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CITY COUNCIL PASSES TWO ORDINANCES— REGULAR MONTHLY BILLS ARE ALLOWED

SUPERIOR PORTLAND CEMENT CO. GRANTED PERMIT FOR POLE LINE.—LEONARD SUCCEEDS RAMSDALL AS CLERK.

At the regular meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening, a resolution granting a permit to the Superior Portland Cement company to erect and maintain electric light poles on its own property, necessitating crossing Main street between A and Reitz streets was read and referred to the Street and Alley committee.

A petition signed by property owners on Mill, Division, Garden and Shuksan streets, requesting a survey and estimate for an improvement was presented. The petitioners agreed that in event of the improvement district not being made they would agree to pay the cost of surveying and estimating. On motion of Smith, seconded by Woodard, the petition was granted and the mayor was empowered to employ an engineer to make the survey and estimate. The bonds of W. J. S. Gordon as treasurer and G. L. Leonard as clerk were approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Crofoot appeared before the council and requested that permission be granted to use part of the land purchased by the city for dumping grounds for baseball grounds without any cost to the town. The petition was granted.

Two ordinances were passed by the council. One, an ordinance amending section 2 of ordinance No. 3, fixing the compensation of the clerk at \$10 a month, and the other, an ordinance amending section 3 of ordinance No. 4, fixing the salary of the town attorney at \$10 a month. The town attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance in accordance with the new prohibition law and present it at the next regular meeting of the city council.

Following the report of the treasurer for the month ending January 31st, the following bills were approved by the finance committee and warrants were ordered issued in payment:

L. E. Wolfe, marshal's bond, (premium) \$10.
J. J. McDonald, salary, \$100.
W. J. S. Gordon, premium treasurer's bond, \$10.
Baker River Power, Light & Water company, \$99.75.
Club of Concrete, rent, \$15.
Concrete library, maintenance, \$10.
Skagit county, registration books, \$18.
G. L. Leonard, salary as attorney, and premium on clerk's bond, \$22.50.
C. F. Ramsdell, salary and expenses, \$40.45.

Mayor Campbell announced the following appointments: Marshal and street commissioner, J. J. McDonald, reappointed; clerk, G. L. Leonard; police judge, L. E. Wolfe, reappointed; attorney, G. L. Leonard; health officer, E. F. Mertz, M. D.

The following committees were named by the mayor: Street and Alley, Ireton, (chairman) Woodard, Franklin, License, Dickinson, (chairman) Ireton and Woodard. Light and Water, Franklin, (chairman) Ireton and Dickinson. Health and Sanitation, Woodard, (chairman) Franklin and Smith.

Present at the council meeting were Mayor G. A. Campbell, Councilmen Smith, Woodard, Ireton and Franklin. Councilman Geo. E. Dickinson was unable to attend. The clerk reported that C. E. Franklin had qualified for councilman.

SKAGIT VALLEY IS VISITED BY GREATEST SNOWSTORM KNOWN IN ITS HISTORY

**Heavy Snowfall Ties up all Traffic.
—Trains Are Unable to Run
on Schedule.**

The blizzard which raged during the first days of the week was one of the worst that has ever visited this locality. On Tuesday evening the snow fell to a depth of sixteen inches and the depth of snow on the ground Wednesday morning was 28 1-2 inches. So far as is known no damage has been done, though the weight on the wagon bridge across the Baker river put a heavy strain on it, but was cleared off Wednesday. Farther up the valley the depth of snow is proportionately greater, reaching a maximum of sixty inches at Rockport.

Shovelers have been working steadily on the sidewalks all week, but few of the walks are entirely free of snow. All along Main street the snow piled as high as five and even six feet in places. Two snow plows were put in operation and for two days the best walking was found in the middle of the streets where the plows had made a good wide trail.

Large crews of shovelers have been busy removing snow from the roofs, the owners fearing that when the snow began to melt the weight would increase and cause roofs to go which had withstood the first strain.

The morning train from Rockport on Wednesday did not arrive in Concrete until 1 o'clock on account of the deep snow up the valley. In the afternoon the tracks were cleared and the evening train ran on schedule.

With the enormous amount of snow on the ground many fear that a rain or a Chinook wind may cause a flood over the flats. The snow was melting late yesterday, but not rapidly enough to cause alarm.

SALE OF MALT LIQUOR IS PROHIBITED BY LAW

OLYMPIA, Feb. 1.—Alcohol is an intoxicating liquor.

The sale of patent medicines containing alcohol, extracts and toilet articles containing alcohol will not be prohibited, but in cases where sold as beverages prosecutions will follow. Malt liquor containing no alcohol is barred.

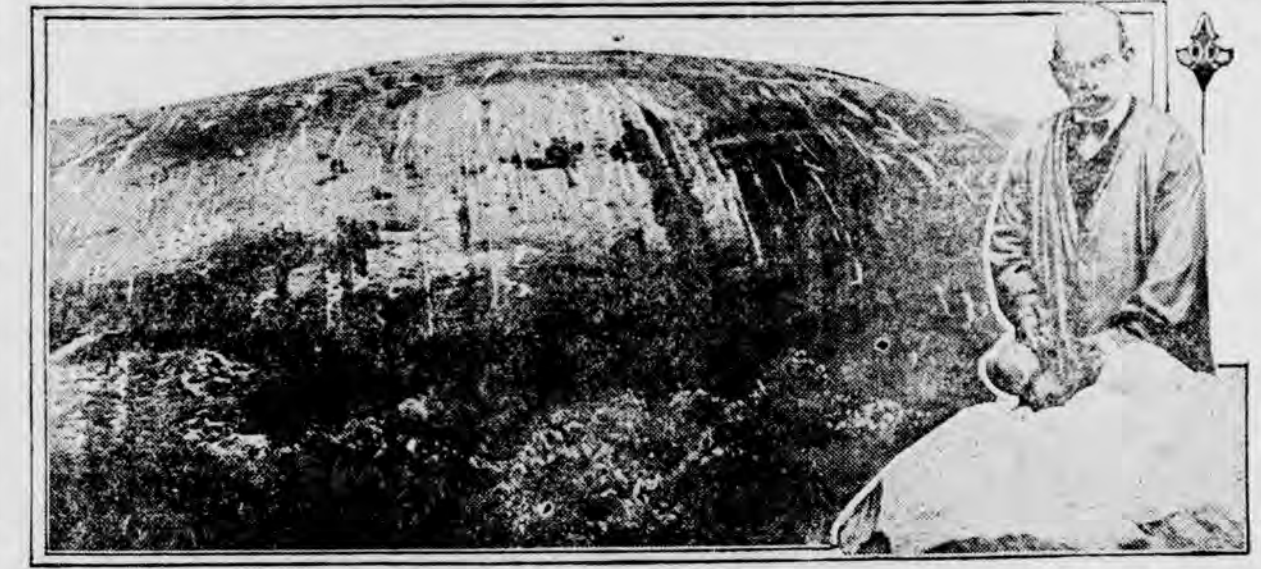
Manufacturers of extracts who want alcohol for mechanical or chemical purposes cannot ship into the state and can only buy through druggists, the law providing a method for druggists purchasing alcohol.

