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CITY'S OLDEST MERCANTILE ESTABLISHMENT IS SOLD TO SEATTLE AND ALASKA PEOPLE

BAKER RIVER STORE IS PURCHASED BY J. J. MULALLEY AND ALBERT A. COHEN

Concrete's Largest Mercantile Business Now Under New Management.—Incoming Firm Composed of Men of Wide Experience; Junior Member has been Connected With Schwabacher Bros. Company.

One of the largest transfers in the mercantile field ever effected in this city was the sale of the entire stock and fixtures of the Baker River store the latter part of last week by the Baker River Lumber Company to J. J. Mulalley and A. A. Cohen of Seattle.

The deal covers all of the large stock of general merchandise carried in this well known store, but the ownership of the building is retained by the Baker River Lumber Company. The new owners will conduct the business under the firm name of the Baker River Mercantile Company, but it is more than probable that the establishment will continue to be popularly known as "The Baker River Store".

This store was established about eleven years ago by the Baker River Lumber Company as a commissary for the mill and bolt camps. Improvements were made and stock added to keep pace with the growth of the city, until it has become the largest general mercantile establishment in the city. By this sale, the Baker River Lumber Company retires from the mercantile field, and will devote its energies to the management of its various lumbering enterprises.

Mr. J. J. Mulalley, the senior member of the new firm, is recently of Alaska, where he spent seven years, a greater portion of the time in Fairbanks. Before going to Alaska he resided in northern Idaho, his early boyhood there being spent on his father's cattle ranch. Mr. Mulalley was twice a member of the Idaho legislature, and while in Alaska served a term in the territorial legislature.

He was nominated and elected a second time against his expressed wishes, and while he was away on a visit to the states. Upon his return he absolutely refused to accept the election, and his friends took turns in jumping on him, and then after performing their individual duties they went at it collectively. It didn't change his mind, however, which was fixed on his own personal business, and will continue to be for some time to come.

Mr. Albert A. Cohen is the junior partner in the new enterprise, and although a young man he has had a wide experience in the mercantile world. For the past four years he has been with Schwabacher Bros., of Seattle, and it was while on one of his northern trips for that concern that he became acquainted with Mr. Mulalley. Mr. Cohen's early home was in Montana but he spent a number of years in Washington, and for the past four years has made his home in Seattle. While with the Schwabacher company he had among other duties the buying of about a hundred thousand dollars' worth of printed matter every year so he is thoroughly able to make a hot fight against the printer pest. In addition to this he can sell goods, and that is a mighty good start in the mercantile business.

Both Mr. Mulalley and Mr. Cohen seem to be mighty good citizens; they will make a welcome addition to Concrete's excellent business men, and the town is mighty well pleased to have them join the ranks.

JOS. J. McDONALD WILL BE THE NEXT MARSHAL OF CITY

Mayor-elect Geo. A. Campbell Announces List of Appointive Officials Under New Administration.

Mayor-elect Geo. A. Campbell this week announced his appointments of the subordinate officials for the city for the coming year. The announcement was made at this time in order to give the new officials ample time in which to qualify before the 12th inst., on which date the new administration will assume the reins of city government.

Ever since the municipal election, there has been considerable curiosity among the people of Concrete as to who would fill the office of City Marshal after the first of the year. Mr. Campbell received a number of applications for this office, most of the applicants being men who were well qualified for the position. After carefully considering the merits of the various applicants, the appointment was given Jos. J. McDonald. Mr. McDonald is a well known young man who has every qualification for the office, and should fill this difficult position with credit to himself and to the city.

The other appointments announced are as follows:

City Clerk, Chas. F. Ramsdell
Police Judge, L. E. Wolfe.
City Attorney, G. L. Leonard.
Health Officer, Dr. F. F. Mertz.
No appointment has been made as yet for the offices of city engineer and street commissioner. It is probable that an arrangement will be made whereby the marshal will be relieved of the duties of street commissioner.

NEW YEAR'S SMOKER PROVES AN INTERESTING AFFAIR

The smoker held in the Eagles Hall on New Year's evening under the auspices of the Baker Athletic Club, was well attended and proved to be highly interesting to the people in attendance. Three exhibition boxing contests were held and all proved fast ones. The opener was a short boxing match between Bryan McPhee and Walter Merryweather, in which the boys proved that they knew considerable about the art of boxing. The next preliminary was a four round exhibition between Irah Carter of this city and Bob Bonner of Sedro Woolley. These boys were well matched, and the bout was a close one throughout. Bonner, being the more experienced, easily won the decision on points. The main event, a scheduled six round exhibition contest between Oscar Mortimer of Vancouver, B. C., and A. J. Vezou of Bremerton, proved to be somewhat of a disappointment as Vezou was disabled through an accidental foul in the first round. To fill out the program a five round exhibition was then given by M. rtimer and Bonner, in which the Sedro Woolley lad proved a surprise by holding his own with his heavier opponent.

SKAGIT MILL COMPANY'S CAMP RESUMES OPERATIONS

The logging camp of the Skagit Mill Company at Birdview, resumed operations Thursday after a shut-down of several weeks for alteration and repairs at the mill and camps. It is understood that the company's mill at Lyman would commence cutting lumber about the same time. The mill and camp will run steadily throughout the winter as far as weather conditions will permit. The logging camp will provide steady work for a considerable number of men from this vicinity during the winter.

Councilman John McDonald left yesterday evening for a few days' business visit in Seattle.



Horace Greeley once said, "The way to resume is to resume." In this H. G. was right. He usually was. The way to do anything is to do that thing. For example:

THE WAY TO BOOM IS TO BOOM

This does not mean running around in circles and yelling your head off. The only thing boomed by that method is the dippy house. The way to boom a town is by intelligent and united effort.

Organize a board of trade, a commercial club or some similar body whose chief business it shall be to make the little town grow.

Use printer's ink and Uncle Sam's postoffice. TALK for the town, WRITE letters for the town, get the local papers to ROOT for the town.

Write to individuals and firms seeking a new location. Tell them what advantages this burg has to offer.

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Let the world know this town is on the map.

"A GREAT RESOLVE" IS TOPIC AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the Mt. Baker Presbyterian church on tomorrow evening Rev. W. M. Grafton will speak on the general topic of good New Year's Resolutions. The topic promises to be an interesting one, and all are cordially invited to attend. The regular Sunday School service will be held in the forenoon at ten o'clock, and the Christian Endeavor meeting will be held at 6:30 in the evening, just preceding the regular church service.

The complete program for the regular service is as follows:

Hymn	I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Hymn	The Fight is On
Scripture Reading	
Prayer by the Pastor	
Offertory	
Music	Special Selection
Hymn	His Name Forever
Address	A Great Resolve
By Rev. W. M. Grafton	
Hymn	God Be With You
Benediction	

J. K. MERZ SELLS INTEREST IN MT. VERNON REALTY FIRM

J. K. Merz, who has been associated with W. R. Roberts in the National Co-operative Real Estate Company in Mt. Vernon for the past year, has sold his interest in the business to John O. Babcock, of that city. It is stated that while Mr. Merz will still make his headquarters in Mt. Vernon for some time to come, he expects to devote considerable portion of his time looking after the erection of his proposed permanent building in this city, on which work will be started about the first of next month.

W. B. MITCHELL SUSTAINS SEVERE CUT FROM KNIFE

William B. Mitchell, a repair man in the plant of the Superior Portland Cement Company, received a severe cut in the leg from a pocket knife the first of this week. Mitchell was repairing a belt and was using a pocket knife to trim the end of the belt, when the knife slipped from the belt and cut a deep gash in his leg just above the knee. The injury was attended to by Dr. E. F. Mertz, and at last reports was healing as rapidly as could be expected.

Thompson & Fry, the new proprietors of the Concrete Bowling Alleys, are arranging for a bowling tournament, to be started within the next few days. A number of strong teams are being lined up, and a series of exciting games is promised.

FOR ORGANIZATION AMONG FARMERS OF COUNTY OF SKAGIT

Sauk Farmer Contributes Paper to Pomona Grange Meeting, Urging Co-operation Among Farmers Here

At the last meeting of the Skagit County Pomona Grange, held recently at Bow, S. B. Ellison, Master of Sauk Grange No. 248, was asked to contribute a paper upon the subject: "Why Do Not the Farmers of Skagit County Organize". Mr. Ellison is an enthusiastic granger and is always willing to do what he can to help the good cause along, so he read a very able article upon the subject allotted to him. The following is the paper contributed by Mr. Ellison, and should be of particular interest to the farmers of the Skagit valley:

"The question has often been asked, both inside and outside of the county, why the farmers of Skagit county are so slow to organize. Having my attention called to the matter a number of times has set me to thinking why it is that the farmers of this section of the country are so far behind in the way of organization. There may be a number of reasons why this is so, but I think there are but two general causes. In the first place it always takes a cause to produce an effect. It is an old, yet true, saying that Necessity is the mother of invention. Skagit county, being wonderfully blessed by the hand of Nature in what we call natural resources, was early to attract local industries, such as logging camps, lumber and shingle mills, tie and piling camps, mining camps, creameries, milk condensers, fruit and fish canneries, cement plants, etc., all of which furnish a home market for a large portion of the products of the farm. Therefore the farmers have not felt the same need of co-operation as have those who live in less favored sections and who have to ship a large part of their produce to a distant market.

