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STATE BANK STOCKHOLDERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING AND REELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

FINAL PLANS MADE FOR OCCUPYING NEW BUILDING—WILL WAIT UNTIL STRUCTURE IS THOROUGHLY DRY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Bank of Concrete was held Wednesday afternoon in the local banking offices. The officers of the bank were all returned to office for another year. They are: J. C. Wixson, president; J. Guddall, vice-president; and Frank LeBold, cashier.

Final arrangements for the equipment of the new banking quarters in the new bank building were completed and it is probable that the offices of the bank will be moved within the next few weeks. The moving day was postponed because the building has not yet dried out sufficiently.

The exterior painting and decorating will not be undertaken until the weather permits, and the tinting and kalsomining will be postponed until the interior of the building is dry. All of the carpenter work and the finishing has been completed. The tile entrances were laid this week.

Fred Breucher, foreman of the Shrewsbury Manufacturing company, of Sedro Woolley, was in town Friday completing the plans for the interior of the new bank office. New furniture will be installed and when completed the new office will be one of the most complete and neatest in Skagit county.

Frank LeBold, cashier, received this week the new set of books for the use of the bank. A new and more up-to-date system of bookkeeping will be installed as soon as the building is occupied.

The occupation of the building will be delayed for several weeks, but practically the entire building has been rented. The lower floor will be occupied by the state bank and the dry goods and furnishings store of S. R. McGowan. Mr. McGowan probably will be last to move into the room reserved for his store, because he does not want to put his stock of dry goods in a damp building.

The second floor will be occupied by Dr. E. F. Mertz, Dr. H. W. Van Buskirk, W. J. S. Gordon and L. E. Wolfe.

ANACORTES CLAIMS TO BE HEALTHIEST CITY IN THE WORLD

That Anacortes can claim to be the healthiest city in the world is shown by the report of Health Officer Dr. D. G. Brooks in his annual report to the city council recently, the death rate for 1915 being only 4.5 as against 8 in 1914. There were 22 fewer deaths in the city during the past year than in 1914 and not a single case of contagious disease. In 1914 the birth rate was 16.8, while in 1915 it increased to 18.3, almost four times the death rate.

STOCKHOLDERS ELECT OFFICERS OF SUPERIOR PORTLAND CEMENT CO.

J. C. Eden Returned as President—G. E. Dickinson and Wm. Jennings, Directors.

The stockholders of the Superior Portland Cement company, at their annual meeting in Seattle Monday, elected officers for the year. The following is the list of officers elected:

President, J. C. Eden; vice-president, J. R. Stirrat; secretary, S. L. Barnes; treasurer, A. A. Sutherland; directors, G. E. Dickinson, Wm. Jennings, G. J. Danz and J. J. McElroy.

Work is progressing rapidly on the rebuilding of the finish mill part of the factory and the new trestle for the Baker River & Shuksan railroad will be completed by the time the plant is reopened.

A gang of men is at work on the repair work and there is considerable activity at the Bear creek power station.

FRANKLIN ACCEPTS JOB AS CITY COUNCILMAN

C. E. Franklin, newly elected member of the city council, signed his oath of office this week and turned it over to the clerk. In a letter to Mayor Campbell he expressed his appreciation at being chosen to act with such an able body of councilmen and formally accepted his election.

Mr. Franklin left this week to spend a few weeks visiting in Seattle and other cities. It is expected that he will return before the opening of the Baker River Lumber company's mill.

WOOD WASTE SPECIALIST IS CALLED TO THE EAST

University of Washington, Jan. 15.—Marc Darrin, a graduate of the university with the class of 1913, who later took his master's degree and did work for the government on the campus in connection with the utilization of wood waste, has gone to Pittsburgh as a fellow in industrial chemistry at the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research.

The Institute engages itself exclusively in research work dealing with the problems of various industries, the interests for whom it works contributing \$125,000 annually to defray the expenses. Sixty men are employed constantly, of whom 42 are fellows. A fellowship carries with it a salary varying from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a year, and usually the holder gets a bonus for discoveries or developments of value which he achieves.

HONOR FOR MACCABEES' BENEFACTOR.



Little did Supreme Commander Bina M. West realize twenty-three years ago, when she organized the Woman's Benefit association of the Maccabees, that she would one day be "first citizen" of Port Huron, Mich. That time has come, and Oct. 22 was the day set aside by the city as a holiday to honor her while she laid the cornerstone of the new \$200,000 home of the Maccabees. The photograph shows her breaking ground for the building.

PLAYING HOCKEY IN THE ADIRONDACKS.



Hockey boxes at Lake Placid, in the Adirondack mountains, a famous winter resort of New York.

MOUNT BAKER NATIONAL PARK WOULD BRING BIG BOOM TO UPPER SKAGIT

Creation of National Playground Sure to Hasten Prosperity for Concrete.

The Mount Baker Club, an organization of the leading citizens of Bellingham, has started a movement to influence congress in creating a national park of 205 square miles in the Mount Baker district.

If the enterprise proves a success Concrete will realize benefits second only to Bellingham.

A wagon road is already constructed from Concrete to the Rocky creek ranger station from which point the ascent is made over the marathon trail.

It is less than seventeen miles, air line, from Concrete to the summit, and the wagon road to the ranger station on the south boundary of the proposed park, covers about one-third of the distance.