These were the only four questions settled by the prosecuting attorneys in their sessions today. The prosecutors were called to Olympia by Attorney General Tanner for the purpose of adopting a plan for the uniform enforcement of the state-wide prohibition law.

P.T. ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD MEETING NEXT WEEK

The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet in the school house next Friday, February 11th. Several outside speakers have been written to but so far the committee is unable to announce who will address the meeting. There will be several musical numbers and refreshments will be served.

TO CUT HISTORY OF CONFEDERACY ON MOUNTAIN



Stone mountain, Georgia, and Gutson Borglum, who will carve on this huge rocky surface the history of the Confederacy in figures forty feet high.

LARGE SUM IS SPENT ON NATIONAL FOREST TRAILS

Total of \$20,725 Spent During Past Year.—Demand for Forest Timber Increasing.

According to a report just completed by the local forestry office, it has cost the government a total of \$20,725 for the purchase and construction of trails in the national forests of Washington.

The service has spent \$6,856 in constructing bridges, and \$10,340 in building telephone lines.

The following report has been made out, which includes the area of the sites at various ranger stations and the value of the dwelling houses, barns and improvements of all kinds: Backus, 20 acres, value \$1,276; Baker creek, 60 acres, value \$410; Baker river, 59 acres, value \$2,465; Bluebird, 20 acres, value \$1,470; Boundary, 37 acres, value \$866; Chilliwick, 9 acres, value \$72; Deming, 2 acres, value \$434; Phinney creek, 20 acres, value \$300; Gallup, 21 acres, value \$1,156; Glacier, 12 acres, value \$72; Marble creek, 91 acres, value \$562; Mineral Park, 18 acres, value \$198; Morovits, 5 acres, value \$223; Reflection Bar, 24 acres, value \$912; Ruby creek, 12 acres, value \$227; Suittale, 75 acres, value \$765; Texas pond, 10 acres, value \$540; Welcome, 5 acres, value \$337.

The officers of the United States forestry service again point out that the term "forest reserves" is no longer legal or official. This name, they say, was changed by an act of congress in the year 1907 to "national forests," to indicate that these resources were not locked up as "reserves" for the distant future, but were to be administered for the greatest good to the greatest number now.

The first allotment of the national forest money made to Oregon and Washington, in 1906, after the passage of the act which gave the state a share of the national forest revenue, was \$7,565 for Oregon and \$1,823 for Washington. In 1915 Oregon's share of the revenue was \$49,675 and Washington's \$37,445.

Men in the forestry service say that the constantly increasing demand for national forest timber assures a much higher rate of increase in the next few years, and ultimately the state will receive a large revenue from this source.

The school board put a crew of men at work shoveling the snow from the roof of the school Friday. They feared that a leak might be caused by the melting snow.

MASTER KEGLEY TO VISIT MANY COUNTY GRANGES

Farmers Will Have Opportunity to Hear Lectures by Noted Granger.

State Grange Master C. B. Kegley will undoubtedly be heard by large and interested audiences, in his addresses in the grange halls of Skagit county February 5 to 12 inclusive, if the unusually severe weather does not interfere too much with people turning out. As the head officer of the great organization which he represents, and having a reputation as an able speaker, Mr. Kegley would at any time draw people to hear him; but at this time, when congress is in session with important measures before it concerning the agricultural interests in particular, and with the big political campaign at hand, what he has to say should be especially interesting to all who take a live and intelligent interest in public affairs.

The following is the list of dates and places where Mr. Kegley will speak. These meetings are open and all are invited to attend them: Pomona grange at Allan, February 5th, afternoon; Bow grange, February 5, 8 p. m.; Guemes, February 7, 2 p. m.; Dewey, February 7, 8 p. m.; Summit Park, February 8, 1 p. m.; Bay View, February 8, 4 p. m.; Fredonia, February 8, 8 p. m.; Cedarvale, February 9, 1 p. m.; Linnea, February 9, 3:30 p. m.; Rexville, February 9, 8 p. m.; Belfast, February 10, 1 p. m.; Sterling, February 10, 8 p. m.; Hamilton, February 11, 11 a. m.; Skiyon, February 11, 3 p. m.; Utopia, February 11, 8 p. m.; Van Horn, February 12, 11 a. m.; Rockport, February 12, 2 p. m.; Marblemount, February 12, 8 p. m.

HOLD EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER OF ROCKPORT

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Saturday, February 26, an examination will be held at Sedro Woolley as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Rockport and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$257 for the last fiscal year.

The age limit is twenty-one years and over on the date of the examination with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted. Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements. Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Rockport or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, at Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON PLANT PUTS IN NEW ROCK DRYER

The Washington Portland Cement company has completed the installation of the new rock dryer which arrived last week. Owing to the cold and snow the plant has been shut down, the management fearing that the conditions at the rock quarry would make operation dangerous. It is expected that as soon as the weather moderates work will be resumed.

