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THE REASON WHY

It is the intent of both postal law and state law that newspaper subscriptions, unless renewed, shall be discontinued by the publisher at expiration. Under the state law no delinquent subscription is collectible. The law presumes that the subscriber will renew if he wants the paper continued.

The Leader would have no reason to change from the one-year credit plan it has followed for years could it be certain that every subscriber who received the paper wanted the paper. It was never sure, however, "Why didn't you stop the paper when the time was up?" has been the not infrequent response of delinquent subscribers to its bills—and they were entirely within their legal rights.

The Leader is not without appreciation of the steadfast subscribers who have taken the paper year after year and who have paid for it at some time during the year. Some of these it has been compelled to drop, and it is quite evident that they feel resentful. Yet in order to permit them to pay when they pleased, it took a loss last year on subscriptions of more than one hundred dollars because of other subscribers who went behind and did not pay at all. Its annual losses for many years have been more than that figure—ranging from 15 to 20 percent.

The Leader cannot stand this loss, at a time when every dollar it gets is worth no more, compared to pre-war values, than 50 cents in purchasing power. It has recently invested in plant improvements about \$2000 in order to get out an all home print paper, its expenses are increasingly heavy and must be met in cash, and it feels that the burden of obligation is not all one sided—that the subscriber should not altogether feel that he is conferring a favor when he takes the paper and should be permitted to pay for it when he pleases. We maintain that he also should feel a certain degree of obligation if he cares anything about a newspaper in Weston at all.

The Leader cannot make "fish of one and fowl of another." It cannot, in baseball parlance, "pick out the good ones and let the bad ones go." Unable to discriminate, it will be compelled to insist upon advance payment from all subscribers, without exception.

The Morning Oregonian, the great pioneer newspaper of the Northwest, compliments the Weston Leader, the pioneer newspaper of Weston, and seldom has the Leader received a bouquet with more delight. Says the Oregonian:

"The Weston Leader last week rounded out forty years of existence. There were not many newspapers in Eastern Oregon when the Leader started. The Bedrock Democrat at Baker and the Pendleton papers are older by only a few years. There is no recollection that the Leader said it 'came to stay,' as many have done and failed, but stay it did, and today is one of the bright and best-edited local papers of this state. The community is under more obligation to Editor Clark Wood than it will admit, but others know."

Even if there's only a little wheat in it, don't eat that extra slice of war bread, says the Food Administration. Every ounce counts and Uncle Sam is in the market to buy back every pint of wheat flour you can't use. How's the stock in your pantry? Enough to divide with the boys at the front? If so, get in touch with your county food administrator, who will tell you how to make the "divvy." Your money back, if you want it, and thanks from Uncle Sam!

REUNION OF PIONEERS IS A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

The twenty-sixth annual reunion of Umatilla County Pioneers was among the most successful and enjoyable ever held, notwithstanding the fact that many were deterred from attending through fear of the scarlet fever epidemic in a neighboring town. The attendance of pioneers from distant points was especially marked.

Noteworthy features were the strong, stirring and able patriotic addresses on both days. Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Dr. Snyder each touched a responsive chord in the hearts of his many hearers.

The exercises at the pavilion were marked by that quality best described as "class." The audience attested its appreciation by heartily encoring every number.

A most ambitious and elaborate undertaking for a small town, "The Bridge of the Gods" was nevertheless a triumphant success. Those who have read the romance on which this striking pageant was based were especially appreciative. Mrs. Saling's songs in costume were a befitting finale to the spectacle. Much praise is justly bestowed upon Mrs. Williams for her capable and untiring work in directing the pageant.

The old fiddlers' contest caused much interest and merriment. The contestants were Nat J. Hale, Alf Johnson, Joe Lieuallen, Geo. Lieuallen, Al Knight and Dr. Dell—each of whom received a prize of equal value. J. B. Duffy gave some special numbers in the way of bagpipe imitations. Regarded as too much of an expert, he was ruled out of the contest.

Officers of the Umatilla County Pioneers Association were elected Saturday as follows: H. J. Taylor of Pendleton, president; H. L. Frazier of Milton, vice president; S. A. Barnes, secretary; J. H. Price, treasurer.