The Mazama club, of Portland, selected the Concrete route in their ascent of 1906, and it is regarded by many as the most interesting approach.

With a combination of effort on the part of Concrete and Sedro Woolley, it can be made a very popular route.

If the park movement meets with success, it will prove the strongest advertiser and dispenser of cash patronage that Concrete and the Skagit valley have ever realized.

All tourists, vacationists and Alpine clubs, who travel by motor car and adopt the Concrete entrance, will not only drop some of their wealth at this point, but will return to their homes enthusiastic advertisers of this beautiful, mountain-framed city and the peerless valley surrounding.

Our tourist attractions are one of our greatest assets, and no time should be in park preparedness. They are far superior to those of Switzerland, a nation which has grown famous and prosperous from the patronage of tourists.

The Swiss have made their scenery alluring by providing good roads, convenient chalets and luxurious hotels. Their example suggests the slogan, "Let's Get Our Scenery Ready to be Seen."

With federal recognition and aid, Mount Baker will soon become as magnetic as Rainier. It is more easily ascended, has greater glaciers and crevasses, and is more interesting than Rainier in many spectacular features.

Last season Rainier attracted over 35,000 visitors and it seems conservative to state that those people must have dispensed not less than a million dollars in the Puget sound region, not estimating the valuable advertising that will result which is expanding income yet to be realized.

The American Civic association is actively aiding the Mount Baker project. Congressmen from the north-west states are united in its support. It is favored by both Assistant Secretary Mather of the Interior Department, and the newly appointed superintendent of national parks, R. B. Marshall.

The fact that two of Washington's representatives have been appointed on the Public Lands committee, ar-

gues success for the park movement.

Congressman Hadley, of this district, has full charge of them after in congress, and will introduce a bill in the lower house early in the present session, to have the elevated region of the Mount Baker district set aside as the national park for the perpetual enjoyment of this and future generations. With active local support our representatives will undoubtedly succeed, and we will soon realize the benefit of a great nationally developed, wealth attracting, world wide advertising gratuity graciously handed to us by the government. In this national, Alpine pleasure resort.

The Mount Baker club, at a great expense of money and energy, has taken hundreds of photographs for advertising; built numerous trails and cabins; planned, surveyed, and mapped the proposed park area; compiled a comprehensive, illustrated history, as well as a very elegant official Cartogram of the wonders of this charming peak, and has taken the initiative in all that has been done to perfect an impelling, persuasive assault on the good graces of congress.

No park appropriation will be requested of congress this session, and the club will be thus compelled to continue, for another season, the burden they have patiently borne for years in exploiting Mount Baker.

They now are in urgent need of assistance, to influence congress numerically and meet current expenses.

They need a stronger membership to continue the work necessary to success.

Sedro Woolley, Concrete, Deming and Glacier will be direct beneficiaries if the park movement is a success, and the commercial organizations in these towns should take the lead in rallying loyally to the support of the park standard bearers in Bellingham.

GO-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES TO BE HELD

Go-to-Church Sunday will be observed tomorrow in the Mount Baker Presbyterian church. Throughout the state an effort is being made to swell the attendance at the different churches to the maximum point for this occasion and it is said that an effort is also being made to increase the attendance at the local church.

Rev. H. V. Davies will deliver the sermon and the following order of services will be used:

Organ voluntary, by Mrs. H. V. Davies.
Doxology, followed by hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King."
Responsive reading and hymn, "Thou Art the Way."
Scripture reading and prayer, with response by choir.
Offertory, anthem, "Come Unto Me."
Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."
Sermon by Rev. Davies, and hymn, "So Let Our Lips and Lives Express" Benediction.

I. O. O. F. ATTENTION

All members of the I. O. O. F. are cordially invited to inspect our special display for the following week at the jewelry store.—Adv.

Fred Breucher, of Sedro Woolley, was taking measurements for the fixtures for the State Bank of Concrete to be made by the Shrewsbury Manufacturing company.

NEW PUBLICATION OUT; BOOSTS LOCAL AERIE; WOLFE AGAIN EDITOR

Monthly Paper to be Devoted to Rehabilitation of Concrete Lodge Makes First Appearance.

"The Eagle's Claw," a four page monthly publication devoted to the interests of Baker Aerie, 1444, Fraternal Order of Eagles, made its first appearance this week. L. E. Wolfe, one of the leading Eagles in the state, is editor of the new publication.

The "Claw" is to be devoted to the cause of rebuilding the local aerie and bringing back into the organization as many as possible of the former members who are still within reach of Concrete.

The first issue of the new fraternal monthly contained the history of the local aerie, a list of the Grand Aerie officials with their duties and several other articles of interest to Eagles generally. Judge Wolfe says that he got the idea for the name of his new paper from Magnus Miller, one of the founders of the order in Concrete.

One page is devoted to notes concerning the members of the local aerie. The paper was published by The Herald Press.

HAMILTON MAN FIRST

The first Skagit county man to apply for a permit to purchase liquor was A. J. Jacobin, of Hamilton. He was closely followed, however, by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Archibald, of Sedro Woolley.

A limited amount of display advertising matter will be accepted for publication on this page at two times the regular rates.

CONCRETE BUILDING WILL BE ERECTED FOR MODEL STORE

PLANS FOR ONE OF MOST ATTRACTIVE STORES IN COUNTY SUBMITTED TO MAX DAVIS—TO BE BUILT IN SPRING.

