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SUPERIOR COMPANY ASKS COUNCIL FOR TRAM RIGHT-OF-WAY

City Officials Take Final Preliminary Steps Before Awarding Contract for Eastside Boulevard

Next Tuesday evening, at a continuance of the meeting held this week, the city council will open bids and probably award the contract for the building of the East Side Boulevard. All the preliminary steps have now been taken, and the council is ready for the final move before actual construction work.

Dickinson, Smith and Ireton responded to roll call last Tuesday night, but Franklin and Woodard came in immediately after, so that with Mayor Campbell in the chair, there were no vacancies. Clerk Ramsdell was of course on hand to act in his official capacity, and Marshal McDonald took his seat with the few spectators present, arising only to give his report on the condition of the alley in the rear of Block 4, mentioned at the last meeting as being obstructed. Mr. McDonald said that part of the obstruction had been removed, and he felt confident that the entire alley would be clear within a few days.

ANOTHER HOSE CART WILL BE BOUGHT

Councilman Ireton reported that a location had been selected for a hose house in East Concrete, and on his motion, seconded by Woodard, the council voted to have such house built, and also empowered the clerk to purchase a hose cart to be placed on that side of the river.

CROSSING ASKED FOR CAPITOL HILL DISTRICT

Councilman Smith stated that he had taken up with the Great Northern railroad the matter of the construction of a crossing over the tracks to more conveniently reach the Capitol Hill district, and expected that favorable action would be taken in the matter very soon.

A petition signed by L. Jacobin, publisher of what was formerly the Concrete Enterprise, now changed to the Skagit Valley Enterprise, was presented praying that the latter paper be made an official paper of the town. The matter was referred to the finance committee without comment.

ASK FOR PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Clerk Ramsdell read a communication from John Goodfellow & Son, stating that that company and its clients held certain warrants drawn on Local Improvement District No. 5 of the town of Concrete, and asking that they be paid. The clerk was instructed to notify Messrs. Goodfellow that no funds were available at this time to take up the warrants, but that they would be paid in order and in due time.

NO. 6 DISTRICT ORDINANCE PASSED

Ordinance No. 6, providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 6, being the Eastside Boulevard improvement, received its third reading, and on motion of Dickinson, seconded by Smith, was unanimously passed by the council, and has now been signed by Mayor Campbell. This is the last preliminary step on this road matter with the exception of awarding the bids, and that will be done next Tuesday evening, unless something unforeseen should occur.

RIGHT OF WAY ASKED FOR TRAM

The Superior Portland Cement Company, by its representative, presented for the consideration of the council an ordinance providing for a right-of-way over certain streets and alleys for an aerial bucket tram, and on motion of Mr. Smith, supported by Mr. Franklin, the proposed ordinance passed its first reading. The question of the right of the council to permit possible interference with traffic by allowing the construction of supporting towers on B, C and D streets, was referred to City Attorney Leonard, who will render an opinion on the matter at the next meeting.

Acting for the owner, Mr. Magnus Miller, Mr. Ramsdell requested permission of the council to repair the building recently occupied by Geo. Nick's shoeshop, and which has been damaged by fire. The matter was

referred to the Light and Water committee.

Lights will be needed on the Eastside Boulevard, in the opinion of residents of that part of the city, and at the suggestion of Councilman Smith the proper committee was instructed to look into the matter and make a report.

ROAD CONTRACTOR SAID TO HAVE ENCROACHED

Mrs. Kate Glover informed the council that she had reason to believe that Contractor Scrimsher and his crew had encroached on her land in building the road to the dumping grounds, and as no definite information could be secured at the meeting a motion by Smith-Dickinson prevailed to empower the mayor to employ an engineer to run out the lines in question, and ascertain that the city's road did not encroach on private property.

Adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock on the evening of April 27th, which is next Tuesday.

MISS PORTERFIELD PROUD OF ATTENDANCE RECORD OF CLASSES

Seventeen pupils of Miss Porterfield's classes have perfect attendance records this month, and perfect attendance means that they were neither absent nor tardy during the period. One little girl's record was absolutely perfect up till yesterday, when she came in a little late, but next month she plans on having her name on the honor roll.

Contrary to what seems to be the rule in spelling, when it comes to attendance the boys hold the palm. Out of the seventeen mentioned below ten are boys and only seven are girls. The victorious ones are as follows:

Evelyn Bjerstedt, Rose Frank, Irene Powell, Leonard Austin, Eva Hotts, Harriett Cole, Lilly Micone, Thelma McCauley, Carroll Biggartaff, Tony Frank, Ralph Plummer, Frank Mora, Nelson Wahlgren, Mike Micone, Bud Bedont, Ernest Mora, Jason Powell.

FRANKLIN FINDS HEALTH IMPROVED AFTER VACATION

C. E. Franklin, who returned this week after a month's rest from the daily grind, is feeling and looking better as a result of his vacation. He has gained in weight, and no ordinary amount of work can faze him for a moment now.

During his absence Mr. Franklin visited the Sol Duc hot springs, spent a number of days near Oak Harbor on Whidby Island, where he owns a fine piece of land, and then visited in Seattle and Tacoma. He enjoyed himself thoroughly, especially the stay on the island.

MANY DAIRY FARMERS NOW PLANNING TO BUILD SILOS

T. M. Steen and Charles Fisk were in the city Thursday buying cement to be used in the construction of the foundation for a silo which Mr. Fisk will build on Mr. Steen's farm.

In common with many other dairy farmers Mr. Steen has decided that the silo means more profits to the milk producer, and he is adding it to his already good equipment. Numerous other farmers up and down the valley are doing likewise, among those in the immediate neighborhood being R. H. Cockreham, Davison Brothers, Frank Ries, P. W. True, man, K. O. Walters and Harvey Davis, who is putting up two.

CLUB WILL BE IN NEW QUARTERS BY MAY FIRST

Contractor Ben N. Weaver has completed the carpenter work on the lower floor of the Boynton building, which will be occupied by the Club of Concrete, and C. W. Pierce, who has charge of the staining and paper hanging, promises to be through in time so that the club members may move into their new quarters by the first of the month.

Secretary Ramsdell is doing noble work at the collecting job, but says there are still a few hold-outs who are flirting with the Federal league.

STATE AERIE CLUB OF LOCAL LODGE OF EAGLES NOW REHEARSING COMEDY TO BE PRESENTED EARLY NEXT MONTH

Local Talent Has Been Engaged for One of Most Ambitious Plays Ever Attempted Here, and Big Crowd is Expected to Reward Efforts of Hustling Organization—Some Excellent Work Anticipated.

The precise day on which the play, "Uncle Rube," will make its appearance before the people of Concrete has not as yet been made public, but it will be on some Tuesday evening in May, and it will be well worth waiting and watching for.

"Uncle Rube" is a clever comedy now being rehearsed by a select cast of local actors, who will perform under the auspices of the State Aerie Club of the Baker Aerie at the Concrete theatre. The play to be shown is probably one of the most ambitious ever tried here, but with several veterans in the cast and all the performers clever, there is no reason to doubt its success. A lot of interest is being taken in the coming play already, and it is very certain that a large audience will be on hand to greet "Uncle Rube" and his co-entertainers when they make their public appearance.

The cast of characters and a synopsis of the play is given below:

CAST OF CHARACTERS

REUBEN RODNEY, a Justice of the Peace, School Trustee and a master hand at "swappin' horses." Mr. L. E. WOLFE
DEACON SMAILEY, a smooth old villain. Mr. M. B. BARNHART
MARK, his son; a promising rascal. Mr. C. K. WOLFE
GORDON GRAY, a young artist. Mr. CHAS. L. WOODARD
UPSON ASTORBIT, a New York swell. Mr. W. R. SMITH
IKE, the hired man. Mr. FRED BALLINGER.
BUB GREEN, a young rustic. Mr. JOHN GREINER
BILL TAPPAM, a constable. Mr. J. J. McDONALD
MILLICENT LEE, the pretty school ma'am. Mrs. FRANK WETZEL
Mrs. MARIA BUNN, a charming widow. Mrs. CHAS. L. WOODARD
TAGGS, a waif from New York. Miss ELLA COCKBURN
TIME—Mid-autumn. PLACE—Vermont.

SYNOPSIS

ACT I The "Old Homestead." Ike is mystified. The Deacon hears some plain talk. Uncle Rube arrives. Some city yarns. The battle of the bees. "This is what I call a circus."
ACT II The Constable's Office. Bub Green wants revenge. Mark's proposal. Milly's answer. The Deacon's cunning plot to ruin Uncle Rube. A receipt for \$10,000. The plot succeeds.
ACT III Kitchen in the old farm house. Getting supper. Milly speaks her mind. Mark gets impudent. He catches a tumble. Uncle Rube pops the question. Supper. Uncle Rube arrested.
ACT IV The Constable's Office. Waiting for the news. Gordon gives Mark a lesson in manners. The acquittal. Uncle Rube opens court. Some hard swearing. Taggs on her muscle. The deacon is caught in his own trap. Milly's Fortune. Happy ending.

PRELIMINARY STEPS TAKEN TO BUILD LONG AERIAL TRAM

One of the biggest improvements contemplated by the Superior Portland Cement Company is the building of an aerial bucket tram from its quarries on the east side of the Baker river to the mill in West Concrete. The cost of the project will be approximately \$40,000, according to estimates now made, but just how soon work will be commenced is not known as yet.

The route of the proposed tram was surveyed some weeks ago by Engineer Reitze, and this week an ordinance to give the company permission to cross certain streets and alleys was introduced in the council and passed its first reading.

While officials of the cement company have made no statements as to when the construction of the tram will commence, it is generally believed that such action as is to be taken will be announced when President Eden returns from his present trip to the East.

A dog checked through to Rockport escaped from the baggage car yesterday noon, but was later captured by some of the station force, and sent up on the evening train.