The program in full follows:
Friday, June 7
—10 a. m.—
March—Weston Concert Band.
America—Audience.
Vocal solo—Walter Rose.
Address of Welcome—Mayor J. M. Banister.
Response—President A. L. Swagart.
Music—Band.
"Innocence," a child dialect poem—Laurel E. Davis.
Address—Rev. Alfred Lockwood.
—1:30 p. m.—
Music—Band.
Selection—Weston Male Quartet.
Reading—Ellen Montgomery.
Vocal solo—Walter Rose.
"Mrs. Smart Learns to Skate"—Laurel E. Davis.
Vocal duet, The Adieu (Otto Nikolai) Lela G. Saling, Walter Rose.
Reading—Helen Keller.
Duet—Genevieve Rogers, Cecil Greer.
"The Star Spangled Banner"—Lela G. Saling.
—4:30 p. m.—
Street Sports and Races.
—7 p. m.—
Grand Pageant, "The Bridge of the Gods," from the schoolhouse terrace, for the benefit of the Umatilla County Chapter of the Red Cross. Direction of Mrs. J. H. Williams.

Saturday, June 8
—10 a. m.—
March—Weston Concert Band.
America—Audience.
Invocation—Rev. W. S. Payne.
Selection—Weston Male Quartet.
Vocal solo—Mrs. J. C. Baddeley.
Music—Band.
"Mirandy on Evolution"—Laurel E. Davis.
Address—Dr. J. E. Snyder.
—1:30 p. m.—
Music—Band.
Duet—Lois Porter, Claud Price.
Vocal solo, "Faded Rose"—R. G. Saling.
Reading—Gail Williams.
Vocal solo—Bernice Richmond.
Overture—Band.
"The Red, White and Blue"—Ethel Garfield Scott.
"Her First Recital"—Laurel E. Davis.
Vocal solo, "Break O' Day," (P. J. O'Reilly)—Lela G. Saling.
Old Fiddlers' Contest.
(Election of Officers, Umatilla County Pioneers Association.)
—4:00 p. m.—
Great Solar Eclipse. (Special attraction.)
—4:30 p. m.—
Street Sports and Races.
—7 to 8 p. m.—
Free Band Concert at Pavilion.

Fred Dupuis and family have returned from Pendleton to reside, Fred having accepted a position at the Weston garage.

DEPRESSED BY SICKNESS MRS. READ ENDS HER LIFE

Mrs. Martha A. Read, widow of the late J. H. Read, died at three o'clock Thursday morning from taking corrosive sublimate. She swallowed the poison at about four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, at her home on east Main street, and all efforts to save her life proved unavailing.

Mrs. Read had been in failing health, and some six weeks ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She is said to have become greatly depressed of late because of her sickness and pain. After taking the poison she told Dr. McKinney and the neighbors who came to her assistance that she wished to die.

Mrs. Read had lived in Weston for thirty years, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew her. She was born May 12, 1855, in Lincoln county, Kentucky, and was the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom survive. Her husband preceded her to the grave about sixteen years ago. She had been almost a lifelong member of the Methodist Church.

The surviving children have the deep sympathy of many friends of this estimable family in their great bereavement. They are: W. O. Read of Abena, J. T. Read of Athena, Mrs. M. E. Shurte of Arlington, Oregon; J. H. Read of Vancouver, Wash.; George Read of Enterprise, Oregon; Roy Read of Athena, Leo Read of Camp Lewis, Wash.; Ralph Read of Camp Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland; Joseph J. Read of Ione, Oregon; Mrs. A. A. Wood of Stanfield, Oregon; Truman Read of Weston.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 a. m. at the Methodist church.

News From the Blues

Hugh and Alice Dowd have returned to their home here after spending the winter in McMinnville, where they attended school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hodgson of La Crosse, Wash., visited the latter's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyatt.

Mrs. Cecil Hyatt is visiting her mother at Colfax, Wash.

Edith English visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. English last week end.

John Neil of Pendleton is looking after his potato interests here. Rev. William Cannon of Kansas visited his nephew, Joe Cannon, over Sunday.

Eppa Piersol and Gene Schneider celebrated their birthdays Tuesday at the Piersol home, where twenty children gathered for a good time. Mrs. Roy Hyatt and Mrs. Booher assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dowd of Washtena visited Mr. Dowd's brother's family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyatt have leased their farm to a Mr. Rose and will go to La Crosse, Wash., to reside.

