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Mrs. C. E. Fisk will be hostess Monday evening for an elaborate Valentine party when the Saturday Afternoon club will entertain in honor of the husbands of club members.

Esther and Gail Williams were over from Whitman college Saturday for a week-end visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams.

Elmer Tucker came over from Walla Walla Monday for a short visit with local relatives.

C. F. Bullfinch, who has been suffering from a throat affection, left Monday to consult the famous Dr. Mayo at Rochester, Minnesota. He was accompanied by his son, Paul Bullfinch, who has just returned from Los Angeles and expects to locate again in southern Idaho upon his return from Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Compton were visiting in Weston this week from Pendleton.

W. H. Case of Walla Walla, a brother of Mrs. Artie Beate, visited relatives in Weston Sunday upon his return from Pendleton, where he attended the Unatilla rapids meeting.

Miss Catherine Lieuallen was over from La Grande this week to visit her father and grandmother. The young lady expects to go to school again at Weston soon.

Residents of Reed and Hawley mountain served by the county road up Pine creek, have set on foot another movement looking to the proposed change in the route of this essential highway. They hope this time to meet with success, and feel that the needs of their well settled district are entitled to recognition. The present road was rendered almost impassable by washouts, but the mountaineers got busy, worked it and straddled it, and put it condition for travel. Those who helped in this public spirited task were R. W. Lieuallen, John Blom, Lee Dennis, F. W. Kleese, Selmer Thompson, Wm. Burkhardt, Carl Brutscher, Walter Gilmore and Wm. McCorkell.

Mrs. A. J. McIntyre is in Portland this week visiting her father, Alex Walker, and son, Eldon McIntyre, who is attending Hill's academy. She stopped at Wasco en route to visit at the home of her brother, Hugh Walker.

Andy Barnett, mail carrier, reports that he played in luck again this week, having received the gift of a fat "backbone" from R. W. Lieuallen.

One-third of an inch of rain fell Tuesday and proved sufficient to develop another small torrent on either side of Main street. Flooding of Main street is an unwelcome innovation this winter, and is due to the condition of adjacent summer fallow, from which the water runs off as from a slab of concrete. Thus far in February the precipitation has totaled two inches, according to Observer Baker, compared with zero in the same month last year. Pine creek yesterday was almost at the flood stage.

The inland district conference of the M. E. Church, South, will be held at Weston on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Bishop H. M. DuBose of Berkeley, Calif., will preside, and some thirty visiting delegates are expected to be present. They will be entertained in local homes with rooms and breakfast, while the two other meals will be served in the commodious church basement. Evening preaching services will be a feature of the conference, and the people are all invited to come out and enjoy them. Beginning Tuesday, there will be sermons each evening of the session by well known pulpit orators.

Mail carrier Andy Barnett started on his route Saturday at 9 a. m., was met with a fresh team after making 12 miles, and got in at 8:30 at night. This week he has been using a saddle horse. He reports the lowland roads on his route, No. 2, to be in such bad condition as to render team travel slow and difficult. The mountain roads are good—due to the activity and public spirit of the upland people.

During the past two weeks Mrs. J. N. York has suffered a painful and serious illness with neuralgia.

The county court has ordered a survey made of the proposed new road up Weston mountain. The route leads up Hale creek to the foot of Ryan grade.

An important tabernacle meeting will be held in Weston during the late spring under auspices of the M. E. Church, South. Rev. Jerry Jeter, a noted California evangelist, cartoonist, painter and singer, will conduct the event, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Jeter. The tabernacle will be large enough to seat more than 1500 people, and the entire countryside population can be accommodated at one time.

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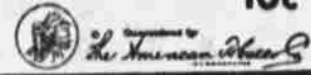
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MYSTERIOUS HAPPENING TO MRS. MABEL CARMICHAEL

At about nine o'clock Tuesday night Mrs. Mabel Carmichael was found lying in a field near the school house on Dry creek by Mr. R. Hupps, the teacher, who lives near by. Her screams brought him to her assistance.

A heavy rain storm had occurred, and the unfortunate woman's clothing was completely soaked. She was in such a state of exhaustion as to be wholly unable to give an account of herself. She was cared for during the night at the Hupps residence and was conveyed next day to the home of her uncle, Dr. S. L. Kennard, in Weston, where she has since been under the care of Dr. C. H. Smith.

Mrs. Carmichael has rallied to some extent but is yet quite vague concerning her experience, and has not been pressed for details by her anxious relatives because of her serious condition. She says that she came to Walla Walla on the train from Seattle, and was taken from the latter city by two men in an automobile, and that they put her out of the car somewhere "in the dark." It was found that she had evidently crossed the Dry creek bridge, had come in contact with a barb wire fence, had waded through a rushing torrent of flood water and had tramped aimlessly back and forth in the field where she was found. A hand bag containing a pocket book, which she had dropped, was recovered the next day. She has not as yet disclosed the identity of the two men of the mysterious car.

Mrs. Carmichael is the divorced wife of Geo. B. Carmichael, a young farmer north of Weston, and since the couple's separation a few months ago has been living with her mother in Seattle. She is supposed to have come back to effect some sort of business settlement. She is a young woman of culture and refinement, a trained singer and musician, and is highly regarded in the Weston neighborhood.

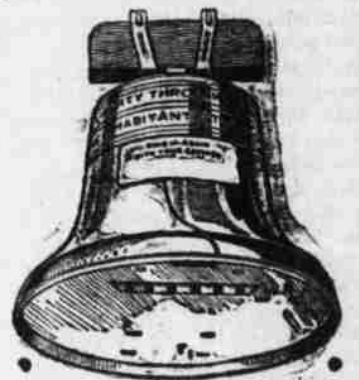
Prune Week.

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