COMMISSIONER AND OTHER OFFICIALS GO OVER ROAD

Commissioner Henry Thompson, accompanied by C. R. Ege, principal assistant engineer state highway department, W. R. Gee, road supervisor, and A. L. Strong, county engineer, returned Thursday from a visit to State Aid Road No. 11, above Marblemont. The officials went over the road carefully, and decided upon the manner in which the various improvements would be put in.

BURGLAR INTRODUCED TO HOT FLATIRON TREATMENT

Although obtaining a purse containing a small amount of money and making their escape, two bandits who entered the home of Mrs. Thomas Bahr at Big Lake Thursday evening will have occasion to remember their visit, says the Mount Vernon Argus. About 8 o'clock on Thursday evening Mrs. Bahr was ironing in the kitchen when two men entered the backdoor. Covering the woman with their guns they demanded her money. Mrs. Bahr complied with their orders and handed over her purse. After deliver-

ing her money to the robbers, Mrs. Bahr's indignation arose, and picking up a hot flatiron she laid it none too gently across the mouth of one of the men. That he received a severe burn was evident from the fact that a piece of skin remained stuck to the flatiron. Recovering from his surprise the other man gave the woman a shove that landed her in the clothes basket and the robbers quickly made their escape. The only description given of the men was that one was tall with a sandy mustache and the other short and dark.

FORM MOUNTAINEER CLUB SAYS WILL D. CROFOOT

"Why not organize a Mountaineers' Club in Concrete, and take pleasant hikes every fine Sunday?" said Mr. Will D. Crofoot this week. And sure enough; why not?

There are plenty of congenial people in Concrete who like to walk; there are numberless interesting and instructive places to which they may go; there are frequent Sundays coming up this summer; and some of them are certain to be just the kind of days that makes one want to walk.

As pointed out by Mr. Crofoot, there shouldn't be the slightest difficulty in forming a Mountaineers' Club. The expense attached to the management of an organization of that kind would be very trifling, and the equipment of the members for the walking tours need not be expensive at all. Indeed, as Mr. Crofoot says, a pair of hob nailed boots is about the only special equipment needed—old clothes constituting the remainder.

An organization such as proposed by Mr. Crofoot could have a splendid time during the summer months Mount Sauk, a very beautiful mountain near Rockport, is easily climbed, and the ascent is one worthy of anyone's time and energy. Many other points of equal interest will suggest themselves to any person familiar with the surrounding country.

Incidentally it might be mentioned that the trip up the Baker river valley is excellent and very restful to the fatigued mind and body, if any such still exist in this vicinity.

CLUB DANCE BIG SUCCESS AND TREASURY IS HELPED

The dance at the Boynton building last Saturday evening, given by the Club of Concrete, was certainly one of the big social successes of the present season, and in addition the Club's exchequer was benefited somewhat, but not perhaps to the extent which was hoped for.

About fifty couples enjoyed the excellent music furnished for the occasion, and so large did the crowd become that the dancers found the floor space crowded and adjourned into the Eagles' Hall, where there was more elbow room.

The excellence of its first dance augurs well for the continued success of the Club of Concrete, and it is pretty certain to be heard from frequently in the future.

BAKER RIVER LUMBER CO'S MILL NOW MAKING SHINGLES

Beginning this week the Baker River Lumber Company resumed the operation of its shingle mill, and is now working full time. A drive of between 300 and 400 cords of bolts has been brought down the river, but considerable difficulty was encountered, due to the water falling somewhat after the bolts had been dumped.

The mill will probably operate continuously now for an indefinite period.

LOCAL BOWLING ALLEY SOLD TO MORTGAGEE BY SHERIFF

The Concrete bowling alley, which has had a more or less eventful career since it was sold by W. R. Roberts, was sold last week by Sheriff Wells to satisfy a mortgage held by the First Bank of Concrete. Pres. S. A. Post, of the bank, bid it in for the amount of the indebtedness.

Wm. Doyle, foreman of the bridge crew here, left yesterday for Burlington, on sick leave.

TONY ZMIJAREVICH STRUCK BY TRAIN BUT ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT

Child Wanders on Railroad Tracks and Cars Hit Him Before Train Can Stop—Escape Miraculous.

Tony, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zmijarevich miraculously escaped death about 5:30 last night, when he was struck by the clay train of the Baker River & Shuksan Railroad and knocked under the cars. The little fellow was standing between the tracks at the time, and fell in such a manner that the cars passed over without touching him. His only injury consists of a contusion of the forehead, where he was struck by the car.

The child had wandered away from its mother, and was standing between the tracks west of Baker street when the train came rushing up from the mill. He was seen by the brakeman, who signalled the engineer immediately, but the car struck before the train could be stopped.

The child was carefully examined by Dr. Mertz, who was called in immediately after the accident. He is confident that no serious injury has been inflicted.

RICHARD THOMPSON NOW A DEPUTY GAME WARDEN

Richard Thompson, of Langsvale, in the Grandy Lake district, has been appointed a game warden by the Board of Game Commissioners, and will look into such violations of the game law as may occur in his vicinity.

Mr. Thompson is an enthusiastic sportsman himself, and fulfilling his duty as an officer will be only a pleasure to him.

"A MESSAGE FROM MARS" DRAWS MANY TO THEATRE

Charles Hawtrey, starring in the unusual photo drama, "A Message From Mars," made a hit at the Concrete theatre last Sunday afternoon and evening, and drew a crowded house in the evening. Mr. Hawtrey is a finished actor, and his excellent work greatly impressed the local audience.

Second to Mr. Hawtrey, Mr. C. Holman Clark, as the "messenger," and Miss Crissie Bell as "Minnie," are entitled to special mention.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening there will be shown Carlotta Nilsson in "Leah Kleschna." This feature film comes highly recommended, and will probably be well worth seeing.

SIX PIECES OF BULLETS CUT FROM HOPKIN'S VICTIM

Dr. H. L. Miller, of McMurray, this week removed six pieces of bullets from the head and neck of John Freeman, the man who swears he was shot by Charles Hopkins, captured at Van Horn a few weeks ago. It is supposed that the pieces found are pieces of the creased bullets used by Hopkins, counterparts of which were in his gun when he was arrested. It is considered likely that Freeman will recover now.

The Skagit county commissioners have made a special appropriation to have Freeman cared for until he recovers. He is wanted as a witness against Hopkins.

ODD FELLOWS TO CELEBRATE FOUNDING OF THEIR ORDER

On Monday evening, after the regular meeting of the Rebekahs, the Odd Fellows will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the order. An excellent program is being prepared now, and a generally pleasant evening is anticipated.

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ABOUT CRIMINALS.

IT seems unquestionable that poor judgment has been used in pardoning and paroling some of the prisoners in our state institutions, who have soon after their release taken to crime again, but the fact that some of these men have returned to evil ways should not be taken to mean that none of them should be given their freedom under parole.

Criminals vary greatly, and a man is not necessarily all bad because he performs one criminal action, nor should he be treated as a hopeless outlaw because of it. Yet, on the other hand, a very large amount of sentimental tommyrot is poured forth over many inhuman murderers and other conscienceless, debased criminals. The fault is perhaps largely due to the too common practice of generalizing.

The city "gangster" as a rule is a vicious, unfeeling, calculatingly evil person, of blunted moral perceptions, deliberately planning to exist by thievery, knavery or in any other manner that does not contemplate what are generally accepted as "respectable" modes of making a living. This sort of criminal it is practically hopeless to try to reform, but there are individuals even in this class that respond to proper encouragement.

And for the young fellow whose early training has not been absolutely vicious, and who shows no sign of degeneracy or mental weakness, there is a great deal of hope. Such as these should be given the opportunity to prove themselves good citizens, and many of them will make good.

The pardoning or paroling of criminals should not be the occasion for cheap sentimentalizing. It is a work for sound judgment and broad but not soft-headed understanding.

The young fellow who is really entitled to parole, and only wants another chance to show that he can make good, should be given the opportunity. But no chances should be taken with the depraved, vicious criminal or the old, habitual criminal.

SUGGESTS CHANGE IN HANDLING STATE LAND

Mr. E. W. Ferris is of the opinion that the offices of state forester and state land commissioner should be abolished and the work of these offices placed in the hands of a board of three commissioners. Inasmuch as Mr. Ferris is the present state forester, and his suggestion if carried out would do away with his own job, his proposition is certainly entitled to more than casual consideration.

When a politician deliberately sets about to throw himself out of a job for what he considers the best interests of the state he is either very much in earnest in his desire for improvement, or he is playing to the gallery. So far, among those who know Mr. Ferris, there hasn't been even a hint of the latter accusation.

The state forester declares that the present system of handling state lands makes it impossible for the state to care for its holdings with the same thoroughness that a business corporation would practice. He expresses the opinion that a large sum could be saved each year if the work of the forester and the state land commissioner were handled by a board of three commissioners from one office.

Without going further into the matter, and accepting as advisable the forester's suggestion to abolish the separate offices, why the necessity for the three commissioners? One man could handle the executive labor better than three, and if Mr. Ferris is the best man in the state for the job, he should be put to work at it.

ONE DEMOCRAT WILL HELP WOLFE.

THE Skagit County Times is one of the few Democratic papers in the country, although the number has been added to slightly since the last election. The Times can see no possible good in anything Republican; it froths at the ink fountain at the mere mention of the word. But it's going to help Judge Wolfe, of Concrete, get into the legislature. The Times tells about it as follows:

"If Skagit County is to have another republican delegation in the State legislature we had rather see Judge L. E. Wolfe get one of the places than anyone in sight in the opposition party just now. So get an ax Judge and go get 'em. Then after you have landed the nomination we shall inform the 'dear public' about the many innocent victims you have helped to rob, and how you so wantonly left their prostrate and bleeding bodies lying on the wayside to be taken care of by some good Samaritan that might chance to pass that way. Be you 'skeered' now, Judge?"