COHEN SELLS INTEREST IN BAKER RIVER STORE

J. J. Mullaley to Take Full Charge of Management.—Cohen Goes to Seattle.

A. A. Cohen, who for the past two years has been connected with the Baker River Mercantile company, has severed his connections with that firm and sold his interest to J. J. Mullaley, who will take charge of the management. Mr. Cohen, who has made many friends since coming to Concrete, will move to Seattle where he has secured a lucrative position. Mr. Cohen has always taken a great interest in all matters concerning the town and was one of the prominent members of the Club of Concrete, and we wish him success in his new venture.

HAVE VERY ENJOYABLE TRIP TO BEAR CREEK

On last Tuesday Cy Cain and C. L. Wagner made an effort to beat the record held by George Dickinson from Superior to Bear creek, but found the conditions against them. The heavy storm had piled up snow and obliterated all old tracks and they were obliged in many places to get off their sleigh and break trail for the horse. This was accomplished by Cy going ahead, being able to account of his height, to trust himself to the drifts. He was followed closely by "Doc," after whose passage, the width of the trail was sufficient to allow the sleigh through. The sleigh upset on several occasions precipitating them into the deep snow and after many hardships they reached Bear creek.

On their return they found conditions even worse, as the snow was falling steadily, and the harness was broken several times on account of the heavy strain. They fortunately had taken a supply of will with them and were enabled to get home safely.

COUNTY TO HAVE YOUNG MEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

It has been announced that on Saturday, February 12th, at 2 o'clock, a meeting will be held in the Commercial club rooms at Mount Vernon with the view of forming a Young Men's Republican Club to be composed of young men from all over Skagit county. Prominent speakers have been secured for the occasion and it is hoped that all young men interested in the formation of such a club will be present. A banquet will be held in the evening at the Windsor hotel.

GRAND CHANCELLOR OF K. OF P. TO VISIT CONCRETE

Gus Meese, of Spokane, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, domain of Washington, will visit the local lodge on February 8th. A special meeting has been called and it is hoped that there will be a good turnout of members to welcome Mr. Meese. The local lodge has not been in a very flourishing condition for some time owing to the departure of many members and it is hoped that the visit of the grand chancellor will be of great benefit.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET

The Skagit county board of commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting in Mount Vernon next Monday and Tuesday. Several important matters are to come before the board. Commissioner Alfred Polson is expected back from California in time to be present at the meeting.

MONTH OF JANUARY IS ONE OF COLDEST KNOWN FOR YEARS

REPORT OF WEATHER OBSERVER SHOWS MONTH JUST PASSED WAS MOST SEVERE IN MANY YEARS.

With the January just passed the coldest weather that Concrete has experienced for years is at a close. The coldest day was the 14th when the thermometer registered 2 degrees above zero. The total precipitation for the whole month was 3.6 inches, while the snowfall was 26 inches. Compared with last year there was 25 inches more snow, while in 1914 21 inches fell, and in 1913 a little over 70 inches fell.

Although the past month was one of the coldest in years, no great trouble was experienced except from freezing water pipes. During the middle of the month there was plenty of ice and skating was the paramount sport for nearly a week.

The detailed weather report for January 1916, and for the corresponding month in 1915, 1914 and 1913, as prepared by Cooperative Observer Robt. M. White, is as follows:

January 1916: Total precipitation, 3.6; greatest in 24 hours, 1.9 on the 22nd. Total fall of snow, 26 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 6 inches on the 25th. Number of days with .01 or more precipitation, 7; clear days, 12; partly cloudy, 4; cloudy, 15. Warmest day, 41 on the 18th; coldest day, 2 on the 14th.

January 1915: Total precipitation, 7.2 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 1.6 inches on the 3rd. Total fall of snow, 1 inch on the 3rd. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 12; clear days, 13; partly cloudy, 4; cloudy, 14. Days with killing frost, 23. Average maximum temperature, 45; average minimum temperature, 29. Warmest day of the month, 63 on the 1st; coldest day, 20 on the 26th.

January 1914: Total precipitation, 17.4 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 2.4 inches on the 4th. Total fall of snow, 21 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 9.5 on the 27th. Number of days with .01 or more precipitation, 28; clear days, 1; cloudy, 28; partly cloudy, 3. Days with killing frost, 4. Average maximum temperature, 31. Warmest day of the month, 50 on the 7th; coldest day, 27 on the 28th.

January 1913: Total precipitation, 6.64 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 2.73 on the 24th. Total fall of snow, 70.5 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 14.5 inches on the 11th. Number of days with .01 or more precipitation, 21; clear days, 6; partly cloudy, 2; cloudy, 23. Days with killing frost, 21. Average maximum temperature, 33; average minimum temperature, 27. Warmest day 41 on the 25th; coldest day 14 on the 5th.

LADIES AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Ladies Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. H. Biggerstaff Thursday afternoon at her home on Garden street. Election of officers for the new year was one of the important objects of the meeting. The officers elected were Mrs. C. C. Bride, president; Mrs. B. E. Pierce, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Biggerstaff, secretary, and Mrs. C. Carter, treasurer.

Those present were Mesdames C. C. Bride, J. E. Metcalf, J. W. Smith, H. J. Smith, Judd Seaman, C. Carter, Fred Van Iderstine, E. R. Mosher, Jane Bickford and Ross. There were five new members taken into the society at this meeting. The auxiliary is planning on one of the best years work this year. The membership continues to increase rapidly. The hostess served delicious refreshments, this being their monthly ten cent tea.

TWO MEN SENTENCED

Two county jail prisoners received sentences in superior court Monday from Judge Augustus Brawley. Jake Clark, found guilty at a recent jury session on a charge of first degree assault, was sentenced from five to nine years at Walla Walla, and Fred Wilson, who pleaded guilty on a charge of petit larceny, was given a county jail sentence of 30 days and a fine of \$100.

NURSE IN SERBIA WEARS TEDDY BEAR DRESS.



