

## BREVITIES

George Winn is in Pendleton this week, serving on the grand jury.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McIntyre motored to Pendleton Friday to attend to business matters.

Mrs. C. F. Bulfinch and Mrs. Elmer Tucker are visiting at the home of Mrs. Agnes Walker in Wasco.

Mr. D. Bischoff, father of Mrs. Joseph Wurzer, is seriously ill at the home of his daughter in this city.

Mrs. Kittie Ray, who has been visiting in the past two months, returned to her home in Portland Saturday.

Louis Christensen was down from his mountain ranch last Saturday, renewing acquaintance with local merchants.

Kendall Smith came home from Pendleton last week to have the advantage of home nursing through an attack of quinsy.

An attractive new Simmons range has been purchased by the Saturday Afternoon club and will soon be installed in the kitchen at Memorial hall.

Dwight Porter has gone to Seattle for a few days' visit with friends and will proceed from the Sound city to Fort McDowell on his return to Honolulu.

Harry Sumption arrived Saturday from Boise, Idaho, to join his wife, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith. He returned to Boise Tuesday, Mrs. Sumption remaining for a longer sojourn.

The Misses Virgie Key, Clara Starmer and Kathleen Pedersen have been initiated into the local group of ukelele players, and are energetically practicing for serenades to be given when languid summer evenings arrive.

Stevens Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held an installation and banquet Wednesday evening, and also had work in the first and second ranks. Following are the new officers: S. J. Culley, chancellor commander; R. L. Reynaud, vice chancellor; L. I. O'Harra, prelate; C. L. Pinkerton, master of finance; P. T. Harbour, keeper of records and seal; H. E. O'Harra, master at arms; Lester Wilsey, master of work; Loren Hall, inner guard; Jim Lieuallen, outer guard.

Tom Booher was in town from the mountain the other day, looking not at all displeased over the condition of the potato market. He sold 90 sacks the latter part of December for \$3.25 the sack, but has 180 still to dispose of at the higher prices still prevailing. Incidentally, he renewed his subscription to Weston's pioneer newspaper whose weekly visits Tom enjoys—he says so himself, and if he didn't we'd say it for him.

Albert Allyn writes that he is feeding cattle now about six miles from Vale, Oregon, where he took on some irrigated land, and that he likes the country. "This is a fine climate here," he says. "We have had some snow, about eight inches at the deepest, and the coldest weather was 12 below zero. Most of the time it has been from 20 to 30 above. This valley is nice and level with hills all around it—about five miles wide most of the way."

Mrs. J. H. Price will open her attractive home on Water street for a silver tea to be given under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, Wednesday afternoon, January 21. A program will be given and light refreshments served. All interested women of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Cash Wood, secretary of the County Y. M. C. A., was in town Wednesday on business connected with his work. He reports that the severe weather and the holiday season somewhat crippled his plans last month but that he expects to be a more frequent visitor hereafter.

J. H. Clodius has sent a copy of the annual number of the San Diego Union to the Leader man. It is of such enormous size that it is easy to see where so much white paper goes. At that, we'll be bound that Joe would rather read the Weston Leader which he receives weekly.

John DuPuis may not be an absolute weather prophet, but he declares that spring is imminent and therefore his remarks are received with approval.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis were in from the DeGraw ranch Tuesday and attended the motion picture show.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Culley and Mrs. G. DeGraw motored to Pendleton Friday.

Mrs. Andy T. Barnett is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Athena-Weston Post, American Legion, will meet at Weston January 19th.

J. W. Porter came over from Free-water for a Sunday visit with his family.

Dr. Bennet has ordered a Dodge touring car from the local agent, R. G. Saline.

Good shows Saturday and Tuesday nights at Memorial Hall—and Mary Pickford is coming!

Professor F. C. Fitzpatrick motored to Pendleton Friday to look after matters of business.

Charles May was down from his mountain ranch Tuesday, attending to various business errands.

Miss Ruby Broadison came over from Walla Walla to spend the week end with Miss Gertrude Van Winkle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smock were in from the ranch Wednesday to consult Dr. H. C. Curry, eyesight specialist.

Eph Tucker and family bob-sledded down from their mountain ranch Sunday to attend church and spend the day with relatives.

Contractor Ashworth has finished building a substantial coal house on the O.-W. right of way for Gilbert Ellis of the Weston Transfer Co.

Lester O'Harra is in the Walla Walla hospital, following a minor operation. He is reported to be getting along first rate—but Lester always does just that.