"Another reason is the manner in which the local Granges have been organized, the work so often being done by those who either are too busy or else do not realize the importance of the preliminary work. It seems that a majority of the Granges have been thrown together in a hit or miss sort of way, and more of them have proven a miss than a hit. But times have changed, and the farmers are beginning to realize that in order to meet the demands of the times they must organize. Such questions as good roads, good schools, taxation and the distribution of farm products, are questions that must be solved, and it is up to the farmers to get together and work out their own salvation. I believe that by the time Brother Chamberlain has completed his tour of the county, there will be proof positive that when the farmers of Skagit county are brought face to face with existing conditions, they will be found to be not very unlike the people of like vocations in other parts of the state or nation."

Miss Vera Mooney returned to Anacortes on Friday evening of last week after a holiday visit with her father, H. J. Mooney, in this city.

NEW BANK AT HAMILTON WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS

HAMILTON, Dec. 31.—The new state bank here which is now almost completed, will soon be open for business, and indications are that Cashier C. L. Stone will find this point very satisfactory from a banking standpoint. Together with the other officers of the new bank he must have felt so, at any rate, as they have put up a building that would be a credit to a town several times the size of Hamilton.

The new bank building occupies one of the best locations in town, holding a double corner at the conjunction of Maple and Cumberland streets. It is constructed entirely of pressed brick and reinforced concrete, has a tiled floor in the lobby, plate glass windows, fine oak fixtures, a tremendously strong solid concrete vault, and all the other appointments of a first class and modern bank.

When the new bank opens for business, which will be shortly after the first of the year, it will have as president, J. H. Smith, one of the oldest and most influential pioneers of this section. Fred G. Slipper, another well known citizen of Hamilton and a wealthy capitalist, will be vice president, and, as mentioned above, C. L. Stone will be cashier. Mr. Stone was formerly cashew of the State Bank of Enumclaw, Washington, and has had nine years experience in banking. The three officers will comprise the Board of Directors.

WEATHER REPORT SHOWS DECEMBER WAS DRY MONTH

The feature of the weather report for the month of December 1913, is the exceedingly light rainfall for the month, being much less than for the corresponding month of the three preceding years. The month was also remarkable for the fact that no measurable amount of snow fell. The weather during the month averaged somewhat colder than usual, there being 13 days with killing frosts. The detailed report for the month of December, 1913, and for the corresponding months of 1912 and 1911, according to the records prepared by Co-operative Observer Robert M. White, are as follows:

December, 1913. Total precipitation 3.80 inches; greatest in 24 hours, .90 on the 27th and 31st. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 10. Clear days, 10; partly cloudy, 3; cloudy, 18. Snow, sleet or hail, none. Days with killing frosts, 13. Average maximum temperature, 41; average minimum temperature, 33; warmest day of month, 48 on the 7th; coldest day of month, 26 on the 21st.

December, 1912. Total precipitation, 8.58 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 1.32 on the 3rd. Days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 18. No. of clear days, 3; partly cloudy, 1; cloudy, 27; total snowfall, 9.40 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 6.25 on the 30th. Days with killing frosts, 9. Thunderstorms and sleet on the 18th; hail on the 28th, 29th and 30th. Average maximum temperature, 39; average minimum temperature, 33; warmest day of month, 44 on the 2nd; coldest day, 27 on the 31st.

December 1911. Total precipitation, 6.62 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 1.05 on the 19th. Total fall of snow, 26.20 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 11.50 on the 31st. Number of days with .01 or more precipitation, 15. No. of clear days, 3; partly cloudy, 5; cloudy, 23. No. of days with killing frost, 9. Average maximum temperature, 43; average minimum temperature, 34. Warmest day, 50 on the 2nd; coldest day, 22 on the 31st.

December, 1910. Total precipitation, 11.66 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 2.03 on the 23rd. Total fall of snow, 4.36 inches. Days with .01 or more precipitation, 20. Clear days, 9; cloudy, 22.

The New Year's dance given by the local Aerie of Eagles on Wednesday evening, was attended by a large number of the local lovers of dancing, and was one of the most successful dances held during the holiday season.

T. E. Smith, who has been employed as a foreman in the plant of the Superior Portland Cement Company for some time, has resigned his position and left Thursday evening for a visit with friends in Seattle.

NOTICE TO RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS.

The Ordinance increasing the retail liquor license fee having gone into effect on January 1, 1914, all retail liquor dealers in the Town of Concrete who desire to continue the sale of liquors at retail are hereby notified to appear before the city council on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1914, and present their application in regular form, together with the Town Treasurer's receipt for the increased license fee. Refunds for unexpired licenses will be made by warrant by the town council.

Signed:
SALOON AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

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".....	John McDonald	Attorney.....	G. L. Leonard
".....	C. E. Franklin	Police Judge.....	J. M. Phebus
".....	W. L. Strahl	Engineer.....	F. H. Roller
".....	Geo. E. Dickinson	Marshal.....	Geo. A. Barrett

COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Henry Thompson	Clerk.....	Thos. Thompson
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NINETEEN-FOURTEEN.

The year of 1913, which has now passed into history, has seen many things accomplished that have been for the advancement and betterment of Concrete and the Upper Skagit valley. Improvements have been made; business conditions have been good and the business institutions of the valley have prospered; and whatever changes have taken place in the city and in the valley have generally been for the better. We are now at the threshold of the new year, a year that gives promise of being one of the greatest in the history of the valley along the lines of progress and industrial activity. Indications are that early during the year Concrete will enter upon the era of permanent buildings and permanent streets. Changes along this line will add much to the appearance of the city, and will tell to the outside world what we already know, that Concrete is one of the most substantial and most progressive cities of Northwestern Washington and a city that any man may well be proud to call his home.

In the industrial field also, the new year holds forth bright prospects. For the industries already in the field, business conditions are more than promising. That there will be activity along the line of new industrial enterprises appears to be certain. While nothing definite has been given out, it is generally expected that work will be commenced on the new power dam on the Baker river during the year, which would add a great impetus to the volume of business of this city and vicinity. Taking all things into consideration, the year 1914 promises to be a most prosperous one for the Skagit valley and its people.

IMAGINARY BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

That the stories of business depression and "hard times" emanating from various sources are without foundation seems to be the opinion of business men who have given careful study to present industrial conditions in the Northwest. That there is a lull in business activity along certain industrial lines is true, but this is due to the usual slackening up of work along these lines at this season and not to a general depression of business. That there are many unemployed men in the larger cities may be conceded, but that is also usual during the winter months. The closing down for the winter of many lumber mills and logging camps have brought the laborers from these plants into the cities for the winter. Also an army of men are returning from Alaska to spend the winter months in the cities of the Pacific Coast. That new employment for this vast number of laborers could not be found at once was to be expected. The industrial enterprises continuing in operation appear to be finding the average demand for their products, and there has been no cutting in wages for the laboring man. As far as the Northwest is concerned, business conditions appear to be normal for this period of the year, and the "general business depression" to be largely imaginary.

THE men who have been selected by Mayor-elect Campbell to fill the appointive offices of the town of Concrete for the coming year should be generally satisfactory to the people of the city. All are able and efficient men, and are men who will co-operate with the mayor and council in giving the city a business administration. The position of marshal is probably the most difficult to fill satisfactorily, and it is largely upon the record made by the marshal that the administration of the mayor is popularly judged. Mr. Campbell was fortunate in having a long list of efficient men from which to make his choice for this office, and while Mr. McDonald may not have been the preference of all the people of the city, his appointment is generally satisfactory, and his many friends believe that he will perform the duties of the office in a manner that will be a credit to all concerned.

IF THE Great Northern Railway Company should resolve to give Concrete a new depot during the year, the people of this city would lend their aid to help it in keeping the resolution. The present makeshift has outlived its usefulness, and appears to be fully as inconvenient for the efficient transaction of the company's business as it is for the patrons of the railway.

A GOOD resolution for the business men of Concrete: We resolve that early in the year of 1914 we will organize and keep going a live and efficient Commercial Club for this city; and that we will attend its meetings and give it our moral and financial support.

A GOOD resolution for the merchant of any town: That I will advertise regularly during the year, for in that way I can best build up my business; that I will place my advertising with the local newspaper, and thereby reach the people of my home community; and that I will not be misled by outside advertising propositions whose results are chiefly imaginary.

ONE of the first questions to receive the consideration of the incoming city council should be the installation of a modern sewer system in this city. Concrete has now reached a stage in its growth where a sewer system has ceased to be only a convenience and is now a necessity. The city may get along under present conditions for a year or two longer without an epidemic of disease, but if so, it will be chiefly through good fortune, and there is no justification for taking chances when the danger can be eliminated.

LOCAL NOTES

AND BRIEF ITEMS OF PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Criss of Lyman spent Sunday in this city as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Post and son Billie left Wednesday evening to spend New Year's Day with relatives in Bellingham.

Mrs. J. A. Carter left Wednesday evening for week-end visit with relatives and friends in Sedro Woolley.

Mrs. John Rued and daughter, Miss Thelma, returned to their home in Everett Wednesday evening after a short visit in this city as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Lucas. Mrs. Rued and daughter expect to leave in a few weeks for an extended visit at Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Campbell returned on Friday evening of last week from a two-days holiday vacation in Seattle.

