

## BREVITIES

James Simpson and Dan McBean were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ross.

A sacred concert will be given Sunday evening by the choir of the M. E. Church. An attractive program has been prepared and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Stevens Lodge No. 49, Knights of Pythias, announces the free presentation of the great pictorial drama, "Damon and Pythias," at Memorial hall the evening of February 21.

Milk customers wanted. Jay V. Smith.

Wm. Beaton, who was recently insured by Geo. House, agent for the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, received a check for five days sick benefit, \$18.67, three days after claim went in. This policy protects you for a full day of 24 hours. Think it over and if you want this protection see Geo. House, agent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Price, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mrs. Nelson H. Jones and Mrs. Hetty Powers were on a motoring trip Tuesday to Walla Walla.

Interest continues in the series of meetings conducted at the Church of The Brethren by Elder Barnett, and good congregations are the rule. Sunday the elder preached to one of the largest congregations that ever assembled in the church. The meetings close next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert LeFevre of Portland are visiting Weston relatives while on their return home from a tour of the coast. Mrs. LeFevre is a niece of Mr. H. Wadingham.

During the lull prior to the spring farming campaign, Scott Banister is visiting here from his La Crosse ranch.

Burglary of the H. A. Brandt store was discovered Tuesday morning, and is supposed to have been perpetrated at some time prior to the preceding Friday night. Silk hose, silk dress goods and expensive gloves to the value of about \$150 were taken. The burglars opened the front door by means, presumably, of a skeleton key, and locked it when they went out. The burglary was similar to that of the Penney store at Athena, and is supposed to have been perpetrated by members of the same gang.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lumsden were in Pendleton Wednesday evening and attended an enjoyable social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Scott.

The Weston High basket ball team goes to Pilot Rock this evening to play a return engagement with the school quintet there.

Seven men and two squaws, two automobiles and approximately 50 gallons of moonshine whiskey fell into the hands of county and city police officials at Pendleton this week. Chief of Police C. W. Avery and Otis Adams of Weston assisted in the haul.

Pendleton's city government was operated last year at a loss of more than \$2500.

"Go and Get It," the great super special featuring The Ape Man, at Standard Theatre, Athena, next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jasper Morrison of Walla Walla was the guest of Mrs. R. Morrison a few days this week.

Mrs. Mark A. Phinney is enjoying a visit with her sister, Mrs. William Jorgensen of Spokane, who arrived in the city Tuesday evening.

The Women's Missionary society of the M. E. Church held its regular monthly business meeting at the church parlors Wednesday afternoon. It was decided to hold an Easter bazaar and cooked food sale the Saturday preceding Easter, March 26. Aprons and fancy gift articles will be offered for sale.

Manager Barnes announces the following splendid film attractions to be shown soon at Memorial hall: "Once to Every Woman," "Under Crimson Skies," "Confession," "The Virgin of Stamboul," "God's Country and the Woman." These are all booked for Saturday nights. The Tuesday night shows will be discontinued except on special occasions.

Ernest Haney was in town Thursday calling upon local merchants. He informed his friends that he lives on the peak of the mountain and is glad of it, as he stands no danger of being washed away during the wet weather.

The local temple of Pythian Sisters is arranging for a social evening next Monday, at which a banquet will be served promptly at 7:30 p. m. The brothers of the temple will be hosts to the lady members.

Fire totally destroyed Bunch Bros., garage at Adams, Wednesday forenoon, but the firm's blacksmith shop was saved. It is reported that the fire originated from the explosion of a can of gasoline. The flames spread rapidly throughout the interior of the building, and it is said but little was saved.

## THE WESTON CITY COUNCIL VOTES FOR STREET PAVING

The proposition to pave Weston's Main street from the west line of Water to the west line of Broad, and 100 feet of Franklin street south of Main, was passed by the council at a special meeting Monday evening by unanimous vote. All the councilmen were present, and Mayor Jones presided.

The action taken was in response to petition of property owners desiring the improvement. Every councilman expressed himself as in favor heartily of the move, and general satisfaction has been expressed since the meeting that Weston has decided to line up with her progressive neighbors in this part of the county.

The type of paving is left to the future decision of the council. The cost of two inches of bitulithic dressing is estimated at \$1.50 per square yard. In the opinion of an experienced engineer the rock foundation already on the street would suffice, with some re-working. Under the Bancroft bonding act the property owners may have the privilege of the ten-year payment plan, by filing the proper notice with the city recorder. The cost to the city of paving the street intersections is estimated at \$1000.

The proposed improvement can be stopped by dissenting property owners only in the event that two-thirds of the frontage involved is represented on the remonstrance.

