

BREVITIES

Kitchen cabinet for sale. Mrs. Arthur Ross.

Tom Booher was a business visitor in Weston Saturday.

Joe Hodgson and J. H. Price were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Road were visiting in Weston Sunday from Waitsburg.

Mrs. Letha King and children are among the recent patients reported ill with influenza.

Mrs. F. D. Watts will entertain the Saturday Afternoon club at her home, February 21.

Fred Bennion, county agent, was in this vicinity this week in connection with his county work.

Mrs. Margaret Rabb is in Portland this week, buying millinery for the Weston Mercantile Co.

Having recovered from influenza, Miss Lois Porter has resumed her studies in Whitman College.

Lewis Van Winkle Junior took the rural mail out on route two Monday, substituting for Ray Gordon.

W. L. Rayborn spent a few hours in town Saturday, returning to his mountain ranch in the evening.

Mrs. Ellsworth Woods has been confined to her farm home with an attack of the prevailing epidemic.

W. S. Price was engaged a few days this week in painting and papering the Memorial Hall kitchen.

Miss Dorothy Bulfinch and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tucker were Sunday guests at the C. F. Bulfinch home.

Tim McBride came in from the McBride Bros. farm Saturday to visit and shop a few hours in the metropolis.

Frank English, bachelor farmer of Weston mountain, was in town Saturday looking after matters of business.

Lee Billings of Walla Walla spent Thursday as the guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ross.

The parties who borrowed the jack screw from the Hall blacksmith shop are requested to return the same to Frank Snider.

Mrs. W. H. Gould and Mrs. Sidney Tucker motored to Athena last Thursday for a day's visit with Mrs. Zella McPherrin.

Mrs. J. M. Compton has been assisting in caring for the ill members of the R. L. Reynaud household during the past week.

Farmers and other friends of Memorial Hall got out yesterday with teams and implements and graded the hall grounds.

Jim King was in town Saturday, making his first calls upon Weston merchants since influenza went to the mat with him.

Miss Rosaline Rohde of Pendleton, who was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. C. O. Pedersen, returned to her home Saturday.

Jake Narkaus was in town Wednesday and reports that despite December frigidities his cattle have wintered well in the Helix district.

Stevens Lodge, Knights of Pythias, conferred the knight rank Wednesday night on Sylvan Kennard, Carl Brandt and Marvin Adkins.

Miss Frank Harris Davis is being entertained this week by the Misses Edna Hollenbeck and Mabel Colvin at their cottage on Normal Heights.

Henry Craigen exhibited to friends last Saturday a beautiful branch of silvery pussy willows which he secured along the banks of Pine creek.

Gordon Nelson, former Pendleton high school student, is wanted in Pendleton for passing worthless checks. He has been apprehended in Portland, and Sheriff Taylor will bring him to the county jail.

At the sale of Indian lands Monday, R. F. Kirkpatrick of Pendleton, was the highest bidder, paying \$200 per acre when he bought 40 acres for \$8,000. There were nine parcels of land up for sale and all were sold.

J. E. Bowker, who sold his place last fall to Fred McGrew, is closing out his stock and machinery with a view to locating on a small tract near Freewater. Mr. Bowker has announced a public sale for February 27 at the Andy Douglas residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon and Jess Pows visited the lower Umatilla Sunday on a fishing trip. Incidentally, they were away Monday also, their auto having decided that it was a good time to break down with two garage men aboard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hartman of Pendleton are leaving February 28 for an extended tour of the Orient. They will visit the Philippine Islands, where Mr. Hartman served 22 years ago when a lieutenant in the Second Oregon. Mr. Eugene Eppinger of Walla Walla will accompany them.

Frank Snider Returns to Weston

J. F. Snider has returned to Weston from Athena, where he has been with Watts & Rogers, and will engage in business here again, but on a larger scale than formerly.

Mr. Snider has bought the Weston Garage and the Hall blacksmith shop from Hall & Greer, and has also taken over the Snider blacksmith shop, which he conducted for many years before moving to Athena.

It is Mr. Snider's intention to conduct a general garage business and a general blacksmithing and machine work business. He will close the Hall shop and concentrate his blacksmithing line at the Snider shop, where he contemplates installing a lathe and other new equipment.

Mr. Snider's family will remain in Athena until the close of the school year, when they will again occupy their home on Normal Heights.

Gratification over regaining so valuable a citizen as Mr. Snider is tempered with regret over the probable loss to local business and industrial circles of Mr. Hall. He remains until the first of the month or later in order to close up his affairs.

For the present Mr. Greer will continue in business harness at the Weston Garage and assist Mr. Snider in taking care of the front office.

WESTON SCHOOLS

Jessie Davis is back in high school after a long period of sickness.

The French II class has begun the study of the classic, "La Pandee aux Yeux," and finds it quite interesting, as it is something new.

The Physics class has found a new field of experience and experiment since its laboratory equipment has arrived.

The library books are being catalogued by Mr. Fitzpatrick this week.

English classes are beginning to take their outside reading.

Much activity has been shown by the high school boys in getting ready for the baseball games, basket ball having been out of favor this winter on account of the "flu."

Miss Rintoul was back Monday to teach the little folk, after an absence due to sickness.

The grades are having Courtis tests again this week and enjoy them.

Valentine boxes were put in the rooms of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Colvin and Mrs. Pell and all were made happy by the valentines they received.

Swings and other kinds of play-Attendance is improving in high school, after many pupils have been on the absent list.

Most of Miss Brown's class in Ancient History are out, leaving only two of the original six.

ground apparatus are being erected on the school grounds to afford exercise and pleasure for the pupils.