Misses Elizabeth King and Mabel Elliott, of the office force of the Superior Portland Cement Company, returned on Friday evening of last week from their holiday vacation, lasting two days.

W. B. White, cashier at the First Bank of Concrete, left Wednesday evening for Bellingham, where he spent New Year's Day with relatives and friends.

A. F. Baker was up from Sedro Woolley Tuesday afternoon, looking after property interests in this city.

Gus W. Johnson, a well known farmer of Birdview, was a business visitor in this city on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. George Powell left Tuesday morning for an extended visit with her mother in Illinois, who is reported as being seriously ill. Mrs. Powell expects to be gone about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas left the latter part of last week for Port Angeles, where Mr. Thomas is chief electrician on the big Elwha power project.

J. P. Richards of Hamilton was a business visitor in this city on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Floyd H. Roller and son Ronald returned Sunday evening from a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Childs, of Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith returned Sunday evening from a holiday visit with relatives and friends in Sedro Woolley and Burlington.

Miss Zena Kaster, of the operating force at the local telephone exchange, was visiting with friends in Sedro Woolley for a short time the latter part of last week.

Geo. Nick, the popular shoemaker, returned Sunday from a few days' visit with friends in Seattle.

S. A. Miller has been on the sick list this week.

Dr. E. F. Mertz returned Sunday from a few days' professional visit in Seattle.

Thos. McIntyre, roadmaster on this division of the Great Northern Railway, made an inspection trip over the Rockport branch on Tuesday afternoon.

J. M. Salisbury left Tuesday evening for a short business and pleasure trip to Everett.

W. B. Parry, one of the prominent farmers of Rockport, was attending to business matters in this city Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wick left Saturday for a short visit in Seattle with Mr. Wick's mother, Mrs. E. E. Wick, who is in a hospital in that city.

Prof. and Mrs. G. W. White returned Saturday evening from a short visit with relatives and friends in Everett.

John C. Eden, president of the Superior Portland Cement Company, came up from Seattle Monday afternoon for a few days' visit in this city on business for the company.

W. P. Gable, a well known contractor of Hamilton, was looking after business matters in this city Wednesday afternoon.

E. A. Griffin, formerly a millwright at the plant of the Washington Portland Cement Company but who has lately made his home in Sedro Woolley, returned to Concrete Wednesday and has again accepted a position with the Washington company.

Wm. Steltz was down from Rockport Monday evening, greeting friends in this city. Mr. Steltz, who is a brakeman on the local freight line, is enjoying his holiday vacation this week.

Roscoe Ensley of Hamilton spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Miss Blossom Ervin returned to her work in Bellingham on Sunday evening after a few days' visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schuh and Miss Virginia White returned to Bellingham Sunday evening after a short visit in this city as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Post.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Iverson of Hamilton were transacting business and visiting with friends in this city Monday.

R. Roggenstreh, president of the Baker River Lumber Company, and Will D. Crofoot, of the S. R. McGowan Company, left Monday for Seattle, from where they sailed Tuesday noon on the steamship Minnesota for a two months' tour of the Orient. While away they expect to visit Japan, China and the Philippines, and possibly other Eastern countries.

Dean Fitzgerald left Monday evening for a short visit with friends in Burlington.

Mrs. J. F. Ritchie returned Sunday evening from a holiday visit with relatives at Minkler.

June Moore, "Curly" Osborne and John Baker, of Hamilton, were greeting old acquaintances in this city Sunday.

Miss Margaret Harris, of Dempsey's camp, was visiting with friends in this city Sunday.

Ed Ralston, a well known citizen from Dempsey's camp, was taking in the sights of Concrete Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lang returned Sunday evening from a holiday visit with Mrs. Lang's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Brien near Marblemount.

H. E. Peters returned Monday evening from a short visit with friends at Rockport.

J. K. Merz, one of the prominent real estate men of Mt. Vernon, was looking after property interests in this city Sunday.

J. M. Reese returned to his home in Vancouver, B. C., on Sunday evening after a holiday visit with relatives in this city.

Dr. R. G. Kellner of Hamilton was attending to professional business in this city Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin returned to their home in Bellingham on Saturday after a holiday visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Binzer.

William Legbrandt returned to Seattle last Saturday evening after a few days' visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. Leslie Mann returned to her home in Bellingham Saturday evening after a holiday visit in this city as the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Ely.

Mrs. Chas. Shepard and daughter Nina returned to their home in Bellingham Sunday evening after a short visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shepard, of Bellingham, spent the holidays with relatives and friends in this city, returning home Sunday evening.

J. J. Mulalley, one of the new proprietors of the Baker River store, left Saturday evening for Seattle to spend Sunday with his family.

J. A. McKay of Birdview was a business visitor in this city for several days the latter part of last week.

W. E. Jackson of Birdview was attending to business matters and visiting with relatives in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. I. A. Hays of Rockport spent last Saturday evening in this city as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Morris.

Miss Cora Conner left last Saturday evening for Seattle after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. S. Gordon.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson left last Saturday morning for Ferndale, where she will spend the winter with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Van Buskirk and son returned Sunday evening for a week's visit with relatives and friends in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Klanders left the latter part of last week for a short visit with relatives in Bellingham.

Abb. Clark, a prosperous farmer from Rockport, was attending to business matters in this city Thursday.

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INTERESTING NEWS FROM NEARBY POINTS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

Happenings of the Week in Skagit County and Im- mediate Vicinity, Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

Fred Archibald, recently proprietor of the Swastika Cafe in Sedro Woolley, has purchased the Rainier Cafe in that city.

W. B. Pigg, who recently purchased the old Rose Theatre building in Sedro Woolley, is having the place remodeled and finished up for a store room.

The 120-acre improved farm of J. M. Harrison at Skiyou was sold last week to Frank Doolittle for a consideration of \$15,000.

Percy Neilan is acting as deputy marshal in Sedro Woolley during the absence of R. C. Beebe, who is visiting in Salt Lake City for a month.

Miss Mamie Clark and Edward H. Taylor, of Marblemount, were married on Wednesday of last week at the home of the groom's brother, J. E. Taylor, at Sedro Woolley, by Rev. H. L. Wilhelm.

The Clear Lake Lumber Company has leased the old Siwash mill site in Mt. Vernon and will establish a lumber yard in that city. A full line of stock will be carried. H. L. Crandall of Sedro Woolley will be resident manager of the Mt. Vernon yard.

Mrs. John Francis died at her home in Sedro Woolley on December 19th. She was 66 years of age and survived by a husband, son and daughter. Mrs. Francis has been a resident of Sedro Woolley since 1892.

Miss Edith Beidler, of Tacoma, and Vernon Rutledge, of Kent, were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Chas. Orr, in Burlington on Christmas Day. They will make their home in Kent.

Miss Buelah St. Clair, of Monmouth, Ill., has been elected to the position of teacher of English in the Burlington schools to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ada Hooten.

W. M. Miller, who has been conducting a tailor shop in Anacortes for some time, was adjudged insane by the superior court last week and was committed to the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane at Steilacoom for treatment.

A regular meeting of the Skagit County Pomona Grange was held at Bow on Saturday, December 20th. Considerable business was transacted, including the election of officers for the coming year. Wm. Bouck of Sedro Woolley was elected as master; Mrs. Thos. Tait, of Summit Park, as lecturer and L. B. Laraway of Fidalgo as secretary. The next meeting will be held at Sterling in February.

The steamship Senator left Anacortes last week with a cargo of 200 tons of box shooks for California ports.

The Carl Brook farm near Summit Park was sold last week to C. E. Staddon, a recent arrival in this county from Colville.

James M. Cavanaugh of Anacortes sustained three broken ribs and some bad bruises last week when a truckload of shingles was overturned upon him at the Cavanaugh mill.

Several mail sacks filled with Christmas mail were rifled on the steamer Whatcom while on a recent voyage from Anacortes to Seattle. The mail was then stuffed back into the sack and thrown into the Sound, where it was found the next morning. It is not believed that much of value was secured by the thieves.

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce has launched a campaign looking to securing a water supply for all towns in western Skagit county from some adequate source within the government forest reserve. A committee has been appointed to solicit funds for the preliminary work.

Harry Hannaford who has been Mt. Vernon manager for the Ferry-Baker Lumber Company for the past five years, has resigned his position and will enter other business. J. E. Lamb of Everett, will succeed Mr. Hannaford as manager for the Ferry-Baker Company.

Soon after the first of the year the board of county commissioners expects to advertise for the bids for the paving of the McLean road for about two and a half miles, commencing at the city limits of Mt. Vernon. Specifications will call for a concrete road.

A Japanese employed in the steel laying crew on the Burlington-Rockport branch of the Great Northern was seriously injured on Monday of last week by a steel railroad rail falling across his ankle and badly crushing it.

Ed Otis, engineer in the LaConner sawmill, was painfully injured by being caught by a revolving shaft in the mill on Tuesday of last week. His injuries, while severe, are not dangerous.

J. B. Caldwell, of Burlington, has leased the Washington Hotel property in that city and is making arrangements to open a first class hotel.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Skagit County Fair Association, it was decided to hold the 1914 fair during the week beginning Sept. 21st. This is a week earlier than the fair of 1913.

Alonso Long closed a deal last week for the sale of his farm near Burlington to Sam Pinkerton of that city for a consideration of \$5,000. As part consideration Mr. Long acquires title to three choice residence sites in Burlington, where he will make his home.

