

BREVITIES

Mutt and Jeff and Lloyd's comedy next Tuesday.

For Sale—Wall telephone. Inquire at this office.

Miss Ella May Harmon of Pendleton spent Monday in Weston as the guest of Mrs. H. Goodwin.

Claron Rhea, the mountain trapper, was forced the other day to kill his ranch dog, having found it to be afflicted with hydrophobia.

The highway crew stationed at Weston under Foreman Barber began work again this week near town, the mild weather having permitted renewal of operations.

Miss Lois Porter came over from Whitman college Saturday to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Porter. Miss Porter was recently elected a member of Phi Mu sorority.

In spite of adverse weather conditions, pheasants are still quite plentiful throughout this section. The birds sought refuge near haystacks during the storms, and managed to survive the cold period.

Pine creek has been muddy and higher than usual during the past week, the result of heavy rains in the hills. The musical brawl of water on the stones of the brook could be heard for some distance.

Considerable sickness is reported from the Wild Horse neighborhood. Harry McBride and little son have a light attack of influenza. Patients with other ailments are Mrs. H. A. Street and Mrs. E. A. Simpson and little daughter.

If the person who "borrowed" the radiator cap and motometer from a car on Water street Wednesday evening will return the same to the residence of H. Waddingham, it will be greatly appreciated. The parties are known. (Adv.)

Keen interest is being manifested in the Scholarship Loan Fund tea to be held Saturday afternoon, January 31, at Memorial hall under auspices of the Saturday Afternoon club. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

Pearl and Frances, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Davis, are reported this morning to have the influenza. Sim J. Culley is confined to his home, and may also have an attack. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lieualen are threatened with influenza at their home on Reed and Hawley mountain.

The Ernest Ross family is rejoicing over the installation of a fine new Hamilton piano in their home on Normal Heights. Paterfamilias intended the instrument as a Christmas present to the children, but it failed to arrive in time. Florence Ross will enroll in the music class of Mrs. Fredericks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sample returned last week from a visit to Seattle. Mr. Sample, who is a veteran railway bridge carpenter, having taken a furlough from duty. Mrs. Gus Whalen, daughter of Mrs. Sample, who was here for an extended visit, has gone to Portland, Mr. Whalen having been transferred to that city as Chevrolet agent.

At the invitation of Mrs. James Johns Sr. and Mrs. Charles H. Marsh, hostesses for the event, Mrs. Lillian Fredericks appeared before the Current Literature club of Pendleton last Friday and gave an interesting address upon the Chinese School System. Mrs. Fredericks was entertained at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. C. Whiteman, during her sojourn at the county seat.

The "joy carnival" given at High School auditorium last Friday evening was well patronized and proved to be a continuous round of pleasure. The minstrel show was the most popular feature, interest centering in the end men, impersonated by Gail Williams and Maynard Jones. Frank Greer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert O'Hara and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price were among those who motored in to attend the merry-making.

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The Leader is invariably discontinued at expiration.

The influenza epidemic having again visited the country, Miss Stasia Walsh, county nurse, would admonish the people not to become panicky. In the absence of medical help, the instructions are to put the patient to bed, administer a cathartic and enforce quiet in the household, having plenty of fresh air but no draughts. Symptoms of the flu are chills, fever, sore throat, weakness, discharge from nose, headache, cough, vomiting, disturbance of digestion and aching limbs. To prevent spreading of the flu, much can be avoided by fumigating all laundry before sending it to the wash. Use chloride of lime for disinfection.

The Bachelor Girls' club was delightfully entertained at a costume party Monday evening at the home of Miss Eliza Morrison. The gay modes appearing occasioned much comment and jesting. Appetizing refreshments served by the hostess were partaken of with zest, and the young ladies present agreed that the evening had been one of high adventure.

Swas-Te-Ka Campfire was entertained at the home of its president, Miss Blanche Thorsen, Saturday afternoon, all members but two being in attendance. A short program was given, and during the closing hour a light lunch was served by the hostess. Miss Pearl Davis will entertain the club at its next meeting.

City retailers in Spokane say the crest has been reached in potato prices. Prices are \$4 to \$4.50 per hundred pounds, with extra fancy grades bringing \$5 per hundred. Frosted potatoes are said to have been consumed. If any change in the market develops, retailers say it is likely to be downward.

