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"Over The Hill"

Mrs. Lillian Fredericks motored to Walla Walla Thursday to visit with friends and attend a lecture given at Whitman College by a prominent educator from Seattle.

Mrs. Elmer Tucker and son, Charles Robert, and Miss Dorothy Bulfinch came over from Walla Walla Saturday for a few days' visit at the C. F. Bulfinch home.

The annual conference of Inland District of M. E. Church, South, held in Walla Walla last week, was well attended. Bishop H. M. DuBose of San Francisco presided over the sessions. Among the Weston folk who participated in the interesting gathering were: Rev. John B. Coan, Mrs. Charles M. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Winn, Mrs. W. S. Price, Miss Alma Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Harra have leased the residence on Washington street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Kennard.

The season is at hand when seed catalogues bearing gay color designs and containing alluring descriptions, offer fascinating reading to the amateur gardener.

J. W. Jones was in town from Montana the first of the week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Otis Reynolds came down Sunday from his Connell wheat ranch for a visit with his family.

Having recovered from the influenza, Gail Williams returned Sunday to his studies at Whitman College.

Quite a flourishing and successful industry has been established on Reed & Hawley mountain, where a number of residents are turning out such excellent bob sleds that the demand exceeds the supply and they are said to be behind with their orders. The timber is carefully selected with an expert eye, in the neighboring woods,

and fashioned in the ranch blacksmith shops. Customers find the finished article a source of gratification in teaming on the snow. Among those who are profitably devoting a good share of their winter hours to the work are Matt Mattson, the Tekkalla brothers, Walter Farr and J. W. Blom.

Mrs. Leon W. Lundell has gone to Milton to visit her mother, Mrs. Beamer and to attend a shower given in honor of Miss Anna Geiss. Miss Geiss, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Geiss, is leaving soon for California to be married.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Proebstel are here from Echo visiting Mr. Proebstel's father, Geo. W. Proebstel, during his illness.

Lowell Hyatt has gone to Portland, where he will be employed in concrete work by Thomas Ward, the well known contractor.

Patricia Blomgren, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Blomgren, is ill with inflammatory rheumatism, following tonsillitis, at their home in the foothills.

Mrs. Anna Fuson returned Monday evening from south of Athena, where she has been attending Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pambrun. Both have been influenza patients, but are now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendrickson, Mrs. A. M. Ross and Neil Ross, Mrs. Fred Greer and Miss Vida Greer were on a motoring trip to Walla Walla Wednesday in the Hendrickson car.

William H. Fletcher, former sawmill operator of Weston mountain who is now associated with his son, Frank, in extensive farming operations near Brant, Alberta, writes in cheerful mood to a Weston friend, although he says that 1921 was a bad year for wheat in the Alberta country. "Bill" will be seventy years old the 27th of June next, but says he feels like a kid and occasionally still plays the fiddle for dances just for amusement. He is married

again. He has five grandsons and six granddaughters in the family of Frank Fletcher. He brags on his garden, saying that he raised cabbage weighing sixteen pounds. W. H. and F. L. Fletcher had 1800 acres in wheat last year and will have 2000 acres this year. They plow, sow, cut and thresh with steam.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook, Mr. Thomas Kerley and Mrs. Grace Kerley of Helix, and Mrs. Joseph Anderson of Texas, were callers Monday of Dr. and Mrs. McKinney. They were on their way to Pendleton, where Mrs. Anderson took the train for her return home to Texas.

Fred Baddeley, well known farmer of Weston mountain, is receiving treatment at Walla Walla.

The "flu" descended with a vengeance Saturday upon Weston, which up to that time had practically escaped the prevailing epidemic. Scores of cases developed Saturday, and Dr. McKinney has since been busy night and day. There are now eighty cases or more in town and neighboring country. While said to develop the usual characteristics of influenza, the disease is not so severe as on the occasion of its first wholesale visitation, and often the patient is up and about in a few days. School and churches have been closed and all public gatherings forbidden until further notice, by order of the health board.

S. A. Barnes, J. A. Pows and Jack Calder are among the local Odd Fellows who are planning to go to Hermiton tomorrow for the convention.

The 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richal was most pleasantly celebrated Wednesday evening, February 22, at their home on north Franklin street. An appetizing dinner was served, and the honorees received a number of tokens of the regard and affection of their children and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Richal were united in marriage 58 years ago in Wisconsin, and have been residents of Weston and vicinity for 17 years.

Mr. Richal is a veteran of the famous Iron Brigade, having served throughout the Civil war in one of Wisconsin's fighting regiments. Those present for the anniversary occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. William MacKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dowd of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Price, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. King, Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Webb, Miss Juanita King, Miss Marie Foster, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richal, Claude Richal.

Miss Louise Rintoul has gone to The Dalles for a visit with relatives until school work is resumed.

Having downed the "flu" with a half-nelson, Harry Beathe was able to show up in town, yesterday.

Mrs. A. J. Starmer of La Grande, wife of the Methodist minister stationed in Weston last year, spent a couple of days in town this week visiting with friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Starmer was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Price.

Mrs. Rudolph Proebstel is in attendance as professional nurse upon Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne, both of whom are influenza patients.

Cyril Proebstel, deputy county clerk, came up from Pendleton Wednesday to visit his father.

Rev. John B. Coan will go to Pendleton Monday evening to deliver an address before the Masonic bodies at Masonic temple on "The Crisis in American Public Schools," with especial reference to the Sterling-Towner educational bill.