J. R. Burnett, recently from Ashland, Oregon, has opened an insurance office in Anacortes, and will specialize on life insurance.

The regular municipal election held in Index on December 2nd resulted in a tie vote for the mayoralty, Louis Robbers and Howard Johnson receiving 48 votes apiece. A special election was held on Monday of last week to settle the tie, resulting in the election of Johnson by a majority of five votes, Johnson receiving 79 votes and Robbers 74.

J. M. Shanahan and M. G. Thome have leased the old Odd Fellows Hall building in Mt. Vernon and will use it as a garage.

George Neal, of Sedro Woolley, sustained a badly crushed hand by having it caught beneath a falling timber while at work on a Northern Pacific bridge near Sedro Woolley.

E. Pickering of Sedro Woolley has traded his 150 acre farm near Clear Lake to E. B. Pettie for a 15 acre tract of land near Sedro Woolley.

The city council of Sedro Woolley has decided to install a row of cluster lights along Metcalf street in that city from the Great Northern crossing to State street. The estimated cost of installation is \$2,200. Work will commence the first of the year.

The people of Mt. Vernon and vicinity are negotiating with Eastern parties for the establishment at Mt. Vernon of a pea canning factory. It is said that the factory will be established if a guarantee is given that sufficient peas will be produced to keep the plant in operation.

Sheriff W. B. Leeman, of Fannin county, Texas, arrived in Mt. Vernon last week to return Wm. Stone to Bonham, Texas, where he is wanted for the forgery of a check for \$150.00 some weeks ago.

The Fortson Shingle Company, of Fortson, Washington, last week purchased from the government forestry service 43,000 cords of shingle bolts in the Washington National Forest. The timber is located on the north fork of the Stillaguamish river in Skagit county. The consideration involved is 80 cents per cord, or \$34,000 for the entire body of timber.

Hugh M. Stuart died at his home in Mt. Vernon on Wednesday of last week at the age of 75 years. Mr. Stuart was a pioneer of Skagit county and had made his home in Mt. Vernon for twenty-four years.

Ed L. Peterson last week purchased the interest of W. J. Stanhope in the garage of the Pacific Auto Company of Mt. Vernon, and is now the sole owner of the business. The garage is one of the largest in the county.

J. C. Flannery, a shingle weaver from Clear Lake, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of petit larceny in the superior court last week and was sentenced by Judge Houser to pay a fine of \$50 and costs. While celebrating in Sedro Woolley, Flannery passed several worthless checks upon business men of that city.

Miss Veda Leigh and Roscoe C. Ramey, both of Mt. Vernon, were married at the home of the bride's parents near that city on Wednesday evening of last week. They will reside in West Mt. Vernon.

Harry Hannaford, who recently retired as Mt. Vernon manager for the Ferry-Baker Lumber company, has leased the 36 acre farm of Albert Tellberg near Mt. Vernon, and will engage in dairying.

Henry Landes, dean of the college of science at the University of Washington, and who is also state geologist, has been appointed temporary president of the University of Washington to succeed Dr. Thomas F. Kane, who was recently removed by the board of regents.

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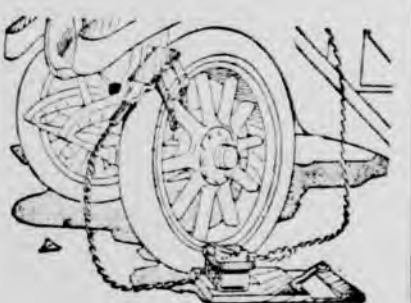
The State Highway commission has awarded the contract for the construction of four miles of the Pacific Highway in Whatcom and Skagit counties, on the water front route, to the Quigg Construction Company of Wenatchee, for \$51,782.

ELECTRIC VULCANIZER.

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VULCANIZER IN OPERATION.

plates, gives a uniform temperature over the entire surface of the plates, one of which has a flat surface, for use on the clamping board when repairing inner tubes. The other plate has a concave surface for use in repairing the casing while the tire is on the wheel. The complete outfit consists of the vulcanizer, fifteen feet of flexible wiring, a rheostat attached to a clamping board, two canvas attachment straps and a thermometer.

The Catskills.

The Catskill mountains are a chain of the Appalachian system, beginning in Greene county, N. Y., on the west side of the Hudson river. The scenery of these mountains is very beautiful and picturesque, while from the higher points may be seen extensive and interesting views, taking in a radius from the Green mountains of Vermont to the West Point highlands.

TIME AND PATIENCE.

No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.—Epictetus.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given that warrants Nos. 984 to 1010 inclusive, drawn on the General Fund of the Town of Concrete, are hereby called and will be paid on presentation. Interest ceases Jan. 5th, 1914.

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LOSS IN MACHINE SHOPS.

Many of Them Waste Energy in Handling Material.

A machine shop manager recently said, "All kinds of factories and shops know how to handle material except the machine shop." There is a degree of truth in this. If any one wishes proof let him look over a shop where the handling of material has been made a study and compare this with one of the other kind, suggests the American Machinist.

The other kind will have machine parts strewn around in boxes which likely as not are of wood or at best are of the metal "tote box" kind and a miscellaneous lot of baggage and platform trucks. The favorite means of moving the boxes around the floor is to drag them with a long steel hook. This, in addition to splitting the wooden boxes, is likely to slip at critical moments and catch some one in the shins if it doesn't tip the one who is using it over on his back amid a pile of castings. The trucks are never on hand when they are wanted, and if one can be found it is a bothersome job to lift the boxes and heavy pieces from the floor to the truck, and when in motion there is constant danger of something sliding off on to a workman's feet.

The contrasting picture shows boxes of uniform size and kind, arranged in a series around a unit, designed to be set at exactly the most convenient height around machines and capable of being easily lifted and transported by means of some form of lifting truck. There is no lifting of anything by man's muscle. Work is never allowed to rest on the floor, but is always in or on something—box or truck—in a convenient fashion to be picked up and transported. An ample supply of trucks is on hand, and to the uninitiated it is surprising how much material one helper can handle with these few devices. The possible savings are greater than we may imagine and are got with only a small expenditure of money and effort to get things started.

Then She Left Him.

"Ah," said the young husband, "it is hard to part!"

"Are you going to leave me?" shrieked the young wife.

"No, indeed," replied he. "I was referring to this biscuit!"—Houston Post.

Getting His Own Back.

"The gruffie has a tongue eighteen inches long," said Mrs. Talkmore.

"And knows how to hold it, too," growled Mr. Talkmore, who had had a long curtain lecture the night before.—London Answers.

A Sad Break.

"Our credit man made a bad break yesterday."

"What was it?"

"He told a dumb man that his word was as good as his bond."—Detroit Free Press.

To Hold Him.

Nan—That's a beautiful solitaire Dick gave you. I wonder if you know what a dicker young man he is?

Fan—Indeed I do! That's why I made him give me such an expensive one.—Chicago Tribune.

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NEW OPTICAL GLASS.

Cuts Out Ultra Violet Rays Without
Hindering Sight.

A London firm has invented a new optical glass, fulfilling the desire of specialists for a glass which will absorb or cut out the harmful or irritant ultra violet rays, but will at the same time allow the ordinary visual rays to pass through unhindered.

Hitherto the only lens employed for this purpose has been made of dark smoked or colored glass, but this glass not only absorbs the visual rays to a large extent, but also fails to cut out entirely the ultra violet rays.

The new glass is green in color and made in six distinct tints, the first so light as to be practically unnoticeable. This is used for reading, especially by artificial light. The other tints may be used as occasion requires, the deepest only in severe cases of ophthalmia, trachoma, snow blindness, etc.

Few persons, it is pointed out, recognize the harm done to the eyes by ultra violet light, which is present in bright electric illumination and on snow surfaces at great elevations, when the absorption of the atmosphere is reduced. Snow blindness is due to this cause.

By the newly invented glass all the ultra violet light is stopped, while that in the central portion of the spectrum is allowed to pass.

FIREMAN'S SMOKE HELMET.

Device Enables Men to Work Safely in
Smoke Filled Room.

The helmets pictured herewith enable a fireman to remain in a smoke filled room for an indefinite length of time without resorting to the use of oxygen tanks to sustain life. They have recently been adopted by the fire department of Cleveland. The new device consists of a canvas hood, somewhat similar in appearance to a diver's helmet, with mica squares admitting light. This fits closely over the head and shoulders. From it trails a hose which reaches down to the floor, through which air is carried to the wearer.

As heated smoke, fumes, etc., have a tendency to rise, there is ordinarily



SMOKE HELMETS FOR FIREMEN.

more free oxygen in the smoky room close to the floor. In walking around in a smoke filled room the wearer of the helmet breathes the air taken from the floor by the trailing hose. Air valves in the top of the helmet afford escape for the exhaled air so that a fresh supply is always received from the floor. To prevent the hose from collapsing a spiral spring runs its entire length and a heavy end keeps the hose always near the floor. Experiments have shown that a person can remain in a smoke laden room for twenty minutes after the end of the hose is closed. The advantages of this helmet are that it dispenses with heavy oxygen tanks and may be worn by man or woman of any size, to whom it may be adjusted in less than a minute's time.

A Fountain Drawing Pen.

