

BREVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Geiss were picnic visitors from their farm near Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Staggs of Enterprise, Oregon, have been visiting relatives here.

Miss Norma Smith left Tuesday for Ogden, Utah, after a vacation visit at her Weston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Wood of Stanfield, Oregon, have been visiting relatives and friends in Weston.

Miss Marjorie Bulfinch has returned from American Falls, Idaho, where she has been teaching school.

Mrs. A. Larson and daughter of Walla Walla were reunion guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. DeGraw.

Mrs. George McDonald of Pullman, Wash., visited at the home of her brother, E. C. Rogers, during the reunion.

George Ginn was here from Walla Walla during the reunion for his customary annual visit to the old home town.

Mrs. James Bradburn and children returned to their home near Portland Sunday, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross.

Fred Gerberding and family, who were here for the picnic, left Monday in their car on their return home to Halfway, Oregon.

Miss Hazel Duncan is very seriously ill from nervous breakdown, and was taken to Walla Walla Monday for hospital treatment.

Mrs. C. B. Davis and L. L. Davis, mother and brother of L. B. Davis of this city, were visiting in Weston during picnic week.

F. H. Alderman of Dry creek, and family, have gone to Idaho to visit his brother prior to the latter's departure to join the colors.

Cal Hale, member of an early pioneer family who lived on Hale creek near Weston, came up from Detroit, Oregon, for the reunion.

Miss Virginia Funk returned Monday evening to Walla Walla after a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. I. E. Saling, and other relatives in Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips were all over from the Walla Walla valley for the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Proudfit were in Walla Walla Monday attending the wedding of Miss Artimesa Cornwall, niece of Mrs. Proudfit, and Lieutenant Dorsey Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barr and children of Bellingham, Wash., are visiting the J. E. McDaniels on the Weston uplands. Mrs. Barr and Mrs. McDaniel are sisters.

R. Proudfit and Frank Graham are expecting to leave next Sunday for their annual vacation, which will be spent at Bingham Springs. Mrs. Proudfit and Mrs. Graham will accompany them.

Mrs. Ben H. Juday of Ione and Mrs. E. W. Fehr of Pendleton were visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beeler, during the reunion. Mr. Juday was here also during part of last week.

Ray O'Harra, one of Weston's well known young men who has just turned twenty-one, enlisted last week as second class seaman in the naval reserve. He is now awaiting the call to duty.

William Winn, early pioneer of the Dry creek neighborhood, is reported to be suffering from a critical illness at the home of his son, C. A. Winn. His children have been summoned to his bedside.

In a letter to Mrs. Amy Van Skiver, Floyd Corporan, Weston soldier boy in France, relates that he saw a German airplane downed by an American plane in a fierce aerial combat. He enclosed as a souvenir a piece of cloth from the Hun machine's wings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dowd and Miss Hazel Dowd and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gross were here from Wash-tucna, Wash., for the reunion. Mr. Gross has disposed of his Wash-tucna interests, and has been engaged of late in hunting a new location. Friends here were glad to greet these former Westonsians.

Nat Hale, Jim Killgore and Zeke O'Harra went out for a little joy ride in Zeke's Overland not long ago and kept on going until they struck the Rocky mountains in the neighborhood of Troy, Idaho. They were absent eight days and traveled in all more than 800 miles. Zeke claims to have made the trip on one quart of oil and with only one filling of the radiator.

A remarkable quilt may be seen in the household of Jesse Reeves, an aged resident of Weston. It was given to Mr. Reeves by his mother when he was a boy of ten, and has been in his possession since 1834. It was made in Wayne county, Tennessee, and the cotton was all hand-picked, carded, spun and woven by the same family. No cotton gins were then in use. The actual weaving was done by a sister of Mr. Reeves, and the pattern is quite attractive. Mrs. Reeves is the owner of two quilts similarly made which he has had more than 40 years.

George Triede, a farmer residing on Dry creek, was arrested and taken to Milton on information charging him with disloyal utterances. Triede was discharged and the court is said to have criticised the complaining witnesses, who were John, Harve and Dan Phillips. It seems that these young men put up an American flag at Triede's house, and they accused him of tearing it down and making disloyal remarks as he did so. Triede kept the flag safely and took it along with him to court. He is a Liberty Bond buyer and a Red Cross subscriber.

Jack Chapin reports a phenomenon on his farm second only to the eclipse. His roosters did not go to roost, as commonly happens, but proceeded to lay eggs in the seeming belief that the hens, which did go to roost, could no longer attend to this duty. Jack asserts that the three roosters which performed this unusual feat—a Plymouth Rock, a White Leghorn and a Rhode Island Red—may be seen on his farm at any time by any doubter. If the skeptics will stick around until another eclipse, he promises that the fowls will duplicate the feat.

In a letter to his mother, Jim Kirkpatrick writes from France that the American soldiers are in high spirits, and feel confident of victory. "Do not believe all you hear," he advises with respect to pessimistic reports concerning the success of the Hun drives. Jim is on detached service, and says that the officers work as hard as the privates and that all work twelve hours a day. He also says that the American soldiers are better fed than any other soldiers in Europe.