The annual report of the Weston branch of Umatilla County library shows that 2280 adult books were circulated during the year 1919; 724 children's books were loaned and 151 magazines passed through the librarian's hands. During the year 62 new readers were registered.

An excellent likeness of Geo. W. Proebstel, Sr., the pioneer hardware merchant of Weston, was received this week from Portland, his present home. It will occupy a place of honor in the pioneers' room at Memorial hall.

Mrs. Frank Snider of Athena, accompanied by her small son Dean, called last Thursday upon her former friends and neighbors on Normal Heights. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gould entertained the visitors at dinner.

Jack Chapin has sold his farming outfit to D. B. Banister, who has leased the holdings of the Mrs. Mary Banister estate. Mr. Chapin and family are making their home in town.

Newt O'Harra lost a \$150 horse the other day at his place east of town. Other horses apparently had fought the luckless animal over a bank, and it broke its neck in the fall.

Ernest March has a force of three men employed in cutting cordwood on Basket mountain. He expects to produce 300 cords for the market.

Mrs. Harry Sumption was called home to Boise Tuesday by the illness of her husband, who has the influenza.

Mrs. R. E. English returned Sunday from a visit with her parents at Lebanon and with friends at Portland.

E. O. DeMoss left for Portland Wednesday to buy goods for his local furniture emporium.

Mrs. Culley is Hostess

Mr. and Mrs. Sim J. Culley were hosts for an informal gathering at their home Sunday evening. Conversation, supplemented with music by a Brunswick phonograph, caused the time to pass pleasantly. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess, the guests being seated at an attractive table where dainty cards marked their places. The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Mrs. G. DeGraw, Mrs. Mary C. McNeer, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lumsden, Prof. and Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick, Miss Louise Rintoul, Miss Elza Love, Miss Frank Harris Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodwin.

Mrs. Culley entertained with a smart tea Tuesday afternoon, those present being Mesdames J. W. Porter, F. D. Watts, J. Hari Williams, E. M. Smith, E. O. DeMoss, J. H. Price, Richard Morrison, Marvin Price, R. L. Reynaud, Alice Price, C. E. Fisk, Bertha Sowers, Charles Pinkerton, Lillian Fredericks, Charles Price, H. Sumption and the Misses Edna Holtenbeck and Mabel Colvin.

WESTON SCHOOLS

The W. H. S. carnival which took place January 16 was a decided novelty in the way of high school entertainment and was enjoyed by all.

The Helix five managed to hang up a score of 28 over Weston's 19 in a fast game of basket ball played on the local floor Friday. A large crowd witnessed the struggle and all agreed that the small-sized Weston players did splendidly against heavy odds in height and weight.

Jessie Davis and Irene Banister have been absent for several days. Miss Davis is suffering from pneumonia and Miss Banister from la grippe.

High school students took their first half hour of physical training last Monday under the direction of Mr. Fitzpatrick. The new law requires twenty minutes of this work every day, and it is not being especially relished by the stouter students.

The highest grades for the week in Mrs. Pinkerton's room were: Sixth grade, Maxine Culley, 94-47; seventh grade, Norman Luckenbill, 96.

Wheat Growers to Organize

For the purpose of creating a Wheat Growers Marketing Association in the Northwest, a meeting of the farmers of Umatilla county will be held at Pendleton tomorrow, at which time Mr. Aaron Sapiro, an organizer from California, will speak.

A farmers meeting is being held at Walla Walla today and the matter of joining the Association is up for consideration.

At Spokane earlier in the week, the organization of the Washington Wheat Growers' association, the Oregon Wheat Growers' association and the Idaho Wheat Growers' association was effected with the contemplated launching of scientific marketing of grain through co-operative effort. The following, concerning the association and the Spokane meeting is excerpted from an article appearing in the Portland Journal:

"For four days every detail was threshed out and exposed to pitiless criticism and analysis until a well-nigh perfect plan for the cooperative marketing of the 150,000,000 bushels of wheat annually produced by the growers of the whole Inland Empire was completed.