Many unsuccessful attempts to manufacture a fountain drawing pen of commercial value have been made. It is now claimed that such a device has been perfected. The principle is very simple. The ink is contained in a rubber reservoir within the handle, as in the self filling fountain pen in common use, and is fed to the blade by pressing a conveniently placed lever, which also regulates the amount of flow. Should the test of time prove the claims of the manufacturer the pen will prove a valuable tool in the drafting room.—Engineering News.

A Heavy Rainfall.

On Oct. 22, 1913, there was a total precipitation of 12.19 inches of rain at Galveston, Tex., of which 12.16 inches fell between 8:43 a. m. and 8:43 p. m. The rain began at 7:20 a. m. and ended during the night, about 10:15 p. m.

The maximum amount which fell in one hour was 5.32 inches, from 10:32 to 11:32 a. m.

This beats other heavy rains during the last forty years, writes a correspondent of Engineering News.

Force of Gelignite.

It seems incredible that an explosion could be of such force as to cause an ordinary steel rail to wrap itself twice round the trunk of a large tree, yet there was just such a result from the discharge of gelignite at Nanaimo, British Columbia. The explosive responsible for this unique occurrence is one of the most powerful preparations known, composed of nitroglycerin, nitrocellulose, sodium nitrate, sodium carbonate and wood pulp.

WIRE AUTO WHEELS.

Said to Be Less Liable to Collapse
Than Those Made of Wood.

There are two decided advantages of wire over wood wheels and other advantages of minor consideration. The wire wheel is from twenty-five to forty pounds lighter than the wood, and weight at this point on an automobile is of more consequence than at any other part of the car.

The other advantage of importance is the fact that the wire wheel is very unlikely indeed to give out suddenly and to the injury of the occupants of the car. Wood wheels have been known to break down without any warning.

It is claimed that tires wear much longer on wire than on wood wheels. It is doubtful that this is the case with ordinary usage. Tires will not heat up as much when mounted on wire wheels as upon wood, but this is imperceptible unless each is driven with great speed. It is likewise held that wire wheels are twice as strong as wood wheels, but of course this all depends upon the kind of wire wheels as well as upon the kind of wood wheels.

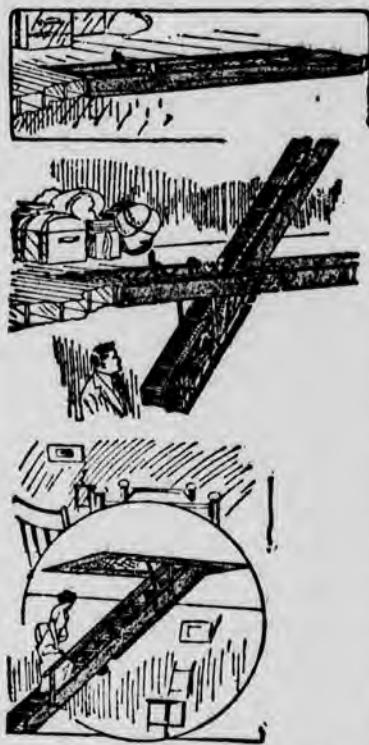
But the difference in weight and the fact that wire wheels do not suddenly break are important points of superiority, says the Automobile Dealer and Repairer. We are not prepared to say that one-third less weight of wheels will reduce fuel consumption one-third, but such reduction in weight will allow some reduction of fuel, be sides enabling the car to take a grade on high that would be otherwise impossible.

FOLDING STAIRWAY.

Apparatus Provides Easy Access to
Lofts Infrequently Entered.

A folding stairway designed to provide convenient access to attics, lofts and other portions of a building that are infrequently entered has been patented and placed on the market, says Popular Mechanics.

The feature of this stairway is that, when not in use, it may be folded up into the ceiling, where it fits compact-



HANDY FOLDING STAIRWAY.

ly and has the appearance of a ceiling panel, so that it does not occupy any valuable floor space.

The operation is entirely automatic, the stairway being handled by spring rollers concealed under the landing, which first pull the stairway halfway up and then flatten it into the ceiling through the action of a counterbalance. Friction is eliminated by roller bearings located between the stairs and the ceiling. A light push is all that is needed for folding the stairway, while a pull on a chain brings it down.

Birds as Consumers of Food.

It may not be thought that of all animals birds are among the largest eaters. This means, of course, in proportion to their weight. Some birds are known to consume two and one-half times their weight of food in twenty-four hours. The heron, which has a light weight of four pounds in spite of its size, is a striking example. One was lately caught which had just swallowed two trout of one and a half and two pounds. Wild pigeons are among the foremost eaters, and they make a most copious repast whenever an abundance of food is found. Thus a single pigeon picked up 1,000 grains of wheat in one day.

Platinum Plated Ware.

Platinum plated dishes, crucibles and other utensils for chemical laboratories can now be made to take the place of costly solid platinum apparatus. Platinum ware is necessary in the laboratory on account of its resistance to chemical action, and until the present process of platinum plating was patented no substitute had been found. In this process platinum is welded to a base of steel or nickel and rolled into a sheet. The resulting plate is then spun into the desired shapes and platinum is fused on the edges to cover up the exposed base metal.

Transparent Paint For Glass.

A transparent paint for glass may be made by tinting white shellac varnish with an aniline dye of the desired color. The glass should be warmed before applying the coating if possible. If a pane of glass or other object is to be coated separate it from the frame, pour on the shellac and drain it off at a corner. This will give a smoother surface than if applied with a brush.

The Scrap Book

She Balked.

An amazing anecdote of Pombo, the great South American poet, is told by Phanor J. Eder in his volume "Colombia." The incident happened in a New York literary



salon presided over by a distinguished Argentine lady. Pombo, who was small and very homely, had been presented to her, and she asked him with much enthusiasm who was the anonymous poetess, the famous Edda the Bogotana.

"Do you really find these verses worth reading?" asked Pombo.

"Worth reading!" Verses vibrating with the deepest passions of a woman's soul, so essentially feminine verses, too, exalting the mysticism, the adoration of a Santa Teresa! Oh, you men! Who among you could write such verses?"

"Well," said Pombo, "Edda is now in New York, and if you want to make her acquaintance"—

"Speak, man!" cried his hostess impetuously. "Where does she live? What's her name? I'll see her tomorrow. I will cover her with kisses!"

"Then begin, senora!" said the ugly little Pombo. "I—I am Edda."

Duty, Friendship, Love.

The bright illusions cherish
Of duty, friendship, love.
Without them that would perish
Which buoys us earth above.

But why illusions call them?
What else so long survives
In mortals to enliven them
To live their human lives?

Believe, for they are real,
Those visions pure and high.
Pursuit of the ideal
Fits men to live and die.
—John Goadby Gregory.

Couldn't Fool Her.

This story of Gibbon, the famous historian, was told by a contemporary:

"Gibbon had a small face, almost lost between a high forehead and a big double chin and a caricature of a nose which was crushed between the encroaching slopes of a pair of baggy cheeks. One day he was introduced

by M. de Lauzun to Mme. du Deffand, a blind lady, who was in the habit of passing her hands over the features of her renowned contemporaries when introduced to her in order to get an idea of their appearance. Gibbon received these marks of attention, offering his face to the exploration of the blind lady's fingers with a delightful frankness.

"Mme. du Deffand passed her fingers over his chubby face carefully. She did her utmost to discover some other outstanding trait than the pair of abnormally developed cheeks, but all to no purpose. During the examination expressions of doubt and bewilderment chased each other over the face of the blind woman until at last, in an outburst of anger, she let her hands fall by her side and cried out, 'Bah; this is a bad joke!'"

He Was No Scot.

On one occasion Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Taylor, the golf champion, were at Biarritz together. A Scotch relative of Sir Henry's earnestly contended that Taylor was of Scotch birth, a claim which Sir Henry was inclined to support. One of the guests then intervened: "Well, all I know about Taylor is that he is a very nice man; my golf club engaged him to play an exhibition match at a fixed fee. Taylor duly came, but the weather was so wet that no golf could be played, and when we offered him payment he refused firmly, only taking his bare traveling expenses." Whereupon Sir Henry turned to a compatriot and said, "I'm afraid such a fact is quite fatal to our contention!"

A Matter of Course.

A famous cricketer who had always pretended to regard golf as "a game for old men and crippled women" was once persuaded to try his luck at the sport. Almost the whole club went to the first tee to see him drive off.

"What have I got to do, caddie, my old friend?" he remarked, in lugubrious tones.

"You drive off from here, sir," said the caddie, pointing to the tee, "and you've got to put the ball in that little hole with the red flag flying above it. I'll go on and mark your ball."

The caddie moved on and the cricketer, with proper deliberation, drove off. By an extraordinary stroke of luck, he drove a beautiful ball, which landed just on the edge of the green and slowly trickled down into the hole. The caddie, wild with excitement, came dashing back, shouting, "You're down in one, sir—the ball's in the hole!"

"Oh, is it? I'm glad of that," replied the novice unconcernedly. "At first I was afraid I might have missed it!"—Badminton Magazine.

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FROM HERALD REPRESENTATIVES AROUND THE COUNTY

HAMILTON

Chas. Benston arrived in this city Sunday from Montana where he has made his home for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McNeill were business visitors in Seattle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stamm were visiting with friends in Seattle the latter part of the week.

Geo. B. Cockreham returned home Saturday from a short visit with relatives in Seattle.

