

BREVITIES

Clarence Hand was in town Monday from the Art Coppock farm near Athena.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Price are back on the farm, after an outing at Camp McDougal.

The J. C. Turners left this week for Pendleton, where they will occupy their newly-built residence.

Charley Wilson came down this week from La. Crosse to chum around awhile with the friends of his boyhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson and little daughter of La Crosse, Wash., are visiting Mrs. Carlson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hopkins.

Harry Shick left Monday on a visit to his family at Forest Grove, where he will remain until he regains the use of his damaged arm.

Mrs. N. P. Bennet has gone to Portland to visit her mother, who recently sustained an operation. She will also visit Dr. Bennet's parents at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Driskell have returned from a pleasant visit with their children at Freewater, Walla Walla and Dayton. While in the valley Mr. Driskell occupied himself with prune picking.

Miss Myrtle Ferguson has gone to Pendleton to attend high school. She will make her home with her brother, George Ferguson, until her mother moves to Pendleton after the mountain harvest.

The check for a \$50 donation made to Pioneers' and Soldiers' Memorial Hall at Weston was received this week by the secretary from W. M. Blakley, the well-known Pendleton pioneer.

During the period from September 1 to September 30, this year, it is unlawful for any camper or hunter to build a fire in any national forest, including the Wenaha reserve, without first securing a permit from the nearest forestry officer.

Glenn S. Morrison has returned to his home in Weston, having received an honorable discharge after six years of service in the navy. He expects to "stick around" awhile and get acquainted again with the Weston country and people.

Mayot John Banister has bought a tract of ground near the Weston brickyard, from which the topsoil has been removed for brickmaking, as a romping and feeding place for his farm stock. He is building a straw shed and shelter 70 feet long and 22 feet wide.

"The Methodist Sunday school and church," says Superintendent Porter, "most earnestly desire every member and worker to be present next Sunday and get started with the new church year. You will hear about your new pastor if you come. There will be preaching service."

W. E. Driskell presented the Leader's editor this week with a generous mess of sweet corn raised on the "highest and dryest ground in Weston" without irrigation and without a drop of rain. It was planted May 22, and despite of discouraging conditions made an excellent yield.

Just received direct from the factory a handsome assortment of the famous

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A large packet of very interesting photographic views was received Monday by R. G. Blomgren from his brother, Sergeant Leonard Blomgren, Ambulance Company No. 2, First Division, who was in the thick of the fighting in France and has since been in Germany. Several of the pictures give a vivid portrayal of the horrors of war. One of them shows a large tract of wooded land thickly strewn with German dead who fell victims to an American gas attack. Others show the ghastly effect of artillery fire. That "Dumpy," one of Weston's diamond stars, is still playing ball, is indicated by another photograph which shows him in a uniformed group as catcher of the First Division team.

F. D. Watts has brought suit in the circuit court against George W. Proebstel to have title in lot seven, block one, Weston, added to the deed given the plaintiff for property bought several years ago from the defendant. The complaint alleges that the lot in question was inadvertently omitted from the deed, that the plaintiff has paid taxes on it for several years and paid for the property in good faith, believing this lot to be included. It further alleges that the defendant has refused and neglected to comply with the plaintiff's request to transfer a clear title to the lot. James A. Fee represents the plaintiff.

At its meeting Wednesday evening the city council modified the \$50 dance license ordinance which has been on Weston's statute books since last spring. Hereafter the license fee will be \$10 only. The amendment was passed by unanimous vote with the exception of one blank ballot. The council decided to repair the waterworks dam and reservoirs in accordance with the recent report of Superintendent Avery. Mr. Avery and Councilman Wurzer will have charge of the work, which will begin as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester O'Hara are again domiciled at their cottage on Washington street, after an outing of seven weeks' duration, most of which was spent at Camp McDougal. They were also at Pine Valley, where Lester, accompanied by Fred Gerberding and Fred Comstock, made a long trip into the Cornucopia mountains with pack horses.

O. A. Adams has bought the interest of his former partner, Robert Simpson, in the business of the Liberty Auto Co. at Weston, and is now conducting it as the sole owner. Mr. Adams sold Ford roadsters this week to Levi O'Hara of Weston and Clarence Pinkerton of Athena by way of celebrating the deal.

The announcement elsewhere in this issue that Dr. Painless Parker, dentist, has opened one of his E. R. Parker System offices in Pendleton goes to show that his ideas of dentistry must be basically right, for his big organization now consists of twenty-four finely equipped dental offices.

The school house on Weston mountain has been done over in mureoco and furnished with new desks and chairs in preparation for the coming school year. E. O. DeMoss, local furniture dealer, handled the order.

Says Lee Wilson in handing us two plunks by mail from La Crosse, Washington: "Please do not miss a copy, as we are always very anxious for Saturday to come. It always brings the Leader and news from home."

Superintendent and Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick arrived in Weston today in readiness for the opening of the Weston schools next Monday. They motored through from Roseburg.

Miss Gwendolyn Compton is coming from the Weston uplands to attend Weston High school.

I'll pay cash for baled hay and straw. A. Phillips.

For the first time in the history of Linn county, carloads of Bartlett pears are coming to the cannery at Lebanon from the state of Washington.

Eugene Elks have taken the initiative in a movement to erect a monument to the Lane county soldiers who gave up their lives during the war.