## FIRE AT THE CULLEY FARM OCCASIONS HEAVY LOSS

Fire at the Sim J. Culley ranchstead on the DeGraw farm south of Weston Thursday morning at about 5:30 o'clock destroyed the machine sheds and blacksmith shop, a track-layer tractor, a combine, plows, wagons, grain tanks and tools. Practically all of Mr. Culley's farm machinery went up in smoke with the exception of some drills which had been left on another place, and the loss is estimated at more than \$10,000. Only the combine was insured. One of the machine sheds had been recently built. The fire had attained such headway when seen by the waking ranch hands that nothing could be done except to save, by hard work, the barn and granary. The farm residence was not in danger. The flames are supposed to have gotten their start from a forge fire used in the blacksmith shop the night before.

### New Books at Weston Library.

The following books were recently received at the Weston library and placed on the shelves for circulation:

Mettle of the Pastures—Allen.  
Square Peggy—Bacon.  
Right Stuff—Beith.  
Wyndham's Pal—Bindloss.  
Hunkins—Blythe.  
Splendid Chance—Bradley.  
Secret Garden—Burnett.  
American—Dillon.  
Definite Object—Farnol.  
Squirrel Cage—Fisher.  
Follow the Little Pictures—Graham.

Pa Flickinger's Folks—Hoover.  
Golden Block—Kerr.  
Taste of Apples—Lee.  
Ben Blair—Lillibridge.  
Sweethearts Unmet—Ruck.  
World for Sale—Barker.  
The Prestons—Vorse.  
Klondike Clan—Young.  
Adventures of Tom Sawyer—Clemens.

Lost—On north Water St., a mounted elk's tooth, engraved with the letter B on one side and the figures 288 on the other. Finder will please return to Areta Barrett, Athena, Or., and receive reward.



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## WESTON SCHOOLS

A delightful surprise party was given on Miss Davis and Miss Isaacson by the Sophomore girls at the school house last Friday night. The school went en masse to the cottage and escorted the honorees to the auditorium, where games were played. Refreshments were served by Miss Husband at a late hour. The affair was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick is still confined to her home with a severe cold. Her sister, Mrs. E. E. Thornton, has assumed Mrs. Fitzpatrick's work in the eighth grade.

Several young ruffians without enough brains to go to school, but with a well defined taste for filching cakes and such from Mr. Fitzpatrick's office during parties, are due for a very warm reception given by the Purple and Gold bunch at their next visit.

The Helix-Weston game scheduled for last Friday at Helix was called off on account of the condition of the roads. The quintet will play the battle off in the near future, however. The squad was sorry to hear that Otis Gould, who has been giving the team a few pointers, has left for Hermiston. George Blomgren now has the team in tow and is getting real results.

Miss Rintoul's first graders are very enthusiastic about their first picture-study work.

Katherine Lucas of Miss Mark's room received her reading certificate this week. Miss Marks intends to present another of these honors soon.

## SLAYER OF JAP GAMBLER WILL FIGHT THE GALLOWS

Shaza Shibata, slayer of Okamoto, Pendleton Japanese gambler, will put up a fight to save himself from the gallows, and has retained Attorney Fred W. Steiwer to defend him.

Saturday morning, after brutally killing his countryman with an ax, Shibata escaped from Pendleton on an outgoing automobile stage, and came to Athena. He took a room at the St. Nicholas hotel and went to bed. In short time local officers had been apprised of the murder. The Jap was immediately located by officers Dickson and Stone who placed him under arrest. The murderer offered no resistance and told the officers that he had about made up his mind to return to Pendleton and give himself up.

The murder is described as being an especially revolting one, and according to the story of Shibata was done in frenzy after Okamoto had won all of his money at gambling. After gambling all of Friday night, the two Japs retired, and soon after the murder was committed. One other Japanese witnessed the killing.

Shibata, who bore a neat personal appearance, evinced coolness and was calm over the horrible affair, while in the custody of officers here. He is a Hawaiian Jap and saw service in the American army for a period of the World war.

### Restraining Order Issued.

Another angle to the now famous Taylor-Winn case comes through the issuing of a restraining order to prevent Winn from carrying out the mandate of the Oregon supreme court. The order was signed by Judge Phelps pending settlement of a counter action brought by Taylor against Winn.

### "GO AND GET IT!"

# FORTUNATELY

**F**ORTUNATELY, The council has arranged to take care of the overflow from the heavy rains, turning the course from Main street.

Fortunately, The council intends to pave Main street.

Fortunately, Spring seems knocking at our doors and who would not say welcome?

Fortunately, we have some of the best bargains in shoes that can be found the country over.

Fortunately, For our customers, our prices are lower than city prices, saving time and expense in shopping.

Fortunately, We have not waited for others to cut prices, we have put them lower at the start. For instance, we sell bedding at one-third less, many shoes at one-third less and all our staple lines at one-fourth less, and the odds and ends of our stock at prices you will be surprised to find.

Fortunately, We have had no Flu this winter. Sister "Despondency" stopped off for a time but was ordered to leave.

Fortunately, Our grocery specials have been real ones and there are more for this week and better ones. Note the display and prices.

Fortunately, Weston looks fine for the coming season. Picture for yourself cluster lights, paved streets and a smiling populace.

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