While out in a field of the Ferguson farm six miles east of town, Monday, Chester and Raymond Ferguson saw a big buck deer walk slowly out of a canyon and jump the fence into an alfalfa pasture a short distance from where they were standing. The deer calmly looked the boys over for a few minutes and then went its way. It was the first deer Raymond ever saw, and he declares it was as big as a three-year-old steer.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Johnson are visiting in Weston from Okotoks, Alberta, and are guests of the M. J. NorDeans. Mr. Johnson has about decided to retire from farming and to live quietly in some pleasant spot. Weston's advantages are so obvious that the Leader feels they are certain to appeal to him. Moreover, he formerly lived here, and knows.

Trajan Tucker is hauling his potatoes to Weston, having sold them to S. S. Shields, the Milton-Free-water produce dealer, on a basis of 80 cents per hundred, delivered. C. L. Pinkerton sold his potatoes in the pit to the same buyer. J. S. Neil is hauling to Pendleton, where he expects a price of one dollar per hundred weight.

A little daughter of John Martin died in Athena Monday night of scarlet fever, the second death that has occurred during the epidemic there. In general, the disease is said to appear in a very mild form, with slight danger to the patients. It has not as yet appeared in the Weston neighborhood.

E. M. Smith, cashier of The Farmers Bank of Weston, is absent on a vacation visit, during which he attends the state bankers' convention at Bend, Oregon, and the grand lodge of Masons at Portland. Mrs. Smith accompanies him, as a delegate from the local chapter of the Eastern Star.

W. L. Rayborn has bought the J. H. Clodius residence property on the Heights, and will move to town from the uplands in time for the next school year. Weston's excellent school has thus gained for it a substantial citizen.

The annual school meeting of Weston district is announced for next Monday, June 17, at the school house at 2:30 p. m. There will be one director and one clerk to elect.

Andy T. Barnett had his left hand badly cut and crushed in a gasoline engine yesterday. One bone was broken.

The plant of the Weston Milling Co. looms up attractively in a new coat of paint.

New Ford car for sale at the Weston garage.

Mrs. Rhoda Beck of Walla Walla is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Woods were here from Walla Walla for the reunion.

The entire Bible class of fourteen students in the United Brethren Sunday school has passed the state examination in Bible study, with good grades.

The school funds of the State of Oregon are now available for loans, not exceeding \$5000 to any one person, through Chas. H. Carter, its attorney, at Pendleton, Oregon.

Alex Schriener, a Russian farmer living in the uplands, is reported to have said that his people are starving in northern Russia, they having managed to get a letter through to him conveying this information. Flour commands 80 cents a pound in their locality.

George Schnitzer, a German resident of Weston, is under arrest at Walla Walla, charged with disloyal utterances. He will be held for investigation by federal officers. "I don't vas know vad I saidt, aber I didn't mean it," George telephoned to an acquaintance here.

Lieutenant H. E. O'Harra of Company G, Eighth U. S. Infantry, Camp Fremont, California, was called Saturday to appear for examination for a captaincy. Lieutenant O'Harra is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Harra and one of the many Weston young men now in the service.

Young men to the number of 155 in Umatilla county who have attained their majority since the last registration, were registered for the draft on June 5. Weston has only three in the list—Ralph Hyatt Lansdale, James Henry Beamer and Lown Ray O'Harra. The latter had already enlisted.

The county agents from seven Eastern Oregon counties and two farmers from each county will hold an itinerant wheat conference, beginning at Pendleton. They will spend one day in each of four counties, viewing wheat farming methods and inspecting the new bulk storage elevators.

The Red Cross auxiliary will meet for work at their headquarters on Tuesday and Friday afternoons of next week. The proceeds derived from the pageant given last Friday evening amounted to \$111.50. The quilt donated by Mrs. J. H. Key to the Red Cross auxiliary was auctioned off during the pioneer picnic and was bought by Mrs. Sabina Morton of Athena for \$75.

Miss Olive O'Harra was severely bruised and injured in an accident at the picnic steam swing Saturday evening. It seems that two or three men grabbed at one of the sleighs from the outside of the swing and dislodged one of the heavy platform sections. Miss O'Harra jumped or was thrown from the wooden horse she was riding and was dragged for some distance before the swing could be stopped.

Robert G. Tweedy is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mark Henderson, on the Weston uplands. He has been honorably discharged from the navy because of injuries received when the transport on which he was serving was hit by a mine. Badly hurt by the explosion, he was thrown into the water and floated for 36 hours before being rescued. After his visit here, Mr. Tweedy will seek employment in the Portland shipyards.

Some rain fell here Wednesday during an electrical storm and was quite general throughout the county. It will help to a degree, but greater precipitation was hoped for. Spring sown barley on spring plowing is very backward around Weston. Green aphid is very much in evidence this year, but reports as to the damage from this pest are conflicting. Grasshoppers are hurting crops in certain sections of the uplands.

At the recent meeting of county agents and farmers in Pendleton the rates fixed for harvest were as follows, the wage including board in every case: for haying and common hands for harvest, \$3 per day; stackers and header loaders, \$4 per day; header driver and combine drivers, \$5 per day; sack sewers, \$5 per day; cooks \$3 per day for men or women. The fact was brought out that practically every farmer is running his farm with less help than formerly.

Did He Hasten In?
She—"Oh, Jack, dear, I'm glad you've come. Father is so excited and disturbed. Do go in and calm him."
He—"Very well. But what's the matter with him?" She—"Well—er—I just told him you wanted to marry me."—Boston Transcript.

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