THE situation in Mexico is one that will require the utmost tact and good judgment on the part of the administration. At this writing war seems almost inevitable, but President Wilson is still hopeful that it may be averted. Thinking men and women the country over deplore the seriousness of the situation.

PROGRAM SUNDAY SERVICE
AND OTHER CHURCH DOINGS

Rev. W. M. Grafton has chosen "The Lord's Supper" as the subject for his sermon for tomorrow evening. The complete program is as follows: Orchestra Prelude, Violin, cornet, organ, by Messrs. Wahlgren, Lindbeck and Mrs. H. V. Davies. Hymn, At the Cross. Hymn, O, Happy Day. Male Quartet, Little Brown Church. Responsive Reading. Prayer by the Pastor. Offertory.

Selection, Orchestra Duet, Who Could it Be? Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wahlgren. Hymn, What a Friend. Male Quartet, Though Your Sins be as Scarlet. Address, A Memorable Feast. Hymn, Jesus is Calling. Benediction.

The C. E. Guild is planning to give a home talent festival sometime in May.

Rev. W. M. Grafton will speak at Van Horn Sunday afternoon and at Sauk on the afternoon of the 30th of May.

The topic for the Christian Endeavor Society meeting Sunday evening at 7 p. m. is "Our Tongues for Christ," Exodus 4:10-16. Leader Gladys Carter.

The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin is the subject for the Sunday school discussion Sunday morning.

The Ladies' Auxiliary took in nearly eight dollars at the recent Bake Sale conducted by Mesdames B. B. Pierce and F. H. Heskett.

Mrs. J. A. Carter is convalescing.

SOME NEW PARCEL
POST REGULATIONS

In the process of perfecting the parcel post system, rather frequent changes in the regulations are being made, and the public is not always well advised as to the various uses to which this arm of the public service has been accommodated. Following are some of the facts concerning the service which all should understand:

Seeds, cuttings, bulb roots, scions and plants are now fourth class matter and are carried at pound rates for parcel post, except where package weighs less than four ounces. Four ounces or less are carried at 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof regardless of distance.

Books over eight ounces in weight and bundles of miscellaneous printed matter weighing more than four pounds will be carried by parcel post at the pound and zone rates. Books under eight ounces weight are carried at the old rate of 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, regardless of distance.

Parcels may be sent C. O. D., which means that the price of the article will be collected on delivery and returned to the sender by the office of delivery. This does not apply to postage on articles sent but only to the price. The postage must be paid by the sender.

A letter or other first class mail if properly prepaid, may be attached to a parcel, but of course postage on each class must be prepaid at its own rate.

Care should be given to wrapping and tying or otherwise preparing parcels for handling in the mails. The name and address of the sender should be plainly written on the wrapper or tag so that he can be notified if parcel cannot be delivered.

Ignorance is the stepmother of argument.

The man who bottles his wrath is a corker.

Money by any other name would be as hard to get.

The best way to deal with secrets is not to have any.

Cupid rules some marriages, and others are ruled by cupid.

The judge isn't the only person who complains that life is full of trials.

Love is the only thing in the world that is at once a necessity and a luxury.

Talk about coals to Newcastle! An American firm has opened a laundry in Peking.

There are people who are as silent as the tomb until they run across a batch of bad news.

The New York criminal whose finger print is a blank must be the long looked for John Doe.

A convict won his freedom by drawing cartoons. Panned his way out of the pen, as it were.

The lobbyist is one of the few men who find that it does not pay to advertise their business.

The
Scrap Book

General Sheridan's Egg.

A writer in the Nineteenth Century magazine tells an amusing anecdote of the late Prince Bismarck of Germany. During the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-1, Bismarck accompanied the Prussian forces to the front. At one of the army's camping places Bismarck had at his lodgings the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg and General Philip Sheridan, the famous American cavalry commander, who afterward became general of the United States army. Provisions were not plentiful in that region at the time, and Bismarck, being very hungry, went out to find food for himself and his guests. He succeeded in securing just five eggs, for which he had to pay \$1 each. According to the story, Bismarck said to himself, "If I take home five I must give two to the grand duke and two to Sheridan and I shall have but one." The prince evidently had too keen an appetite to be altruistic, for what he did he afterward told the narrator. "I ate two upon the spot and took home three, so that the grand duke had one and Sheridan had one and there was one for me. Sheridan died. He never knew—but I told the grand duke, and he forgave me."

Such is Life.

A little childhood, a little play,
A little brushing of tears away,
And then comes youth, happy and gay—
Such is life.

A little youth with golden dreams,
A little vision in fitful gleams,
Till manhood's prime—so it seems—
Such is life.

A little taste of full grown power,
A little glory for an hour,
And then the fading—a withered flower—
Such is life.

A little bending beneath grave cares,
A little frosting of whitened hairs,
Then death slips in, so unawares—
Such is life.

A little darkness, then the dawn;
A little terror, but soon 'tis gone.
Oh, heavenly peace, the victory's won!
Such is life.

—Oscar Reiser.

Named It.

Dr. Stanton Colt of London, who has been visiting friends in New York, tells this story on himself:

"At a reception in London a young woman was persisting that I should dance with her. I explained that I had not danced for years. 'But,' said she, 'I do so want to say I've danced with the head of the Ethical society in London.' So I consented on condition that we dance in a room off to one side, where my awkwardness would not be so conspicuous. As I was hopping about perspiringly I became conscious that I was under observation. I looked up. In the doorway stood Bernard Shaw, with a smile of devilish delight. 'Ah,' said Shaw, 'it's the ethical movement, I perceive.'—New York World.

Spoiled.

In the early days of Johannesburg water was often very scarce. A lady who was staying at a hotel there one morning saw a bathtub half full of water standing outside her door and, thinking it was intended for her use, took possession of it. Later, however, some one came to fetch the tub and was extremely angry to find it gone. Then the lady learned to her dismay that she had taken all the water in the hotel, and that it was required for cooking. "It would not have mattered so much," said the angry servant, "had you not used soap!"

High Cost Humor.

From the high cost of living two jests are evolved for us.

The first is about a young couple who have discovered how to make both ends meet. They begin dinner with oxtail soup and end with headcheese. You'll have to study quite awhile to get this one.

The other is about another young couple who tried to economize by going "back to the soil." Their ten acres and freedom was at the edge of a virgin forest. They lived on the vegetables they raised—meat was too dear to be thought of. But one snowy day the husband took his gun and started for the woods.

He had been gone two hours, when his wife heard his cheery shout. She rushed to the door—he was coming with the carcass of some creature he had slain.

"Meat—meat at last!" he shouted. "What sort of meat?" she cried. "Venison!"

She sank to the ground in a state of utter collapse. "We can't eat it!" she sobbed over and over again. "Venison is deer too!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Necessary, Perhaps.

Prince Henry, third son of the king and queen of England, who is fourteen years of age, is regarded as the humorist of the royal family.

On one occasion his elder brothers were discussing their future careers. The Prince of Wales boasted that he intended to be a great general. Prince Albert said he intended to win undying fame as an admiral. When the two boys had exhausted the glories of their own careers they turned to their younger brother, who had been listening quietly and patiently to the intended exploits of his elders.

"What are you going to do, Henry?" he was asked.

Prince Henry thought hard for a minute. Then he said quietly, "I think I'll just stay at home and point out to people all the great things you are doing—in case they don't notice them!"

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The Girl For Him.
Tom—I've seen the girl I want to marry. I stood behind her at the ticket window this morning, and she took seven minutes to buy a five cent elevated ticket.
Alice—Did that make you want to marry her?
Tom—Yes. I figured out that she could never spend my income at that rate.—Boston Transcript.

Job's Trials.
Old Job had many trials to vex.
His life could have been sweeter.
But still he never had to fix
A leaky carburetor.
—Denver Times.

Old Job had trials—lots of them—
But did he ever frolic
Around the house at two a. m.
When baby had the colic?
—Los Angeles Express.

Old Job had certain trials to face.
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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.

J. M. Clapp plans to install a big rock crusher at Port Stanley and furnish crushed rock to cities along the Sound.

J. W. Goodrich, of Mount Vernon, died at the Sedro Woolley hospital last Tuesday morning after a short illness from rheumatic fever. The deceased was a milk buyer for one of the Mount Vernon condenseries.

The proposition of Mr. "King Drag" Davis to give five lectures in Skagit county if paid \$500 and expenses was turned down by the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce last week. The committee in charge of the project found no encouragement.

Ninety-pound steel is being laid on the Northern Pacific Coast line, and a crew of 175 men has now reached a point close to Arlington. It is said that the company plans to install a block signal system on this line.

A concrete garage is being erected in Arlington. It will be occupied early in May by Ira Henkel.

The Arlington Commercial Club has new quarters, and held its first meeting in the new home last week.

The Arlington Times calls attention to the fact that last year's fishing licenses are of no value now. All such old licenses expired recently, and new ones will now have to be purchased by all those contemplating piscatorial pursuits.

Paving is progressing satisfactorily at Burlington, according to the Journal of that town. Much of the concrete base has already been laid, and more grade is now in readiness for the base.

Frederick Scheffle, aged 77, and Nell Campbell, 73, inmates of the poor farm in Lincoln county, were married recently.

The University of Washington Daily tells about the rescue of a thrush which had been attacked by blue jays on the University campus. The bird is now being cared for by Hjalmar L. Osterud, instructor in zoology, and will be released if it recovers.

Sedro Woolley is preparing for a big carnival again this year, and the experienced men in charge of the various departments are all hard at work. The official colors for this year will be red, white and blue.

John Holt tried to whip the marshal of the town of Gold Bar last week, but the latter locked him up before he could attain the object of his ambitions. Next morning John was fined \$10.

The Commercial Club of Sedro Woolley has sent to Washington's congressmen and senators a copy of the resolutions recently adopted by the club commending them for "their united and staunch opposition to the repeal of free tolls." A letter of protest against the repeal accompanies the resolution.