Miss Annabel Beech, of Lyman, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mrs. J. H. Smith and daughter Jennie visited with relatives in Mt. Vernon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pape and children of Birdsview, were business visitors in this city Sunday.

A. M. Rhodes of Seattle has been spending the week with relatives in this city.

H. Rhodes of Lyman was a business visitor in this city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richardson, of Riverside, have been spending the week in this city for several days this week.

Dr. R. G. Kellner was attending to professional business in Lyman Saturday.

Among the Lyman people who attended the dance here on Saturday evening were Miss Edna McKay, "Boots" Cunningham and Fred White.

The dance given in this city last Saturday evening was well attended and proved to be very much of a success.

Mrs. John Rupe and son Chester, of Sterling, have been visiting with friends here this week.

June Moore was a business visitor in Concrete Sunday.

Miss Clara Pressentin, of Sedro Woolley, spent Sunday as the guest of friends in this city.

Miss Gertrude Smith was a business visitor in Sedro Woolley on last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Chestnut returned home this week from an extended visit with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Soren and daughter Mary returned to their home in this city last Saturday after a few days visit in Olympia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson of Dempsey's camp were visiting with friends in this city last Friday.

J. Estel St. John spent Christmas Day with relatives and friends in Concrete.

George Wilson, of Everett, was visiting with old time friends in this city for several days this week.

Mrs. R. Dale, of Edison, attended the dance here on last Saturday evening.

Leonard Goble of Sedro Woolley was a business visitor in this city last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shannon, of Riverside, have been spending the week as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cannon were visiting with friends in Seattle for several days the first of the week.

Misses Marguerite, Theresa and Lola McDowell, of Bellingham, are spending the week with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. White and son Franklin returned to their home in this city Tuesday after a short visit with relatives and friends in Bellingham.

Master Wesley Martin entertained a few of his friends at a merry party Monday afternoon in honor of his ninth birthday anniversary. Games

were played and light refreshments were served. Those participating in the good time were Hazel Rhodes, Marianne Slipper, Phyllis Iverson, Amanda Hamilton, Lorna Slipper, Daisy Hamilton, Ida Zackery, Theo. Cummings, Jennie Larson, Lawrence Russell, Chauncey Davis, Armine Slipper, Roy Zackery, Bovee Iverson and Wesley Martin.

EAST HAMILTON

(Too Late for Last Week.)

Tim Steen was a business visitor in Sedro Woolley one day this week.

A delightful program was given at the school on Friday afternoon and was greatly enjoyed by both the patrons and the pupils.

O. H. Kerns, county superintendent of schools, was a visitor at the school on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. G. Thompson and son Lloyd have moved to Sedro Woolley, where they expect to make their home.

Mrs. O. N. Thue and little son Clarence, of Sedro Woolley, are spending the week end with friends here.

SAUK NEWS

Garnet Thompson returned home the first of the week after spending several days in taking in the sights of Seattle.

Mrs. Henry Gay and children returned to their home Sunday after spending Christmas week here as guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wainwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, of Vancouver, B. C., are spending the week as guests at the home of Mrs. Wilcox's sister, Mrs. Abe Young.

Alva Sharp left Saturday for a week's visit with relatives and friends in Mt. Vernon.

Miss Anna Josephson, of Mt. Vernon, spent Saturday and Sunday here as a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed Anderson.

Van Brandon spent Sunday at the Ed Anderson home.

Mrs. Henry Gay and son spent Saturday with Mrs. Morris at Rockport.

Geo. Wilkin's new cook has proved to be a wonder. George is gaining every day and now tips the scales at two hundred and nine pounds.

Mrs. George Thompson entertained at an informal dinner Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, of Vancouver, B. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Young and Alfred and Clarence Young, of Sauk.

The entertainment at the school house on Wednesday evening of last week was very well attended, and was a success in every way. All the children did very well, and the teachers are entitled to much credit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Presher are spending the holidays with friends in Seattle.

Mrs. Louis Drumm and little daughter are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moran.

Phil Moran is home for a visit of a few weeks.

BIRDSVIEW

Mrs. Chas. Kalberg and daughter Dora, were passengers to Concrete Monday afternoon.

George Hightower and family spent some time in Sedro Woolley where Mrs. Hightower has been receiving treatment for a painful felon on her thumb.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pulsifer are the happy parents of a fine baby girl born Monday, December 29th.

Mrs. Myrtle Von Disson of Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. John Babcock of Mt. Vernon, have been spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Stevens.

Mrs. W. C. Buckmaster returned Monday from a visit with friends at Hamilton.

Warren Brawn of Mt. Vernon is visiting relatives here.

Miss Iris Rueger has as a guest this week Miss Ethel Dishman of Bellingham.

Mrs. Harvey Davis and son, Chauncey, of Hamilton spent New Year's Day with Mrs. Myrtle Pfaffman.

Miss Rose Lukenbill returned Friday from a visit to Sedro Woolley.

Mrs. W. E. Jackson spent New Year's Day at Concrete.

The winter logging camp of the Skagit Mill Co., located near here, has started work, and will supply timber for the mill at Lyman. The hill camp there is not favorable for cold weather operation.

GRASMERE

Little Harold Crump is again on the sick list.

Miss Alma Cooper of Bellingham is visiting with friends here this week.

Mrs. E. P. Crump received the sad news this week that her father had died on Wednesday evening at his home in Missouri.

Mesdames F. A. Kephart and J. M. Henson were callers at the home of Mrs. B. F. Arnold on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Fessler of Moss Hill were New Year's Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hackler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kephart spent Thursday night as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henson.

Mrs. F. A. Kephart and children and W. Kephart returned to their home in Everett Friday morning after a week's visit with relatives here. Mrs. W. Kephart will remain in Grasmere another week as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Arnold.

In Suspense.

A small boy gazed long and earnestly at a fat man who stood on a corner absentmindedly chewing the end of a piece of string. Finally the man noticed the boy and inquired: "Well, my little man, what interests you?"

"Please, sir," the boy returned, "when are you going to pull that tooth?"—Judge.

He Couldn't Fool Her.

"For," said the humorist, who was endeavoring to throw the woman's club into mirthful convulsions, "as Shakespeare says in 'Paradise Lost,' 'a man's a man for a' that.'"

"Mercy, what ignorance!" the second vice president whispered to the recording secretary, "Shakespeare didn't write 'Paradise Lost.'—Chicago Record-Herald.

Valuable Family.

"Why do you patronize that fortune teller so much?"

"He's the seventh son of a seventh son," explained the politician.

"Do you think that enables him to tell if you will be elected?"

"I am not thinking of that. What I want is to interest the votes of that kind of a family.—Pittsburgh Post.

Capital Punishment.

The intelligent talesman was being examined to pass on to the jury in a murder trial.

"Do you believe in capital punishment?" inquired the attorney.

"You bet I do," came the prompt response. "I'm agin the trusts, and I want to see half of Wall street in jail, where they belong."—Argonaut.

Green Plants.

The green of leaves is due to a coloring matter named chlorophyll, which has the peculiar property when acted upon by the (to us) invisible ultraviolet rays of the sunlight of separating the carbon dioxide in the air into its component parts, oxygen and carbon. The plant absorbs the carbon and the leaves exhale the oxygen.

A Warned Over Sensation.

The professional fire fighter is too frequently face to face with danger to regard fires in an aesthetic light, but the feelings of the amateur with a passion for "running with the machine" occasionally show an epicurean flavor.

While running to a fire in a large town in Massachusetts one citizen overtook another, who was going in the same direction.

"Oh, dear!" the last gasped, quite out of breath. "I hope it's not the stove lining works; I've seen that twice already!"—Youth's Companion.

Of Good Material.

Briggs—How do you like these cigars? Griggs—First rate. What are they made of?—Life.

The Sexes.

One half the world cannot understand how the other half could live without it.—Exchange.

Laziness.

Lazy people lead an easy life. Even their minds are made up for them.—New Orleans Picayune.

He Knew.

Teacher—Now, Johnny, what was Washington's farewell address? Johnny—Heaven.—New York Sun.

Don't Be a Grouch.

Life is serious, especially to the man who regards it as an uninterrupted funeral.—Chicago News.

Things to Remember.

He who would pass his declining years with honor and comfort should when young remember that he may one day become old and remember when he is old that he has been once young.—Addison.

Labor.

Labor is the ornament of the citizen. The reward of toil is when you confer blessings on others. His high dignity confers honor on the king; be ours the glory of our hands.

PAID FOR HIS LESSON.

It Was Double Price, at That, but It Taught Him a Lot.

Mr. Potterton prided himself upon being a man of a philosophical turn of mind. Coming home one evening, he discovered that a thief had taken his scarfpin, an heirloom. Mrs. Potterton was for sending out a general police alarm, besides asking the departments of Yonkers and Patchogue to help in the search. But Mr. Potterton had other views.

"I will advertise for its return, Maria," he declared. "The sum of \$10, with promise of no questions asked, will get the pin back. The \$10 is less than I would be obliged to pay the detective as a tip, and the detective would not recapture the pin. Cheaper, quicker, safer."

Mr. Potterton advertised. An answer came. Mr. Potterton was to be on a certain corner at 9 o'clock that evening. He kept the appointment faithfully, and a man came up to him, handed out the scarfpin, took the \$10 and turned away.

"But hold, my good man," said Mr. Potterton. "I mean you no harm, but I am so curious to learn how it was that you took the scarfpin without my noticing the—er—thief that I will gladly pay you \$10 more to have you show me how it was done."

