

BREVITIES

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

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler were up Saturday from Pendleton.

Mrs. L. Dawson of Elgin, Oregon, has been the guest for a few days at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Delia Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole were here from Pendleton Wednesday, attending the funeral of Mr. Cole's uncle, the late O. T. Douglas.

J. A. Lieuallen came up Sunday from Heppner to visit his son Earl, prior to the latter's departure from Walla Walla to join the National Army.

Corporal James Kirkpatrick, one of the Weston soldiers serving in France, writes home that he would rather read the Weston Leader than the New York Herald.

F. C. Greer is operating his combined harvester in the Helix neighborhood on the farm of his sister, Mrs. Minnie Walker. Mrs. Walker's wheat is yielding better than 30 bushels.

Merritt A. Baker has returned to his home in Weston after an absence of ten months, during most of which time he was an honored guest at the home of his son Gilbert in Salt Lake City.

The first shipment of new wheat from the Weston neighborhood went out Friday and Saturday from the Weston Warehouse Co.'s elevator. It weighed No. 1 in grade, and was billed to The Dalles and Seattle.

After a visit at his former "stamping ground" in Weston, where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nelson, J. H. McFarland left Sunday for Buhl, Idaho. He will spend some time there on the irrigated farm of Henry Duran, prior to his return to Eugene.

W. A. Graham has gone to Marshfield, Oregon, where Mrs. Graham is visiting at the home of their son, Herman. He expects to engage in carpenter work there during the remainder of the summer and fall. Mr. and Mrs. Graham will probably return to their home in Weston to reside during the winter months.

Grasshoppers, which have been such pestiferous and numerous upland visitors this season, have nearly destroyed the crop of Walter Gilmore. Ground which he was at much labor in planting was swept almost as bare as a floor. Walter had a short crop last year, too, and thinks it's about time he was looking for a rabbit's foot.

Newt O'Harra is driving an Elgin Six with considerable pride and pleasure, and is inclined to think that luck has begun breaking his way. He won the car at a prize drawing put on by the Home Guard of Freewater for the benefit of the Red Cross. Numbers were sold at one dollar each, and Newt happened to buy and hold the lucky one.

J. W. Fehr and family have moved to the Weston neighborhood from the Grande Ronde valley to make their home, and will reside on little Dry creek. Mr. Fehr has identified himself with Weston's agricultural activities as a member of George Ott's crew. He is a brother of E. W. Fehr of Pendleton, who came up Sunday to visit him.

George Phillips was in town yesterday from Freewater. George is a bit inclined to congratulate his brother Fred and himself that they resisted the temptation to seed their 320 acres of summer fallow in the Oregon hills to barley last spring. They would hardly have raised enough barley to feed the jackrabbits, while as it is the ground is in fine shape to put into wheat this fall.

Sidney Murphy is now flying with an instructor over Mather's aviation field in California. Beginning July 25, he goes up an hour each day for eight days with the teacher, and after that will be sent up alone. Sidney had eight weeks of aerial school work before being put to the crucial test in a machine, in which so many students fail. This he has passed successfully, according to a letter received by his uncle, J. H. Ridenour.

Jack Calder left Tuesday for Portland, with a view to enlisting as a plumber with the Canadian Engineers. For the present, his family will continue to make their home in Weston. Jack will be missed by his many Weston friends—and also, we hope, by the Hun marksmen. A card received by his wife says that he was accepted at Portland, having passed the physical examination with a perfect score, and will go from there either to Vancouver or Victoria.

John R. English has broken into society while surveying in Nevada. John and his party have been at work in the neighborhood of Winnemucca, Nev., and the Humboldt Star, published there, has this to say with reference to their departure: "A farewell party was extended them Saturday night at the Schwartz ranch about three-quarters of a mile from town. A large crowd of young folk assembled and played games and danced until three o'clock. The government party wish to extend their thanks to everyone for having had a very enjoyable time during their stay here."

Mrs. Edna Morrison, widow of W. J. Morrison, a former Weston druggist, will engage in Red Cross work in France. The Oregon Journal of Tuesday says: "Mrs. Edna Morrison, a well known Portland young woman, daughter of Mrs. Fred G. Schilke of La Grande, will leave Portland early in August for New York, where she will report August 14 for overseas duty with the American Red Cross. Mrs. Morrison is an expert stenographer and typist and goes abroad in the clerical department of the Red Cross."

Reports from the Geer Springs neighborhood say that the wheat crop is just about normal there, despite the unfavorable season. Jess Gordon's wheat is said to be yielding around 35 bushels, which is about his usual average. This affords a marked contrast to the reservation country south of Athena, where the crop is reported to be short about 12 bushels per acre. The yield is running from 25 to 35 bushels.

News from the Rockland district in southern Idaho, where a number of former Westons are operating, is to the effect that the wheat crop is better than was anticipated. Timely rains saved the situation for the dry land farmers. J. C. Cooper, one of them, is getting from 15 to 20 bushels from 500 acres. Another, Paul Bulfinch, will cut a total crop of about 12,000 bushels.

Athena Press: Mr. and Mrs. Will Read and son Velton returned Monday from a camping trip at Bingham Springs. Mr. Read, who is recovering from his illness, will attend to his harvest, after which they will go to the mountains for the purpose of gathering huckleberries.

The bed-shirts upon which the local Red Cross auxiliary has been working recently are now all completed and ready to be forwarded to headquarters. A new supply of sweater wool is expected during the coming week.

Mrs. R. Proudft and daughter Mary are visitng at the home of her brother in Satus, Wash.

