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## WESTON SCHOOLS

School started with a "zip and a bang" Monday, and although the attendance is very low the work is going on rapidly.

Miss Rintoul has been absent from her room on account of illness. The primary children had that much more vacation, but they all seem very eager to get back to school. Miss Rintoul will return to school February 13.

Mrs. Fell is teaching Mrs. Pinkerton's room during her absence. Mrs. Pinkerton has been very ill with pneumonia, but is getting better rapidly.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick's room has the banner attendance record for the "flu" period. There are only three absent.

Miss Colvin's room is studying the life and works of Lincoln this week. The pupils are also preparing for St. Valentine's Day. These students are certainly up-to-the-minute in everything.

A new lot of apparatus for the Physics department has arrived and is being arranged for use this term.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has received from the Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a nicely-framed copy of the American creed. Judge Wallace McCamant of Portland, president of the society, and it is his request that the school children of Oregon learn the creed and say it from day to day, thus becoming better citizens and better Americans.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has posted on the bulletin board a statement which he received from the State Department of Public Instruction. The statement relates to the standardization of high schools. Our school meets all the requirements and our course of study is approved by the department, and we are pleased to still be among the standard schools of Oregon.

Miss Davis is back at her desk again, and everyone is certainly glad to see her. Miss Davis has been having an unpleasant experience with some torn tendons.

A sign of spring, to be sure! The W. H. S. boys are all turning out for baseball practice and are talking of a team. Some good material has been found.

Miss Brown has two new classes in her course this semester, Economics and American History. Economics takes the place of Debate, while American History is substituted for Civics.

The class in General Science is planting "cigar-box gardens" this week, and is eagerly watching for the corn, beans and lettuce to grow.

## PUBLIC LECTURES AT THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Virgil G. Finnell of Elgin, Illinois, field director of religious education, Church of the Brethren, is coming to Weston next Monday, February 16, to conduct a Sunday school institute at the local church.

The institute opens with a public lecture Monday evening, and for the next two days both day and evening sessions will be held. Rev. Finnell is equipped with a high-grade projection machine and will illustrate some of his lectures. He is regarded as a very able and convincing pulpit speaker, and Weston people who attend are promised an intellectual and spiritual feast.

In behalf of the local congregation of the Brethren, John Bonewitz, elder in charge, extends a cordial invitation to the people of Weston and vicinity to attend. All the lectures and sessions are free and open to the public.

The list of subjects to be presented by Rev. Finnell during his stay is as follows:

World Re-construction and the Forward Movement, The Rural Church Facing its Task, Tobacco and Cigarettes, The New Day in Religious Education.

The Boy and His Dad, The Lopsided Young Man, Teaching the Tiny Tots, Wiggling Boys and Giggling Girls, The Biggest and Best Paying Business, American Democracy and Religious Education.

The machinery for the first unit of the Astoria Flouring Mills company's new plant at the port terminals at Astoria has been operated for a few days as a test, and has been found to work satisfactorily. It is expected this unit, which will have a capacity of 2000 barrels of flour a day, will begin grinding immediately. The second unit of the plant will be ready for operation in about six weeks. The new plant will be one of the largest single mills of its kind in the country. It will turn out 4000 barrels of high-grade flour each 24 hours. With the company's present mill also in operation the daily output will be increased to 5200 barrels, sufficient to provide a full steamer cargo for export each month.

## Their Golden Wedding

Weston is again permitted to congratulate an estimable couple upon the completion of fifty years of married life. Monday, February 10, 1920, marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Metz of this city. Time, with its varying fortunes, has brought these good people to the sunset of life, united in loving companionship and meeting old age with trust and cheerfulness. To exchange greetings with them is to feel a pleasant contact with all the high purposes and ennobling influences that have dwelt with them during the space of their three score years and ten.

Andrew T. Metz and Sarah Emily

Mullady were united in marriage February 10, 1870, in Crawford county, Illinois. Five children were the fruits of this union. Two are living—a daughter, Mrs. Clara Royer of Elgin, Illinois, and a son, Clifford W. Metz of this city. One grandson, Kenneth Royer, resides in Elgin.

In April, 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Metz came to Weston, secured a comfortable-cottage and decided to make this city their home. During their eight years of residence they have gained the respect and good will of the community. Mr. Metz is a veteran of the civil war on the union side.

An elaborate dinner was served Monday noon at the family home, the guest list including: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford

Metz, Mrs. Heath, Mr. Clarkston, Mr. and Mrs. James Ashworth and son Billy; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ross and the Misses Florence, Mildred and Geraldine Ross. Many handsome gifts from relatives and friends were received by the worthy pair.