Plans for a new concrete store building have been prepared by Contractor Stevens and submitted to Max Davis. The building will be erected on the E. E. Aldridge property on Main street. From present plans it is thought that the work will be started early in the spring, but the erection of the building is assured.

The plans and specifications call for one of the neatest and most attractive store buildings in the county. The front of the store will be divided so as to provide three display windows, and there will be two front entrances to the store. A total of more than 250 square feet of display window space is planned.

The building will be 60 feet, all of concrete. While the contract has not as yet been signed, Mr. Davis this week asserted that there was no chance of the project falling through, and announced that the building was assured.

In the new store, where the Model will be moved, Mr. Davis will also install new, up-to-date fixtures and make his place of business one of the most attractive in the valley. The plans call for a building that will be unique in Skagit county.

With the announcement of this building, interest in the other two proposed buildings was increased and from present indications there will be three buildings erected at the same time next spring. It is pointed out that the construction would be cheapened if the buildings were all erected at the same time.

The signing of the contract for the new store building probably will be arranged for within a few days.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMS.

The regular January eighth grade examinations will be held on January 20th and 21st, 1916, at the following places, namely: Anacortes, Avon, Big Lake, Burlington, Concrete, Edison, Hamilton, LaConner, Lyman and Sedro Woolley, and at such other schools as may appear wise and just and when proper arrangements have been made.

The examination will begin at 9 a. m. and all who are to write are asked to be on hand at that hour.

WILL HOLD MASS

Mass will be held at the Catholic church on next Saturday, January 22d. Father Sampson, of Sedro Woolley, will conduct the services. Mass at 9 o'clock.

"SNOWBIRDS" AT THE BEACH.



Photo by American Press Association.

At the beaches around New York there are clubs of men and women who go in for winter bathing. Here are some of the bathers cleaning off the board walk preparatory to taking a dive into water with a temperature of 28 degrees.

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WILSON HAS UNIQUE RECORD

When Woodrow Wilson steps down from the presidential chair next year, he will have achieved a unique record, one not to be compared with the showing of any previous president. The Wilson administration throughout has been in a class of its own and history will accord it a separate pigeonhole.

What previous president, what administration in the past has failed to protect, or endeavor to protect, American citizens on legitimate business pursuits in foreign countries? The history of this country fails to show Wilson's equal. There have been presidents who talked more, but there have been no presidents who have done less.

In Mexico an American is afforded no protection. If he has business connections in that center of anarchy, he is "out of luck." If he attempts to protect his own property, he is a brigand, and if he does not resist, he is merely an American citizen and has no rights, not even to decent burial. The sum total of Wilson's protection of American citizens in Mexico, and along the boundary line, has been the threatened movement of a few regiments of United States troops, and a fiasco invasion at Vera Cruz.

In the meantime, Germany and Austria, hiding behind a wall of words and "kultur," flagrantly violate all rights of United States citizens on the high seas, well knowing that an administration that refuses to protect its citizens from the gangs of ragged greasers of Mexico, will not go farther than the "retort courteous" in retaliation.

Scorning to protect the money interests of Americans in Mexico, Wilson's administration is dicker with Germany and Austria over the suitable amount to be paid for the lives of murdered American citizens. Safe conduct was furnished the German attaches who were mixed up with our hyphenated Germans, but an American counsel was murdered on the high seas and Wilson's answer is another note, asking for a disavowal and damages.

From the time of the salute fiasco at Vera Cruz to the sinking of the Persia, not one step has been taken by the United States government to protect its citizens from murderers and plunderers.

BLAINE "SHOWS UP" TARIFF

A concrete example in which the Underwood free trade tariff is operating is given by the Blaine Press, published in the border town through which 1,754 carloads of shingles and 1,364 carloads of lumber passed during the year 1915. "Some facts and figures of the shingle business under democratic tariff," is the way in which the Blaine paper heads the article. The Press says:

"Manager Moore of the Saginaw Shingle Mill furnishes some interesting facts concerning the operation of the plant during the last year which will prove strong arguments in favor of the former protective tariff of 50 cents a thousand on shingles.

"During the year the mill was run 257 days, with a total cut of 27,542,000 shingles cut with two machines running night and day. The average ten-hour run was 107 and a half thousand. Sixteen men were employed.

"The product of the mill was sold at an average price of \$1.55 per thousand. The average cost of production was \$1.50 per thousand.

"Total receipts for the year's product, \$42,690.10. Paid out for lumber and labor \$41,313. Leaving for interest on investment, repairs, deterioration of plant and incidental expenses and profits for owners of \$1,377.

"With a fifty cent tariff it is safe to say that the sales of the product would have been at least that much higher, making the receipts about \$13,000 more. This would have enabled the company to have paid higher wages, and make a little profit.

"Under present conditions this \$13,000 went to the Canadian mill owners, who employ largely Hindus and Chinamen."—Bellingham Herald.

FUTURE BRIGHT FOR CONCRETE

Another striking proof of the excellent future that is ahead for Concrete and the rest of the upper Skagit valley was brought to light this week with the announcement by Max Davis, one of Concrete's most enterprising merchants, that a new concrete building would be erected in the spring for the Model store.

As is always the case with undeveloped districts, a few of the merchants see the opportunities ahead and take advantage of them. Concrete is fortunate in its business men. Most of the merchants already have seen the vast possibilities and the bright side of the future and are making extensive plans of the coming good times.

