

BREVITIES

Setting hens wanted. Inquire at this office.

Mrs. R. G. Saling and daughter Lois arrived home Sunday from Portland.

For Sale—Holt Oregon Special Gas Harvester, in good condition. Phone or write Alex McIntyre, Athena, Or.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Storms are preparing to move to Weston from Milton in a few days and will occupy the Baptist parsonage.

A. J. McIntyre, one of Weston's leading farmers, is under hospital treatment at Walla Walla. He is threatened with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Staggs were visiting in Weston Sunday from Athena, where Mr. Staggs is employed on the new elevator building.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Forth, residing near Weston, are the proud young parents of a baby boy. He arrived last Monday, and weighed eight pounds.

Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis left Pendleton Wednesday for Boston to bid farewell to her son, Dr. C. C. Sturgis, who expects soon to leave for France. Mrs. C. C. Sturgis accompanied her.

Little Lora Lucas, whose arm was painfully injured last week in an electric wringer, is getting along nicely. Unless complications ensue, no doubt is felt that her arm will be saved.

Mrs. M. J. Marsh of Pendleton is visiting Mrs. J. J. Beeler and other friends in this city. Mrs. Marsh returned recently from Los Angeles, California, where she spent the winter.

Sam Phillips, Weston pioneer, was in town this week from College Place near Walla Walla, where together with Mrs. Phillips he is pleasantly located on a fruit and garden tract which he recently purchased.

C. W. Frazier, well known young hardware man of Milton, was in town Wednesday on a business visit. Mr. Frazier is so arranging his business affairs as to be ready for an early call, which he anticipates, into the service of Uncle Sam.

O. C. Beck, father of Mrs. C. H. Nelson of this city, died yesterday in Walla Walla. Mr. Beck was an early pioneer of Montana and Oregon and had passed his eightieth year. He is survived by a widow, two sons and one daughter.

Hiawatha Rebekah Lodge No. 88 has elected the following delegates to the grand assembly, which together with the grand lodge of Odd Fellows will be held at Seaside April 20: Mrs. C. E. Fisk, Mrs. S. A. Barnes and Mrs. J. E. Stanfield.

Reports this week from the Milton-Freewater fruit district say that the damage from frost will not be so great as at first feared. Apricots, early peaches and some varieties of cherries were killed, but a considerable crop of late peaches will be raised.

J. H. Clodius has returned to Weston after an absence of seven months, most of which time he spent in San Diego. Joe had time to raise and cultivate a mustache and goatee, and his old bachelor chums confess to a certain degree of envy over his distinguished appearance.

A young man employed on the farm of Alick Johnson was injured the other day in a singular manner. Going out to feed a horse, he was opening a bundle of hay by cutting the band with his jackknife, when the horse threw up its head and struck his hand, driving the blade into his nose. An artery was cut, and the wound proved to be quite a serious one.

Dr. H. Z. Tharp, formerly of Weston and now an army lieutenant, has been ordered to Fort Riley, Kansas. He passed through Pendleton Sunday on his way from Dallas, Oregon, to Fort Riley, and was accompanied by Mrs. Tharp and mother, who will visit relatives in Wisconsin. Mrs. Curran McFadden and Miss Gladys Smith met them at Pendleton and said good bye in behalf of Weston friends.

The Woman's Missionary Society met in regular business and social session at the home of Mrs. J. W. Porter. Mrs. R. Walden, Mrs. Lydia Ross, Mrs. Emma Barnett and Mrs. Angel Barnett became members. Mrs. Nelson and Miss Rintoul were present as visitors. An interesting program was led by Mrs. Clarissa Price. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, who were Mesdames Barnes, Snider and Clarissa Price.

Buy Your Shoes NOW

Right in the Face of Advancing Prices A REDUCTION IN SHOES

We are planning a new department for our store, and in order to make room have decided to greatly reduce our shoe stock, which is now the largest in the country. We must have the room---WE NEED THE MONEY---so have gone over the entire stock and selected in all about \$3000.00 of choice stock that we will close out at a **DECIDED REDUCTION** in price.

Lot No. 1, \$4.98

This lot comprises many of the choicest numbers in our stock, both ladies' and men's; the best styles of the best makes; not old culls, but fresh, new merchandise that will please the most exacting, and in values up to \$6.50; this sale price..... **\$4.98**

Lot. No. 2, \$2.98

Most of these are ladies' shoes that will surprise you; both kid and patent; many medium weight calfskins for real service; also many boys' shoes that are real bargains; these are piled on tables for your inspection; former values up to \$5.00..... **\$2.98**

Lot No. 3, \$3.39

Mostly men's work shoes and the best the market affords; this is under the wholesale price, but we have too many and must turn them into cash; values to \$5.00; while they last, only..... **\$3.39**

Lot No. 4, \$1.98

This lot is full of the best in the house; ladies' children's and boys' shoes, the short ends of stock, all thrown on this table at a price that will move them; select from them while the sizes are complete; values up to \$3.00 and even \$4.00; while they last..... **\$1.98**

WESTON MERCANTILE Co., Weston, Oregon

STATEMENT IN DEFENSE OF THE MODEL BAKERY

Mr. Charles Retzer, proprietor of the Model Bakery, about whose products there have been rumors for the past few days, on a claim being made that glass sufficient in quantity to cause death was found in a loaf of bread shipped from the establishment to Weston, expresses himself as being quite at a loss to account for the charge. The bread in question has been transferred to Pendleton and is said to have been sent from there to Portland. At any rate, Mr. Retzer has not been able to get even a glimpse of the article to assure himself whether it ever came from his bakery or not.