"Cooperative marketing of wheat involves no economic problems that can not be overcome—nor does it promulgate a political revolution. Wheat growers for the last 40 years have been organizing so-called cooperative elevators and cooperative warehouses but they have failed of their purpose because they were not truly cooperative. They have for just the same number of years been dissolving or bankrupting cooperative elevators and grain warehouses. These alleged cooperative warehouses and elevators are usually not cooperative at all, but nothing more or less than corporations organized with capital stock but owned by farmers who put their own wheat in the elevators and buy the wheat of their non-member neighbors for as low a price as they can and sell it to the dealers and millers for as high a price as they can, declaring dividends among themselves as stockholders.

"In a purely non-profit cooperative association of wheat growers such as now being organized the growers will handle the wheat of actual members. They will own their own elevators and warehouses and will be soundly financed through avenues opened by the Federal Reserve bank. There are no adverse influences in an organization which is truly cooperative. Contracts made between the growers and the association are merely contracts between a number of growers of themselves voluntarily to do certain things for the common good of the community and the individual."

An interesting feature of the recent cold snap from the viewpoint of fruit producers is the announcement that in the Walla Walla section at least the frost destroyed aphids and scale in many instances.

How to Kill Wild Morning Glory

Wild morning glory is found in patches on many of the farms in this county, and this immediate vicinity is not free from this most destructive weed.

Heretofore salt has been used with more or less success in eradicating the pest. A number of carloads of salt has been used by farmers in this locality and some of them still have wild morning glory in their fields. In instances where salt is used, all vegetable life is killed and it takes considerable time to regain the producing properties of the soil, and frequently new patches of morning glory appear.

County Agent Lewis of Columbia county, Wash., has hit upon what he

believes to be an effective method of destroying wild morning glory, and the following relative to it is taken from the Washington State College bulletin:

"The destructive wild morning glory, the spread of which in agricultural districts of the Northwest has in recent years elicited from prominent wheat men standing offers of from \$500 to \$12,000 for the discovery of a sure and practicable means of destroying this hitherto uncontrollable weed, has received in Columbia county, Washington, what looks like a knock-out, according to recent word from J. M. Lewis, county agent, who has evolved the control method.

"Mr. Lewis' plan makes use of live steam which, by an ingenious and sim-

ple process, is forced under pressure into the soil at depths apparently sufficient to kill completely the morning glory roots and buds.

With one 20-horsepower steam boiler he steamed 100 square feet of ground in less than half an hour in tests to demonstrate the efficiency of the process; he now is devising with the aid of a manufacturer a portable steam boiler which will successfully steam one acre of the morning glory soil in a day."

Pasco has organized a strong social center to provide clean and healthful entertainment and recreation for residents. The membership has already passed the 300 mark and double the number is expected.

WE WANT YOU ALL ...TO KNOW...

THAT FEBRUARY 13 AND 14 ARE THE DATES FOR THE FARMERS' GRAIN AND POTATO SCHOOL IN WESTON.

THAT BUSINESS IS ON THE UPWARD TREND WITH THE W. M. CO.

THAT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RESUMED ON THE NEW HIGHWAY.

THAT NEW SPRING GOODS WILL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY.

THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTON MERCANTILE CO. STOCKHOLDERS WAS HELD THIS WEEK.

THAT THE SAME DIRECTORS WERE RE-ELECTED.

THAT THE MANAGER'S REPORT SHOWED A MARKED INCREASE IN THE BUSINESS.

THAT SOME CHANGES IN THE STORE'S INTERIOR WHICH THE CONSTANTLY INCREASING BUSINESS MAKE NECESSARY, ARE CONTEMPLATED.

THAT PRINTED VOILES ARE TO BE IN VOGUE THIS SEASON FOR WOMEN'S DRESSES.

THAT SPRING IS NOT HERE YET.

THAT THE MOVIES AT MEMORIAL HALL ARE PROVING TO BE ALL WE HAD ANTICIPATED.

THAT GEORGETTE AND SPRING WAISTS CONTINUE IN POPULARITY AND THAT PART OF OUR SPRING ORDER HAS ARRIVED.

THAT WE BOUGHT \$3000 WORTH OF SHOES BEFORE THE RAISE.

THAT WHEN YOU THINK OF A SPRING COAT THINK OF THE W. M. CO.

THAT MRS. RABE LEAVES SHORTLY ON A BUYING TRIP FOR THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

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