

BREVITIES

If you want beardless barley, let me know. Joe Hodgson.

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Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Watts left for Portland Wednesday for a few days' visit.

Patrons are requested to get their orders in before 5 p. m. at the Hodgson mills.

Miss Edra Simpson of Walla Walla was a guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price.

Mrs. L. C. Harder is reported to be ill with influenza for the second time at her home on Dry creek.

Mrs. Mabel Daine arrived this week from New York for a visit with her father, Louis Nolte, and sister, Mrs. Linus Anderson.

The Woman's Mission society of the Methodist church will meet to elect officers at the church at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, January 29.

George Schnitzer left Monday for Wilkeson, Wash., near Seattle, where he expects to have steady employment with a large concern.

All Red Cross members are urged to meet in the work rooms next Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing a chairman of the local auxiliary.

Stevens Lodge No. 49, Knights of Pythias, will have installation of officers next Wednesday evening, and expects a full attendance. Lunch will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tyrrell of Spokane were visiting the C. H. Nelsons recently while on their way to join Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nelson for a California trip.

A Mr. Juvenal, who took over the D. R. Wood holdings in Prospect farm, has been sued under foreclosure by J. Hodgson of this city. It is claimed that the defendant has failed to meet interest payments.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry at Freewater January 14. Mr. Perry was mustered out of the army January 3 from Harrison, Indiana, and Mrs. Perry will go to New York to join him in the near future.

J. M. Ashworth, the well known Weston builder, has the contract for a \$3500 bungalow to be built by Charles Dickenson at Umapine. He will leave for Umapine, accompanied by Henry Schroeder, the first of next week.

Than H. Wyland was here during the week for a visit at the home of his father-in-law, Hezekiah Key, who is seriously ill. Mr. Wyland has been successfully engaged in farming in the Pilot Rock neighborhood for the past six years.

Mrs. Geo. Carmichael returned to her home at Walla Walla Tuesday evening from The Dalles, where she has been attending her daughter, Mrs. Cora Van Winkle, and three children. All were ill with influenza, but are now convalescent.

Mrs. W. L. Robbins is returning the latter part of this week from her visit with relatives in Missoula and Helena, Montana. Mrs. Robbins will now remain here until she accompanies Mr. Robbins to his Montana stock and grain farm near Hingham.

The flu situation in Athena has been rapidly clearing up, reports the Press. After its climax the epidemic declined with almost the same rapidity as marked its astounding increase of patients. At one time between 75 and 100 cases were recorded in town and vicinity.

All coal prices and zone regulations on coal and coke will be suspended February 1 by the Fuel Administration, according to advice received by Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes from Washington. An exception is made in the case of Pennsylvania anthracite, which will remain subject to the present regulations.

Mrs. Fred DePuis entertained at dinner last Sunday in observance of her 23d birthday anniversary. Those present were: Mrs. H. Wilsey, Miss Lola Key, Miss Eunice Wilsey, Mr. Fred Greer, Mr. Lewis Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. DePuis and son Harley. In the evening they motored to Freewater to call on Mrs. Fred Perry and little daughter.

The county board of health has pronounced the following edict: "Notice is hereby given that owing to the existence of the epidemic of Spanish influenza it shall be unlawful for any persons in Umatilla county to meet together for any social gathering, literary entertainment, public or private dance at any place in Umatilla county until further notice."

J. E. Jones doesn't want to sell his government mules—leastwise, he hasn't got an enemy in these parts whom he would be willing to saddle with the animals. It will therefore do no harm to print the fact that the mules ran away again the other day. This time a paper sailed off the mail wagon and fluttered between them, and after they started the tongue dropped. Jones was thrown out but clung to the lines and swung the mules into a pole fence near the Kutch place—some 60 feet of this being demolished. Jones was bruised and barked in spots, but sustained no fatal injuries.

The macadam road between Freewater and Walla Walla is reported to be in wretched condition—worse than ever known before. After the recent heavy rains deep ruts were cut in the macadam at a point near the state line and at another place a few miles south of Walla Walla. Not a few automobiles seeking to negotiate these vile stretches were hung up, and others dragged hub deep through the muddy waste. The fact that heavy gas trucks were run over the road soon after the rain is thought to have not a little to do with its condition.

Fire in The Peoples Warehouse at Pendleton yesterday inflicted damage that will reach above the hundred thousand dollar mark. It stubbornly resisted the efforts of the fire department from 9 o'clock until after 12. The fire was due to the use of a candle for lighting purposes in the annex basement while the electric current was off. The total stock of The Peoples Warehouse is rated by Leon Cohen as worth in the vicinity of \$150,000. The store was well insured, but will suffer a heavy loss nevertheless.