Weston Farmers Go to School

Walla Walla, Waitsburg and Dayton dealers in McCormick combines, in co-operation with Watts & Rogers of Weston, are holding a school at Walla Walla this week for the purpose of instructing combine owners and handlers in the operation of the LeRoy motor used with the McCormick. Some thirty "schoolboys," headed by Chance Rogers, are in attendance from the Weston neighborhood alone. No less than 25 McCormick combines have been sold by Watts & Rogers throughout the Weston neighborhood—thus indicating the progressive spirit of our farmers in improving their plants with new machinery which has been demonstrated to be adapted to the needs of this section.

Open Season for Pheasants Probable

Freewater and Hermiston farmers are complaining of the damage done by Chinese pheasants, especially to the corn. George Tonkin, district game warden, who was in town Wednesday, said that in all likelihood a short open season would be granted this fall by the state commission in response to petitions from these and other localities where the birds are complained of. No objection to the pheasant has been heard around Weston, and farmers here who wish to protect the birds during the open season may easily do so by invoking the state law against trespass by gunners, who will also be handicapped by a state law which forbids shooting of game of any sort on the public highways.

Advice to Sentimental.

When a fellow's in love he might as well go right up to her and make a fool of himself first as last. Anything is better than holding it in until he gets spontaneous combustion.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of the Brethren—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. C. W. S. at 6:30 p. m. Bible Study, Life of Christ, at 7:30 p. m. John Bonewitz, elder.

Methodist Church—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. S. E. Powell, pastor.

United Brethren Church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. C. E. meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. E. F. Wriggle, pastor.

Baptist Church—The Church with a cordial welcome for all. Sunday school at ten o'clock, preaching at eleven. Also preaching at eight o'clock in the evening. W. R. Storms, pastor.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$55 ton.
Corn—Whole, \$73; cracked, \$74.
Hay—Timothy, \$30 per ton; alfalfa, \$24.50.
Butter—Creamery, 41c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 38c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$1@1.50 per hundred.
Poultry—Hens, 22@23c; broilers, 23@26c; roosters, 16@17c.
Seattle.
Butter—Creamery, 43c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 45c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 35c; light, 36c; broilers, 30c; roosters, dressed, 28c; ducks, live, 30c; dressed, 34c; geese, live, 27; dressed, 35c; turkeys, live, 28@30c; dressed, 36@40c.

Rises in public utility rates are recommended to the public service commission by the war finance corporation for all utilities attempting to borrow money from that corporation, in a letter received by the commission. The corporation declares that it does not feel as though it should loan money other than on good security and a utility that is losing money is not considered good security.

Boys and girls at the state training school will be sent into the country to the berry patches and for other light work, as far as possible, this year. State Treasurer Kay suggested such a move at a meeting of the board of control, and the heads of the institution said they would fall in line with the idea, as far as possible. Some of the boys have been working in the onion fields with excellent success.

At a meeting at Coquille it was decided by an overwhelming vote to immediately inaugurate recall proceedings against County Commissioners Philip and Armstrong and County Judge Watson. A meeting this week will select candidates to oppose the three officials. Armstrong was recently defeated for re-nomination, but it is proposed to cut out the balance of his term. Charges made allege extravagance and incompetency.

FARM WAGES ARE FIXED

Common Labor to Receive \$3.50 a Day and Board.

Pendleton, Or.—An agreement on wages for the coming hay and grain harvest was reached here by farmers and their representatives from the eight grain-producing counties of Oregon and two of Washington.

For the present season common labor during haying and grain harvest will receive \$3.50 a day, stackers and loaders \$4, header and harvester drivers \$5, sack sewers on standard machines \$5, cooks \$3. Board is included in all these wages.

After considerable discussion a proposal for a 10-hour day was voted down. It was decided that no action need be taken on the number of hours which will constitute a day.

Practical Soul.

"So you have been to the mysterious Orient," said the impressionable young woman, "that vast region athrob with a strange life, gray with the dust of centuries, and brooded over by the spirit of the past?" "Why—er—yes," replied the practical man, who went abroad strictly on business. "Do tell me what you found there?" "The worst hotels on the face of the earth."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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