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Jess Lionellen was in town this week from Walla Walla for a visit with his mother and friends.

Little Ivan Maynard is making favorable progress toward recovery at Pendleton. The surgeons removed from his side no less than 59 tumors, one of them a very large growth and the others of small dimensions.

The "official" advent of spring March 21 was followed two days later by a light snow, which melted almost as fast as it fell but yet gave warning that winter is loth to relinquish his reign. Today, again, the sun is shining. Snow is gradually disappearing from upland farms, but much remains back in the timber, and will be some time in melting unless a pronounced thaw occurs. It is reported that at Camp McDougall, about fourteen miles east of Weston, a depth of no less than eleven feet on a level was measured last week.

Gus Burgoy was in town Saturday morning on his way to Yakima to attend the big D. O. O. K. ceremonial. Gus is still on the railroad payroll at Rieth, and is playing ball this season with an O-W. nine.

Wheat is reported to be looking good in this neighborhood, considering the late season. Some re-seeding is said to have been found necessary in the Dry creek district. Robert Still is running his seeders over part of 700 acres that had been planted early, in the dust. Northwest of Weston, Marion Hansell re-seeded 120 acres of red chaff that showed signs of damage from the winter.

Hay is getting to be a scarce article in this section, because of the long winter. Robert Lee and J. L. York, Dry creek farmers, have just shipped in a carload of wheat hay from Yakima, at a cost of \$16.00 per ton, delivered at Bude station.

Leslie Mayberry, who has been attending his father, Richard Mayberry, during the winter, returned Monday to his work on the W. H. Sten farm, the old gentleman having considerably improved.

The Community club of Weston mountain hold an interesting and enjoyable meeting Saturday evening at the school house. A program of reading, music and vaudeville was given, the amateur vaudeville stunts

being contributed by J. W. Bowers, George Lindeken and Vernie Marr. A reading number by Mrs. Robert Hopkins was especially well received. Ice cream and cake were served at the conclusion of the program. The club took over two tons of Earliest of All potato seed which had been secured from Garfield county, Wash., by the county agent, Fred Bennion, for mountain planting. Experiments with this seed are looked forward to with interest by mountain growers.

Carl Brutscher returned Monday from an extended visit at the home of his parents near Newberg, Oregon, and reports an amplitude of witness in that part of the state. Mrs. Brutscher, who has been visiting relatives near Spokane, also arrived home Monday.

Andy T. Barnett has been kept at home for several days by the "flu," during which period his mail route duties have been looked after by Fred Pittman. His mother and sister, Mrs. Emma Barnett and Miss Alma Barnett, who also have been influenza patients, are convalescing.

Mrs. James Compton was a recent visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Waddingham, in Walla Walla. A little son of Mrs. Waddingham is recovering from an illness with pneumonia.

Mrs. Archie Ellis of La Grande was a guest Monday of her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. B. Davis. She stopped at Weston while on her way to visit her daughter at Milton.

Mrs. J. A. Lumsden is reported to be improving this week, after a very serious illness.

J. N. York, who was in town Tuesday from Neverfall farm on a trading mission, says that he put his teams at work plowing summer fallow early last week. His grain looks quite promising, with the exception of a few hillside acres which he will be compelled to re-seed because of damage from washing.

Scott Banister writes a cheery letter concerning crop prospects in the La Crose, Washington district, saying that he has 600 acres of wheat which has gone through the winter all right.

Sebastian Brutscher, the grandfather of Carl and Glenn Brutscher of Weston, died March 15, 1922, near Newberg, Oregon. Mr. Brutscher would have reached the century mark in four more years, having been born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1826. He

came to America when a boy of nineteen, and had been a resident of Nehalem valley, Oregon, since 1849. He was, in fact, the valley's oldest settler, having survived all his early contemporaries. He leaves two sons and four daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCorkell are both reported to be better, after an illness from influenza at their home on Washington street.

W. M. Davis was over from Walla Walla Tuesday and secured a supply of over-bearing strawberry plants at the G. DeGraw place to plant in the garden of his new home.

Miss Wilma Harbour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Harbour, and one of Weston's most popular and estimable girls, passed away Thursday afternoon, March 23, 1922, at the family home on north Franklin street, from peritonitis following an attack of pneumonia.

On St. Patrick's night the home of William Van Winkle on Reed and Hawley mountain was the scene of a gay "hard-time" party. Cards, dancing and games were enjoyed. The refreshments were made distinctive by a miniature "Irishman" sitting on each plate which, under a green coat, proved to be a hot baked potato.

The Weston Mercantile stock was looked over this week by several prospective purchasers, and confidence is felt that no difficulty will be found in making a lump sale, as planned.

Mrs. E. M. Warren is an influenza patient at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will NorDean, in Portland.

D. H. Wisley returned home Monday from California, after spending the winter in Los Angeles and San Diego.

Chris Thoey went to Walla Walla yesterday with a Ford load of chickens, eggs and other produce. He sold the chickens at good prices, but had to take eighteen cents a dozen for the eggs. He figures on storing the remainder of his henfruit, unless the market improves.

Miss Irene Banister, student at the O. A. C., arrived home Saturday from Corvallis for a week's vacation visit.

