

BREVITIES

Winter is King

[A minimum temperature of eighteen degrees below zero was recorded here last night by the government thermometer.]

Mrs. Susan Tucker is visiting in Walla Walla and will spend the holiday season with relatives there.

Rulon Smith has returned from Pendleton and is assisting in clerical work at The Farmers Bank of Weston.

W. A. Barnes butchered five fine hogs last week. The prospect for doughnuts and pie-crust is pretty good at his house.

Carl Brandt is doing some very clever work in sign-writing, which attracts much local attention and favorable comment.

Weston's share is \$1048.19 of the county high school fund recently apportioned. This is a considerable increase over last year.

Apples for sale—extra good culls, good keepers, any amount; 1/4-mile east of Cobb station on the Interurban. B. F. Haley, Freewater, Or.

Miss Wavel O'Harra and Miss Mamie Barnes have been enlisted in the sales force of the Weston Mercantile Co. to help take care of the holiday trade.

Mrs. Ralph Saling, who is in Portland for the winter, writes that she is making splendid progress in her vocal studies under the direction of Gio Tyler Taglieri.

Miss Anice Barnes, who is teaching at Homestead, Oregon, is expected home the 20th of this month to spend the Yuletide season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes.

Miss Kathleen Pedersen is an enthusiastic worker in the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign. Her efforts have received commendation from the local chairman, Mrs. F. D. Watts.

Weston Lodge No. 58, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers at a recent session: W. L. Smock, noble grand; Jack Calder, vice grand; J. E. Stanfield, secretary; S. A. Barnes, treasurer.

Clarence Thoeny, who is taking a course in banking at Behnke-Walker Business college in Portland, writes the home folks that he is well pleased with his school work and is enjoying metropolitan life.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Morrison recently entertained at a dinner party the following old friends: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown of Ione, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McRae of Walla Walla and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Banister.

Wilsey-Greer Nuptials

There will be Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. next Sunday at the Methodist church. No preaching at night, on account of revival meetings at the Baptist church. A. J. Starmer, pastor.

The D. R. Woods sold their garage at Montour, Idaho, and have put in a battery station at Mountain Home. They write that they are doing a good business and are well pleased with their new location.

Rev. Mark O. Phinney has been quite indisposed the past week and was unable to deliver a message to his people Sunday morning. The congregation united with that of the Baptist church for the evening service.

Sim J. Culley has recently been favoring his friends with generous samples of delicious home-made sausage. Local epicures pronounced it superior to the famous "Little Pig Sausage" exploited by a well-known eastern firm.

Mrs. Stella Hager and Mr. Fred Paulsen were united in marriage Saturday at Walla Walla. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Pows of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen will make their home on the Taylor farm near Pendleton.

The season has arrived when one enjoys re-reading accounts of English holiday customs as related in Irving's Sketch Book. Miss Edna Hollenbeck recommends a careful perusal of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to appreciate the true spirit of Yuletide.

A vigorous effort is being made through various local mediums to push the sale of Red Cross seals. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Alice Price and Mrs. E. M. Smith sold the gay little stickers to holiday shoppers visiting the Weston Mercantile Company's emporium.

Rev. Cass of Milton conducted the morning service last Sunday at the M. E. Church, South. He was assisted by Francis Nugent, a young theological student at Columbia College. An offertory solo by Mrs. Cass was a pleasing feature greatly appreciated by the audience.

Swas-Te-Ka Campfire met at the home of their Guardian, Mrs. Sarah Rowland, the afternoon of December 6. Roll call showed all members but one in attendance. The time was spent in preparing articles for sale at the Christmas bazaar to be held the afternoon of December 20.

A heavy snow began falling throughout this section early Tuesday morning, and by Thursday covered the ground to a depth of a foot or more. Some farmers report fourteen inches of snow in their stubble fields.

The snow followed a prolonged cold snap, during which the mercury hovered around just above the zero mark. Singularly enough, the snow marked a falling rather than a rising temperature. Simultaneously with its first appearance Tuesday morning the mercury dropped suddenly to two degrees below zero.

The weather soon moderated slightly, but has since continued so cold as to lend a serious aspect to the fuel situation.

Athena dealers report their coal stocks as entirely exhausted, and only a few cords of wood are available. Conditions were relieved to some extent by the release of 40 tons of coal by the Warren Construction company, which welcome supply was distributed by Mayor Barrett.

There is no coal for sale in Weston, and only green slabwood is available for those who find themselves without fuel in this critical time. One dealer hopes to get before long a car for which he was compelled to pay, including freight, in advance, before his order would be considered.

In common with other towns in the Inland Empire served by the Pacific Power & Light Co., Athena and Weston are without electric power, and lights are only available for household use. It is expected that householders themselves will use them sparingly. Business houses—except hotels and restaurants—are subject to the "no lights" order, which also applies to lodges and churches. The Preston-Shaffer mills and other industries using electric power have closed down. Conservation of fuel is the reason for this order. River plants have frozen up and juice must be supplied from the coal consuming steam plants at Walla Walla and Toppenish. The situation is expected to improve shortly.

Portland schools have closed because of weather and fuel conditions and of the appearance of scarlet fever, diphtheria and smallpox. Four deaths have occurred from sleeping sickness.

Wilsey-Greer Nuptials

Sunday, at one o'clock p. m., Miss Eunice Wilsey and Mr. Frederick Greer were united in marriage by Rev. A. J. Starmer at the D. H. Wilsey farm home.