Photo by American Press Association.

Mrs. Stobart, an Englishwoman of the Stobart mission, near Kragujevatz, Serbia, where 500 patients were treated, is seen wearing a white Teddy bear costume as a precaution against disease.

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 Assessor..... Chas. L. Woodard
 Police Judge..... Robert Treten
 Marshal..... Henry C. Bryson

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Commissioner, Third District..... E. N. Parze
 Commissioner, Second District..... Henry Thompson
 Commissioner, First District..... Alfred Nelson
 Sheriff..... E. A. Sisson
 Auditor..... W. V. Alexander

LIFE AND DEATH TAXED BY FREE-TRADE

A Free-Trade enthusiast recently lost his life companion, the mother of his sons and daughters, by death. He hurried to the telegraph office to inform the absent children. He was informed he must affix a Free-Trade tax stamp to each telegram or the operator could not dispatch it.

He purchased a coffin by freight and had to put a stamp on that. He shipped his wife's remains to the distant home of her birth. The express company demanded Free-Trade tax stamps on the bill of lading.

When he finally reached the journey's end he hired an auto-hearse to convey the body to its final resting place. And on his way out to the cemetery the driver told him that gasoline and automobiles were soon to be doubly taxed by Free-Trade.

When he returned sorrowing to his home he examined his bank deposit book and found that he had spent all his savings for medicines, also Free-Trade stamp taxes.

He gathered all the eggs on the farm and hurried to the local grocer's to exchange them for cash to pay the undertaker. There he learned that Free-Trade had imported millions of heathen laid eggs from Shanghai, China, and there was no demand for high-priced eggs.

He tried to sell his family cow, but the butcher said that Argentina beef was plentiful under Free-Trade.

He tried to mortgage his home, but local bank people told him the mortgage would be no good without more Free-Trade stamps.

He walked sadly over to a sympathetic neighbor who agreed to lend him the necessary money for the undertaker's bill, provided he gave his note. But even the note was not legal unless it was plastered over with some Free-Trade tax stamps.

And when he decided to end it all and join his dead companion in the grave the hardware man had to inform him that even firearms were no longer sold—except under a Free-Trade tax.

Is it any wonder he hurried home and vowed next November to cast his first ballot for the party that does not require Free-Trade stamps?—American Economist.

A STATE-WIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Captain I. M. Howell, secretary of state, who is recognized as the god-father of the association of secretaries of commercial organizations of the state, that association of capable, earnest and enthusiastic laborers for the betterment of conditions in Washington, is firm in the belief that now is the opportune time for the formation of tentative plans looking to the organization of State-wide Chamber of Commerce.

Captain Howell has sent letters to every active commercial body in the state urging that representatives be sent to the meeting of the association scheduled for the ninth and tenth of February, at Auburn, and earnestly solicits the valuable aid of the press in this undertaking. He realizes the potency of the newspapers in their vast influence for good and appreciates the fact that they, in their large field of usefulness, can make a certain success, not only of the secretary's association but of the more important factor for good, a State-wide Chamber of Commerce.

The gratifying termination of efforts being made by many of the local bodies in their campaign for membership and their reorganization on broader and more comprehensive lines will surely be of material aid in the formation of the larger organization covering a wider field, a field coextensive with the state's borders.

Following the excellent plan laid down by the Greater Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce of Tacoma, it should be thoroughly equipped to deal with every phase of state-wide activity, and to enthusiastically promote the commercial, industrial and social interests of the citizens. Having for its governing principle "Nothing too small for it to do and nothing too great for it to undertake, if for the best interests of Washington."

A MODERN MIRACLE

While we know that it is not a miracle, and that every phase of the performance is to be accounted for in rational and material grounds, conversation between individuals in New York City and Seattle, more than 3,000 miles apart as the crow flies, and over 4,000 miles by the devious lines, is something unbelievable. Yet the seeming miracles has been accomplished.

On Tuesday, in this city, President Sunalla, of the University of Washington, had a conversation with an official of the Bell Telephone company who was seated at his desk in New York. He talked in ordinary conversational tones, and the replies from New York were clear and plainly audible and as quickly responsive as if the New York man had been in the same room. Public demonstrations are now being held, and as many as 500 persons may "listen in" to the New York conversation at the same time.

A marvelous feature of the new appliance is the acceleration as well as the preservation of the voice tone. If one were able to stand on a hill-top and shout in tones sufficiently loud to be heard in New York it would take four hours for the sound of the voice to reach its destination. The mechanism of the long-distance telephone not only preserves the tone, but "pushes" it over 4,000 miles of wire in one-fiftieth of a second.

New York and the extreme East are now coupled with the Pacific coast at three points, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. It is all but a physical annihilation of distance, and brings the far-flung borders of our country into more intimate personal touch. In peace we shall find the uses of the new invention of great convenience, and in war it should prove indispensable.—Seattle F. L.

PREDICTS DISASTER

"The speech of Senator Newlands, Democrat of Nevada, in the United States Senate a few days ago, in which he virtually predicted disaster to his party in the elections of November next, simply illustrates what are the views of many members of Congress of his own party and which they in private conversation freely express," said a prominent Republican Representative in the lobby of the House. "Senator Newlands was right when he states that Democracy has only one well worn asset left and that is the old used expression, 'The president has kept us out of war.' Even this Democratic slogan has ceased to be music to the people. The idea in itself is too absurd, for the daily dallying and hesitating policy of the present administration has only tended to widen the breach and to destroy confidence in American diplomacy. We have really been much nearer war by this constant backing and filling by the Wilson administration, than we would have been had we adopted a definite, firm, positive and unswerving American policy. With a financial policy that has emptied the treasury and fiscal policy that has retarded and crippled industry, it is little wonder our political opponents are getting somewhat nervous as election approaches."