Jas. McCabe, for a long time blacksmith for the Skagit Mill Co., is now a resident of Plummer, Idaho.

The mill of the Burpee Lumber & Shingle Company, at Anacortes, was totally destroyed by fire last week, which started on the second floor of the mill building near the drag saw. The loss is estimated at \$12,000, with \$5,500 insurance. For the present at least the plant will not be rebuilt.

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce has inaugurated a membership campaign, with a view to doubling its membership. It is the intention of the club to have at least every business man in Anacortes a member of the organization.

Judge J. P. Houser, of the superior court of Skagit county, returned home Saturday from the sanatorium at Port Townsend where he underwent an operation several weeks ago. The Judge is much improved in health and is now able to resume his work.

The Issaquah Independent says that "Indian Johnny Louie, who makes his home near Samish, was an Issaquah visitor yesterday morning, and the excitement of said visit must have been too much for him, for on his arrival home the tribal brothers found it necessary to break his arms to restrain his arguments and change his opinions." Boston papers please copy.

N. Iverson, an Anacortes pool room proprietor, was fined \$10 and costs last week for permitting minors in his place of business.

Harry Collins, of Anacortes, and Miss Myrtle Carswell, of Bay City, Mich., were married in Seattle on April 16. The young couple will live in Sedro Woolley after the wedding trip.

A large number of Norwegians will leave Skagit county this month for a visit to their old homes in Norway and to the big exposition to be held there.

The new purse seine boat, "Uncle John," of Anacortes, was given its trial trip last Sunday, and made ten knots an hour with ease.

E. B. Chenoweth, former editor of the Mount Vernon Herald, is expected back to Skagit county within a few weeks. He is now in San Francisco.

Two new concrete street crossings are being put in at LaConner.

It is proposed to pave Elmer street in Auburn to connect with the state road to be built to Enumelaw.

A supposedly empty gasoline can which Ben Piestrup of Auburn was soldering recently, exploded when the torch was used on top of the can. Piestrup happened to escape injury.

Mallet engine No. 4012 last Tuesday hauled a train of 101 cars out of Ellensburg, the longest train ever pulled out of there.

Active work on the Monte Cristo mines has been resumed, according to the Inlex News. When the Northern Pacific gets its line opened to the camp, crews will be enlarged and the work pushed vigorously.

W. H. Gilhouse, a well known resident of Anacortes, was fined last week for allowing his chickens to run at large. This is the first case under the ordinance prohibiting owners from allowing chickens and other domestic fowls to run at large.

Two colored men held up the California Cafe at Sedro Woolley last Thursday morning, but the cook and waiter engaged them in battle and worsted them. The hold-ups escaped.

The state reformatory board at Monroe last week passed a resolution favoring the building of a mile and a quarter of hard surfaced road from the west boundary of the reformatory to the town of Monroe. This would be a big start toward getting a paved road to Snohomish.

The Toledo (Wash.) Messenger has discontinued publication and the printing equipment will be moved out of the county. Several attempts have been made to maintain a newspaper in Toledo, but all have failed.

The 13-year-old daughter of Alexis Age, living on the Swinomish Indian reservation, fell from a high bluff last Saturday, and was killed. Together with a companion the little girl was out picking flowers when the accident occurred.

The mayor and marshal of the town of Index raided an attic room early one morning recently, and arrested three men, whom they charged with gambling. Later they found that they had insufficient evidence to convict under the state law, and the town had no ordinance against gambling.

William A. Hotchkiss, 91 years old, the first editor of the first newspaper printed west of the Mississippi river, died last week at Kent. In 1854 he started the Northwestern Democrat at Minneapolis, when that city had only fifty people. Mr. Hotchkiss was a veteran of both the Mexican and the Civil wars.

Last Monday the commissioners of Snohomish county opened bids for building concrete arches on permanent highway No. 2, between Snohomish and Monroe. The Everett Construction Company was awarded the contract on a bid of \$1,411.12.

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce has appropriated \$150 to pay the engineering expenses incurred by the preliminary survey to determine the feasibility of tapping the south fork of the Nooksack river for various down river towns.

Forest officers in Washington and Oregon will discontinue the use of barbed wire in building pasture and drift fences. Careful experiments have led them to the conclusion that the barbed wire has no advantages over smooth wire, and they find that the former injures stock and is more likely to be borne down by soft snow.

L. P. Johnson, a hotel clerk of Sedro Woolley, has been arrested on a charge of perjury. At the preliminary hearing of Geo. Ball, the alleged Great Northern train robber, Johnson swore that he knew Ball and that he had seen him in the Pioneer Hotel bar at Sedro Woolley a day or two after the hold-up.

Thirty-nine men were paroled from the Monroe reformatory last week and conditional pardon granted to a dozen others. The cases of 60 others were considered, but no action taken. The crimes committed by paroled and pardoned men from the penitentiary and the reformatory are making it more difficult for those now requesting freedom.

Arch Geary, Orsen Francis and Mike Matson were arrested the first of the week on a charge of giving liquor to some Indians at Sedro Woolley. The trio pleaded guilty and were sentenced to ninety days each in the county jail by Judge Houser. They were given the benefit of the parole system, however.

The Lyman Observer suggests that the trails leading to various parts of the mountains be kept open by the county. The Observer points out that the trails lead to fine fishing and hunting grounds, and serve in the nature of roads, and should therefore be kept open the same as roads are kept open.

The latest acquisition to the financial institutions of Skagit county is the First State Bank of Clear Lake. This bank opened for business last week and the following officers are in charge: B. R. Lewis, president; F. H. Jackson, vice president; J. P. Nelson, cashier. Mr. Nelson is from Spokane and has had considerable experience in banking business. Messrs. Lewis and Jackson are well known business men of this county. A new building is being erected and as soon as completed it will be occupied by the institution.

Flippant Flings.

Jane Addams says she doesn't know enough to be mayor. Neither do a lot of men we know, but some of them are mayors.—Detroit Free Press.

An arctic expedition de luxe has been planned, with bathrooms, tobacco, spirits and a piano. They should not forget desk chairs.—New York Sun.

It takes a Frick to be able to buy Whistlers. The rest of us have to be content with trying to silence them with brickbats.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Aerial Flights.

Aviators continue to be free from the attentions of life insurance men.—Washington Star.

Flying across the Atlantic in a hydro-aeroplane is now one of the popular parlor games.—Chicago News.

Saving the crew of a torpedo boat that went on the rocks, as French aviators did, is something more than a stunt. It was much more worth doing than looping the loop and turning somersaults in the air.—New York World.

Short Stories.

The origin of sauerkraut is lost in antiquity.

The Yellowstone National park contains 3,575 square miles.

A vast portion of Australia is virtually empty. The ratio of population in northern Australia is about one to every 700 square miles.

During the past ten years 46,680 men deserted from the army. Recruits are chosen with care, for out of 150,000 who applied for enlistment in 1912, only 26,000 were accepted.

Sapleigh Gets It Again.

Sapleigh—I gave up restaurants, you know, because I really couldn't find an intelligent person to wait on me. I am now patronizing the help yourself places.

Miss Keen—But you must find the same difficulty there, Mr. Sapleigh.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Eugenical.

"I'm forty-two about the chest."

"With just a touch of pride."

Said he to her, "And I suggest That you become my bride."

"I greatly fear," the maiden said, "That this can never be."

Another I have vowed to wed Who measures forty-three.—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing Personal of Course.

"Aren't some of the hats women wear absurd?"

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "and yet when some people put them on they do look so appropriate."—Washington Star.

Way to Get Even.

Take your troubles by the hand, Neither such nor wren. But when they drift to Slumber Land Swat 'em while they sleep.—Atlanta Constitution.

He Knew.

"I can't imagine why I ever eloped with you," she said.

"I can," he coolly replied. "I was the first simpleton that ever asked you to elope."—Chicago Record-Herald.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Emma Lisco, Chicago, has celebrated her one hundredth birthday.

The Countess of Warwick tattoos furs and also will not wear feathers except those of an ostrich.

Mrs. John Ward, daughter of the late Whitelaw Reid, will erect an institute in London as a memorial to her father.

Miss Helene Mikoposky, a member of the Paris bar, urges women to educate themselves for diplomatic positions.

Miss Millie M. Manner is probably the only female submarine diver in the world. She is an Englishwoman and is a fully qualified diver.

Miss Isabelle Caruthers, bailiff of the Chicago court of domestic relations, is the only woman bailiff in the United States. Miss Caruthers prefers reforming people to arresting them.

Margie Mitchell, once a famous actress, is now eighty-two. She became famous overnight for her Balchou dance. Miss Mitchell left the stage years ago after making a comfortable fortune and now lives on Long Island.

Forest Notes.

The tenth successive year without a forest fire has just been passed by the Powell national forest in south central Utah.

Yellow poplar, or tulip tree, the largest broadleaf tree in America, has been known to reach nearly 200 feet in height and ten feet in diameter.

Pennsylvania has about 7,500,000 acres of timber land, one-eighth of which is owned by the state. The total value of the state's timber is \$132,000,000.

Mistletoe thrives on our western coasts to an extent not approached in the east. In many places this parasitic growth is responsible, directly or indirectly, for a considerable loss of timber.

The Royal Box.

The reigning Spanish family are the last of the once powerful Bourbons.

The czar of Russia probably owns a greater quantity of china than any other person in the world. He has the china belonging to all the Russian rulers as far back as Catherine the Great. It is stored in the Winter palace at St. Petersburg.

Princess Sophia, wife of the ruler of the new state of Albania, is said to be a highly gifted woman. She is the mother of two children and quite a musician. She writes poems and paints and collected about her in Potsdam a charming circle of artists.

Current Comment.

In France politics is an emotional game.—Detroit Free Press.