### FARM SCHOOL AT WESTON FEBRUARY 13 AND 14

A grain and potato inspection and production school will be held at Weston Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, 1920, under auspices of the Farm Bureau.

Professor G. R. Hyslop, farm crops chief at Oregon Agricultural College, will attend as instructor and lecturer. So also will Fred Bennion, county agricultural agent.

The event is of much importance to the farming interests of the East End, and is expected to attract farmers from all over this section. Especial attention will be given the potato growing interests of the mountain. Nothing like this school will be held in Pendleton, although a gas engine and tractor school is to be conducted for one week soon at the county seat.

Memorial hall is the place of meeting, and the program follows:

Course 1. Grain Grading and Inspection.

1. Dockage and its determination.
2. Varietal mixtures; their determination, grading and utilization.
3. Standard varieties.
4. Color and texture of wheat as indicative of gluten content and milling value.
5. Smut dockage and value and uses of smutty wheat.
6. Factors affecting wheat value at shipping point.

Course 2. Wheat Production for Eastern Oregon.

1. Summer fallowing methods and seed bed production for maximum yields.
2. Standard variety, seed treatment; time, rate and manner of seeding.
3. Special production problems:
  - (a) weed control.
  - (b) minimizing frost injury.
  - (c) controlling volunteer.
  - (d) winter killing.
4. Wheat harvest; handling and marketing methods.

Course 3. Potato Production:

1. Potato varieties, their identification and improvement.
2. Potato soils and their preparation and fertilization.
3. How to plant and grow a crop of potatoes.
4. Potato storage.
5. Potato marketing—grading.
6. Potatoes in rotation.

At the meeting of the Weston Commercial club Monday evening President Culley was authorized to appoint suitable committees to take care of the local end of the affair. These will be announced later.

#### Local Bank Cuts a Melon

At the annual meeting of stockholders of The Farmers Bank of Weston the following directors were elected:

G. W. Staggs, F. D. Watts, S. J. Culley, J. H. Price, J. C. Price, Jos. Wurzer and E. M. Smith. Mr. Culley succeeds R. Alexander on the board. The incumbent officers were again elected, as follows:

J. H. Price, president; G. W. Staggs, vice president; E. M. Smith, cashier; C. L. Pinkerton, assistant cashier.

Stockholders were much gratified over the prosperous condition in which they found the bank. Dividend checks have been passed out since the meeting, at which there was a very enjoyable financial melon cutting.

#### Athena Balks at Force Account

(Athena Press.)

Mayor Barrett and the city council are opposed to the force account clause in the Warren Construction company's proposed contract for street improvement, and the company will be asked to submit a flat bid for the work.

It is known that the force account plus engineering service has cost Milton so far \$5000, or approximately 65 cents per running foot over and above the contract price for hard surfacing.

It is realized that there is work to be done in addition to the hard surfacing and that this work must be paid for, but before the work is

started the city officials will insist on knowing what the cost will be; hence the decision to let it by contract as a whole in a flat bid.

The mayor's action in the matter is not to be construed as antagonistic to the Warren Construction company or in opposition to the proposed street improvement, for he is in favor of the improvement; but he says he wants the property owners to know what the work will cost before it is started.

Street improvement was thoroughly discussed at the council meeting last Monday night, and Engineer Strandberg who is now employed in the interests of Free-water and Milton in the paving operations being carried on by the Warren Construc-

tion company in those towns, was present and gave the officials some valuable information.

#### Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of the Weston Mercantile Company will be held Wednesday, January 21, 1920, at 2:30 p. m., in Memorial Hall, Weston, Or., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

J. H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Duncan motored in Tuesday from their Pine creek home to spend a few hours in town on business.

# Feb. 13 and 14

are the dates of the Grain and Potato School at Memorial Hall, Weston. Be there.

## INVENTORY OVER

We find a number of items—short ends, broken and discontinued lines—we must close out to make room for spring stock. All over this store are bargain tables loaded with goods marked at very attractive prices; money savers for the thrifty who take advantage of them.

## Crochet Thread . . . 8c

A real surprise. This is standard stock in a variety of colors, in all about 100 boxes, to close out while they last at only 8c.

## SILKS . . . . . SILKS

Beautiful, soft, dainty silks. Hundreds of yards, short lengths in many patterns. We have gone through the stock and selected all short ends and discontinued lines; placed them on sale tables at one-third less than former prices.

