theory that robbery was the motive for the crime.

PRICE OF IGNORANCE.

Many children are never taught to think and to reason out every question in a fair minded, reasonable manner. That is why we meet with and suffer from so many unreasonable and unreasoning men and women, who are governed by prejudice, impulse and personal feelings instead of by thoughtful and careful consideration. They do not see what is right because they do not know how to judge without prejudice.

H. Zophar Tharp, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon

Trained nurse in attendance

Office and residence in the Watts building

Church of the Brethren Order of services for Sunday January 20, 1918:

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.



Billiards

THE PASTIME
E. E. Zehm

Weston Meat Market

Beef by the quarter
12½c per lb.

Meats and Fish
Ham, Lard
and Bacon
A. P. Perry