The State Bank of Concrete building is still another evidence of the confidence that successful business men have in the upper Skagit valley. In taking advantage of the opportunities in Concrete, the officials of the state bank also demonstrated their farsightedness.

All indications point to a better year than last for the whole country. The war prosperity will have ended by the time the democratic administration steps out of office and under a Republican administration business conditions are sure to be better than they have been for many years.

HE KEPT US OUT OF WAR?

"Vote for Wilson; he kept us out of war," is the cry that the Democratic party is beginning to send throughout the country in its last attempt to blind the voters to the real issues that are at stake.

The United States has not been threatened with war and the only time that there ever was a particle of excuse for trouble, Wilson leaped at the opportunity and staged the fracas at Vera Cruz.

Prompt action along the lines demanded by statesmen who know the Mexicans best, would have stopped the trouble that occurred on the boundary line recently, but the dilatory measures taken by the administration have had but one result, the lessening of the respect of the world for American citizenship.

Wilson kept us out of war? The caddie who follows Wilson around on the golf links deserves more credit for our peaceful condition than Wilson.

REGISTER NOW

City Clerk Chas. F. Ramsdell announced this week that the new set of registration books had arrived and according to the new registration law all voters are required to register this year. Get busy early and put your name in the big book. You won't have to register again for four years. Don't put this little duty off, if you pretend to be a good citizen. It takes but a minute to sign your name and you always have a vote coming when election time comes around.

JOIN MOUNT BAKER PARK CLUB

Join the Mount Baker club and help bring about the creation of a National Park of the whole Mount Baker district. The new national playground will bring thousands of visitors to the Skagit valley. Present plans call for a road from Concrete to the park. A few thousand tourists passing through town every year would be an inestimable boon. Do your part and Concrete will benefit greatly.

CONTEMPORANEOUS COMMENT

Mount Vernon Herald:

The big guns of the Republican party, recognized by common consent as first class men for the presidential nomination, are William H. Taft, Charles E. Hughes, Theodore Roosevelt and Elihu Root.

After these come what may be called second string men—Lodge, Weeks, McCall, Knox, Hadley, Willis, Burton, Fairbanks, Cummins, LaFollette, Borah and others.

Justice Hughes is generally admitted to be the most available of them all if it were not for the circumstance that he refuses to be a candidate. Taft is yet too unpopular to be available, notwithstanding the better opinion of him and his administration that has obtained since he left the presidency. None of the second string looms up conspicuously above their fellows.

The process of elimination leaves Root and Roosevelt as the most likely contenders for the nomination—Roosevelt as the representative of the progressive element in the party and Root as that of the conservatives.

Anacortes American:

Shingle men of the state of Washington are evidently awakening to the necessity of advertising their product in order to get back some of its lost prestige. The shingle still remains as good as it ever did, which means that it is still the cheapest and most durable form of roofing. But the public has lost sight of the fact. For a number of years the manufacturers of tile and patent roofing have been keeping their product before the buying public through extensive advertising in newspapers and magazines with the result that these new styles of building materials have gradually begun to crowd the Washington red cedar shingle out of the field.

The shingle men will be able to get back their former market only by extensive newspaper and magazine advertising and a systematic publicity campaign. All of which shows that no matter how good a thing is, it must be advertised to be sold. But it takes bitter experience to teach this lesson and the shingle men have evidently learned theirs.

Monroe Monitor-Transcript:

When the Democratic mutual admiration society met at Baltimore in 1912 they laid this flower on the party platform: "It (the Democratic party) has, among other achievements, revised the rules of the House of Representatives so as to give to the representatives of the American people freedom of speech and of action in advocating, proposing and perfecting remedial legislation." Nevertheless the present Congress finds the Democracy for the third time genuflecting to King Caucus, and gag rule is again resorted to. Fortunately, the Republican victim has increased over 60 per cent. in strength and stature since the last Congress, and the attempt to gag him will be beset with difficulties.

Camas Post:

Perhaps the silliest reason yet advanced for re-electing Woodrow Wilson is the cry that he has "kept us out of war." We have been kept out of the war solely because none of the warring nations has time to take us on, being pretty fairly engaged as it is. If the president and his friends desire to claim credit for this condition, that is their privilege.

Camas Post:

The republican party will come back into power in 1916 not because political leaders want it to win, but because the rank and file of the American people are convinced that republican principles and administration are the best for the industrial welfare and public service of the country. It will be a victory of the people and not a victory of the leaders.

Auburn Globe:

Congressman Albert Johnson has introduced a bill in Congress calling for a \$150,000 government building at Puyallup. Now if Senator Jones will see that a \$100,000 zoo is provided for Puyallup's cougar, which is now compelled to roam the streets, Puyallup will be fixed. One is needed as badly as the other.

Lynden Tribune:

The Tribune received this week an annual report of the Industrial Insurance Department, giving tables and data about everything except that \$60,000 or so that has "turned up missing."

Bellingham Herald:

Now that the state fire warden, one of the "deserving democrats" of the Lister administration, has landed a job as postmaster of Mount Vernon, probably the state forestry commission will agree to allow him to resign.

Bellingham Herald:

The state department holds that a merchantman becomes an armed vessel when it carries mounted guns of a greater caliber than six inches. The question arises again: When does a pig become a hog?



Main Point.

Henry—This railroad hasn't paid a dividend in six years, Jake.
Jake—What of it? They can still pay damages, can't they?—Boston Globe.