CONTEMPORANEOUS COMMENT

Washington State Weekly:

Stone's confession convicts the industrial insurance commission of criminal carelessness. That forgeries so crude as his could pass undetected means that the members of the commission were not exercising the ordinary precautions that the duties of their office demanded. And Governor Lister is equally culpable for permitting these disqualified and inefficient officials to retain their positions. Their work was to administer the fund entrusted to them and through negligence and because of other activities they failed. In private affairs these men would lose their places and would expect to Governor Lister promised to raise the plane of public service, but he is lowering it instead. He is putting a premium on inefficiency by not stamping it with official disapproval. His responsibility and the responsibility of the commission for the scandal and the crookedness are as great as the responsibility of Gillies. They permitted this over-powering temptation to stare their claim agent in the face.

Bellingham Sentinel:

Prohibition is not confined to the United States alone. At an election held in Vancouver, B. C., recently, M. McBeath, a young and radical prohibitionist, was elected mayor of that city over one of the strongest "wet" men in that city. This is but the beginning of the ending of liquor traffic in that part of Canada, and the whiskey men see the handwriting on the wall. They are already beginning to lay plans for a "skid-doo" to more congenial climes. The time is fast approaching when there will be no place on earth for the nefarious traffic, and the sooner the better. The whole world is getting sane and resorting to sane methods of living and enjoyment.

Anacortes American:

The necessity of advertising the lumber trade was presented at the Southeastern Lumbermen's association convention. President J. E. Mars said the lumber industry is emerging from the lean years with a definite program of enlargement. "If substitutes for lumber have displaced wood," said he, "it is because manufacturers of substitutes have assisted retailers in selling the product. We now have an extension service in the national lumber industry which for the next five years will promote the products of the forest."

Camas Post:

There are a few men who, because the saloons are closed, harp on the old question of "personal liberty." But the personal liberty argument for the existence of the saloon is about dead. People have come to realize that a man's personal liberty does not extend to the point of allowing him to walk the streets in drunkenness while the members of his family are without food or are suffering for the want of clothing, and the county, city or some charitable organization must assist them.

Ridgefield Reflector:

Bob Hodge, sheriff of King county, has a new scheme to land him in the governor's chair. He is hot after the wealthy Seattle men who have large quantities of bonds stored in their homes for private use. These bonds are probably all right and among the actual duties of his office, but it will take many more starts than these to convince the people that Bob is the right man to elect as governor of the State of Washington.

Arlington Times:

Speaking of preparedness, it would seem that the idea might have been carried out with profit just before this cold snap. Much inconvenience, goose pimples and some expense could have been avoided by forethought in protecting water pipes, laying in a good supply of wood or coal, extra blankets, etc. As it was the cohorts of Old Boreas caught most of us in a deplorable state of unpreparedness and before we could mobilize our forces almost got us to rout.

Anacortes Citizen:

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts wants the United States navy to be the second largest in the world. But why the second? What assurance have we of perpetual peace with Great Britain any more than with any other nation? England is one country, we are another. There is all the chance for an argument that is necessary.

Monroe Monitor-Transcript:

Announcement that President Wilson fears defeat of his defense plan is not at all surprising. He was such a recent convert to a national defense policy and prepared his plans so hurriedly that not even the friends of preparedness could be expected to stand for it. Some was not built in a day nor was it built over night by believers in the greatness of Rome.

Auburn Globe:

Now that the treasury has left Georgetown the News is telling stories about a pump that has been sent in that vicinity. Has the Pumping company been driven by the cold to Georgetown?

Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLake

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Space.

"I am selling space in the local street cars," said the advertising agent as he greeted the business man.
 "What?" shouted the business man indignantly. "Is that dog robbing street car company going to remove the seats hereafter?"

The Fall of Man.

This is the truth. He not misled.
 And this fact do not doubt.
 You fall in love; then you are wed
 And have a falling out.

Training.

"I would like to become a poet," said the young man as he faced the editor.
 "And I called on you to ask if it is necessary for me to take any special training."
 "Well," replied the editor, "you might start in and begin to train yourself to get along on about four meals per week."

Giddap!

"Just halt your wife as boss," said Blaine.
 "And you will find her fair and warm.
 But if you do not let her reign
 You'll find she's mighty sure to storm."

Peer Old Paw.

Willie—Maw, my teacher says that there are germs in kisses. Are there?
 Maw—Yes, my son.
 Willie—Can you catch things when you kiss?
 Maw—Yes, my son.
 Willie—Did you ever catch anything when you kissed?
 Maw—Yes, I caught a lady, no 'count, ornery husband, my son.
 Paw—Young man, you go get my razor strap and come out in the back yard.

Bess Their Hearts!

She's just fifteen. How she does grow!
 I speak of Mary Bimma.
 Now she's out having "legs" I know,
 And start to wearing "dimples."

Redbelt's Grace.

Dear Luke—I was in Pileon Root, Ky., for Sunday dinner, and an old fellow named Redbelt, a neighbor, dropped in just before the meal was served and was asked to partake of it and to say grace before we sat down. This is what he said: "Heaven grant that we may be able to eat everything on the table!"—J. B.

Booze.

"My good wife bawls when I get full," said rummy Mr. Pooch.
 "And every time I come home drunk she starts in bawling booze."

Crown in Mitt!

Dear Luke—Can Milton Heneges of Georgetown, O., watch over the club chicken coop?—Charles Kress.

On the Waiting List.

Recent applicants for membership in the Names is Names club are: Stout Dick of Paris, Ky.; Miles A. Field of Louisville, O.; Vera Cruise of Nelsonville, O.; Moore Bull of Johnston, Pa.; Frank Sept of Atlanta, Pa.; and Hyndrich Mudd of Springfield, Ky.

Well Pa-H-H With Dame Oxford.

Dear Luke—Tann Shaw runs a barber shop in West Baltimore, O. Can you find a place for him in the club?—E. D.

Names is Names.

Robert R. Still lives at Pomeroy, O.

Things to Worry About.

A bee has to travel 45,000 miles to get a quart of honey.

Our Daily Special.

You never get an excuse when you sing your own praises.

Luke McLake Says:

Once in awhile you will find a married man whose idea of amusement, punishment is to have to spend an entire evening at home.

