

BREVITIES

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Mrs. Delia Winn and family left this week for Portland to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sumption left Wednesday for their future home at Boise, Idaho.

Frank Waddingham is here from Enterprise, Oregon, for a visit with parents and friends.

Miss Florence Simmons was a guest for the week-end at the G. W. Proebstel farm near town.

Robert Tweedy arrived this week from Seattle for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Mark Henderson.

A baby daughter was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Piersol at their home on the Weston uplands.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, residing south of town, are convalescent after an illness with influenza.

Hodgson's Mills are grinding three grades of graham flour—coarse, medium and fine—for use in making mush, pancakes or graham bread.

Miss Ruby Price is reported to be ill with Spanish influenza at her home in the country north of town. Her condition is regarded as promising speedy recovery.

Dangerously ill with the flu, Mrs. Cecil Hyatt was conveyed to Walla Walla Sunday for hospital treatment. She is reported today to be slowly improving.

Jim Lieuellen, Ralph Tucker and P. A. McBride drove to the stubble fields beyond Walla Walla Tuesday in Mr. Tucker's car to look after their cattle interests.

Henry Beamer, one of the Weston soldiers in France, wrote in his last letter home that he is attending an army school. Henry has been serving in the heavy artillery.

Dr. McKinney was called to Athena Tuesday to attend the patients of Dr. Sharp, Athena's veteran physician, who was worn out through attending 75 flu calls or more daily.

The annual meeting of the Weston Mercantile Co. stockholders announced for January 15 was adjourned to meet again at the call of the president, because of local flu restrictions.

William Huntley, a Couse creek farmer, lost a good yearling colt the other day by letting it run with the cattle around a strawstack. It was hooked by a vicious cow and ripped wide open.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilks and Miss Virginia Sowers of Pendleton and Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Storms and Josephine Cowen of Weston were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sowers.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held at Pendleton February 8, 1919, at 9:30 a. m., to fill the position of rural mail carrier at Weston and vacancies that may occur later on other routes.

Claron Rhea and Floyd Fox, mountain trappers, have received returns from a Chicago fur house for six coyote hides and two weasel skins. They get \$95 for the shipment, which is at the rate of about \$15 each for the coyote hides.

A letter received Tuesday by S. A. Barnes from Sergeant Sidney Barnes says that he expected his discharge the following day at Fort Dodge, Iowa. In this event he will probably reach Pendleton next Sunday on his way home.

After being closed since prior to the Christmas holidays in order to forestall a flu epidemic, school was opened Monday in district No. 49 on Weston mountain, with Mrs. Roy Hyatt as teacher. The Basket mountain school has also reopened.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sample of Pendleton were here Monday looking at Weston property, and may decide to locate. Mr. Sample is employed in the construction department of the O-W-R. N., and has been a resident of Umatilla county for many years.

Mrs. Frank Woods of Oregon City and Mr. Roy Kirk of Seattle, who was accompanied by Mrs. Kirk, were recent guests of their sister, Mrs. J. Hodgson. Guests and hostess attended a family reunion last week at Walla Walla, at which all the children of Leander Kirk, and also Mr. Kirk, were present. The circle included five daughters and one son.

The teachers of the Weston school met Thursday afternoon and assigned lessons to such pupils as reported for the purpose. While at this writing no official announcement had been made that the local school will reopen next Monday, it is thought that in all likelihood it will do so, unless further cases of Spanish influenza are reported. The patients in the L. B. Davis household have recovered, and no Weston houses are now under quarantine.

J. S. Lamm of Seminole county, Oklahoma, was in Weston during the week, visiting old-time friends. Mr. Lamm came out to Portland to see his son, George Lamm, who is in the service of Uncle Sam. He says he did not know the boy in his army uniform. Another son, Charles, also well known here, is with him in Oklahoma, where they are engaged in farming and raise peanuts, sweet potatoes, cotton, corn and oats.

Will and Roy Read were over from Athena yesterday. Will is just out after a dose of the flu, and says that in his opinion it is an entirely different proposition from the old-fashioned la grippe.

Church services, without Sunday school, will be resumed Sunday morning.

ARMY BALLOONIST HAS HIS "UPS AND DOWNS"

Sergeant Olsen Compliments the Leader and Weston Community.

In the course of an interesting letter from France Sergeant Earl G. Olsen of the Twelfth Balloon Company says:

"The Leader has been coming in a regular stream the last few days and although some of them are old and others older still, I scan each one eagerly for all the news pertaining to the civic and social life of Weston. It's a pleasure I couldn't do without. Then again, there are numerous helpful hints and suggestions. For instance: the cootie cure in the issue of October 18. I have tried numerous other cures like sitting out and freezing them to death or turning one's shirt often enough to run them dead; but I failed in all. The apotie cure in the Leader seems the most plausible, only I fear I won't be able to get enough salt.

"Well, I've read about the crops and the harvest, civic improvements and the patriotic manner in which you handle the Liberty Loans and other war activities. I feel proud of the Weston community and all that goes to make it what it is. I certainly can see you are doing your bit.