Captain George W. Stokes of the state fire marshal's office was here Wednesday from Portland with two assistants, looking Weston over. Every business house was inspected, and little escaped the eagle eyes of the inspectors. Especially were the business people warned against the

contact of drop cords with metal hooks. Captain Stokes is an old-time friend of C. W. Avery. They were young men together in Corvallis in the nineties, and earned more or less renown as "bad actors" in a Damon and Pythias production. Almost in tears, Will Payne parted this week from his locally noted gray work team. He received a team of bay mares for the faithful animals, in a trade with Willard Forth.

The final special meeting of the season was held by the Reed and Hawley Community club last Saturday evening, March 18. The program consisted of songs, speeches, dialogue, and two vaudeville acts. A baseball team was discussed and a captain selected. At the next regular meeting, April 1, a pie social will be held, the proceeds of which will be used for securing better lights. Everyone is cordially invited, and the ladies are each expected to bring a pie.

At a meeting of the school board last evening H. L. Robe was re-elected superintendent of the Weston schools. The remainder of the faculty will be announced by the board when the full complement of teachers is chosen.

Fred DuPuis is on the streets again, after a hard two-round go with the "flu."

John William Jones, a veteran railroad man of the West, died March 19, 1922, at Helena, Montana, from a relapse following influenza. The remains were brought to Weston for interment, and funeral services were held here Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church.

REUNION OF PIONEERS WILL BE HELD JUNE 9-10, WESTON

A meeting of the Oregon Pioneers Association of Umatilla County was held Saturday at Weston, to set the dates and appoint committees for the time-honored annual pioneers' reunion.

James A. King, president of the association, presided. It was decided to hold the reunion on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10. Weston will, as always, be the gathering place of the old settler clan. The following committees were appointed: Finance and Concessions—H. Goodwin, L. O'Hara, Nelson H. Jones, Music—J. H. Price, H. A. Brandt, Walter Webb.

Program—J. H. Williams, Clark Wood, Claud Price.

Publicity—S. A. Barnes, R. L. Reynolds, O. A. Adams.

Speakers—E. M. Smith, L. B. Davis, Frank Price.

Decorations—Sim J. Culley, Chas. L. Pinkerton, Carl Brandt, Frank C. Greer, Clifford Culley.

Badges—W. S. Price, J. A. Lumsden, R. H. King.

Sports—J. M. Price.

Reception—J. M. Banister, Wm. H. Gould, Geo. W. Staggs.

Grounds—J. M. Ashworth, W. A. Barnes, F. G. DuPuis.

TROOPS ORDERED HOME FROM RHINE

Washington, D. C.—Orders directing the return to the United States of July 1 of all American troops now on the Rhine were issued by Secretary Weeks.

Secretary Weeks said that the operation of two army transports now being employed in the return of the troops had been ordered continued up to July 1, by which date all of the force would have been withdrawn from the Rhine.

The action of the war department was merely a continuation of policy previously announced for withdrawing the American forces from the Rhine territory as early as possible, Mr. Weeks said. It was indicated that the status of army legislation in congress in no way influenced the department's decision and also that the controversy over payment by Germany for the maintenance of the Rhineland troops was not involved.

RECOGNITION HELD LIKELY

Washington, D. C.—Personal exchanges between President Harding and President Obregon looking to recognition of Mexico by the United States are in progress, it was disclosed in high administration circles. American officials believe early recognition is probable.

The only point of difference between the two executives, it was declared, is the desire of President Harding to make the formal recognition of Mexico coincident with the signing of a treaty pledging the southern republic to protect American rights within its borders, whereas the Mexican president would like the formal recognition to precede the treaty.

G. O. P. Wins Ejection in Maine. Augusta, Me.—Republicans retain their hold of the third Maine congressional district by a margin greatly reduced from the record republican vote of 1920. The total vote Tuesday was slightly more than half that cast in 1920, when women voted for the first time in Maine. Tuesday's election was the first test of strength between republicans and democrats in the congressional contests of this year. This district was once the stronghold of James G. Blaine.

Ghandi Gets Six Years. London.—Mohandas K. Ghandi, non-cooperationist leader of the recent revolt in India, has been tried and sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

BANK ROBBERS ARE QUICKLY CAPTURED

Three of Four Bandits Taken By Posse and Most of Loot Recovered.

Eatonville, Wash.—Less than an hour after bandits had robbed the Eatonville State bank Monday afternoon of \$2450 three were caught by a posse and brought back to Eatonville.

A fourth member of the gang, said to be the ringleader, who was driving the car in which the men made their getaway, was still at large.

All but \$103.50 of the money stolen was found on the bandits at the time of their capture. The remainder is believed to have been lost in the chase or to be on the fourth member of the quartet.

Those captured were Michael Kelly, 28, clerk; J. S. Scott, 30, laborer, and John O'Keefe, 21, laborer, all of Seattle.

Five minutes before closing time two of the bandits entered the bank and covered Cashier J. G. Raley and the bookkeeper, Mrs. Roseburg, with their revolvers. One of the bandits remained outside for a moment and the other stayed in the car.

While the cashier and bookkeeper still had their arms in the air, a customer entered. All three were ordered into the vault. The bandits picked up the money and ran out to the waiting automobile.

The vault was not locked, and Raley sounded the alarm almost immediately.

A heavily armed posse was soon on the trail.

About three miles from Eatonville the bandits' auto broke down, and they proceeded in one stolen from Ernest Jacobsen.

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