He is perfectly assured of the loyalty of all his employees, who have been many years in his service, both to himself and to the nation—all of them being either naturalized citizens or native born. Mr. Retzer himself has been naturalized for more than a quarter of a century and has never been back to Germany since he left that country at the age of 15 years. He has spent 20 years in building up his business to its present large proportions and certainly would not himself do anything to injure it. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the entire vicinity, the entire respect of the community, and is known to all as a peace-loving, liberal-minded, true-blue American. He has a step-son serving at the present time in the American Expeditionary Force in France.

Being a square and honest man himself, Mr. Retzer is not disposed to question the honesty of others, even of rivals in business, and only asks of the public a belief in his integrity—at least until some proof is shown beside mere hearsay evidence. The most rigid investigation will be made into every phase of the matter, and that someone other than the Model Bakery or its force is the guilty party or parties, Mr. Retzer is well assured. (Adv.)

Announcement

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination as County Commissioner, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election May 17, 1918. J. M. ASHWORTH.

National Parks, Club Topic

The Saturday Afternoon Club met April 6 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Porter. The afternoon's program, on the topic of "Our National Parks," was led by Mrs. H. Goodwin. Yosemite National Park was responded to by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Yellowstone by Mrs. Rogers and Crater Lake by Mrs. Wurzer. Mt. Rainier National Park was given by Mrs. Snider and Glacier National Park by Mrs. Williams.

Personal experiences, personal letters and pictures, made the study more interesting. Instrumental music was rendered by Mina Price and Genevieve Rogers. Louise Porter sang, playing her own accompaniment, and Miss Simmons and Miss Lois Porter gave a vocal duet, with Miss Tipton as accompanist. Miss Simmons also gave some ukulele selections. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Snider and Mrs. Prouditt.

Present as guests of the club were Miss Clark, Miss Tipton, Miss Porter and Miss Simmons.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. J. Culley. Roll call will be answered with children's sayings.

Hip Crushed by Falling Tree

George Purdy, who has been operating a patent tree saw in this neighborhood, was very seriously hurt Friday while at work on the Watts Bros. farm below town. A falling tree caught him and pinned him beneath it, where he remained until his fellow helpers after working desperately, were able to release him. He was then brought to town by Clem Duncan, reaching here about two hours after the accident. An examination having disclosed the fact that his left hip was badly crushed and broken he was conveyed to the hospital in Pendleton, where he has since been under treatment. It is feared that if Mr. Purdy recovers from the shock of his injuries, he will be crippled for life, and the fact that he was only recently married adds to the deplorable nature of his misfortune.

Music and merriment at opera house tomorrow evening.

HOMER I. WATTS Attorney-at-Law

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LON WILLIAMS IN RACE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

H. A. (Lon) Williams of Milton has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination as county commissioner. He says that if elected he will consider himself the representative of all the people of the county without respect to party or creed. He takes a positive stand for good roads, as follows:

"I am in favor of good roads, not only of a trunk highway but what is of equal importance, I am in favor of the rapid improvement of the feeders of that highway and I believe further that the road money should be apportioned according to the needs of each section in moving its produce to market. The public money may easily be squandered in road work. There is a climatic period when this work should be done in order to get the best results. To do this work at the wrong time is a blunder of the gravest kind. To this and kindred road problems I have given careful study and attention, and I think I can serve your interests in this matter." He says further:

"I have lived for 25 years in Umatilla county and have served as councilman and mayor of Milton for a term of years. I am a farmer and a heavy taxpayer and I know what hard work and hard times mean, and for this reason I pledge myself if elected to give an efficient and economical administration consistent with the best interests of Umatilla county. "I am heartily in favor of the present prohibition law and will help as far as in me lies to have it efficiently enforced."

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Publisher, editor, managing editor, business manager and owner, Clark Wood. Known bondholders, none. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 1918. ANDY T. BARNETT, Notary Public.

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Mondays at T. J. McCarty's on Weston Mountain.
Tuesdays at Iley Winn's.
Wednesdays at Geo. B. Carmichael's.
Thursdays at Alick Johnson's.
Fridays at Adams Livery Barn.
Saturdays at Athena Livery Barn.

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