

BREVITIES

Fruit jars of all kinds for sale. E. E. Zehm.

J. C. Turner of Cornelius, Or., is here looking after his interests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. O'Harra at Camp McDougal.

Gail Williams returned Tuesday from a week of enjoyment in the mountains at the Peffley home.

Mrs. J. S. Harris, who has been seriously ill of late, was taken to Walla Walla Saturday for an operation.

Jess Ferguson is reported to be improving at St. Anthony's hospital, where he is a typhoid fever patient.

Joe Wurzer and crew are at the Joe Scott place near Athena, cutting locust trees for government contractors.

Dorothy Tweedy is recovering from a light attack of smallpox at the upland home of her mother, Mrs. Mark Henderson.

Mrs. W. A. Graham left Sunday for Marshfield, Oregon, accompanying Mrs. Herman Graham, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Weston.

Dolf Thompson drove home to his stock ranch on the Umatilla the other day with a new Ford touring car, bought of the local agent, H. L. Hedrick.

As I am about to retire from business in Weston, I would greatly appreciate an immediate settlement from those knowing themselves indebted to me. H. L. Hedrick.

Miss Pearl Davis is ill with typhoid fever at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Davis. This is the second case of typhoid that has appeared during the summer in Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cronk and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Venable of Athena spent the week end at the home of T. J. McCarty in the uplands. Mr. McCarty took the men of the party for a fishing trip.

J. H. McFarland, who many years ago was a well known citizen of Weston, is here for a visit among old friends and scenes. Mr. McFarland has been residing at Eugene, where he has property interests.

Two McCormick combines were started Tuesday in Dry creek fields and are now successfully in operation. Even on side hills the machines are found to work well, and they are threshing cleanly. These machines were bought in partnership by A. W. Rogers and Roy Tompkins and by Albert and Newt O'Harra.

The little daughter of Alex Schreiner, residing on the Basket uplands, sustained an operation at Walla Walla recently for the removal of an abscess. Soon after the patient's return home, it was found that another daughter in the family would have to submit to the surgeon's knife, for the relief of appendicitis.

A. P. Perry, formerly in the meat market business at Weston, is now a soldier. He joined the national army in New York as a member of the engineering corps. Mrs. Perry is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Dupuis, at Weston. She is quite ill, following an operation for appendicitis which she sustained before leaving New York.

The Weston Library Board has added the following splendid new books of fiction to the local library shelves: The Major, by Ralph Connor; Over Here, Edith Kelley; The White Ladies of Worcester, Barclay; Christine, Alice Cholmondeley; The Wings of Youth, Elizabeth Jordan; Bag of Saffron, Von Hutten; Joseph Vance, William DeMorgan.

A severe hail storm occurred Monday night in the vicinity of Lone, Morrow county, and is reported to have seriously damaged 12,000 acres of wheat. The loss is put at 25 to 100 percent. One farmer lost 1200 bushels. In general, however, the crop in the lone section is reported to be better this year than in almost any other part of the Northwest.

While riding in a Ford car Sunday afternoon with other boys, Elmer Nolte got out on the running board to adjust the top, which had become loosened. He slipped and fell and one of the hind wheels caught his leg in such a manner as to dislocate the ankle. It was at first feared the ankle had been broken, and as it is the injury is serious enough to keep the young man "on the shelf" during a good part of the busy season.

The July meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at the home of Mrs. R. G. Saling. The membership was largely represented, and the following guests were also present: Mrs. J. H. Williams, Mrs. Herman Goodwin, Mrs. J. H. McGibbon, Miss Fay Warren and Miss Lois Porter. An informal and delightful program of music was contributed to by Miss Porter and Mrs. Saling, each of whom sang charmingly. The hostess was assisted in serving ice cream and cake by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. W. L. Robbins. The next meeting of the guild will be held the first Thursday afternoon in August at the home of Mrs. Robbins.

A car of locust wood used in the making of doyle pins for wooden ships which will form an important part of Uncle Sam's new merchant marine, was shipped out of Weston Sunday. Men are still here cutting down and trimming the trees, and another carload will go out soon. Each car contains between ninety and a hundred thousand pounds. Tree owners receive one-third of a cent a pound for the wood found available, and retain the remainder for fuel or posts. Not a few people are wishing they had a quarter section or so of locust trees.

Harvest has just begun in the Weston neighborhood, with prospects of a good yield of fall-sown wheat. Some new wheat is already being received at the Downing elevator, and is said to be of excellent quality, while the yield is thought to be running better than forty bushels. The barley crop, however, will be far below the average in the Weston district, this having been a bad season for the cereal. Only a few sacks to the acre are expected from fields of spring-sown barley.

Tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock a meeting will be held at the rooms of the Weston Commercial club under auspices of the Weston Livestock Association, and will be addressed by L. E. McDaniels, supervisor of the Wenaha reserve; M. S. Shroek, county agricultural agent, and other speakers. The general public is invited to attend, and a special invitation is extended to all stockmen, whether or not they are members of the association.