## SHOES ARE GOING HIGHER

This is absolutely true. We knew this months ago and invested thousands of dollars in shoes that we might protect our customers against decidedly higher prices.

WOMEN'S SHOES . . . . . \$3.59

Good, serviceable shoes, many patent leather and gun metal; odds and ends from an inventory, but dandy values. While they last, only \$3.59.

MEN'S SHOES . . . . . \$4.98

Some mighty good shoes for real service. You will pay more for the same shoes elsewhere. A host of bargains selected from an inventory; while they last, \$4.98.

## IN THE GROCERY SECTION

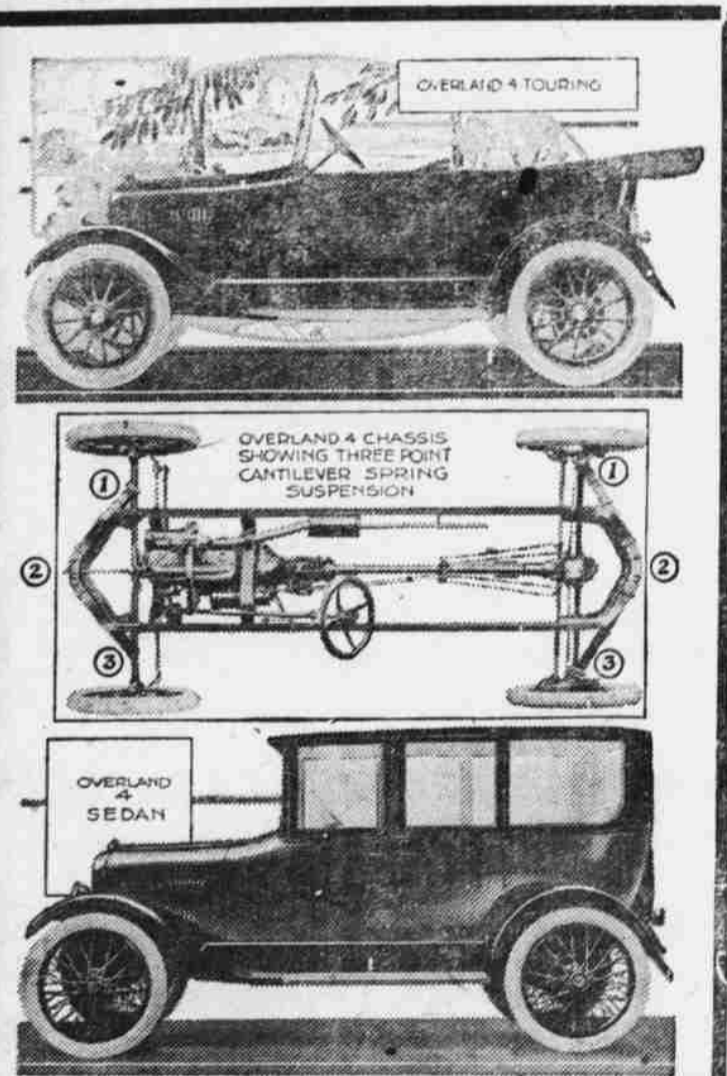
Popcorn that pops; maple syrup for your hot cakes; coffee of real merit and "the flavor that delights." PREFERRED STOCK canned goods.

# Weston Mercantile Co.

## Why Procrastinate?

Now's the time to get your machinery put in shape. Don't wait until the eleventh hour. If you do you might have to wait on the blacksmith, for those times will be his busy times. The most successful people of our country never procrastinate. Now's the time to bring your work—not after awhile.

PHONE 52 E. R. HALL



### SAY, FRIENDS!

ARE YOU IN THE MARKET FOR A LIGHT CAR? IF SO, LET ME DEMONSTRATE THIS WONDERFUL LITTLE CAR—TO YOU. AFTER YOU HAVE RIDDEN OVER THE WORST ROAD YOU CAN FIND IN THE COUNTRY, IF YOU ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT IT IS THE FINEST PERFORMER YOU EVER RODE IN I SHALL NOT INSIST ON YOUR BUYING. BUT I DO INSIST THAT YOU GIVE THIS CAR A TRYOUT BEFORE YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY ON SOME OTHER CAR. IT WILL COST YOU NOTHING FOR THE DEMONSTRATION. JUST CALL ME UP AND SAY YOU WANT TO TRY OUT THE LIGHT FOUR OVERLAND. NOTE THE TRIPLE SPRING IN THE PICTURE.

DR. S. L. KENNARD

Weston and Athena