The bride was tastefully gowned in white satin and the groom wore a suit of navy blue. Miss Emma Wilkinson was bride's maid and was admired in a dress of lavender voile. Mr. Eldon King was best man. The ceremony was very impressive, the ring service being employed. An elaborate wedding dinner was served to the guests, who included:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greer and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Waddingham, Mrs. H. N. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lieuallen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Read, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smith and children, Miss Clara Tinker, Mrs. Lillie Wilkinson, Miss Emma Wilkinson, Wallace Wilkinson, Rev. A. J. Starmer, Lewis Van Winkle, Lola Key, and Eldon King.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer are domiciled for the present with Mrs. H. N. Greer. The best wishes of the community attend the young couple in the new life before them.

Mrs. J. H. Price is Hostess

Mrs. J. H. Price dispensed delightful hospitality at her home Wednesday afternoon when she entertained the Women's Missionary society of the M. E. Church, South. The business meeting included election of officers, resulting as follows:

President, Mrs. Sarah Rowland; first vice president, Mrs. A. J. Starmer; second vice president, Mrs. Herman Goodwin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. M. Smith; recording secretary, Mrs. Alice Price; treasurer, Mrs. Ella Lavender.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Z. C. Price, Mrs. Charles Price and the hostess during the closing hour. Ten members and two guests were present.

About the only thing that thrives on hunger is bolshevism.

Another objection to high prices is that they ruin the appetite.

Meanwhile too many profiteers remain steadfastly on the job.

If there were nothing else to do, strikes would be more excusable.

Take care of the slight cold and the "flu" will take care of itself.

The Mexicans undoubtedly will win the pennant in the bandit league.

We Are Supplied

Christmas is at hand. Fortunately we are well supplied with stores of delightful merchandise you will want for Christmas selections. The demoralized condition of transportation caused by the coal strike will make further delivery of freight by the railroad company very uncertain. Our advice is to make your selection early while stocks are complete. Let us assist you in making your shopping a real pleasure. Extra salespeople are here to serve you. Attractive displays of choicest gift articles. Bring the children to see the toys. Make this store your headquarters.

Coats * Hosiery * Ribbons

LADIES' COATS

They Are Going Rapidly
ONE THIRD LESS—WHY
HESITATE NOW?

We have left in our stock about 20 coats. These are the very choicest garments—coats of soft and velvety woollens, the beautiful Silvertones, fur trimmed plushes and velours—are among those presented in this magnificent offering.

ALL CHILDREN'S COATS AT ONE-THIRD OFF

A splendid assortment of heavy kerseys with big comfy collars; trimmed in belts and buttons; any little girl would be happy in one of these. Sizes 8 to 16 years.

GIFT HOSIERY

You'll never make a mistake by giving hosiery, for to our knowledge there's no one who has too many stockings. Choose from our complete varieties at

\$1.50 up to \$3.00 Pair

All styles and colors are here. Come—make selection while assortment is at its best.

Our suggestion is to make your selections early. Very few goods in stock can be duplicated.

RIBBONS—X-MAS RIBBONS

Ribbons for every purpose; all wanted plain colors and clever novelties; widths, qualities and prices to suit all. Again we advise early selections.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

BLANKETS

Why not a pair of pure wool blankets for Christmas? We have them in the dainty colors, large plaids, full size, very handsome—a practical and useful gift—

\$8.50 to \$16.50

WHY NOT SHOES THIS CHRISTMAS?

If you are wise you will buy your shoes now for your future needs. The prices will go higher than you think. We bought months ago, and while many of our shoes have advanced \$3.50 to \$4.50 per pair, we are still selling at the old price. Take our advice and provide for your needs now.

HOUSE SLIPPERS

The warm felt slippers for home wear—the soft, comfy kind. That solves the problem for Christmas.

\$1.85 to \$2.25

TOYS TOYS TOYS

The store is now full of toys—engines, horses, dolls, teddy bears, cuppies, games, books, dishes, animals, pictures. They can all but talk and walk and are sure to fill the children with delight. Many new novelties just out this season. All to make one happy time for the kiddies.

Merchandise is very scarce, and you will do well to make selections early.

Make your selection now while the stock is complete, for his or her Xmas bathrobe; packed one in box, cords to match, \$3.50 to \$6.50.

THE MEN'S SECTION

TIES

Beautiful soft silks in striking patterns so much in vogue; the new shapes with flowing ends. You will find your Xmas ties here.

Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Slippers, Warm Golf Gloves, Sox of Silk and Wool, Caps, Suits, Overcoats, Shirts.

A HAT FOR HIM

What could be more practical? A mighty good hat for \$5.00. Others priced \$2.39 to \$7.50.

LADIES' PURSES AND BAGS

Through fortunate purchases we are able to show a very extensive line of the newest and most attractive novelties in ladies' purses, bags, pocket books, in a variety of shapes and leathers. Prices 50c to \$9.00.

LADIES' SHOES AT \$3.59

Shoes are constantly going up in price but we can still save you money on this assortment. All ladies' shoes, all good and serviceable; well made; some patent leathers, some heavy gun metal; most sizes; the whole lot, about 100 pairs only, while they last, \$3.59.

WOMEN'S HOUSE DRESSES

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.75

Dainty checks, stripes and floral patterns, and daring plaids of unusually good ginghams and percales. Sleeves are full length or three-quarter, Necks V or round. Fancy collars and cuffs and large pockets trimmed with banding, and touches of hand embroidery, make these extra size frocks dainty and feminine as well as practical.

Please Shop Now

WESTON MERCANTILE CO.