Fifty times the rose has flowered and faded, Fifty times the golden harvest fallen Since the solemn marriage vows were spoken: Steadfast through life's heartaches, joys and sorrows Love and hope and trust at last have brought them Unto this matchless golden wedding day.

Lost—New gauntlet glove near the Bullfinch place. Finder will kindly return to this office.

## BREVITIES

Pure-bred Rhode Island Red roosters for sale. Mrs. A. A. Kees.

Mr. and Mrs. Iley Winn are both ill with influenza at the Winn farm below town.

John Barnes and family were over from Athena Saturday to spend the week end at the S. A. Barnes home.

F. G. Lucas left for Baker Wednesday on business connected with his real estate operations, and may continue his trip to Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Staggs arrived Sunday from Portland and will make their home in this vicinity. Mr. Staggs will engage in farming.

The Leader man had the pleasure and privilege this week of writing a receipt for a subscription renewal to Frank Winn, Couse creek pioneer, the oldest subscriber on its books.

Warren F. Flagg of Yakima is among the claimants for the distinction of owning the most productive acre in that district. From one acre of Winter Nellis pears he realized \$1703. The land was bought several years ago at a reported price of \$500 an acre.

Miss Stasia P. Walsh, who has been conducting local weekly classes in home hygiene, has resigned her work, as she expects to go soon to Poland under the auspices of the Red Cross. The many friends of Miss Walsh in this city wish her success in the new work she is undertaking.

Seized with a slight attack of smallpox at Pendleton, where he has been employed at the Frazier book store, Kendall (otherwise Tuck) Smith was brought home this week. He is under Dr. McKinney's care at the Kirkpatrick residence, which is under quarantine for the same disease.

The Bachelor Girls' club and the You Go I Go club are entertaining Athena-Weston Post of the American Legion at the post hall in Weston next Monday evening. All members of the legion are invited to attend. Plans for the organization of a women's auxiliary will be set on foot at this meeting.

Joe Morrison, son of a pioneer Weston preacher, was in town this week, trying to locate a few old chums and landmarks. Joe was a member of the celebrated baseball team, the Weston Stars, who cleaned up everything in this country a third of a century ago. They had the only curve pitcher, Jim Shields, then on the coast.

A boxing tournament will feature the high jinks to be put on by Pendleton Post, American Legion, on Saturday night, February 28, as a climax to a week's membership drive for the four legion posts in Umatilla county. The best boxers on the coast will appear before an audience of legion and ex-service men from all over Umatilla county.

The Standard Oil company will replace its six horses and wagons at its Athena distributing station with a two and one-half and a one-ton auto truck for delivery service. The six big horses and the wagons will be sold on arrival of the trucks. The large truck will be used for tankage delivery and the one-ton truck for parcels.

Authoritative and conclusive information was received this week that the Water street route had been selected for the state highway through Weston. The decision was made by the state commission upon the recommendation of State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn, who favored Water street because it provides a straight route through town with approximately the same distance as the Main street route, and eliminates corners. There is considerable local talk in favor of paving Main street anyway, regardless of the fact that Water will be the highway thoroughfare. It is argued that Weston will then have two excellent streets.

R. J. Price of Weston was a visitor February 3d at the big exhibit of Southern California products maintained free to the public in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He also attended the lectures and moving pictures that are a part of the daily program. The exhibit is the largest of any in the country maintained by a commercial organization. Before returning home, Mr. Price expects to visit several of the many other places of interest in the Southland.

Miss Vida Staggs came up from Pendleton Saturday for a week end visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Achilles.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim J. Culley motored to Walla Walla Saturday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

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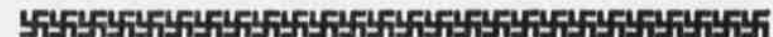
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While some men, high in finance, many of these are marked: "Do not are trying to jolly the public into sell—mills cannot deliver." Does the belief that prices are going to this look like prices were coming decline, Old King Cotton continues down? For the last two weeks our mounting upward in price. Merchants all over the country are burning the wires trying to get merchandise from mills whose output is already sold for a year in advance at prices ranging from 50 to 90 percent higher than in January, 1919. The following is from an eastern trade journal and shows conditions that exist in thousands of mills:

"Some of the big underwear mills were sold out two or three hours after they had thrown open their doors to the invading buyers. The anxiety of the buyers is said to have known no equal in the recollection of the old-time manufacturers.

"Here are ironclad facts that dispute with emphasis the contention of some that the market is due for a downward trend. The upward tendency is by no means over. The hosiery situation is about the same as that of underwear, and higher prices than ever are going to prevail over those in 1920. It's a sad thing to contemplate, but it's going to come, anyway. There is no assurance from the present outlook that any relief can be looked for this year."

Scores of the big eastern houses have already called their salesmen off the road, having sold all the merchandise they can get from the factories. Others are traveling with their usual samples and



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