"I've been back from the Front a little better than two weeks and am now in billet in the town of Ville sur Cousances, about 20 kilometers west of Verdun. Our operations have all been in this sector and I have pretty thoroughly traveled the ground between St. Mihiel and the Argonne—the first named being our initial engagement. We have had our ups and downs, but I wouldn't have missed the experience for anything.

"We are sitting on the world now—just waiting; and we are just as anxious and impatient to get back as we were to get over."

The Story of Two Signs

A bulletin posted Friday in the window of Goodwin's drug store read:

"School Monday by Order of School Board."

The same sign was made to do duty Saturday evening with the changes indicated:

"No School Monday by Order of Health Board."

It seems that the school board and the health board met Saturday and it was decided by the latter that it would be the part of wisdom to take no chances on the spread of influenza by opening the schools until the epidemic has entirely disappeared from the community.

"Lest We Forget"

The Central Loyalty Committee reports as follows:

Herman Behnke, Umapine farmer, refused to contribute to the United War Work Fund.

Nick Grosgebauer of Umapine, whose prune crop last year was worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000, contributed only \$5.00 to this fund and that reluctantly.

Fred Melhoff of Umapine refused to give money to the agencies helping our boys in arms on the ground that he had to send money to relatives in Germany.

William Swash of Umapine, said to be worth \$20,000, refused to contribute to the U. W. W. fund.

J. E. Hoon of Milton refused to contribute to this same fund.

MANY NEW BOOKS AWAIT WESTON LIBRARY PATRONS

The following new books have been received at the Weston branch of the Umatilla county library:

Anderson, Electricity for the Farm; Ashenurst, Day of the Country Church; Barrie, Margaret Ogilvy; Barton, Story of the Red Cross; Beith, All In It; Bowman, Promise of Country Life; Coulter, Cooperation Among Farmers; Eliason, First Aid in Emergencies; Fabre, Life of the Grasshopper; Farm Building; Green, Short History of the English People; Guerber, Myths of Greece and Rome; Gutierrez, Mexican People; Haworth, America in Ferment; Hearn, Japanese Interpretation; Hugo's French Simplified; Johnstone, Horse Book; Laughlin, Industrial America; Lomax, Cowboy Songs; Putnam, Southland of North America; Sneath, Moral Training in School and Home; Spofford, Little Book of Friends; Stone, Women War Workers; Warren, Thoughts on Business; Wightman, Soul Spur; Webster, New International Dictionary.

Fiction—Andrews, Three Things; Bacheller, Eben Holden; Barbuse, Under Fire; Bingham, Heart of Thunder Mountain; Black, Capital Courtship; Brown, Bromley Neighborhood; Castle, Hope of the House; Conrad, Typhoon; Deland, Around Old Chester; Glaspell, Glory of the Conquered; Glass, Abe and Mawruss; Lee, Green Jacket; LeFevre, To the Last Penny; Locke, Samaritan Mary; Manners, Peg o' My Heart; Mulder, Braun of the Five Corners; Norris, The Pit; Pearson, Voyage of the Hoppergrass; Raine, Yukon Trail; Rittenberg, Mind Reader; Tracy, Great Mogul; Turnbull, Looking After Sandy; Wo's, History of Mr. Polly; White, Call of the North; Winslow, Woman for Mayor.

Children's Books—Andrews, Each and All; Baldwin, Fifty Famous People; Bemis, Patriotic Reader; Bennet, Barnaby Lee; Brooks, True Story of U. S. Grant; Bullen, Cruise of the Cachelot; Carter, About Animals; Collins, Book of Stars; Dopp, Early Cave Men; Duntun, Eddy Wales, Sophomore; Ewing, Jackanape; Froelicher, Swiss Stories and Legends; Holbrook, Cave, Mound and Lake Dwellers; Horton, Frozen North; Kelly, Short Stories of Our Shy Neighbors; Lansing, Rhymes and Stories; Low, How Girls Can Help Their Country; Olmstead, Ned and Nan in Holland; Parkman, Heroes of Today; Ragozin, Siegfried and Beowulf; Richards, Five Mice in a Mousetrap; Ritchie, Primer of Sanitation; Sharp, Summer; Sneath, Golden Key Book; Sneath, Golden Word Book; Stevenson, Children's Classics in Dramatic Form; Stevenson, Tommy Remington's Battle; Tomlinson, Places Young Americans Want to Know; Torelle, Plant and Animal Children; Warren, Little Pioneers; Wood, Stories of Insect Life; Winslow, Distant Countries.

VICTOR L. BERGER



Victor L. Berger, Socialist congressman-elect from Wisconsin, who was convicted under the espionage law.

The registrant who sent back a blank questionnaire missed an opportunity to learn a great deal about himself and his affairs.

Soon we should hear the real truth about how that Belgian paper was published so regularly during all the years of German occupation.

It will be some little time before old conditions are sufficiently approximated to permit reference to a million dollars as a large sum of money.

Mable and Mame are wondering how many of those reconstructed homes in France and Flanders will have the help of a Yankee son-in-law.

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