Entrance credentials have passed the 400 mark at the Oregon Agricultural college. With few exceptions they are for freshman matriculation.

Frank Davey, who for several months has held a position in the claims department of the state industrial accident commission, has resigned.

Evidence of a new hotel for Condon is contained in articles of incorporation filed by the Condon Hotel company. The company is capitalized for \$45,000.

Clackamas county people who are lucky enough to have evergreen blackberries growing on their property this year are receiving a good price for the berries.

Thirty Years in Weather Harness

Merritt A. Baker of Weston has been a voluntary weather observer for 30 years, and is given honorable mention in a recent issue of the Portland Telegram as being the oldest observer in point of service in Oregon.

Seven of the 115 weather workers in the state have served 15 years or more, and Mr. Baker is one of them.

Says The Telegram:

"Dollar-a-year men who rose to the top during the war were by no means the original free servants of the government, according to Edward Wells, Portland weather bureau chief, who has a long list of government workers who have nothing to put in the bank at the end of the month, but the satisfaction of having done their bit in carrying out an important program."

Mr. Baker began his observations here in November, 1889. While his services are of course appreciated locally, there will probably be some carping critics to assert that if he had pulled the weather strings a little better we might have had a little more moisture this year.

Mr. Baker has in fact admitted in conversation with the Leader man that up to last Sunday no rain had fallen at Weston for 97 days. The last rain was a mere sprinkle, twelve one-hundredths of an inch, which fell May 15, 1919.

Weston Girls for College

Miss Esther Williams, 1919 graduate of Weston High school, will take the full course in household economics, domestic science and music at Mills College, California—a Class A college for girls which ranks with Vassar and Wellesley.

Accompanied by her mother, Miss Williams left recently for Portland. She will there join a party of 15 girls who are going to Mills College, and who will be chaperoned on the trip by Mrs. T. C. Elliott of Walla Walla.

Other members of the 1919 class who are going to larger institutions to complete their education are Miss Maxine Scrimsher to the University of Washington, Miss Dorothy Proebstel to Oregon Agricultural College, Miss Vida Greer and Miss Gertrude Van Winkle to Whitman College, Miss Hazel Duncan to Washington State College.

The fact that the diplomas of Weston High school are accepted without question as qualifying the holders for entrance as freshmen into the several institutions mentioned, is regarded as distinctly creditable to the local school.

Some Upland Crops

Five threshing outfits have been at work in the Weston uplands and three in the Basket uplands, and harvest work is nearly completed. The crop is better than last year's, and in most instances better than was expected.

Tom Booher was very happily surprised when he filled 262 sacks from 23 acres of barley—and had to hustle the empty sacks to fill.

Joe Cannon threshed 562 sacks of barley from 65 acres. He had 300 sacks also of volunteer Marquis wheat from 30 acres—a rather profitable crop, by the way.

W. L. Rayborn's crop of spring-sown Marquis wheat is reported to have averaged about 22 bushels per acre.

W. J. Crawford sold \$48 worth of volunteer wheat to the acre from 28 acres—S. A. Barnes being the purchaser. He did not have to touch this field except to harvest it.

Along with the lowlands, the uplands have demonstrated that they do not need rain to produce cereal crops in reasonable abundance.

Gov. Hart Will Visit Walla Walla

Walla Walla, Sept. 5.—Governor Louis F. Hart of the State of Washington is planning to witness Frontier Days and the Fair to be held in this city September 11, 12 and 13. The governor has written a letter to L. L. Lynn, Secretary of the Commercial Club and Fair Association, in which he announces his intention of arranging his dates to enable him to be here on September 13, and possibly on the 12th also.

Elaborate plans are being made for the reception and entertainment of Governor Hart and the crowds of people who will attend Frontier Days and the Fair September 11-12-13.

At the M. E. Church, South, conference in Milton S. E. Powell was transferred from Weston to Corvallis, Montana, in the Bitter Root valley. P. J. Starmer is sent from Wingville, Oregon, to Weston. J. C. Jones remains at Milton. A. L. Thoroughman is succeeded as presiding elder by C. L. McCausland. Pastor Powell will be here next Sunday, but leaves next week for his new charge. His family will remain in Weston for the present.

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The new motion picture machine displayed in our front window is for Memorial Hall. It is one of the best obtainable and reflects credit on the purchasing committee. The hall itself is nearing completion and when finished will be a source of pride to the people of Weston. The contributors have visions of a beautiful hall to be used by the citizens as a place for social gatherings, motion pictures, lectures, concerts, etc. They will not be content until they see their plans realized, so have let the contract to have the building finished with all possible speed.

They Want the Best

Weston people insist on the best—not only for their hall but in their merchandise. The ladies' coats must have style; the millinery must be in the latest mode, men's suits the newest models, hats the up-to-the-minute blocks and shoes the "ne plus ultra" of metropolitan vogue.

Our buyer is awake to these demands and has exercised all possible care to see that goods purchased for this trade are exactly right. Ours is a store that inspires confidence. Our customers make their purchases with the feeling of utmost assurance that style and material are correct. This fall our store is packed with the right kind of merchandise purchased months ago from the best markets—the needs of the customer always uppermost. Evidence that our prices are right is apparent when last week two of our handsome plush coats were sold to customers from out of town.

Watch for our weekly price list. If your name is not on our mailing list, tell us, and we will be glad to include you.

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