One of the pleasures of editing a newspaper is the fact that every man who buys a copy of said newspaper reserves the right to control the policy of said newspaper.

Some reforms make more noise and accomplish less than anything else ever introduced in this country.

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Let a man pound his ear for two hours in a chair after dinner and when he wakes up he will tell you that he never dozed off for a few seconds.

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Correspondence

HAMILTON

H. A. Moore was a business visitor in Everett last week.

Mrs. A. W. Stone left Tuesday evening to spend a few days in Seattle.

Mr. H. A. Moore was confined to his bed on account of illness the last of the week.

Mrs. Frank King, who has been visiting in North Carolina since last August, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Reymore was seriously ill a few days last week, but is improving at present. This is the third illness he has had this winter, and some anxiety is felt by his many friends.

Dr. Kellner was a business visitor in Seattle part of last week.

Rebecca Moore returned to school Wednesday after a week of sickness.

Mrs. Frank Phillips left Wednesday morning for Custer where she will spend a few days visiting with friends.

Jesse Cary returned from Seattle Tuesday evening where he has been visiting for some time.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Kellner gave a dinner party on last Friday. After dinner a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Slipper, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Slipper and daughters, Doris and Marianne were the guests.

Mrs. D. C. Henry, accompanied by David, Jr., left Friday for Bellingham where she will visit with relatives and will bring home her little daughter Elinor, who has been visiting for several weeks with Mrs. Henry's sister, Mrs. W. S. Baker.

Mr. Clayton Reece, who has been away from Hamilton since last May, returned last week to the home of his father, Mr. J. B. Reece.

Mrs. Monte Parker is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Emory Jackson left Sunday for Everett where he will visit for several days.

After running for a few days the shingle mill shut down until warmer weather.

Mrs. C. L. Stone received the news that her father, Mr. Grexler, of Saskatchewan, Canada, died Sunday.

Miss Thelma Shannon left for Seattle Sunday to resume her studies at the university. Mr. Frank Kellner left Monday to again take up his university work after spending the semester vacation with his parents.

Miss Edna Richards is staying for a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sprinkle on account of the bad weather which makes it difficult for her to come in from the home of her grandparents to her daily school work.

Rev. Thomas Trevor and Rev. Rubicom are at Grasmere this week holding a series of meetings. Mr. Trevor having charge of the singing and music while Mr. Rubicom preaches. Rev. Rubicom came down from there Sunday morning and conducted the morning services in the Hamilton church, returning to Grasmere Monday noon.

At the special W. C. T. U. meeting held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. G. Slipper, the members were glad to welcome Mrs. Wm. Martin, of Rockport, formerly secretary of the Union, who is spending

ing some time at the home of Mrs. J. F. Fos. The next regular meeting of the Union will be at the home of Mrs. Wm. McNeil on Thursday afternoon, February 10th.

Vinnie and Gertrude Moyer gave a birthday party Thursday evening, January 27. Those who enjoyed the fun were Misses Grace and Virgie Bryson, Marjorie Cavanaugh, Clara Floyd, Marianne Slipper, Deniza Bryson, Helen Holcomb, Jessie Cook, Amanda Leatherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cary, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cary, Mr. Jess Cary, Mr. Carroll Bryson, Mr. Jack Iverson, Mr. Alfred and Delbert Cary, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cary, William Boyle, George Cary, Chester Moyer, Ralph Pape, Oma Duval and Mr. F. C. Cary. About 8:30 a sleigh ride was enjoyed and on returning they spent the evening in music and games after which a light lunch was served. All report a very pleasant time.

GRANGER WILL SPEAK TO PEOPLE OF HAMILTON

C. B. Kegley, master of the Washington State Grange, will speak in Hamilton at the Stickley hall at eleven o'clock Friday morning, February 11th. As this community is fast becoming an agricultural district, too much importance cannot be attached to the significance of the grange. What prospers the farmer means an impetus to prosperity in all other lines of industry with which the farmer comes in contact. Therefore, everyone is urged to be present and hear what one of the pioneers of the grange work in Washington has to say as to the future prosperity and possibilities of this organized farmers' movement.

LYMAN

Miss Bessie Nelson, of Bellingham, spent the week end with Miss Beatrice Bell, returning home Monday morning.

Mrs. P. J. Vanderford, of Minkler, attended the Ladies' Aid at Mrs. S. Briggs' Thursday.

Rev. Frances Bradshaw and wife were also out of town guests at the Aid.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. S. Briggs Thursday afternoon. A good number were present.

Rev. Frances Bradshaw and wife, of Darrington, Wash., are visiting Mrs. Bradshaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

Donald J. Morrison left for Seattle Monday morning where he expects to make his home.

Mr. John E. Minkler spent a number of days in Seattle this week.

Odious Comparison.

A little girl from Brooklyn was taken to visit her maternal grandmother in Connecticut. During her stay the household made much of her, and on her departure she was hugged and kissed and went over by each member of the affectionate family in turn. The scene made a deep impression on her young mind.

A visit to some Boston relatives followed. At the conclusion of it her uncle and cousins stood smilingly waving their adieus to the little one until she was out of sight.

The child's mother was beginning to wonder what made her so unusually quiet when a solemn little voice rang out from her corner of the car:

"Not a tear shed!"—New York Post.

Pinned Him Financially.

An esteemed citizen went into a shoe store in a metropolitan town and asked to see some leather goods. Another minute and an obliging salesman was hauling out some boxes.

"That is a nice looking shoe," remarked the customer as the salesman pushed his foot into a shiny right and started to lace it. "What is the price?"

"This pair is \$8," responded the salesman as he finished the lacing and ran his hands across the vamp.

"Does it pinch you any?"

"Well, I should say it does!" was the prompt rejoinder of the customer.

"Give me something about \$5 cheaper!"

—Kansas City Star.

How the Roughhouse Started.

They were talking about various things at the club, when a member not especially noted for his cleanliness remarked, "Would you call a bath a luxury or a necessity?"

