

BREVITIES

Mrs. Louis Scholl of Echo is the guest of Mrs. H. L. Hedrick.

Lorene King of Pendleton was here last week for a visit with her cousin, Katherine Licuallen.

Miss Lois Porter arrived home Wednesday from a three weeks' visit with friends in Portland.

Mrs. C. F. McConnell and children were visiting in Weston Sunday from their home near Adams.

The Misses Hilda and Marvel McRae of Walla Walla were visiting friends in Weston during the week.

W. O. Read of Athena is reported to have cropped 41 bushels to the acre of that good old stand-by, red chaff wheat.

Mrs. A. R. Walker of Athena and Miss Theo Kirk of Thorn Hollow were guests during the week of Mrs. E. T. Walker.

Geo. B. Carmichael has purchased an Overland Six Special—a very attractive car—from the local agent, Dr. Kennard.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett and little daughter of Pocatello, Idaho, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Frank Hildebrand.

J. W. Porter and Lester O'Harra are back in their respective departments of the Weston Mercantile Co., after a season of rest and quiet enjoyment at Camp McDougal.

Miss Anice Barnes of Weston has been secured to teach the LaMar school the coming year, the former teacher, Mrs. Sanford Stone, having accepted the school in district No. 113 south of Athena, reports the Press.

After completing a neat job of harvesting with his McCormick combine at the farm of Mrs. Wiley, Eph. Tucker has moved to the W. A. Barnes ranch. He is being assisted by Mr. Gilliam as sack sewer and Mr. Ellis as driver.

Bert Piersol was in town Monday from the uplands, and reports a fair-to-middling wheat prospect in his neighborhood. He is banking more on his potato crop than anything else, having 25 acres of spuds that look very promising.

F. G. Lucas was in town Monday for a visit with his family from Shoshone, Idaho, where he is operating in irrigated land. He describes Shoshone as the liveliest of live towns, and expresses great confidence in the future of that section of Idaho.

The best yield of barley yet reported from the Dry creek neighborhood was that of Preston Smith on the John Harder place, where he cropped 35 bushels to the acre. His wheat made about the same average. The barley was spring-sown on summer fallow.

Rulon Weston and Virgil Lundell, popular Weston young men who are now employed in Walla Walla, have decided to leave for Portland next month to apply for enlistment in the service of Uncle Sam. They will spend Sunday with relatives and friends in Weston.

Reports from St. Nazaire, France, say that Ernie Blomgren, Jim Kirkpatrick and Sylvan Kennard have been transferred from the 116th Engineers to the headquarters company of the 301st Stevedore regiment. For the present they will continue to be engaged in clerical work at St. Nazaire.

Over on Dry creek the other day Mail Carrier J. E. Jones saw the past contrasted markedly with the present in the shape of an old-fashioned cradle scythe and a combined harvester in active operation in adjoining fields. The cradle scythe even frightened his mules, which are accustomed to modern ways.

Private Cyril C. Proebtsel, in ordering his Leader mailed to Camp Lewis, writes that "I was unfortunate in not getting with the boys who left Pendleton with the last draft, but am where I can see them often. They are all in good spirits and ready to go. I am with a bunch of California boys from Santa Barbara. If the spirit of these young soldiers is carried across, the Kaiser cannot last long."

R. G. Saling has purchased and taken over the business of the Weston Garage from Homer L. Hedrick. Associated with Mr. Saling will be Clyde A. Staggs, a former Weston boy and well known garage mechanic. Mr. Hedrick leaves next Monday for Portland to take the examination for a commission as chief engineer in the American merchant marine. He already holds papers as first assistant marine engineer, having followed the sea some ten years ago.

Having "sat up" the night before, Andy Barnett went to sleep on a load of log wood while driving down the mountains a day or two ago. He stopped to rest the team in the shade of a group of trees, and closed his eyes "for a few minutes." When he awoke later with a start, he was about two miles farther down the mountain, with the team jogging peacefully along. The horses evidently knew where they were going and were on their way, and had come down a hill without accident. While giving the faithful animals full credit, Andy is also inclined to hand himself a vote of confidence for not rolling off the load.

Miss Odessa Kirkpatrick and Mr. Virgil Neild were united in marriage Sunday in Pendleton and went to Portland for a brief honeymoon, after which the bridegroom will enlist in the navy. The bride is a successful young business woman of Weston and a member of one of the community's most prominent pioneer families. The bridegroom is a popular young man, the son of Mrs. Delia Winn. Mr. and Mrs. Neild have the best wishes of numerous friends.

J. N. York has just completed a 28 days' run with his Pride of Washington machine and two 14-foot headers. Mr. York's own wheat averaged 36 bushels per acre. He threshed 440 acres for H. C. Winn that averaged 38 bushels. He finished his run on 40 acres of the J. C. Turner place north of town, which is said to have made no less than 49½ bushels per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham are domiciled at 401 Perkins avenue, Pendleton. In ordering the Leader sent to their new address, Frank remarks: "We are well pleased with our new home and employment and are in want of nothing but the Weston Leader."

Record Kept of Sugar Sales

All retail grocers of Umatilla county have been instructed to keep a record of all sugar sales from August 1st. These records will be turned in to the county administration at the end of the month and will later be used by the officials in checking up the individual consumers to see that they have not purchased more than their two pounds per month per person. Later on, it is anticipated, the state administration will issue individual sugar cards.

Should the records show that any person has, by buying from several different stores, exceeded his monthly allowance, the administration has authority to prohibit the offender from securing any sugar for such period as the administration may fix, or the offender is subject to prosecution under the hoarding act.