G. A. R. Encampment

Great interest is being manifested throughout the Northwest in the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which is to be held in Portland August 19 to 24. It will be the first Encampment ever held in the Pacific Northwest and undoubtedly the last time the old soldiers of 1861-65 will ever come to the Pacific Coast.

Portland expects thousands of people from Washington, Idaho and Oregon to be present to welcome the veterans and to do them homage. They are the sires and grand-sires of the boys of today who are fighting in France for the same eternal principles.

Members of the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans and their families may purchase tickets at one cent per mile by securing certificates from the commander of the nearest G. A. R. post.

Portland will entertain the Grand Army in magnificent style. The great parade is to be held Tuesday, August 20.

Weston has only a few remaining veterans, and they are members of the Milton post, of which W. H. Bailey is commander. One or two of them contemplate attending the Encampment.

Baker County Irrigation

State Engineer Lewis has approved the applications of F. A. Phillips and others for the construction of the Traverse Lake reservoir and the Echo Lake reservoir in Baker county for the storage of water at the head of West Eagle creek, and the application for the appropriation of the stored water, together with the waters of Goose creek and West Eagle creek for the irrigation of 2321 acres of land near Keating. This project involves the construction of two small reservoirs at an estimated cost of \$7000 and the distribution system is estimated to cost \$45,000, the total length of the main canals being about 20 miles.

Books for Weston Readers

Through the State Library at Salem the Weston Library has just received the following books by standard writers:

Pride and Prejudice—Jane Austen.

Westward Ho!—Kingsley.

The Grandissimes—Cable.

The Pilot—Cooper.

A Modern Instance—William Dean Howells.

Ordeal of Richard Ferval—Mer-edith.

My Summer in a Garden—Warner.

Jungle Book—Kipling.

Last of the Mohicans—Cooper.

Lorna Doone—Blackmore.

Mill on the Floss—George Elliott.

What Can Literature Do For Me?—Smith.

All of these books are included in the reading courses prepared by the United States Commissioner of Education, and are well worth the consideration of the reading public.

Round Up a Red Cross Benefit

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 1.—The 1918 Pendleton Round-Up will be held, the war to the contrary notwithstanding. At a meeting this week the directors of the show so decided, after a consultation with government representatives showed no reason for canceling the big epic drama which annually for ten years has provided wholesome entertainment for many thousands. The directors also decided that every cent of the profits of the show would this year be donated to the Umatilla County Chapter of the American Red Cross and, at the monthly meeting of the chapter directors yesterday, this proposal was approved by formal resolutions. The actual costs of the show will be deducted from the receipts and the balance signed over to the Red Cross. The dates of the annual Round-Up have been set as September 19, 20 and 21 and the big show is now in the making.

GERMAN LINE IS OVER OUR CO RIVER

Fere-en-Tardenois, Big German Supply Base, Is Taken By Allies.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front.—The German line is again north of the Ourcq river and Fere-en-Tardenois, the German supply base, has been entered by French troops. The tightening of the flanks holds promise that the retreat will continue.

The line along the greater part of the bottom of the Soissons-Rheims salient has been pushed forward in some places as much as five miles. The edge of the German salient to the south and southeast of Fere-en-Tardenois was ground down by the whirl of the allied troops and dulled to an extent that German weakness was indicated at many points. The first indication of this was seen Saturday, when the enemy retreated so rapidly that the Franco-American troops entirely lost contact with him.

In the battle of the woods, the stiffest resistance the Americans ever experienced in this kind of warfare was encountered. Franco-American troops were compelled to contend constantly with a rear guard action, consisting principally of machine gunners, most of whom, dressed in green clothing, had nests in trees.

Day after day during the fighting the allied troops bucked the German machine gun nests, using artillery and machine guns and some gas against them.

In the rear guard fighting, which was carried on to permit of the withdrawal of the heavier German guns, the enemy resorted to numerous tricks, such as carrying machine guns in stretchers when endeavoring to reach some points under the allied fire. When they realized that their stretcher trick had been discovered, the Germans resorted to other means to deceive.

The wounds received by the American soldiers have not been serious as a rule, on account of the failure of the Germans to use artillery. A great majority of the wounds were clean flesh wounds, made by bullets from machine guns and rifles.

During August and September community fairs for the benefit of the boys' and girls' industrial club work will be held at all central points in Douglas county, including Elkton, Smith River, Drain, Anlauf, Scotts Valley, Yoncalla, Umpqua, Sutherlin, Wilbur, Roseburg, Glide, Ten Mile, Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville and Glendale. The one big purpose behind these fairs is patriotism in encouraging the industrial club workers to promote the conservation of food and increase food production.

CANVAS

from 30 to 72 inches wide, in weights desired for tents, machinery covers, shades for engine cabs, cook houses and all the many things canvas is needed for during the harvest season. Our prices are less than wholesale in most cases, we having bought this canvas last season.

HARVEST SHOES

Shoes built for harvest wear—light, durable, comfortable muleskins, canvas, Scout shoes and many other familiar makes especially in demand at this season. Priced at from \$1.98 for the muleskins down to as low as 90c for the canvas. The famous ARMY SHOE is selling for only \$5.50.

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We have gone over our stock of white cloth shoes and find we have a lot of styles we desire to close out at once. You will find this lot on tables marked at a substantial reduction. Very attractive in view of the fact that the goods are still advancing. You will do well to anticipate your future needs and supply them from this lot. Only

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Groceries are hard to get, but we are still in the ring and are better fixed than ever to take care of your harvest needs.

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