The man looked at Mr. Potterton's face. It was transparently honest.

"Put the pin back in your tie," he commanded.

"Now," he went on, "do you remember that the other evening in the subway a man, holding a paper in one hand, lurched against you? That man was I. Just as my hand struck your breast I extracted the pin. I left the train at the next station. If you will remember I struck you just so."

The man tapped Mr. Potterton as he had done in the subway.

"Your skill is truly marvelous," said Mr. Potterton. "Thank you, my good man. Good night."

Arrived home, Mr. Potterton described to Maria the success of his efforts and how the thief had taken the pin.

"His light fingeredness was truly astounding," he declared. "He showed me his method. He struck me just here!"—And Mr. Potterton illustrated the blow and stopped, thunderstruck.

"The scoundrel!" he shouted. "He got it again!"—New York Post.

True Charity.

It is not written blessed is he that feedeth the poor, but he that considereth the poor. A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money.—Ruskin.

He Bought Last.

An inebriated man of the name of Riley boarded a trolley car and, after paying his fare, made himself comfortable. The conductor, after calling off the streets, was nearing the street which corresponded with the jag's name.

"Riley street next!" yelled the conductor.

"The souse, who was only half asleep, roused himself and yelled out: 'You're a liar! I treated last.'—National Monthly.

Jarred His Dignity.

When Commissioner Allen had charge of the patent office in Washington he was punctilious about office etiquette and demanded courteous treatment from everybody.

One day he was sitting at his desk when two men came in without knock-



"WE AIN'T VISITORS."

ing or announcement and without removing their hats.

Allen looked up and impaled the intruders with his glittering eye. "Gentlemen," he said severely, "who are visitors to this office to see me are always announced and always remove their hats."

"Huh!" replied one of the men. "We ain't visitors, and we don't give a hoot about seeing you. We came in to fix the steam pipes."

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.
Seattle, Wash., December 3, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railway Company, whose post office address is St. Paul, Minnesota, has this 3rd day of December, 1913, filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620).

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 8, 35N 9E, W. M. 60.00.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 23rd day of January, 1914.

JOHN C. DENNY,
Register.

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NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE OF LIEN FOR KEEPING LIVESTOCK.

To Dan Hudson and all persons concerned:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Henry Robertson, of Van Horn, Washington, has heretofore, on the 22nd day of October, 1913, claimed a lien upon one bay mare and one eighteen-months' old colt, under Sec. 1197 of Remington & Ballinger's Codes and Statutes of Washington, for the care, feeding and keeping of said livestock from April 20, 1912, to the said 22nd day of October, 1913, which said lien is claimed in the amount of \$74.00; that the reputed owner of said property is Dan Hudson, whose present address is unknown to said claimant:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to the said Dan Hudson and to all persons concerned, that on Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1914, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the farm of Henry Robertson, in Section 13, Township 35 north of range 8 east W. M., situated near the post-office of Van Horn, Washington, I will proceed to sell the above described property to the highest and best bidder, for cash, to satisfy the said lien and costs, together with accruing costs. Said property being one bay pony mare and one 18-months' old colt.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1913.

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HIS OWN LAST WAGER.

Even Though It Was a Sure Loser, He Was Perfectly Satisfied.

They were talking in the smoking room about steamship sharpers, and Alf Hayman, the impresario, said: "I'll tell you a story about an American easy mark."

"Mr. Easy Mark, on the way back home from a summer tour of Europe, shared a stateroom with two men who he had reason to believe were sharpers."

"He believed they were sharpers because they were continually proposing the most tempting bets to him—bets where it seemed impossible for him to lose—and yet, as soon as he put up his money, the two men took it away from him."

"So he came to believe that the bets were crooked. Nevertheless they were also so tempting that he couldn't resist them, and finally his funds got down to \$8.50."

"On the last day of the voyage he said to the two men:

"Well, fellows, you've cleaned me out of everything but my honor and \$8.50, and I'm willing to risk the \$8.50 on a last bet with you, provided you'll let me decide what the bet is to be."

"They agreed, for they were curious, and there was little to be lost."

"Well, fellows," he said, "this is the bet. I'll bet you \$8.50 that as we sail up the bay I'll yell louder than the ship's steam whistle."

"He looked in their astonished faces and added:

"Of course, I'll lose, but, by gosh, I know the whistle can't be fixed."—Washington Star.

Strike Hard.

The world is no longer clay, but rather iron, in the hands of its workers, and men have got to hammer out a place for themselves by steady and rugged blows.—Emerson.

Life and Love.

In the Democratic cloak room of the house not long ago a statesman, having discussed at length the tariff, currency reform and the Central American situation, announced kindly:

"Now, I'll give you fellows the difference between life and love."

Everybody immediately expressed eagerness to know the difference.

"Life," he said, "is just one fool thing after another. Love is just two fool things after each other."—Popular Magazine.

Taken Unawares.

It is likely that the most embarrassed man in New York could be found the other day in a Sixth avenue store. He was a mild, inoffensive looking man. He stood leaning over the balcony that



THE BOY HAPPENED TO LOOK UP.

surrounds the first floor of the store, looking with interest at the crowd below. Presently his eye alighted on a small boy who was being rushed from counter to counter in tow of a very large woman. Just as he looked down at the boy the boy happened to look up at him. Instinctively perceiving, with diabolic instinct, what would be his own youthful propensity if he occupied a similar point of vantage, the boy struck a beseeching attitude and called out in imploring accents:

"Oh, mister; please, mister, don't spit on me!"

For a man with no intention of spitting on that particular boy or any one else the situation was certainly awkward, and the man retired in red faced confusion.—New York Times.

All in the Same Boat.

This is one of President Wilson's stories:

"A friend of mine was in Canada with a fishing party, and one member of the party was imprudent enough to sample some whisky that was called Squirrel whisky because it made those who drank it inclined to climb a tree. This gentleman imbibed too much of this dangerous liquid, and the consequence was that when he went to the train to go with the rest of the company he took a train bound south instead of a train bound north. Wishing to recover him, his companions telegraphed the conductor of the south-bound train: 'Send short man, named Johnson, back for the northbound train. He is intoxicated.'"

"Presently they got a reply from the conductor: 'Further particulars needed. There are thirteen men on the train who don't know either their name or their destination.'"

GOT RID OF THE BORE.

The Method, Though, Was Less Than Clemenceau Intended.

M. Clemenceau, the French statesman, had for many years an excellent and faithful servant, whose education had unfortunately been somewhat neglected. In point of fact, he could neither read nor write. Some time ago a venerable senator who was also a venerable bore called on M. Clemenceau and asked to see him. The latter replied through the faithful servant that he was exceedingly busy and would be much obliged if the senator could find time to call again next morning. But the senator insisted. It was, he said, an affair of the utmost urgency, and tomorrow would be too late. So he scribbled the object of his visit on the back of his card, which he gave to the servant to take to his master.

M. Clemenceau, somewhat annoyed by this persistence, added a second line to the card and gave it to the servant to take to his secretary, M. Coussol. Now, the second line ran thus: "Coussol, get rid of this old fool in five minutes."

The servant went to look for M. Coussol, but M. Coussol was not there. What was to be done? He had not the courage to disturb his master again, so he took the card to the expectant senator, and, "Very sorry, sir," he said apologetically, "M. Clemenceau is busy, and M. Coussol is out, but my master has written the reply here if you would care to read it, sir."

The senator read and left the house, and since then M. Clemenceau counts one supporter less in the upper chamber.

Good Cheer.

After every storm the sun will shine, for every problem there is a solution, and the soul's indefeasible duty is to be of good cheer.—W. R. Alger.

An Erratic Echo.

The late Sir John Leng had traveled in most quarters of the globe. On one occasion when visiting Spain he was asked at a certain spot by a traveling companion to test the powers of what was declared to be a wonderful echo. Sir John, slowly and deliberately, in rounded tones uttered the words "Dun-dee Ad-ver-tis-er," the name of the paper he owned. "Dundee Courier and Argus," the name of the opposition paper, came back as the echo! Sir John's friends had played him a trick.

Didn't Give Him a Chance.

"Say, ma," piped up little Johnny after the minister had finished his call and taken his departure, "when Mr. Meeker was here every time you stopped talkin' a minute he would start in to say somethin' an' git as far every time as 'I dare say,' an' then you would start goin' ag'in an' talk a lot more, an' that is the way it kept on right along, an' the only thing he said all the time he was here was 'I dare say,' 'I dare say,' every few minutes."

"Well, what of it? I am not to blame for Mr. Meeker's paucity of ideas, am I?" demanded Johnny's mother, somewhat impatiently.

"I dunno 'bout that," said Johnny doubtfully, as if not exactly sure what was meant by paucity of ideas, "but anyhow, ma, you orter give him a chance. When he started in with 'I dare say,' why didn't you keep quiet jest once, ma, an' let him go ahead an' say what he was goin' to an' have it over with?"—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Liked It Loud.

Of Dr. Richard Strauss, the great composer, Mr. Wile says he makes no secret of his passion for extraordinary orchestral effects. During the general rehearsal of his famous opera, "Elektra"—which Mr. Wile describes as "that monumental example of musical up-roar"—Dr. Strauss came tearing down the central aisle of the Royal Opera at



"LOUDER! LOUDER!"