Even Goethals could not build a canal that would be quarrel proof.—Washington Star.

Is the Mexican situation getting better, or are we merely getting used to it?—Pittsburgh Post.

Between the woman question and the Irish question John Bull has got some thinking to do.—Baltimore Sun.

Panama zone should be an ideal place to live—with only a governor and no legislature.—Wall Street Journal.

Pert Personalities.

Queen Mary is a forceful illustration of the fact that women don't have to vote in order to rule.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Dr. Cook has started a suit for slander against somebody. Dear, dear! What could the man have said?—Detroit Free Press.

Josephus Daniels' inborn newspaper instincts got the better of him and let him into the house press gallery as a plain reporter. What the facetious minded might call a reversion in type.—New York Herald.

Animal Oddities.

The common wasp will destroy 80 to 120 flies a day.

The skeleton of an average whale weighs about twenty-five tons.

A seal has been known to remain twenty-five minutes under water.

In many parts of Asia and Africa the peacock is found in a wild state. Camels are fit to work at five years of age, but their strength begins to decline at twenty-five, although they usually live to forty.

Train and Track.

One company alone has installed more than 400 automatic railroad stoppers on locomotives in this country.

The problem of cooling railway cars is a serious one in India, where the temperature often rises to 105 degrees in the sun and 115 in the shade.

Loeds, the first English city to adopt overhead traction for its street cars, is mounting the cars on automobile type wheels so as to do away with the tracks.

German Gleanings.

Germany has women carters and street cleaners.

The present national income of the German people is estimated by Dr. Helfferich at \$10,000,000,000.

There are engaged in positions of varying importance in the German postoffice department no fewer than 195,000 women.

Every second woman in Germany earns her own living, for statistics say that there are 9,500,000 wage earning women in that country.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Seattle, Wash.,
April 4, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that James O'Hearne, whose postoffice address is Mount Vernon, Wash. did, on the 12th day of May, 1913, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 03014, to purchase the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the Lot 1 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township 35 N., Range 9 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, the timber estimated 990,000 board feet at 75 cts. per M., and the land \$37.53; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the fifteenth day of June, 1914, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office at 603 Central Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

JOHN C. DENNY,
Register.

CALL FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive at his office in Concrete, Washington, sealed bids for the clearing and grading of the East Side Boulevard, in Concrete, Washington, and the construction thereon of a concrete surfaced highway fourteen (14) feet in width for the length thereof. Work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in my office and in the office of the County Engineer at Mount Vernon, Washington. Contractors desiring use of plans and specifications can secure copy at either of the above offices on deposit of \$5.00, which will be refunded on return of same in good condition.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by cash or certified check equal to five per cent of amount stated in the bid. Successful bidder will be required to file within ten days a surety bond in amount of contract price for faithful performance of contract.

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The Scrap Book

Discovering Gillian.

Strickland Gillian, who has accumulated a more or less luxurious income by the nefarious practice of writing verse and other poetry for the public prints and who began the same some twenty years ago, made an investment with a New York broker last spring.

The investment matured, the deal was closed, but the broker continued to send Gillian enticing circulars by every mail. They came in reams. Gillian withstood this avalanche of mail for some months, then he wrote the broker to check it, going into some detail as to his aversion to the broker's circulars and becoming as humorous as possible and as sarcastic as he deemed necessary in the missive.

In reply the broker wrote: "Dear Sir—I have taken your name off our mailing list; also I have passed your letter round among our employees, and we all agree that you ought to write for publication. Why don't you try it some time?"

—Saturday Evening Post.

Happy Thoughts.

Think happy thoughts, O friends, in sunny weather!
'Tis easier when the skies are deep and blue.
Let thy heart and the robins sing together
And thy clear eyes be tranquil as the dew.

So rich a store of memories shalt thou gather,
So tranquil grow thy spirit and thy brain,
Then when the winds blow fog and stormy weather
Thou shalt have sunshine though the earth have rain.

—Charles Poole Clews.

He Knew the Reason.

There were introductions all around. The big man stared in a puzzled way at the club guest.

"You look like a man I've seen somewhere, Mr. Blinker," he said. "Your face seems familiar. And a funny thing about it is that I remember I formed a strong prejudice against the man who looks like you, although I'm quite sure we never met before."

The little guest laughed softly. "I'm the man," he answered, "and I know why you formed the prejudice. I passed the contribution plate for two years in the church you attended."

A Cautious Barber.

Tom Hutchinson of Tennessee served as a major in the Greek artillery in the war of the Balkans.
There was a lull in the firing during the bombardment of a Turkish fort at Janina. Tom had not shaved for a long time and wore a large and luxuriant growth of whiskers.

He decided it was time to cut them off, so he summoned a camp barber, who, after borrowing some hot water from the cook, seated Hutchinson on a flat rock and began shaving.

Just as he had finished the port side of Hutchinson's face a large shell burst in that vicinity. The barber gave a whoop of dismay and disappeared, so Tom was forced to do the rest of his fighting that day with one-half his face bewhiskered and the other half shorn.

That night the barber returned. "What did you run away for?" asked Hutchinson angrily.

"Oh, mister," said the barber, "when those shells began to explode right near us I was afraid you might get nervous, thus causing me to cut you with my razor. My regard for you is too high to admit taking chances like that, so I went away—but not, I assure you, because I was scared personally!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Afar From Home.

Mahoney of the bureau of forestry, who was recently working in a pretty wild and inhospitable region, was a bit sore on the section to which he was assigned and one day while out with Stelly, a fellow worker, inquired the name of a bird that was making such a din near by.

"That," said Stelly with a grin, "is the bird of paradise."
"Well," said Mahoney, "all I have to say is he's a divel of a ways from home."—National Monthly.

Balzac In Wall Street.

Two stock traders sitting in a customers' room in a brokerage house in Wall street were discussing the various authors.

"I think," said the first trader, "that Balzac was the most forceful writer. He is my favorite author."

The second trader started in to criticize some of the Balzac works and boost those of some other writers. A general argument was under way when a third party entered the door, a gentleman known for shrewd investments. "Ah, here comes Jones," said the first trader. "We'll leave the question to him." Then: "Hello, Jones. Say, I was just boosting Balzac, and our friend here has taken the other side. Now we're going to leave it to you. What's your opinion?"

Jones' face took on a puzzled expression, and, with his thumbs placed under his armpits, he answered: "You've got the wrong party, boys. I never bought a share of mining stock in my life."—Popular Magazine.

She Had Red Burns.

The philanthropic lady was visiting a Glasgow slum and had just been ushered into a house where the good wife was engaged washing. Her endeavor was to elevate the minds of the

poor, and she asked, "Have you red Burns?"

In answer the good wife bared her brawny arm and displayed a large red mark, saying: "There's wan I got this morn' w' the steam o' the pot b'llin' ower. But, efter a', a burn's aye red!"

Recent Inventions.

To obviate the danger to the lungs from inhaling dust a new rock drill is so constructed that it catches all the dust in a bag.

A spring actuated burglar alarm has been invented which rings a bell the instant a doorknob is turned and also prevents a key being turned from the wrong side.

The inventor of a corrugated propeller for motorboats claims it arrests the centrifugal action of the water along the blades and increases the driving power of the machinery without increasing the fuel consumption.

Three Reels.

Sadler's Wells theater, the oldest surviving theater in London, having been built in 1765, is about to be turned into a moving picture house.

Sydney, Australia, with 600,000 inhabitants, has sixty moving picture theaters. Bombay contains fifteen picture shows, mostly controlled by Parsies.

A new motion picture camera using electric sparks instead of shutters is capable of making 100,000 pictures a second and has made seventy-two pictures of a bullet fired from a revolver passing through a space of ten inches.

Town Topics.

Police commissioners come and go in New York, but graft goes on forever.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Baltimore moves forward despite the knockers tied to the tail of the cart of progress.—Baltimore American.

There's at least one place in Cleveland that's in no need of cleaning. Reference is intended, of course, to the city treasury.—Cleveland Leader.

The Duke of Manchester says that Philadelphia is a "swift and wicked city." Our advice to the duke is to stay away from Chicago.—Detroit Free Press.

Chicago wife deserters are sent to the psychopathic ward now instead of to prison as heretofore. It will please the deserted wives to learn that it's a disease rather than a misdemeanor.

A statement that New York high school students succeeded in spelling "isosceles" fifty-six different ways would have been more satisfactory had it informed us which way was right.

GOT THE OTHER TICKET.

But He Didn't Expect to Have So Much Fuss About It.

One of the most amusing accidents imaginable happened to an old gentleman in one of our large eastern cities. He was asked to buy a ticket to a fireman's ball and good naturedly complied. The next question was what to do with it. He had two servants, either of whom would be glad to use it, but he did not wish to show favoritism.

Then it occurred to him that he might buy another ticket and give both his servants a pleasure. Not knowing where the tickets were sold, he inquired of a policeman, and the officer suggested that he go to the engine house. So the old gentleman went to the engine house that evening, but there was no one in sight. He had never been in such a place before and stood for a moment or so uncertain how to make his presence known.

Presently he saw an electric button on the side of the room, and he put his thumb on it.

The effect was electrical in every sense of the word. Through the ceiling, down the stairs and from every other direction firemen came running and



THE EFFECT WAS ELECTRICAL.

falling, the horses rushed out of their stalls, and, in short, all the machinery of the engine house was instantly in motion.

Amid all this uproar stood the innocent old gentleman, who did not suspect that he had touched the fire alarm until the men clamored around him for information as to the locality of the

fire.

Then he said mildly, "I should like to buy another ticket for the ball, if you please."

The situation was so ludicrous that there was a general shout of laughter, and the old gentleman bought his ticket, and the engine house resumed its former state of quiet.

Perseverance.

Show me a young man who has not succeeded at first and has then gone on and I will back that man to do better than those who succeeded at the first trial.—Charles James Fox.