"In your case," replied the man addressed, "it would be both—a necessity because you need it so badly and a luxury because you take it so rarely."

—Boston Transcript.

The Cow.

"Johnny," said the teacher, "write a sentence containing the word 'contents'."

After a few moments' hard labor Johnny submitted the following: "The contents of a cow is milk."—Chicago News.

One of Its Uses.

"Willie, did you see my new shaving brush?"

"Yep. Mom is using it to paint the bird cage."—Columbia Jester.

The word "tomorrow" was invented for irresolute people and for children.

—Turkic.

Quite Contrary.

"So Jiggs is just broken down."

"Yes—completely broken down."—Baltimore American.

HOW WIDE IS A ROAD?

Much Waste Land Upon Which Weeds Grow.

In the middle states a road is four rods wide—sixty-six feet—says the Country Gentleman. It is made so by decree of the government survey. Of course any man who is reasonably sober can drive a small automobile comfortably on a strip of land one rod wide. If two men are quite sober they can pass safely on one rod of road. Indeed, the makers of macadam for state roads rarely pretend to build roads more than eighteen feet wide, of which the marginal two feet may be counted for seepage.

A farm wagon is four feet eight inches wide from wheel to wheel—call it five feet for good measure. Add one foot for hubs, and still three such vehicles can be placed abreast in the eighteen foot road. In the four rod government highway with a little



UNUSED SPACES SERVE TO GROW WEEDS.

crowding, one dozen farm wagons could be set side by side in single rank.

It sounds extravagant, and it is. Each mile of government roadway contains eight acres of land. Much of it is perfectly good land, capable of growing 500 bushels of corn to the mile. Counting one rod as enough for proper road uses, six acres in each mile are pure waste. Thousands of miles of the best highways in England, France and Germany are only one rod wide, but if that seems too stingy for your Uncle Samuel call it two rods for us, and we are still throwing away four acres on each mile. Multiply these figures for the state of Iowa by the 104,000 miles of public road and we have 416,000 acres of the best farming land in the world just wasted. In Kansas, where the same system prevails, the government surveyors have been able to divert 333,200 more acres from proper uses to nothing at all.

This unused space serves only to grow weeds. The roadsides are often the greatest weed museum in a good farming country. Each year they produce enough seed to keep the neighboring farms perpetually supplied. In some places, to be sure, the owners of adjoining fields take into their own hands the care of the roadsides. They mow the weeds. Sometimes they even grow hay in place of weeds and mow that. Occasionally one plows the idle roadside and plants it to corn along with the abutting field.

It isn't his land, to be sure, but ought it not to be? Some day we shall learn in America the simple lesson learned long ago in older lands—that when a road is wide enough to carry the traffic it need not be any wider. Then we can economize on road maintenance and convert to the uses of agriculture many thousands of acres now ingloriously idle.

Texas Plans Highway.

The good road building movement which has swept the south since the inauguration of the Dixie Highway association movement has spread into Texas with the same feverish activity and interest that has been displayed further east. So tense has become the interest in Texas that the Texas Good Roads association, just as did the Dixie Highway association, has found it necessary to assume an attitude of "strict neutrality" in the selection of the route for highways which it plans to build.

A new highway will be known as the San Antonio-Houston highway. The first link to be completed is to be a part of the southern national highway. So warm has been the competition between the various points between the two termini of the highway that the Texas association has deemed it advisable to issue a card stating its position of "strict neutrality." It must be said for the Texas association, however, that it has gone the other highway association in Dixie one better. In that it has been able to capitalize the enthusiasm of the different competing sections to enormous advantage.

The plan of the Texas road builders has been to designate three tentative routes between San Antonio and Houston. It is up to the sections through which these routes pass to complete them. The first of these routes satisfactorily completed will be named as the official route and will be formally designated as the southern national route.

New Shell Road in Texas.

Beaumont and Kountze, Tex., soon will be connected by a shell road to cost \$75,000. The road already is shelled from Pine Island bayou to Beaumont. A highway commission has been selected to act in conjunction with the commissioners' court in the expenditure of this \$75,000.

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LIGHT ON LIGHT.

What It Really Is and How Its Waves Affect Our Eyes.

How many of us could say what "light" is?

Could we explain why the gloom of the streets seems increased tenfold when we leave a well lighted room? And do we know why all of us suffer discomfort, if not actual pain, when from darkness we enter a brilliantly lighted place?

The discomfort on entering a lighted room after darkness is because the optic nerve, which receives light just as the drum of the ear receives sounds, is suddenly burdened with light rays before the pupil of the eye has had time to contract to receive them. The pupils dilate very much in the dark in order to admit every ray possible, and a dilated pupil cannot, without discomfort, suddenly receive an abundance of light rays.

When the pupils contract there is an automatic adjustment to the quantity of light. When we "peer" we are really only adjusting our pupils. Going from brilliant light to darkness, the pupils do not dilate instantly. They remain contracted and cannot for a time collect what light there is. So the darkness appears intensified.

Cats, owls and other animals see in the dark because they have the power of enlarging their broad pupils and collecting light which is invisible to us.

Light itself is a fluid of luminous ether, which fills up the spaces in the air particles. It has an undulating vibratory movement, which strikes on the optic nerve, giving us the sensation of "light."—Pearson's Weekly.

THE HEART OF LONDON.

Where the Land Is Valued at Over \$16,000,000 Per Acre.

There is an amazing price set upon the land of London. In the center of the English metropolis tiny lots have been sold for fortunes.

An acre there is the dearest in the world. Many a transaction over ground in the heart of the city has set the figure of \$16,250,000 per acre. One square mile of London is valued at \$750,000,000. The land beneath the Bank of England at low estimate is worth \$25,000,000, and there are only three acres in that tract too.

There are places on Queen Victoria, Upper Thames, St. Mary-at-Hill and Cannon streets where one square inch is worth \$125. In Lombard street and King William street prices have ranged from \$200 and \$250 to \$350 per square foot.