Wheat is quoted at around \$1.10 in the local market, with no transactions reported. The few growers who held their crops are still hanging on.

Rev. W. R. Storms, who is now making good progress toward recovery, was in town yesterday on his way to Ions, Oregon, to take up his pastoral work there. He has been visiting at Pomeroy, Wash., for several weeks. Mr. Storms has an evangelistic appointment for the second Sunday in March at Frazer, Idaho.

Mrs. V. T. Davidson is reported to be seriously ill with bronchitis.

SENATE ADVICE ON TREATY IS SOUGHT

Washington, D. C.—The senate foreign relations committee has received a message from President Harding asking the senate's advice on the question of reviving the patents treaty with Germany, which automatically lapsed with the declaration of war in 1917.

Although the president has power to revive by mere formal request this and other treaties which lapsed, if such request is made within six months of the ratification of the peace treaties, it was explained at the White House when the message was sent that this government also has the alternative of negotiating an entirely new treaty covering the subject of patents. The president desired, it was added, to give the senate the same opportunity of advising which it would have if the latter course were to be followed, although this was not expected in this instance.

Revival of the lapsed treaty automatically would restore its provision for reciprocity in the matter of protection of patents between the two countries. Officials generally held the view that it would have no immediate effect on German patents now held by this country.

TARIFF ROW IS FORECAST

Chairman Fordney insists on American Valuation in Basing Duties.

Washington, D. C.—A row between the house and senate over American valuation was forecast after it became known that republican members of the senate finance committee in rewriting the so-called permanent tariff bill had agreed tentatively on continuing the present principle of basing duties on foreign market value.

Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee declared that if this kind of tariff measure was passed by the senate, the house would write a new bill with an American valuation clause and "let the senate try again." If this should happen, it was said, there would be little prospect of a tariff bill at this session unless congress remained on the job throughout most of the congressional election campaign.

Washington Taxes Cut \$4,459,010.13.

Olympia, Wash.—The total taxes of this state levied in 1921 for all purposes and extended on the county tax rolls for collection in 1922 amount to \$68,206,809.98, as against \$72,665,820.11 for 1920, or a reduction of \$4,459,010.13, according to a comprehensive statement issued here by the division of municipal corporations in the state auditor's office.

Fall Denies He Will Resign.
Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Interior Fall took notice of widespread rumors that he was planning to resign from the cabinet and denied any intention to leave the cabinet.

FARMERS ORGANIZE NEW ASSOCIATION

Chicago.—Plans for a new farmers' organization, to be known as the united farmers' national bloc, were made here at a conference of farmers from more than 12 states. Among those present was A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan league.

The articles of association adopted at the meeting provided for organization from precincts up to a national committee with a committeeman from every state, although it was declared that the association would generally endorse candidates already in the field. Chicago was selected as the national headquarters.

The platform of the association as given out called for government guarantee of the cost of production of staple farm products, taxation of excess profits, and heavy income and inheritance taxes, government conservation and operation of natural resources.

H. Wells Andrews of Geneseo, Ill., was elected president of the organization.

ASSERTS HE HEARD SHERMAN

Civil War Veteran Was Present When Famous Soldier Declared That "War is Hell."

John Koolbeck, seventy-nine, the only living man who heard Gen. William T. Sherman's famous exclamation, "War is hell," now lives in Denver with his grandson, John Koolbeck.

Before his death General Sherman tried to recall the incident of the utterance, but failed. John Koolbeck remembers where, when, why and how the statement was made. He tells the story:

"After Vicksburg, Joe Jackson retreated across the Pearl river at Jackson, Miss. Sherman was in command of our army. I was with Gen. E. F. Winslow as aide-de-camp. My regiment was the Fourth Iowa cavalry. We were after the enemy and the infantry had just gone over the pontoon bridge across Pearl river.

"General Sherman sat on his horse at the edge of the river, apparently lost in thought. Just as the cavalry started over, the hoofs of the horses clattering against the loose planks, Sherman looked up and called out to us, 'Boys, war is hell!'

"I was at the head of the line with Winslow. So I heard him clearly. Sympathy for his tired troops prompted him."

General Winslow and all other members of his staff are dead. Mr. Koolbeck was the youngest of the party.—Denver Times.

HAD AT LEAST ONE VIRTUE.

Whatever else may be said about Charles Holmes, negro, no one can say that he is not frank.

Holmes, recently convicted on a charge of burglary, opened for sentence before Superior Judge Harold Loudsbek.

"Holmes, what did you do for a living before you got into this trouble?" asked the court.

"Jes' stealin' and gamblin', Mistah Judge," answered the defendant. "Jes' stealin' and gamblin', sir, and Ah was considered proficient and professional in both lines."

"Your frankness is refreshing," remarked the court, and gave the defendant an indeterminate sentence in San Quentin.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Sympathetic Childhood.

Lately, in a garden not far from Boston, the lord of the manor set a trap to catch the woodchucks that were monopolizing his vegetables. Instead of serving its purpose, the trap caught a neighboring family cat by the paws, and nobody dared to release the agonized animal—until two little children came along. Hearing the cries of the cat, one of the children gently petted the cat, while the other opened the jaws of the trap and released poor kitty. The incident serves to illustrate the fearlessness of sympathetic childhood in relieving distress.

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