One new case of Spanish influenza was reported this week, and so far as known is the only one in the entire Weston community. The patient is Miss Maxine Scrimsher, and the J. E. Scrimsher residence is under quarantine. The Weston schools were opened last Monday and are continuing their work despite this one reappearance of the epidemic. As Miss Scrimsher had not returned to school before taking down with the disease, other pupils were not exposed.

Weston Lodge No. 58, I. O. O. F., held its first meeting last evening since the flu epidemic began, with a good attendance. The following officers were installed: R. H. King, noble grand; C. H. Nelson, vice grand; A. A. Kees, recording secretary; S. A. Barnes, treasurer; J. E. Stanfield, financial secretary; J. Hodgson, chaplain. The lodge has four candidates in waiting and will work on the first one next Thursday evening.

Leakage from the supply pipe of Weston's waterworks system which passes through a sidehill in his field caused another landslide the other day at the Hamp Booher place above town. The ground is very loose and still other slips are in prospect. Hamp remarks that Weston need go no farther than his place to find where it is losing a good part of its water supply.

Having been discharged from the army of Uncle Sam, Charles C. Nelson arrived at his home here this week from Camp Lewis. He was practically helpless from inflammatory rheumatism, and was helped along on the journey by a couple of comrades.

Crescent Chapter No. 47, O. E. S., will elect officers this evening.

Dr. Kennard is "Gassed"

Although always keeping most of one continent and all of one ocean between himself and the western front, Dr. S. L. Kennard nevertheless knows what it is to be gassed and to live to tell the tale. Saturday he was busy with one of his new Overlands in the display window of the Weston garage and had the engine running idle. He was sitting at the wheel when he noticed that his heart was fluttering wildly and that he was growing faint and dizzy. Realizing at once that he was being overcome by gas from the engine he tumbled out of the seat and made for the door, which he managed to open. He fell in the little hallway outside the office, and in due time recovered his strength. Had he been unlucky enough to fall inside the door his death would almost certainly have resulted.

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Dinner Party at the Williams Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams entertained the directors of the Weston Mercantile Company and their wives at dinner last Saturday evening. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Key, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Sim J. Culley, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. O'Harra, Mr. Iley Winn. Mrs. Williams was assisted in serving by her daughter Esther and Miss Virginia Key. The table was beautifully decorated in pink and white. Dr. Watts acted as toastmaster in his usual original and pleasing vein. The responses were along the lines of business, yet were productive of much merriment when incidents and experiences of the early business life of Weston were recalled. Humorous readings by Master Gail Williams and piano numbers by Miss Esther Williams were heartily enjoyed.

FOYERS IN FRANCE.

Four departments of the French Government have asked the American Y. W. C. A. to open social and recreation centers for girls employed by them—Finance, Commerce, War and Labor.

Lieutenant Poncet of the Ministry of Labor recently requested that this Y. W. C. A. work be begun for girls in his offices after seeing the social and recreation centers which had been opened at the request of the Ministry of War. Sixteen centers of this kind are operated in six cities in France. Three of them are in Paris.

The last of these Foyers des Aliees is for girls who are working in the Department of Labor. It is far down the Seine, under the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, and overlooks the Quai d'Orsay. The rooms are bright and cheerful, with chintz hangings and cushions, comfortable chairs, reading and writing tables and a fireplace. A kitchen has equipment so that girls can prepare meals for themselves. They go to the foyer for their two hour lunch-time, for social evenings and for classes in English.

400,000 YANKS ARE Y. W. C. A. VISITORS

Four hundred thousand persons and more served in the cafeteria in one year is the record of the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.

The majority of the 400,000 diners were mothers, wives, sweethearts and friends who went to the camp to visit their soldiers. The remainder were soldiers themselves who broke the monotony of "chow" with home cooked meals. In addition to all these guests, 25,000 little children were cared for in the nursery and the rest room served 70,000 tired wives and mothers.

The workers at the information desk received and answered 97,000 questions varying from how to get the best connections to a destination clear across the continent, the rates of soldiers' insurance and the kind of cretonne a girl bride should have in her living room now that Private John is coming home from France. Eleven thousand of these queries required telephone conversations with various company commanders relative to hunting up a soldier whose parents had arrived unexpectedly.

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Oswald Thompson Douglas, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the above-entitled estate by the above-entitled court, and as such executrix has qualified as by law required. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, properly verified as by law required, to me at Weston, Oregon, or to my attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

Dated January 24, 1919.

HARRIET ELIZABETH DOUGLAS.

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