The East Wind.

A little boy one evening at dinner gazed at his father's face a long while, and then said:

"Papa, what makes your nose so dreadful red?"

"The east wind, of course," the father answered with gruff haste. "Puss that jug of beer and don't talk so much."

Then, from the other end of the table the boy's mother said sweetly:

"Yes, Tommy, pass your father the east wind and be careful not to spill any on the tablecloth."—London Tit-Bits.

Sweet Revenge.

A young man was seized with a raging toothache. A friend took him to a dentist to have the tooth out. But the sufferer after a chance look into the operating room whispered doubtfully:

"By Jove, you know, I'm afraid to let this chap tackle my teeth. He and I are rivals for the same girl's hand."

But his friend persuaded him that his fears were absurd, so when his turn came the young man untied the flannel band from his face and disappeared.

A long time passed. The man waiting outside grew restless. At last, fearing that something serious might have happened—that his friend's doubts might have been too well founded after all—he opened the door and entered the chamber of horrors.

What a sight met his eyes! The patient lay pale and unconscious in the operating chair, while, with a maniacal smile, the dentist bent over him, pulling tooth after tooth and murmuring gayly as he tossed the little white ivory in the air:

"She loves me, she loves me not; she loves me, she loves me not."

Incredulity of Logan.

Thomas C. Logan of Philadelphia is sometimes pessimistic about things in general and always particular about what he eats. One day he went into a restaurant in Chicago and, after scanning the menu, said to the waiter:

"I see here you have some calf's

heart."

"Yes, sir," agreed the waiter. "Well, how about that?" pursued Logan. "Is it tender?"

"Yes, sir," the waiter assured him. "Then," ordered Logan, "bring it to me. If there is in this world such a thing as a tender heart I want it."—Popular Magazine.

SIRENS AND SONS.

Michael Haitzsch, Cleveland aphasia victim, has completely forgotten German, his native language.

Judge William Kelley of St. Paul, Minn., has worn every day a white rose in his buttonhole for the last twenty-six years in memory of a daughter who died in 1888.

Leon de Warzee, who has just been promoted first secretary of the Belgian legation at Tokyo, was transferred to that post from Teheran as second secretary last April.

The Right Hon. Richard Robert Cherry, who has been appointed to succeed Baron O'Brien as lord chief justice of Ireland, has been lord justice of appeal for the island for several years. He was born in 1859 and was educated at Trinity college.

Rev. William Duncan, who built up the famous missionary village of Indians known as Metlakatla in Alaska, is now eighty-two years old and on account of the decrepitude of old age has been forced to give up the unique chieftainship which he held among his tribe of converts in both religious and civic capacities.

Fashion Frills.

Clothes don't make the man, but they sometimes make a monkey of him.—Philadelphia Record.

This age is so mad for efficiency that it utilizes even the frenzied energy of delirium to design women's hats and gowns.—Chicago News.

Hair and complexion in Paris must now be made to match the gown. It looks like patchwork, however, to let the eyes remain the natural color.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The fashion editor says that our best dressed women are wearing a great deal of taffeta, but we don't suppose she means a great deal all at one time.—Ohio State Journal.

Money is man's greatest trouble if he hasn't any.

Luck is too uncertain to sit around and wait for it.

It never improves a woman's appearance to put on airs.

Perhaps next Asquith will be trying on the king's crown.

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Correspondence

FROM HERALD REPRESENTATIVES AROUND THE COUNTY

GRASMERE

Miss Ruth Mansfield came up from Sedro Woolley Friday and visited with her sister and with friends until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Fessler have been quite ill with the grip this week.

Mrs. J. M. Henson spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Jos. Fessler.

Marian Angevine, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Angevine, is very ill from the effects of the whooping cough.

Mrs. J. M. Henson left Saturday evening for Anacortes where she visited with Mr. Henson, who is working there, until Monday.

Mr. C. E. Angevine's mother from Thornwood is visiting them the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Ruby and daughter Hester were shopping in Concrete Friday morning.

Mrs. Claude O Connell and Mrs. Harry Klander were the guests of Mrs. J. E. Bond Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Annis of Concrete spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Henson.

Miss Lela Miller of Concrete visited with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Bond, and with her mother Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Perry Hackler, Mrs. J. Tizard and Mrs. O. C. Moss caught a nice string of fish Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Arnold was the guest of Mrs. E. P. Crump Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. M. Henson visited with Mrs. J. A. Carter and Mrs. C. W. Conner at Concrete Wednesday afternoon.

The Grasmere school is getting up an excellent program to be given on Patrons' Day, May 1st. It is hoped that a number of the parents will be present on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinney are enjoying a brand new Victor phonograph which they recently purchased at the Concrete Confectionery.

HAMILTON

The shingle mill was compelled to lay off the night crew and did not run Wednesday, on account of shortage of logs this week.

F. E. Wyman motored to Sedro Woolley Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by Messdames H. A. Moore, C. L. Stone and G. L. Pollard.

Mrs. H. P. Nelson, from Dempsey's lower camp, was doing business with our merchants Monday.

Chas. Richardson and family visited in Burlington Wednesday.

F. McFee made one of his regular trips to Seattle Saturday evening.

The special program given at the Pastime theatre Monday evening was well attended and the Hamilton orchestra rendered some very nice music for the occasion.

R. H. Raberge returned Tuesday from Seattle, to look after Tozer's timber here.

Sam Kennedy took a pleasure trip to Sound cities Wednesday morning, while the night crew is not working at the shingle mill.

Mrs. Chas. White left Friday morning for Elbe, Wash., where they will reside in the future. Mr. White has been working there for three weeks.

N. L. Britton went to Everett Saturday morning and returned Sunday noon with his family. They had visited there for a week.

Pat Ryan of Lyman visited old friends here Saturday afternoon.

Sam Stamm and Josh Russell were surveying timber lands on the south side of the river for J. H. Smith Wednesday.

Don't forget Clean-up Day next Wednesday. Have your old cans and garbage ready for the team when it calls.

L. F. Fisher completed the fine new bungalow of C. L. Stone's this week, and as soon as the painting and furnace are done Mr. Stone will move into it.

BIRDVIEW

L. G. Savage was a Sedro Woolley visitor on Saturday.

Miss Dora Kalberg returned to Seattle Sunday evening.

Miss Alice O. Vaughn, the popular primary teacher of Sauk spent a couple of days visiting friends here.

Mrs. George Hightower and little daughter Ernestine have both been quite ill this week.

Mrs. Wilson is critically ill at her home here.

Mr. George Shattick has moved his family into the cottage recently vacated by W. C. Buckmaster.

Mrs. Myrtle Pfau and Mrs. John Rueger were Concrete visitors on Thursday.

Mrs. Ira Savage and daughters, Irene and Florence, went to Kingston Wednesday morning.

A surprise party was given on Mrs. George Savage Wednesday evening, the event being her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Johnson visited friends in Grasmere Tuesday.

EAST HAMILTON

Harry Cary was seriously hurt recently when a street car ran into his automobile while in Seattle.

Mr. Tim Steen, Henry Anderson and Alfred Cary motored to Sedro Woolley Friday evening.

Mr. Walter Whitley is visiting his brother at Sedro Woolley.

Mrs. L. Henderson has returned from Seattle accompanied by her husband, Leslie Henderson, who has been touring the country.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirby and daughter, and Frank Hoehn and Miss Della Woods motored from Sedro Woolley to spend a day with Mr. and Mrs. R. Woods.

Oliver Fisk has left for Alger and other points north.

Oscar Wilson has been at home this week, due to the illness of his daughter Donny.

Mrs. Jesse Cary is visiting friends and relatives in Seattle.

East Hamilton school will give a program at the school house on Friday May 1, which is the day set aside as Patrons' Day.

Tim Steen transacted business in Concrete Thursday.

Mrs. M. B. Gray left for Seattle this week.

The Great Northern train ran into one of Jesse Cary's horses and injured it.

Mr. Wm. Baldrige of Hamilton ciled the floors at the schoolhouse Saturday.

Jesse Cary was called to Seattle on account of the illness of his son, Harry.

We wish to congratulate Charles Fisk, who has been given the honor of East Hamilton reporter for the Enterprise.

A piece of steel accidentally lodged in H. Fisk's eye, injuring it painfully.

LYMAN LOCALS

Mrs. Tom Trueman has been troubled the past week with an affection of the ear.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kirby passed through Lyman Wednesday morning on their way to Birdview.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. LaPlant and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Shannon at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fellows and Miss Betty Fellows and G. A. Minkler motored to Seattle Wednesday to spend the latter part of the week.

Frank Meyers, Mrs. Clara Flynn, and Clifford Cooper purchased a new automobile Wednesday.

Elmer Minkler was visiting in Lyman Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hightower went to Seattle Monday to visit the dentist, returning home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoffman are real busy cleaning house this week.

Al Stendal was a Burlington visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Pilon has been laid up with rheumatism the past week.

Mr. Frank Gee is able to be about on one leg again this week, and we are glad to see him getting along so nicely.

Al Stendal left Monday to take up his new position as chief cook in English's camp No. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Vanderford attended a meeting held in Hamilton Saturday to determine matters relative to the course of the Skagit river. Mr. J. E. Minkler also was present.

Curt Price and family moved back to their ranch Tuesday. They are now located near Snohomish.

Ben Malone went to Seattle Tuesday evening returning Wednesday night.

Mrs. Henry Dowling spent the past week with her sister, at Van Zandt.

Rev. Bradshaw dined with Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Vanderford Thursday night.

Ernest Ries was visiting with relatives Sunday.

Mrs. P. W. Trueman was a Sedro Woolley visitor Monday.

Mrs. Chas. von Pressentin, of Birdview, visited with Mrs. B. S. Vanderford Monday.

Mrs. G. A. Minkler entertained Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. S. H. Sprinkle of Hamilton.