A meeting of the entire Annual staff was held Wednesday and plans for the school publication were made.

Reports came from all the departments and the Annual will be published soon. The seniors will be especially featured and it is hoped the year book will bring pleasant memories to them all in after life.

Charles May was in the city Saturday from his home on Weston mountain.

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Second-Hand Saddles. We will trade new saddles for old ones.

Harness Oiled for \$1.00 per set.

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FARM SCHOOL IN WESTON FEBRUARY 27 AND 28

Arrangements are being perfected for the two-day potato and grain production and marketing school to be held in Memorial hall at Weston next Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. Professor G. R. Hyslop of Oregon Agricultural College will be there to conduct the school, as will also County Agent Fred Bennion, who in connection with local committees is now active in preparing for the event.

An unusual opportunity will be offered the farmers of this section of the county. Practically the same material will come before the school as was offered during Farmers Week at Corvallis, which was attended by farmers from all over the state. Grain and potato judging and grading will be practiced by those who attend.

An important matter to come before the school relates to some changes in federal grain grades, such as making sub classes in white club wheat. These are of especial interest to growers of red chaff and other harder varieties of white club. This matter will come up Saturday, as will also discussion of the proposed government extension of the price guarantee. A line on the sentiment of the farmers attending the Weston meeting is desired.

Friday will be potato day. The question will be discussed, How can potatoes be grown with profit on Weston mountain when with but little greater cost the Yakima valley and other irrigated sections can grow two or three times as many bushels per acre? It will be shown that potato growers in nearby irrigated sections are sending as far as Michigan and Wisconsin for seed. In 1918, when table potatoes were selling at \$25 per ton, a Buckeye Washington dry land potato grower sold his entire crop for seed at \$70 per ton. The fact will be impressed upon the Blue Mountain potato growers that if they take advantage of the wonderful soil and climatic conditions with which the Creator has endowed their region, they can more than double their profits. Potato men are urged not to miss Friday's program, and are also asked to bring samples of their spuds.

Below is the two-day program:

Course 1. 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.

Course 2. Wheat Production for Umatilla County.

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. 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.

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Three hundred and seven acres heavy black loam soil, located in Columbia county, Wash., eight miles from Waitsburg and right at a small station on the O-W; 1919 crop averaged 42 bushels per acre; 115 acres now in winter wheat. Improvements are 6-room modern bungalow, barn for 28 head of stock and 70 tons of hay; granary and sheds. With the place goes 12 head work horses, some young stock, complete set of implements and machinery and all crops if sold before March 1st. Price is \$150 per acre.

ROSS C. LASHLEY, manager Oregon-Washington Ranches Co., P. O. Box 513, Phone 1010, Pendleton, Or.

Pendleton papers report a greater number of smallpox cases than flu cases in that city.

County Politics

(Athena Press.)

Aside from the wants of a few republican aspirants being known, but little attention is being given to county politics as yet.

From outward appearances at least, the republicans are not together on their county court personnel, for the reason that the Cockburn-Schanep frame-up is not being gleefully supported by any means. Whether opposition to this corner of the slate has its inception from knowledge of Cockburn's capabilities or whether it is the unknown status of Schanep, matters little when compared to the well defined purpose of the taxpayer to support only candidates who can show him that county administra-

tion will be for the whole of the county, party affiliations not considered.

With the declaration of Judge Marsh before them that he will not be a candidate for re-election as county judge, the democrats have made no move to shove forth any one to take his place. There have been hints that Charley Strain, who is giving up the assessor job so that he may take a vacation once in while, might be a plausible candidate for the judgeship, but from the fact that his hat is on his head and not in the ring, would indicate that Charlie intends to go fishing hereafter instead of tying himself up to an office.

The real political development of the week is the avowed candidacy of Mr. Keator, republican, for re-election to

the office of district attorney. Mr. Keator wants it, and no proclamation by filing his announcement with the secretary of state in the usual form and prescribed manner.

Save for a little chortling from Mr. Dodd, down Hermiton way, the legislative bee lies dormant as a door mat. This in face of the splendid opportunity that is presented to elect men on the legislative ticket who can, and would, legislate constructively in lieu of slyly "slipping it over" on the dear people—the party ticket episode for illustration.

Contractor Ashworth and Henry Schroeder have gone to Athena this week to build a bungalow for William McLain.

KEEP THESE FACTS BEFORE YOU



THAT THE FARMERS' GRAIN and POTATO SCHOOL IS TO BE HELD FEB. 27 and 28.

That this is the biggest thing for Weston that has come our way for years. That every farmer is expected, urged and pleaded with to be present.

That we have the THREE SEASON underwear for men at only \$2.50 the garment.

That we have a good piano for sale at a bargain.

That it will pay you to ask about our bargain piano.

That SPRING COATS are beginning to arrive and that we will have a fine assortment from which to make your selection.

That Mrs. Rabb is now in Portland buying your spring hat.

That the information in our ad. last week is very timely and gathered from reliable sources, backed by the judgment of the most prominent business men of the country. Read it again; then act by buying your needs for the coming season now.



That whether a Main street or a Water street you are welcome to all the conveniences of our big, light store, and we solicit your patronage for the coming season.

That we carry the Buckingham & Hecht Army shoe for men and boys, the perfection in work shoes and the price \$6.75.

That spring house cleaning calls for new draperies and that we have them. That spring is here; get out your rake and paint brush.

That the kitchen in Memorial Hall is complete and is SOME KITCHEN.



Weston Mercantile Co.