Special permits for canning sugar are still being issued by the administration upon statements showing the amount of fruit which a person desires to can. However, permits will not be issued for sugar to make jellies, jams or rich preserves—these being considered table luxuries. In this connection, to help out the housewife, Miss Lorene Parker, the home demonstration agent, has prepared a recipe to make jelly by using white corn syrup as a substitute for sugar, and will furnish the same to anyone upon application.

Those "bomb proof" jobs do not seem, however, to be draft proof, especially in the navy.

Without exaggeration, our American boys over there have been fighting like a bunch of wildcats.

Neither will anyone object to the substitution of chicken for beef in those harvest dinners.

The clover crop is coming on fine, so we shan't have to suffer from any cloverless days this winter.

Some enemies plot to wreck troop trains, others merely conspire to get rich off government contracts.

It is too hot to do anything but lay in that winter fuel. You are crazy with the heat if you don't do it.

We should worry about those three meatless days a week! Just look at the beans we've got coming in the garden!

We care not how often mother has her day, but in justice to all concerned let's see to it that father gets his nights.

Burlap famine threatens and price of leather has advanced. Horrors! What will we wrap our feet in next winter?

The government's meat program is liberal enough, but not all of us like our meat served as the government likes it.

In the reorganization of the railroads in the interests of conservation and economy, will the baggage smashers remain?

OVERLAND DELIVERY CARS ON TOLEDO MAIL ROUTE

Seventeen months ago the Toledo Branch of the Willys-Overland, Inc., sold six 1200-lb. Delivery cars to the Toledo Postoffice Department for use in hauling incoming and outgoing mail to and from the postoffice and various railway stations.

The requirements which these cars are called upon to fulfill are severe. Practically all trips are rush runs; the mail is held at the postoffice until the very last minute and only time is allowed to get to the depot and unload in time for the train. The load coming back is also made with a rush, as there must be no delay to mails between the depot and the postoffice.

On account of the heavy traffic on the route to depots many of the streets are paved with cobble stones, which retards speed of automobiles. Many of the mail loads on these Overland 1200-lb. Delivery cars are 1500 lbs.

This fleet of Overland Delivery cars are in constant operation day and night, every day of the year.

Each car has probably had more than one hundred different drivers during these seventeen months.

The lowest mileage of any of these cars is 55 miles a day, and the average is 65 miles per day—always carrying a heavy load and running at a speed which is specially permitted by the police department.

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DR. S. L. KENNARD, Dealer.

FRANCO-AMERICANS CAPTURE FISMES

Big German Storehouse Taken By Allies After a Bitter Struggle.

Paris.—The town of Fismes, Germany's great storehouse on the Aisne-Marne battle front, has been taken by the French and American troops, according to the French official communication.

The Americans covered themselves with glory in the hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of Fismes when they captured that German base. The fighting is said to have been the bitterest of the whole war, the Prussian guards asking no quarter and being bayoneted or clubbed to death as they stood by their machine guns.

Fismes was taken after a heavy artillery fight. When the Americans decided to advance it was after careful preparation and under a sweeping barrage of shrapnel and gas, the infantry advanced. There was opposition from machine guns, but the Americans quickly silenced them.

The Vesle river, which was flooded owing to the recent heavy rains, hampered the German rear-guards which were unable to ford the stream. Most of those Germans were killed and the rest were made prisoners.

Allied forces in pursuit of the Germans passed through veritable charnel houses.

Bodies of men and horses are mingled with broken down vehicles alongside ammunition dumps, some exploded and others intact.

Bodies of Germans found in clusters beyond the range of the allied artillery indicate that severe punishment was inflicted on the fleeing columns by the aviators.

ENEMY ON BRITISH FRONT WITHDRAWS

London.—On the British front the Germans have withdrawn between Montdidier and Moreuil, a distance of ten miles.

Advanced lines on a sector nearly half a mile long north of La Bassee canal have been evacuated by the Germans and the British have pushed forward and occupied this ground.

Following the withdrawal of the Germans in the region of Albert all the bridges across the Ancre river in the region covered by the retirement have been destroyed. The Germans are still holding the river crossing in the village of Albert.

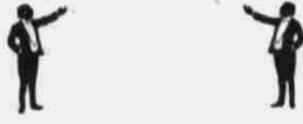
Further south along the Avre river, where the Germans retired from their positions on the west bank, all the bridges across the river have been destroyed and the roads leading to them have been dynamited.

Hints that the Atlantic coast might be attacked have not interfered perceptibly with summer resort patronage. A great many Americans would take a chance for the sake of being on hand to witness the procedure.

Suits for Men



It will be gratifying to know that you can come into your home store and buy a Hart Schaffner & Marx or Clothcraft suit—the suits with a guarantee as to style, material and workmanship. Our prices are less than the city stores are asking and we are prepared to supply your wants.



LADIES' COMFORT SHOES

Every housekeeper should have a pair of these shoes. They are the real restful kind to slip on when your feet are tired these warm days when house work is taxing the efforts of home-makers. They are the soft kid, elastic sides and low heels that sell regularly for \$2.25 and \$2.50. Our price is only \$1.79

HARVEST SHOES

We are just in receipt of a delayed shipment of shoes that were ordered particularly for this harvest but were delayed in transit. In order to close these out—we shall sell them this season—we make the price lower. They are 8-inch tops, light leather. Priced \$4.25 and \$4.98

Our GROCERY DEPARTMENT

We are making every effort to supply your wants these trying times when so many government regulations interfere. We ask your co-operation and assure you we will do all in our power to serve you in the best manner possible. We are in touch with the best houses in the country supplying fruits, vegetables, etc., and will always keep the best in the markets.

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