Mrs. A. LaDuke entertained the Lady Macabees Wednesday afternoon. Cards were played and a dainty luncheon served. The prize was won by Mrs. Frank Meyers.

On Monday a large number of friends attended the funeral of Ernest Forrester, who was buried from the Baptist church.

Mrs. S. H. Sprinkle and granddaughter, Marianne Slipper, of Hamilton, came to Lyman Tuesday evening to stay with Mrs. Vanderford. Marianne has not been well and we hope the little change will do her good.

There was a meeting in Hamilton Tuesday to determine as to what could be done with the course of the Skagit river, but nothing definite was decided upon. Those attending the meeting from Lyman were J. E. Minkler, G. A. Minkler, and Frank Ries. T. N. Haller and Wm. Preston, U. S. engineer, of Seattle, motored up with Mr. Ries.

Miss Ella Davis entertained a few of her friends on Friday in honor of Miss Ethel and Murice McCabe, who have left for their new home. The evening was spent in games and dancing. No members of the opposite sex were present and great secrecy was manifested. Those present were Misses Eva Klement, Mary Klement, Phoebe and Violet Shellhammer, Ona Cooper, Lona Cooper, Helen Hart, Imogene Briggs, Clara Kuhns, Mable Dicks, Ethel and Murice McCabe.

ORDINANCE NO. 51.

AN ORDINANCE Ordering the improvement of the East Side Boulevard from the easterly end of the wagon bridge across the Baker river easterly to the east corporate limits of the Town of Concrete, by the clearing and grading thereof and the construction thereon of a concrete surfaced highway to a width of fourteen feet; creating a Local Improvement District to be known and designated as "Local Improvement District No. Six"; providing for the payment of the cost and expense of the said

improvement, and for the assessment and collection of the amount to be charged against the abutting property. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CONCRETE:

Section 1: It is hereby ordered that East Side Boulevard, formerly known as the easterly extension of Main Street, be improved from the easterly approach to the wagon bridge across the Baker River, in the town of Concrete, Washington, easterly to the easterly corporate limits of said town, by the clearing, grubbing, grading of the same, and the construction thereon of a concrete surfaced highway fourteen feet in width for the entire length thereof; said improvement to be made under the Act of the Legislature of the State of Washington providing for the improvement of arterial highways; and according to the profiles, plans and specifications made and prepared by A. L. Strong, county engineer, and now on file in the office of the town clerk of said Town of Concrete; that the estimated cost of said improvement is \$5,500.00.

Sec. 2: That the cost and expense of said improvement shall be paid as follows: The sum of \$3,500 shall be assessed against the real property abutting upon said improvement in proportion to benefits to be derived therefrom; the sum of one thousand dollars shall be paid from the general fund of the town of Concrete, and the sum of one thousand dollars shall be paid from the road funds of Skagit county.

Sec. 3: That for the purpose of providing for the collection of that portion of said improvement chargeable to the abutting property, there is hereby created a local improvement district, to be known and designated as "Local Improvement District No. 6", which said district shall include all property abutting upon the said East Side Boulevard within the limits described in section one of this ordinance, and extending back from said street to the center of the block where said property is platted and to a distance of one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet where said property is unplatted.

Sec. 4: That as soon as the entire cost of said improvement, including all incidental expenses, shall have been ascertained, the proportion thereof to be charged to the real property within said improvement district, shall be levied and assessed against said real property in proportion to the benefits that shall inure to the said property by reason of the said improvement; that the said improvement, and the levy and collection of said assessments, shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 15 of the Town of Concrete, in so far as the same may be applicable and wherein the said ordinance shall not conflict with the laws of the State of Washington as set forth in Chapter 98 of the Session Laws of the State of Washington; in the event of any conflict, the procedure to be followed shall be in accordance with the provisions of the said Chapter 98.

Sec. 5: This ordinance shall be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed this 21st day of April, 1914.
Approved this 21st day of April, 1914.

GEO. A. CAMPBELL,
Mayor.

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LOCAL NOTES

AND BRIEF ITEMS OF PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Ira Morris visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Hays, in Rockport Thursday.

Mrs. Ray Stanley and baby of Rockport were the guests of Mrs. C. L. Woodard Thursday.

Alex Melville and son left this week for a trip to Clear Lake and Seattle.

E. A. Smith, who has been employed in East Concrete for some time past, shipped his household goods to Burlington this week.

J. J. McDougall returned early this week from a visit to Bellingham.

Charlie McGovern left last night for Friday Harbor to take a job as meat cutter in one of the meat markets there.

A batch of furniture for the Roy Rotsons was sent out to Bear Creek Thursday.

County Engineer A. L. Strong was a business visitor to the city Thursday.

Ab. Clark, of Rockport, was a business visitor to Concrete Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Myrtle Pflaum, of Hamilton, spent Thursday afternoon visiting friends in Concrete.

Supt. Wm. Jennings, of the Superior Company, left Tuesday evening for Seattle, on a business mission. Mr. Jennings returned Thursday evening.

Mrs. I. B. Evensen and daughter, Thelma, visited in Sedro Woolley Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Steltz of Rockport was the guest of Mrs. Ira Morris Wednesday.

Mrs. Machin, of Van Horn, spent Thursday morning in Concrete on a shopping tour.

Frank Springsteen came down from Van Horn last week to transact business with local merchants.

Ed Smith has another fine lot of the McGowan dahlia bulbs, and has planted them this week. His place on Capitol Hill will be one of the show places of town after a few years if Ed keeps up his present gait.

Ole Roseg left Wednesday morning for Seattle, from where he will later join the big delegation that is going to Norway for the summer.

W. J. S. Gordon spent Wednesday afternoon at Rockport on a business mission which didn't turn out very satisfactorily. He plans on going back at some more opportune time.

Chas. Crooks has gotten so that he is just about as good at driving his Ford as he is with the horses. Of course he still feels just a little mite skittish, but is rapidly getting over it.

Geo. Nick hasn't quite got his insurance settled yet, but will start his new place of business just as soon as those formalities can be complied with.

E. F. Cayo, who has been Chief Chemist Wagner's leading assistant for several months past, left this week for Seattle, where he will be employed on the staff of the Robt. W. Hunt Co., testers of material.

"Spike" Martin has not been feeling well of late.

May 1 is being rather eagerly awaited by quite a number of Concrete's fishing enthusiasts. That is the first day of the season for game fish, and some big parties are being planned.

Miss Aliene Pierce of Bellingham spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce.

Joe Felicetti's increased girth will make it necessary for him to have some new waistcoats built. Joe will render a service to the Society for the Prevention of Noise if he will have some less riotous patterns this time.

Miss Mabel Elliott has as her guest this week her mother, who came up from Anacortes to spend a few days.

John Leggett and his friends rather liked the look of the land near Bend, Ore., and plan on returning later to take up homesteads.

Tom Collins' Aldridge street lawn is growing rather unkempt, and he is planning on trimming it up if he can get a side-hill mower.

Mrs. C. M. Cupples was trying out the new buggy on a trip to town this week.

J. W. Hays, agent at Rockport, sent us a card last night, reading "Send me sample Herald. Want to see how big you are." So we're sending Mr. Hays a copy, and hope he likes it.

Geo. A. Barrett was a business visitor here this week.

Geo. Dickinson is back from a week's stay in Seattle, and is again looking after the rock quarry.

Ben Weaver spent Sunday in Bellingham.

W. L. Strahl of Burlington was shaking hands with old friends here last Saturday.

A. A. Cohen was in Seattle Sunday and Monday on business.

Mrs. Frank Ritchie returned home Sunday evening from Minkler.

C. H. Webb, father of E. B. Webb, of Concrete is expected up from Sedro Woolley this week on a visit to his son.

T. H. Lucas returned Sunday evening from Sedro Woolley, where he had been visiting friends.

Otto Vanderford was a passenger on the west bound train last evening.

R. Roggenstroh left last evening for Seattle, where he will attend a meeting of the shingle manufacturers' association.

Fred Ross, of Stanwood, is making a short visit with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crooks.

Mrs. J. A. McKay of Birdsview was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stewart Monday.

The friends of Mrs. Floyd Roller are sorry to learn that she has been quite sick in the Burlington Hospital, but very glad to know she is improving.

Mrs. M. Heath and children returned to her home in Burlington after a week's visit with Mrs. Perry Thosath and Mrs. Geo. Allison.

T. A. Saltzman and family moved this week from one of the Washington Portland Cement Company cottages, in East Concrete, to one of C. W. Conner's houses in Superior.

Baker Aerie No 1444, F. O. E., have issued invitations for a social dance for this evening in honor of the young ladies of Concrete who assisted in the Eagles entertainment at the Concrete theatre two weeks ago.

The Baker River Lumber Co. moved into their new office this week and the building is a credit to Concrete.

Mrs. John W. Smith returned home Sunday from spending a few days in Sedro Woolley and Burlington. She attended the district meeting of the Rebekahs at La Conner last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mr. W. Kenoyer and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Presher attended the basket social at Rockport last Saturday night. Mr. Kenoyer and Presher played for the dance.

Mrs. Eliza Justice who has been visiting her son in Ellensburg arrived in Concrete Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Melville, and her son, Fred Justice.

Miss Celia O'Brien went to Sedro Woolley Saturday returning Saturday night accompanied by Miss Gertrude Lang who spent Saturday night with her brother R. A. Lang and family. Miss Lang is day clerk at the Wixon Hotel in Sedro Woolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woodard motored to Seattle last Friday, returning home Sunday night accompanied by Mr. Woodard's mother, Mrs. D. Woodard, of Seattle.

C. E. Franklin arrived home Monday from an extended vacation to Sol Duc Springs, Tacoma and Oak Harbor. He looks as if he had had a splendid time.

The Misses Virginia and Helen White, of Bellingham, spent several days in the city this week visiting their sister and brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robson, of Bear Creek, were visitors to the city Thursday.