Dresden while Mme. Schumann-Heink, in the part of Clytemnestra, was struggling with a top note. Beads of perspiration already bespangled the brows of the madly playing orchestra, and as he ran toward them Dr. Strauss shrieked at the pitch of his voice: "Louder! Louder! I can still hear the singing!"—London Answers.

In the Dark.

The late Professor Jebb once asked a student to construe a passage from the Greek. The undergraduate, who was unprepared, began, "The dawn—the dawn—" "Yes, yes; go on!" "The dawn—was beginning to break." "Yes, sir; go on!" But the student knew no more, and he began again, "The dawn was beginning to break."

"Sir, sit down until you see daylight!" said the professor.

THEY ALL BIT.

And It Was Those Who Were in the Joke That Got Stung.

Dr. H. A. Lawton, whose prowess as a fisherman is sung wherever the name of tarpon is known, several years ago persuaded two Englishmen who visited the Florida coast on the hunt for the big fish that the proper way to catch tarpon was to find where they came up to blow, then sprinkle snuff on the water and bat the fish on the head when they came up to sneeze.

In a reminiscent moment the other day, Dr. Lawton referred to his joke on the two Englishmen and then recalled how an English visitor to Florida had unwittingly turned a trick upon him and another practical joker last winter.

"I had been telling one Englishman about my trick with the snuff," he said, "and, by Jove, he decided he would play a trick upon a compatriot who was a more recent arrival than himself. At the time we were at Key Largo, after Spanish mackerel."

"The newcomer was a bit of a boaster, and when he kept telling us how he was going to put it over us in the matter of a big catch we snickered knowingly at each other and took his measure. It was the other Englishman who fired up the trick we played."

"He got hold of a lard bucket and fastened three strings to the top. Then when the other Englishman had his attention distracted he fastened the three ends with a slip noose upon the other man's line and filled the bucket. Of course the bucket sank, and the Englishman, feeling a sudden weight, began to pull. As he drew in the line of course the bucket slipped down. Finally it reached the hook, and then the fisherman felt a sudden terrific yank."

"Now I'll show you bloody Yankees how to get a Spanish mackerel!" he shouted in triumph. We said nothing, but grinned at one another. We knew the bucket was all he had on the line."

"Well, he pulled and pulled, the bucket jerking from side to side, until finally, with one yank, he landed his catch in the boat. And, bless my eyes," added the doctor, "it wasn't one of the finest and biggest mackerel I had ever seen. There was no sign of the bucket."

"You see," he went on in explanation, "when the Englishman felt the first pull he really had only the bucket on the line. But the sight of that gleaming tin bucket traveling zigzag through the water caught the attention of every Spanish mackerel in the neighborhood, and they all made for it. Only one could get the hook. The others bit at the bucket. They couldn't make an impression on the bucket, so they bit at the strings that held it, and cut them in two. So it was that while the Englishman bit on the bucket the fish bit on his hook, and after all it was we who were in the joke that were stung."—New York Times.

Man Supreme Over Self.

In the moral world there is nothing impossible if we bring a thorough will to it. Man can do everything with himself, but he must not attempt to do too much with others.—William von Humboldt.

Where She Gets Her Ideal.

She—I wonder if you are just the kind of man I want. He—What kind of man do you want? She—I can hardly describe him. He—Don't try. What's the name of the book?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Folding Headgear.

"These collapsible opera hats are a great convenience." "So?" "Yes; you have no idea how much room they save in a fat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Big Door.

The following is a copy of a bill posted on the wall of a country village in England: "A lecture on total abstinence will be delivered in the open air, and a collection will be made at the door to defray expenses."

Comforting.

Condemned Man (to his lawyer)—It's a long sentence, sir, to be sent to prison for life. Lawyer (inclined to a more hopeful view)—Yes, it does seem long, but perhaps you won't live a great while.

Retribution.

Mrs. Peckhem—Henry, do you believe that people are punished right here on earth for their sins? Peckhem—I certainly do—that is, if marriages are really made in heaven.—Chicago News.

Poor Board.

"I see," said Mrs. Starvem, "that a certain scientist claims we'll soon get a palatable food from wood!" "Well," growled the cranky boarder, "it seems impossible to get it out of board."—Philadelphia Press.

"KID PARTY" IS SOCIAL EVENT OF HOLIDAY WEEK

The "Kid Social" held in the parlors of the Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening proved to be one of the most pleasant events of the holiday season in the city. All were requested to come in costume and there were about fifty young people present, all dressed as little boys and girls and it may be said that the young men and young ladies made a

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very creditable appearance as "kids".

The evening was merrily spent in music, games and in having a general good time. Light refreshments were served. The arrangements for the party were made by Mrs. Harold J. Smith and Miss Aliene Pierce.

Short Local Items

Wm. Moran, a pioneer farmer of the Sauk neighborhood, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Laznika and children, of Bellingham, spent several days in this city the first of the week as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Barta.

Miss Mattie Wood, who is a teacher in the schools at Bow, left yesterday evening for her home in Sedro Woolley, after a week's visit in this city as a guest at the home of her brother, Guy F. Wood.

Wm. Jennings, general superintendent of the Superior Portland Cement Company, returned yesterday evening from a month's visit with relatives and friends in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Jennings reports a very enjoyable vacation.

Alex Parks, a well known citizen of Sauk, was among the business visitors in this city Wednesday.

J. N. Coward left Wednesday evening for Birdsview, where he will be employed in the camp of the Skagit Mill Company.

J. R. Rice, a member of the firm of the Rice-Stix Dry Goods Company, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Fred Eisman, head credit man for the same house spent Wednesday in this city as the guests of their old time friend, S. R. McGowan.

Joe Frank has been laid up this week on account of severe bruises sustained from a fall down the "glory hole" at the quarry of the Superior Portland Cement Company last Saturday.

Tan Rugs, that do not show cement dust, in all sizes, on monthly payments at Waldron's, Bellingham.

Mrs. Nellie Wheelock, manager of the Hamilton office of the Skagit River Tel. & Tel. Co., spent Thursday in this city in attending to business matters for the company.

Mrs. Anna Powell left yesterday evening for an extended visit with relatives in Bellingham.

Miss Katherine Lederle, of Mt. Vernon, arrived in this city Wednesday for a short visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson were in from their farm on the upper Baker river valley yesterday, visiting with friends and shopping with local merchants.

W. F. Stokes, station inspector of the Great Northern Railway Company, paid the local depot force an official visit on Tuesday afternoon.

Chas. Swiers came in from the government fisheries station at Baker Lake Tuesday for a short business visit in this city. Mr. Swiers states that he has been transferred to the Birdsview station for the winter.

Otto Klement, one of the well known citizens of Lyman, spent Tuesday in this city visiting with his son Raymond, who is employed at the laboratory of the Superior Portland Cement Company, and also took advantage of his visit to greet many old time friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Alexander returned to their home in Sedro Woolley on Wednesday evening after a holiday visit with their daughter, Mrs. Robert M. White, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Olsen left yesterday evening for Hot Lake, Oregon, where Mr. Olsen will take treatments for the cure of rheumatism, with which he has been troubled for some time. W. J. S. Gordon will be acting postmaster during the absence of Postmaster Olsen.

S. R. McGowan received a wireless message of New Year's greetings yesterday from Will D. Crofoot, who is a passenger on the steamship Minnesota, enroute from Seattle to China. The message was picked up at the Astoria, Oregon, wireless station and relayed to this city.

Waldron's January sale is a hummer. Full rolls of 12 foot Linoleum being cut up at 48 cents the yard, (sample sent). Desirable Big Brussels Rugs 11 feet 3 in. x 12, knocked down to \$14.85; a 36x63 Velvet to match free. Eastern Oak, leather seated diners, cut to \$1.58. Fine wood seated diners at 95 cents. Waldron's, Bellingham.

Mrs. Chas. Kalberg and daughter Dora, of Birdsview, were shopping and visiting with friends in this city Monday afternoon.

Miss Zoe Nash of Burlington was visiting with friends in this city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. LaRoche spent Monday afternoon at Faber, taking some views of the places of interest on the Lars Moen farm.

Harry Wainwright of Sauk was greeting old acquaintances in this city on Thursday evening.

Mrs. C. C. Burke and children left Thursday evening for a few days' visit in Sedro Woolley.

Miss Celia O'Brien returned Thursday evening from an extended visit with relatives at Rockport, and has accepted a position as night operator at the local exchange of the Skagit River Tel. & Tel. Co.

Mrs. C. A. Machin of Van Horn was visiting with friends in this city Thursday evening.

A. A. Cohen, of the Baker River Mercantile Company, left Thursday evening for a short business visit in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Vanderford and Mrs. W. E. Kelley, of Lyman, spent New Year's Day with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. W. J. Cook and children of Clear Lake spent New Year's Day with relatives in this city.

A meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church will be held in the parlors of the church on next Thursday afternoon at 2:30. All members are requested to be present at this meeting.

Mrs. N. A. Miller and daughter, Miss Lela, are spending the week in this city as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reese.

Seth Webb, who has been employed as chief cook at the Baker Lake Fish Hatchery for many months, left Thursday evening for an extended visit with relatives and friends at his former home in Maine.

The Concrete Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges will hold a joint installation of officers on next Wednesday evening. Grand Master Dayton is expected to be present to install officers for the Odd Fellows.