She Wasn't Alone.

She—I'm sorry I ever married you.
He—So are all the other girls.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.



Singular.

"Mumps, eh?"
"Nope."
"What, not mumps?"
"No; only one of them."—Wisconsin State Journal.



Small Indeed.

Jinks—And, after all, this is a small world!
Blinks—Yes; I met an old schoolmate in Afghanistan and he wouldn't lend me \$1.—New York Globe.



Lucky.

"Great Scot! I knew that old clock would take a tumble. I'm glad, though, it only struck 1."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



Easy Mark.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Skagit county that under the laws of 1915, Chapter 16, Section 5, the following named persons have been designated by the Board of County Commissioners as registration officers of the various precincts and that the poll books are now open for registration.

NAME	PRECINCT	Place of Registration
Ada M. Rice	Dewey	Post Office
Charles Stevenson	Fidalgo	Residence
Henry Howard	Guemes	Residence
M. Ransford	Sinclair	Residence
Mrs. Mendenhall	Whitney	G. N. Depot
Ben Jorgenson	Bay View	Store
Nels Anderson	Bessner	Residence
F. M. Hooper	Big Lake	Residence
C. W. Hemstead	Pt. Williams	Residence
John L. Dale	Edison	Post Office
E. A. Hinkston	Blanchard	Store
Wm. J. Brown	Bow	Store
Rev. John Johnson	North Allen	Residence
Izah Berger	South Allen	Store
Frank Crummett	Fir	Residence
Geo. Reay	Harmony	Residence
W. A. Farrell	South Avon	Residence
A. G. Anderson	North Avon	Store
John G. Rutherford	Belfair	Residence
J. M. Peaslee	Lookout	Store
Mrs. Bowser	Milltown	Store
Ole J. Borseth	Conway	Store
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Ed. Canavan	Prairie	Residence
Edson Bassett	Sterling	Residence
A. McAddie	West Clear Lake	Residence
W. R. Coyne	East Clear Lake	Residence
Ben Tingley	Tingley	Residence
J. M. Harrison	Skyou	Residence
Mrs. Holton	Birdsview	Post Office
Richard Thompson	Lang	Residence
W. W. Caskey	Sauk	Store
Hugo Bauman	Rockport	Hotel
P. V. Pressentin	Cascade	Store
Mrs. J. Rinker	Mansford	Residence
	LaConner	City Clerk's Office
	Mount Vernon	"
	Burlington	"
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Miss Zala Medford spent Sunday with her parents in Big Lake.

Mrs. A. W. Stone is comfortably settled in Dr. Kellner's new bungalow on Maple avenue.

Mrs. C. Tyler and son, Bill, and Mr. Jesse Cary went to Seattle Friday on a business trip. They expect to return Monday or Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaultier, a fine baby boy, January 10.

W. H. Slipper left recently for Vancouver where he will remain for some time.

Rev. Trevor made a business trip to Mt. Vernon Monday.

Mr. Arthur Childes returned to his home in Seattle after helping Mrs. Stone get settled in her new home.

Mrs. Denton and son, Jimmie, who have been spending a few days in Hamilton returned to Seattle Saturday.

F. B. Smith, Irving Smith and M. W. Dexter went to Burlington Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole and daughter, of Vancouver, came down on receiving the news that Mrs. O'Toole's aunt, Mrs. Soren, had died, and returned to their home taking Mary Soren with them Sunday.

Prof. F. D. Helm and wife, of Utopia, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Henry motored to Birdsview Monday night to attend a Parent-Teachers' meeting at that place.

Rev. Thomas Trevor returned on Thursday evening from Friday Harbor where he spent New Year's Day visiting friends and relatives. Rev. Trevor reports a most delightful time, it being his second New Year with relatives in twenty-two years.

Miss Minnie Wood, of East Hamilton, and daughter, Elsie, visited with friends and relatives some days ago and last week. She expects to return home as soon as the weather permits. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Sella Hooper, of English's camp.

LIFE IN TRAINING CAMP WORSE THAN IN TRENCHES

University Graduate Who Lost Eye in Europe Describes Horrors of Both Places.

University of Washington, Jan. 15.—One thing is worse than war; that is preparation for war, in the opinion of Ainar Auzias de Turenne, late of the Canadian Field Artillery, a graduate of the university who returned from the front a few months ago with one eye gone. De Turenne has written of his experiences in the Washington Alumnus, just off the press. De Turenne bases his assertion on his period of training on Salisbury Plain, in England.

"The weather was terrible," he says. "Not a single dry day; that poured for days, weeks and months without intermission; and you can imagine the condition of our tents, when ten to fourteen entered wet and muddy, with no place to dry clothes except on the tent pole, which generally crumpled from overweight."

"Our tents were not proof against heavy rains, so frequently in the morning we found ourselves thoroughly wet, and it was far from pleasant to rise early and start work. Judging from experience, I would prefer to be at the front rather than start again my life on the Plains."

Mr. de Turenne describes at some length the use of gas by the Germans and the agonies endured by the time. "Those who got a very bad dose of it," he said, describing an attack, "turned purple in the face; they coughed and gasped for breath in awful pain. Gradually, amid untold suffering the lungs fill up with a sort of white secretion, which finally chokes the poor soldier and puts an end to his misery. All this takes three or four days, and there are no antidotes known. There is no hope; there is nothing but to let them die amid the most awful agony a human being can behold. The 'gassed' have separate hospitals; they are never put with others, as the sight of their suffering is too much to behold, even for the hardest soldier."