The new bridge across the Umatilla at Thorn Hollow, built by the federal government and the county, is now completed, and is reported to be a substantial structure in every way. No work of any consequence, however, has been done on the Thorn Hollow approach, and it is difficult to reach the bridge from this side. This road, it is said, was to have been improved by donation.

George Brace, well known at Weston, was kicked by a horse Saturday at the ranger station on the Umatilla, where he is employed by the government, and "knocked out" for a time. The hoof caught him on the jaw and he took more than the count. Rangers carried him to the John Thompson residence, where in the course of time he again began to take an interest in life.

The old Dry Hollow schoolhouse north of town, a relic of pioneer days, is being torn down by George Carmichael, who bought it in order to use the lumber in shed construction at the Carmichael ranch. The district consolidated with two others and now has a commodious new concrete schoolhouse on Dry creek.

Ritzville, Pullman and Pomeroy farmers have established the following rates of harvest pay: Loaders, \$3.50 to \$4; sack sewers, \$5.50 to \$6; combine spike pitch, \$4.50 to \$5; box drivers, \$3.50 to \$4; combine drivers, \$5.50 to \$6.50. The ten-hour day is being adopted, with provision for overtime.

Milton was quarantined Tuesday night by the local health officers for smallpox, reports the East Oregonian. Fifteen cases had appeared up to that time. The disease is said to be in a very light form and all precautions are being taken against its spread.

E. C. Rogers and George Nesbitt, local combined harvester magnates, were called Monday to the Walla Walla neighborhood, but found upon their arrival that their advice was not needed.

F. G. Lucas returned Saturday from a business trip to Shoshone and other points in Idaho. This week he is absent on another visit to the same locality.

Alex Walker came up from Portland yesterday for his annual visit and is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. McIntyre. He is receiving the usual warm welcome from his many friends of "auld lang syne" in Weston and vicinity, where for years he was one of our representative farmers.

Noah P. Hall, 81 years old, died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Florence Lobaugh, at Vansycle. Mr. Hall was a former resident of Weston, and had many friends in this community who regret to learn of his passing. He is survived by two sons, Miller Hall of Nolin and Charles Hall of Weston, and by one daughter, Mrs. Lobaugh. The funeral was held Sunday at Athena.

Warnings are being sent to Eastern Washington towns against fake "war heroes" who speak at war rallies and take up collections afterward. Several of these men appear in Canadian uniforms and there seems to be no law to prevent their so doing. The principal damage these men do is not the money they secure but the fact that they spread sedition and disloyalty and are in reality German propagandists. Posing as heroes, they drop little remarks in their speeches that are intended to sink in. Five of them have been apprehended.

ALLIES ARE VICTORIOUS IN COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Twenty Villages Taken by French and American Troops.

(By the Associated Press.)

From the region west of Soissons to the northwest of Chateau Thierry, American and French armies have begun a strong offensive against the Germans, which possibly may have a marked influence on the future of the world war. In its initial stage the movement has been rewarded with great success.

All along the 25 miles the French and American troops have dashed brilliantly across positions held by the Germans, killing, wounding or capturing thousands of the enemy and taking towns, villages and large quantities of guns and other war supplies. Nowhere, according to last accounts from the front, has the enemy been able to stay the progress of their assailants, although counter-attacks were resorted to on some important sectors after the first stages of surprise occasioned by the unexpected attack had worn away.

To the Americans alone in the region west of Soissons came four thousand prisoners, thirty guns and much war material. Additional large numbers of captives and further great stores of guns, ammunition and other war necessities were taken by the French. Before all the positions of the Americans and the French their guns and machine guns cut to pieces fleeing hordes of the enemy or bands which endeavored to withstand the onrush.

The blow, probably long in its inception, is being aimed at territory vital to the Germans—territory the capture of which not alone would mean the forced retirement of the Germans from the entire salient extending southeastward across the occupied region from Soissons to Rheims with Chateau Thierry its southern apex, but possibly would result in the capture of thousands of Germans operating there, many of them comprising the best soldiers of the German emperor's armies.

So fast has the advance progressed that already French and American troops have reached or are astride several of the important roads of supply for the German armies in the south, particularly the line running from Soissons to Chateau Thierry. It is not improbable by reason of this fact and the inability of the enemy instantly to remove them, that further large quantities of supplies will be taken.

Altogether more than 20 villages fell into the hands of the Americans and French all along the battle front.

Roosevelt's Youngest Son Killed.

London.—Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, Colonel Roosevelt's youngest son, who has been attached to the American line forces on the Marne front, was killed at Chateau Thierry on July 14, says a dispatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph company. Lieutenant Roosevelt, the dispatch says, was returning from a patrol fight when he was attacked by a German squadron. It was seen that Roosevelt suddenly lost control of his machine, having probably received a mortal wound.

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