Max Davis returned the first part of the week from Seattle, where he had gone to meet the Styleplus clothing man on his annual trip from Baltimore.

Lars Moen and family left this week for their summer's stay in Norway. They have well earned the splendid vacation which they are taking.

Matt Langseth, who was in Concrete some years ago working on the installation of the big turbine engine at the Washington Portland Cement Company, is visiting in the city this week. Mr. Langseth is now a resident of Seattle.

W. B. Parry, a pioneer of Rockport, accompanied by his grandson, Mike, arrived in the city this morning for a short visit.

A Sedro Woolley man was arrested recently by Deputy Game Warden Harry Wainwright, and fined \$10 and costs for killing a robin. At ten dollars a bird the sport of killing robins will prove too expensive for most people.

Frank Olsen, of Rockport, has been busy several days this week in moving a donkey to his farm on the south side of the river, where it will be used to clear land. The machine was taken across the Skagit on the Rockport ferry.

S. A. Post and B. B. Pierce left Saturday evening and returned Tuesday noon from a visit to Prosser, near which place they have claims on which they are making final proof.

E. P. Lucas is very much interested in a batch of young ducklings, hatched out by a hen. The members of the Clinker Club are all anxious about the little web-footed fellows, as they had a hard time raising them.

For the first time this summer Arthur Smith was able yesterday to get his automobile over to town. He plans on some lengthy trips when the roads are better.

Frank Cockburn is now handling the wagon for the Carsten meat market, in place of Chas. McGovern, resigned.

W. Butterworth, a representative of the Everett Pulp & Paper Co., was in Concrete and vicinity this week looking after the company's interests. The Everett concern owns large quantities of cottonwood timber along the banks of the Skagit.

W. B. White, who has not been feeling well of late, left Wednesday for a trip to Bellingham and Orcas Island. During his absence Mr. W. J. S. Gordon will take care of his work at the bank.

This Sunday horseback riding is getting to be rather a fad in and around Concrete. Thus far it has been confined to the young blades, and no fat men have been noticed indulging.

Wm. Meyer came Thursday afternoon from Bear Creek with a load of hay raised on his farm there. It is a mighty long, hard drive from Bear Creek and the roads are abominable, but Mr. Meyer makes the trip with considerable regularity.

J. C. Eden, president of the Superior company, who has been absent for several weeks on an Eastern trip, is now in Washington, D. C., where he has important business. Previously Mr. Eden spent some time in Boston, Mass. He is expected to return to Seattle within the next fortnight.

H. C. Bryson, who used to live in Texas and has been through the northern part of Mexico, is particularly interested in the war news. Mr. Bryson anticipates quite a lot of trouble with the Mexicans, and is not expecting a quick settlement of the difficulties.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ludin arrived in Concrete Monday evening from Seattle and remained over until Wednesday evening. The Millers plan to motor up later in the summer, when the roads become better.

Pearl Gaitbreath has secured a pass to Tacoma, but just why he wants to go there he has not yet divulged to the anxious gang around the station. They are putting in more or less time wondering about it, but in the meantime Pearl is getting all dolled up.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morris entertained last evening with a six o'clock dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Will Rhodes, Mrs. I. A. Hays and Mr. Lee Rudolph, all of Rockport.

Mrs. VanInderstine, accompanied by her little daughter, Muriel, of Sedro Woolley, spent Sunday with her husband at the Miller hotel. Mr. VanInderstine is a machinist for the Washington Portland Cement Company.

Isaak Kvarno has a new dog, but up to date is rather undecided as to how to name the animal. K. W. Thayer is prolific in suggestions, having already brought forth such euphonious appellations as "Adeline" and "Genevieve." Isaak himself rather favors "Isobel," and Mrs. Kvarno feels that the most charming possible name would be "Xantippe."

Miss Gladys Carter entertained nine of her friends at a one o'clock dinner Sunday. Those present were Lucile McKinney, Gladys Leavitt, Eva Beiloff, Goldie Lawson, Helen Potratz, Mae Elkins, Emma Williams, Esther Lawson, Ella Cockburn. These young ladies are all in the same Sunday school class. Miss Gladys proved a delightful hostess.

Ed. Janisch came up from Seattle Thursday evening and is leaving today after having transacted business with several Grasmere and Concrete people. Mr. Janisch reports that he has recently purchased a new home on Lakeside avenue in Seattle, and that Mrs. Janisch, who was ill, is now much improved in health.

SCHOOL NOTES

May 4th has been set aside as Patrons' Day. The work of each grade will be placed on exhibition in the respective schoolrooms. Aside from regular work several very pretty drills are being prepared. Remember the date and plan to meet with the pupils at the school house.

The merry-go-round has arrived and will be in place soon. Then look out for the fun.

The apparatus for the boys' playground has arrived also. As soon as the piping arrives it will be ready to help the boys work off surplus energy, amuse themselves, and develop muscle.

Attendance throughout the school is better now that the weather is more settled.

Percy Malcolm, Herbert Malcolm and Lloyd Hein have enrolled in the primary grade. Percy and Herbert are from the Burpee mill, Lloyd comes from Burlington.

The primary room is full, almost to overflowing. All seats are occupied and an extra class room chair has been pressed into service.

The annual spelling contest at Burlington is being attended today by Prof. White, Mada Bride and Franklin McGovern.

The proper way to eat snails, according to an exchange, is with a three pronged fork. What's the matter with a capsule?

Some idlers make the mistake of thinking the Lord will provide the patches when the seat of their trousers needs repairs.

The Philadelphia woman desirous of trading off a defective spinal cord might exchange with some men, and then lose out.

French sculptors are trying to fix the feminine waist line. Too late. It slipped off over the ankles and was lost awhile ago.

At last the removal of a vermiform appendix has been done in moving picture films. Shakespeare never had anything like this.

A woman lecturer says that little girls should not be allowed to play with dolls. What would she substitute, bombs and firebrands?

Mere energy is not necessarily a virtue. A lazy man asleep in the shade is just as useful as a "hustler" who stirs up nothing but trouble.

About the first thing a woman does after moving into a house is to look in all the closets to see if the last tenants left any family skeletons.

To some men no deeper tragedy could be imagined than the story of the Britisher who hunted his lost wife for thirty-seven years--and then found her.

It is to be hoped that the fact will be conceded from the domestic cow that imitation tortoise shell is made from her milk, as she is haughty enough already.

The man who prepared the instructions to quacks found in a federal raid in St. Louis had evidently read the pointers to book agents furnished by publishers.

The refusal of Mrs. Pankhurst to marry the best man in the world is liable to bring forth aspirants to that title who would otherwise never have been heard from.

Next to obtaining garden seeds that will grow, perhaps the most difficult task on the hands of the citizen of domestic tastes is to find a setting hen that will stay set.

University of Chicago professors have shown by careful experiments that the land is subject to tides as well as the water, thus confirming the observations of many convivial lay scientists.

Back to Natural

I'd love to be a cave man
With whiskers rich and red
And chase the Lady Primitive
And thump her on the head.

I would not thump her hard enough
To spoil her marcel wave,
But just enough to quiet her
And cart her to my cave.

A simple cave--two rooms and bath--
No frills, no buttoned boys
Nor janitor nor telephone.
Just plain primeval joys.

I'd seize a pterodactyl wing
And rend it with my jaw.
'Twere prime to live on mammoth steak.
I think I'd like it raw.

I want to be a cave man,
No income tax to pay.
Raw meat to eat, some wives to beat
And naught to do but play.

—New York Sun.

Preliminary to Business.

"Are you as perfect physically as you seem to be?" he asked.

"Certainly," she replied.

"Has there ever been any insanity in your family?"

"Never."

"Have you a depraved taste of any kind?"

"Certainly not."

"Are your teeth in good condition and do you see and hear perfectly?"

"Yes."

"Are you ever bothered by insomnia or headache or indigestion?"

"Not at all."

"Thank heaven. Now let's make love a little while."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Sister Goose.

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her.

Mrs. Peter loved to tang
After dinner with the gang.

She was nimble as a fawn;
Peter's age was getting on.

He was Puritanic stock;
Took the castle out of walk.

Often quarreled with his mate;
Didn't even hesitate.

Hence his name was macaroni,
And he's paying alimony.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Classified.

Professor Porter, of a small New England college, sat ponderously in the chair devoted chiefly to the science of heredity. The Porters had been for generations men of abstruse scientific turn, bookish men. But the professor's small son, Tommy, hated his books cordially, much to his learned father's dismay. The professor looked ruefully at the teacher's report that Tommy had played hokey and destroyed his books.

"My dear," said the professor to his wife, "I am afraid that I must class Thomas as a true instance of aversion to type."—New York Post.

Modern.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

"I'm going a-tangoing, sir," she said.

"May I go with you, my pretty maid?"

"You're kindly welcome, sir," she said.

"What's your father, my pretty maid?"

"My father's zero, sir," she said.

"Say, will you marry me, my pretty maid?"

"Yes, for a time, kind sir," she said.

"What is your fortune, my pretty maid?"

"My heels are my fortune, sir," she said.

"Then I won't marry you, my pretty maid."

"I have plenty of partners, kind sir," she said.

—Life.

An optimist, as we understand it, is a man who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it.

Women on juries is said to work well in Norway, but then the girls all dress alike over there.

Vocational training will be simplified when everybody is running an automobile store or a garage.

"The right woman can make a fool of any man," says a woman lecturer. Avoid the right woman.

Just because G. K. Chesterton complains of too much morality it doesn't follow that the millennium has arrived.

If you are really going to make yourself useful the coming summer you will keep your fly swatting equipment handy.

There's one good thing about learning to drive an automobile. Nobody has to run alongside of you to hold you up.

What greater chivalry could those Greek soldiers have shown after killing the Turks than by marrying the widows?

A diplomat is a man who can say the right thing to a woman who has just made the discovery that her jelly won't jell.

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