The young Washingtonian lost his eye when, as he watched a shell burst, he was struck by a piece of the outside casing, a quarter of an inch thick and an inch and a half long. "It struck me flush in the eye, smashing the orbit, penetrating clean through the face, causing a bulging of the hard palate of the mouth, from which it was extracted," he relates. "He kept the splinter of shell as a souvenir."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Stanley Spencer to Myrtle May Cooper, both of Sedro Woolley, January 3, 1916.

Dan Sooter, to Kattie Gray, both of Bellingham, Jan. 3, 1916.

Wm. Tigenshaw to Mertie Wampeler, both of Burlington, Jan. 5, 1916.

Ben Peter McDougall to Dorothy Farrow, both of Seattle, Jan. 8, 1916.

H. Kimsey to Birdie Violet Terwilliger, both of Sedro Woolley, Jan. 8, 1916.

Leonard Pierson, Bow, to Hilda Hagberg, Seattle, Jan. 11, 1916.

WHEN YOU GREET A FRIEND.

Tell Him He's Looking Fine and See How It Cheers Him.

"By George, old man, you are looking fine!" Did you ever notice how you perk up, no matter how poorly you were feeling before, when some friend greets you in that way?

According to the secretary of the Colorado board of health, the human system just naturally begins to tone up under the stimulus of such greetings.

He declares it is an aid to health and a help in preventing disease, and to that end he advocates a "tell your friends how well they look" movement.

"It is not only bad taste to talk of your pains and ailments," says the doctor, "but a reflection on your intelligence and knowledge of sanitation and good health. We are not far from the time when the cause of illness will have to be accounted for personally."

"In other words, nature is no longer going to be blamed for sickness when it is simply the result of ignorance, indifference or wrong ways of living." Do you not think it worth giving the doctor's idea a try?

We do! So here goes:
"By George, you are looking fine!"—Santa Fe New Mexican.

LITERARY FORGERIES.

Stuff With Which Vrain-Lucas Duped An Aged Scientist.

The most remarkable literary forgery on record was perpetrated in 1870 on Michael Chasles, a French scientist of European reputation. Chasles, who was in his dotage, purchased within a few years from one Vrain-Lucas no fewer than 27,000 autographs. A. M. Broadley tells the story in his "Chats on Autographs."

"Beginning with a supposed correspondence between the youthful Newton and Pascal, Vrain-Lucas proceeded to fabricate letters of Rabelais, Montesquieu and La Bruyere. Before he had finished M. Chasles became the possessor of letters in French, and written on paper made in France, of Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, Mary Magdalene and even of Lazarus after his resurrection."

Vrain-Lucas was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and among other forged manuscripts from his pen there were produced in court letters from Alexander the Great, Herod, Pompey, Judas Iscariot, Sappho, Pontius Pilate and Joan of Arc.

Battlecry of the Cat.

The piercing wailing of the cat in the night startles and exasperates us beyond all bearing—not by its loudness, but by a certain vicious, weird, half terrifying, half infuriating note in it that makes us spring to arms with the bootjack or other substitute for the booting, as the warwhoop of our tribal enemies did a century or centuries ago, says Dr. Woods Hutchinson.

One of Mark Twain's wise old frontiersmen had caught this note when he explained to the tenderfoot that animal speech had rules of composition and grammar, just like human speech, and that "the reason a cat riles ye so ain't on account of the noise she makes, but on account of the sickenin' and grammar she uses." And he was right, for the grammar of scarp lifting and the whole alphabet of battle, murder and sudden death tingles and screams in the rasping cry.

The Weather Changeth Not.

The oldest weather diary known to be in existence was kept by a Lincolnshire parson, William Merle, close on 600 years ago. From 1337 to 1344 he wrote it up, often day by day, in Latin, and his manuscript, being on vellum, was somehow preserved and is now in the Bodleian. Merle did not trouble himself with the popular lore about "skye influences," but stuck to an accurate record of fact. In the spirit at least of the modern meteorologists. And from his jottings it seems that he had pretty much the same kind of weather to deal with as folks in his parish of Friby experience now. Contrary to theory, the changes of six centuries have not reduced the number of wet days in the year.—London Chronicle.

Vanilla Beans.

The vanilla bean is the costliest bean in the world. It flourishes in Mexico, chiefly in Papantla and Misantla. It grows wild and is gathered and marketed by the natives. Just as they come from the forests the beans sell at \$10 per 1,000. After the beans are dried and cured they are worth from \$10 to \$11 a pound, according to quality. They are used by druggists and confectioners and are an important article of commerce.

Warning Him.

"My dear, I can give you a satisfactory explanation of my delay in getting home this evening."

"You may have an explanation, Henry, but I can tell you in advance that it won't be satisfactory."—Detroit Free Press.

Might Be Worse.

Maiden Aunt (to little nephew on a visit)—You're not getting homesick, Willie? Little Boy—Oh, no, auntie! It's even duller at home.—London Opinion.

Sound Advice.

If you are in the habit of being an innocent bystander take treatment for your innocence or cease bystanding.—Judge

We cannot live better than in seeking to become better nor more agreeably than by having a clear conscience. Socrates

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REPORT IS PUBLISHED

Captain I. M. Howell, secretary of state, is issuing the third annual report of the Division of Weight and Measures, one of the branches of the department of state, over which he has immediate and personal supervision. This report recites the activities of all the inspectors throughout the state during the year from October 1st, 1914 to September 30th, 1915, and is a thoroughly comprehensive resume of the good effect accruing to the household by virtue of his being able to get full weight and adequate measure of the commodity purchased.

The system is making rapid progress in the right direction under the administration of Captain Howell and with the earnest cooperation of the citizenry it soon must reach a point where vendor and vendee will enjoy a mutual confidence idealistic in its nature; where every article in the process of commercialism, from producer to final consumer, will bear its full, regular weight and measure up to an equable standard.

Captain Howell is also issuing a companion booklet for this division which contains full and complete specifications for commercial weighing and measuring covering manufacturing, importing and sale, in accordance with chapter 52, session laws

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Local Notes

C. D. Stickley was a Lyman and Hamilton visitor Saturday.

—Cameras and Photo Supplies at Siegrist's.

Rev. H. V. Davies filled the pulpit of the North End Baptist church in Bellingham last Sunday.

Mrs. I. A. Hays, of Hamilton, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Morris, Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude O'Connell, a fine baby boy on January 8.

Geo. McDonald moved Saturday from Grasmere to the Tony Disalvo cottage on A street.

Henry Thompson, commissioner of the Third District, transacted business here on Tuesday.

W. G. McLean, accompanied by Frank Bradberry, was cruising timber in this vicinity on Wednesday.

—S. C. White Leghorn Chicks \$10 per hundred. Put in your order early. AUGUST OLSON, Route 3, Box 57, Mount Vernon, Wash.

C. E. Franklin left the first of the week for Seattle and other Sound cities. He will probably be away until the last of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morris moved Tuesday from Mill Addition to the Harvey Shannon cottage on Garden street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ervin and daughter, of Bellingham, are the guests this week of Mr. Ervin's mother, Mrs. C. E. Murdock.

Dr. Mertz was in Burlington Monday to visit his patients C. E. Murdock and Albert Ring, who are in the hospital there.

G. E. Dickinson was a business visitor in Seattle the first of the week. He went down to attend the meeting of the stockholders of the Superior Portland Cement company.

Mrs. Clyde Johnson had the misfortune to sprain her ankle while coasting with a crowd of young people Tuesday night. Mrs. Johnson will not be able to use her ankle for quite a while.

—We have for sale two new Edison Cylinder Phonographs. One \$45 machine we will sell for \$30; and one \$60 machine for \$40. Terms if desired. Bjerstedt & Weir. Main 51.

Miss Ethel Van Iderstine, a teacher in the Hamilton schools, spent Saturday and Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Iderstine.

Mrs. Geo. White and baby returned to their home in Anacortes the latter part of last week after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. H. V. Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Everett who recently came from Seattle have gone to keeping house in Grasmere where Mr. Everett intends to build a new home in the spring.

Mrs. Kenneth Fry was another victim of coasting Wednesday night. The sleigh running into a telephone pole near the Baker River store. Mrs. Fry fell so that her arm was cut and quite badly bruised.

Mrs. O. E. Wilson and children and Mrs. Nellie Wheelock motored up from Hamilton Monday. Mrs. Wilson will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Klanders and Mrs. Claude O'Connell a few weeks.

Mrs. Tom Lucas and children left the latter part of last week for Everett for a month's visit. Mr. Lucas accompanied them and went on to Seattle where he expects to be on business.

H. M. Henson had the misfortune to fall through the tramway a distance of sixteen feet at the Superior quarry last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Henson's injury will lay him off for three or four weeks.

C. E. Murdock came down from Burlington Thursday where he has been in the hospital there for the past week.

Miss Gladys Thompson, of Sauk, who has been employed as a stenographer in the local office of the Superior Portland Cement company, has returned to her home. She will resume her work when the plant reopens.

Sam Baker, who was one of the famous baseball players of the upper Skagit valley last summer and who was in the employ of the Baker River Lumber company, has a position as salesman with the Turrell shoe store in Seattle.

Mrs. A. Lague, of Riviere Qui Varre, Alberta, arrived here the latter part of last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Mitchell and sister, Mrs. L. L. Flesher. Mrs. Lague's many friends are glad to have her here again. She has been gone over a year.

This seems to be the season for funny whiskers. Joe Glover is cultivating a set of Abe Lincoln nectie concealers, while Dan Griffin is developing a wind splitter of the Alphonse-Gaston type. Harry Klanders tried to work up enthusiasm over his tuft of red chin fuzz, but failed, while a number of other prominent citizens are using the cold weather as an excuse for boycotting the barber.

The Women of Woodcraft Lodge held initiation and installation Wednesday afternoon in the Eagles hall. The degree team under their captain, Mrs. Springsteen, put on the work exceedingly well and shows much work on both the captain and the members part. The officers installed were: Past Guardian Neighbor, Marguerite Miller; Guardian Neighbor, Flora Biddlecome; Advisor, Luella Henson; Clerk, Alice Leonard; Banker, Leavitt; Magician, Nellie Macks; Inner Sentinel, Lela Miller; Outer Sentinel, Lou Reece; Musician, Fay Smith; Managers, Grace Bride, Norma Biggerstaff and Sara Ely. A delightful lunch was served.

Lynden Tribune:

Articles that are quite popular abog the Lyden smard sed these days: Ear buffs, bluffers, overshoes, cough syrup, quidde, hod bricks, extra blakeds, ad hadkerchiefs.

There are no poor or unemployed in La Camas or Oregon City, paper mill towns.

Railroads placing big orders has sent up the price of lumber and shingles.

Washington has 1,031 postoffices.

A Tacoma firm has recently secured orders from the Polson Logging company for 60 steel logging trucks at a price of \$49,000, to be delivered within 60 days.

COASTING CROWNED AS OUTDOOR SPORT'S KING

Although the snow coating on top of the ice on Vogler's lake put the quietus on the skating, the coasting in, around and about the town of Concrete has been one of the drawing cards of the winter.

The snow on the hill from Main street to the Baker River company's store made the hill an ideal coasting place, if it wasn't for the sharp turn at the foot of the hill. But, in spite of the turn, a big crowd of people of all ages were on the hill every night.

There were spills galore and a number of minor injuries and narrow escapes, but the coasting goes merrily on.

VARSITY HAS TO REFUSE GAMES WITH NEBRASKANS

Washington Unable to Schedule Early Gridiron Contests Offered by Cornhuskers.

University of Washington, Jan. 15.—The unconquered varsity football team has had to turn down an opportunity to match wits and brawn with one of the most famous elevens of the Middle West, Nebraska's "Cornhuskers." Manager Guy E. Reed telegraphed the Washington athletic authorities, offering to come over the mountains next fall, provided a return game be staged in Lincoln in 1917. The date named, October 21, was the obstacle to the acceptance of the challenge.

The Easterners start work somewhat earlier than Washington, and it was felt here that the entire season's fortunes would be risked if the slow developing varsity attempted to engage in so serious a combat at the very outset. Whitman plays here October 28 in what is really the beginning of competition. Previous to that the local athletes attempt only to gain an edge, in practice games.

Graduate Manager Younger telegraphed Reed asking if there was any possibility of a later date, but he received a negative response.

Pasco—Business conditions are improving in general here and there has recently been notable increase in the railroad payroll at this point.

STATE INDUSTRIAL NOTES

OLYMPIA, Jan. 15.—Everyone interested in the industrial growth of Washington should read the following column. It is compiled from clippings from papers all over the state and shows the most marked resumption of industrial activity for any period in several years. Simply gives manufacturers and capital a chance in Washington and you will see the greatest growth in the next five years that has ever been witnessed.

Exports from Puget Sound for the past 11 months exceed those from San Francisco by \$4,893,393, the first time in history.

Lewis county mills are preparing to run on full time and new plants are being erected.

Harrington—An ice plant is being installed at the foot of Lake Colville.

Shelton—The Ingersall shingle mill recently made its largest shipment in six years.

Snohomish county has voted to build 130 miles of roads at a cost of \$1,813,800.

Sumner—The D. & M. Lumber Co., which has been idle two years, is preparing to start with a full crew and the Northern Board and Paper company, recently completed, has started operations.

Private capital is preparing to erect an electric light plant at Cathlamet.

A new \$10,000 school house will soon be completed at Cathlamet.

The Tacoma Smelting company will erect a \$25,000 plant to separate valuable minerals from smoke.

Aberdeen—The starting of the Federal mill, the opening of several large lumber camps which have long been idle, and the beginning of work on the Wishkiah water plant will employ about 600 additional men.

A new steamboat line is being planned from Tacoma to Australia, New Zealand and the Hawaiians if proper support is given by Congress. Three large steamships will be built in Tacoma if this plan is a success.

The Washington Route Steamboat company has let a contract for the construction of a new passenger steamer.

Prosser has a new lumber yard with a stock of 600,000 feet.

North Bend has voted for a \$30,000 high school building.

Logging operations have started recently in the camps around Springdale.

Pierce county will pave the Pacific highway in the spring.

Davenport—Fifty thousand bushels of bluestem wheat was recently sold here at 87 cents per bushel.

Hoquiam has been forced to levy an occupation tax.

Starbuck—The O. W. R. & N. is equipping a plant here to do heavy repair work on locomotives.

Potash has been discovered near Riverside.

The Anderson Steamboat company of Seattle, has secured a contract to build a \$300,000 lumber schooner.

Two large box factories are to be erected soon at Hall's lake, Snohomish county.

The O. W. R. & N. has opened a new line from Chambers Prairie to Olympia.

Prospects for coal mining at Allah seem bright.

Grandview will have a cemetery.

Toledo may get a new bridge across the Cowlitz at a cost of \$65,000.

G. L. Sticklers, of Davenport, has been awarded a contract to construct nine miles of highway at a cost of \$23,887.30.

The Wenatchee Valley Gas & Electric company plans a \$20,000 improvement to its equipment.

North Yakima is planning to build a union stock yards.

The Walla Walla Farmer's Union is in favor of a new bridge over the Snaker river.

Modern Farming.
"How many head o' live stock you got on the place?"
"Live stock?" echoed the somewhat puzzled farmer. "What d' ye mean by live stock? I got four steam tractors and seven automobiles."—Judge.

Quite Altitudinous.
"I know an astronomer who has the highest ambition of any man I ever heard of."
"What is it?"
"He wants to signal to Mars."—Baltimore American.

The Difference.
The difference between a starving man and a glutton—one longs to eat, and the other eats too long.

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