Cornhill property has been bought for more than \$12,000,000 an acre. Thread-needle street land for \$350 per square foot, and a church in Austin Friars, not such a large church either, was tempted with an offer of \$5,000,000 for the land beneath it.

The steady lifting of London land in price has brought fabulous riches to the owners. Families have risen to prominence on no other ground than that they owned small bits of ground in valuable sections. Rents are high there, and sales have made owners permanently wealthy.—Philadelphia North American.

Liberal Adder.

Civil Service Examiner—How is it that every time you add up a sum the total exceeds the real amount and is never less? What is your occupation? Applicant—I'm a waiter, sir.—Punch

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ORDINANCE NO. 60

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2, Ordinance No. 3, of the Town of Concrete, Washington, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the Marshal and Clerk of the Town of Concrete, Washington," and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CONCRETE, Section 1. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 3 of the Town of Concrete, Washington, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the Marshal and Clerk of the Town of Concrete, Washington," be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 2. The Town Clerk of the Town of Concrete shall receive as full compensation for his services as prescribed by law and ordinance, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per month, payable monthly.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, based this first day of February, 1916.

Approved this first day of February, 1916.

WED A CAMPBELL, Mayor
J. L. LEONARD, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 61

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2, Ordinance No. 4 of the Town of Concrete, Washington, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a Town Attorney, prescribing his duties and fixing his compensation," passed by the council and approved by the Mayor on the 11th day of May, 1915, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The compensation of the said Town Attorney shall be fixed at the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per month, payable monthly.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, based this first day of February, 1916.

Approved this first day of February, 1916.

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Local Notes

Mrs. C. A. Thayer, who has been visiting her son, K. W. Thayer, for some weeks, returned to Seattle on Monday.

Mrs. A. L. Alexander, of Coupeville, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. White.

A. R. Johnson, employed by the Washington Portland Cement company, left for a visit to Ferndale Wednesday.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson is visiting friends in Ferndale this week.

R. E. Campbell, of Bellingham, Assistant District Forester, was in Concrete on Tuesday obtaining data regarding the cost of getting out timber from forest reserves.

Mrs. S. J. Hackler, a former resident of Grasmere and now of Seattle, spent a few days early in the week visiting friends at Grasmere.

R. O. Sherrill has sold to C. M. Cupples the residence in Maringo addition formerly occupied by Roy A. Robson. It is understood the consideration was \$725.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its next regular meeting next Thursday at the church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tritt at Sedro Woolley, on February 1st, a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Tritt were former residents of Concrete.

Pete Cunningham left Monday for a two weeks' visit in Bellingham and Orcas Island.

L. E. Wolfe was a Seattle visitor the first part of the week.

O. C. Plummer went to Minkler Saturday to visit his family.

R. Roggenstroh was in Seattle on Saturday and Sunday.

Max Davis was a Seattle visitor the first of the week.

Miss Evelyn Mansfield, a teacher in Fir, was the guest of Mrs. J. C. Johnson and Miss Teglund Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Aliene Pierce spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents. Miss Pierce graduated at the Normal two weeks ago and is now teaching some advanced work until the end of the term.

Frank Edgar was in on Thursday from his ranch seven miles up Bear creek.

Sam Baker, of Seattle, is the guest of friends here this week.

Ira Morris, while engaged in removing ice from the telephone wires at the Washington Portland club house, was struck on the head by a falling icicle, causing a cut about two inches long. Dr. E. F. Mertz dressed the wound but no stitches were found necessary.

Mrs. Walter Jackson and son, Leonard, were passengers to Birdsview Tuesday.

Great preparations are being made for the dance and program at the Eagles hall Monday evening. The Rebekahs are giving this entertainment and everyone knows what good entertainments the lodge gives.

Mesdames Earl Learned and Nellie Wheelock came up from Hamilton today and will go up to Van Horn tonight to play for the dance.

The Rebekah lodge announces to their members that the state president will not be here Tuesday evening on account of the weather.

Mrs. J. W. Smith was in Bellingham this week where she accompanied her daughter, Helen, who entered the Normal. Miss Helen has been attending school in Ellensburg.

C. E. Franklin, who since the end of the year has been staying with his parents at Oak Harbor, was in town Tuesday and attended the council meeting. Mr. Franklin is putting in his spare time clearing up some of his land near Oak Harbor. He returned to Island county Thursday.

A crowd of young people chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morris and Mrs. K. Glover enjoyed a sleigh ride to Hamilton Saturday evening and attended the dance. The following were among the party: Misses Helen Ross, Teglund, Evelyn Mansfield, Blossom Ervin, Leonard Ervin, Frank Legas, Walter Ross, Frank Jones and Harry Binzer.

Little Miss Alice Woodworth entertained a number of her friends at her parents home in Superior last Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her ninth birthday. The guests were Vernetta Wahlgren, Josephine Gordon, Hilda Hedges, Ruth and Dorothy Botsford, Mary Knott, Lois White, Winnifred Pierce, Winnifred Halliday, Lola Miller, Gladys Tosath, George Dickinson, Carl Lowe, Anna Annis and John Woodworth. The little lady received many nice remembrances from her friends. Games were enjoyed by the little folks and Mrs. Woodworth served delicious refreshments.

NEEDY YOUTHS OUTNUMBER AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Washington, Feb. 5. —Really deserving students who have sought relief from the payment of tuition, under the scholarship provision of the legislative enactment, number more than 400, which is 108 more than the university can succor. Six hundred and eight students asked to be excused from paying the \$10 fee, but about 200 were found to be hardly eligible, under the rules laid down by the faculty committee in charge of the scholarships. The members of the committee are in despair as a result of their inability to aid all the needy youngsters.

SCHOOL NOTES

Leaders for the month ending January 28th are: Wesley Howard, 10th grade; Clifford Van Iderstine, 9th grade; Darrel Leavitt, 8th grade; Myra Heustis, 7th grade; Frances Heskett, 6th grade; Harry Leavitt, 5th grade; Anna Annis, 4th grade; Lois White, 3rd grade; Josephine Gordon, 2nd grade; Gladys Thosath, 1st division, 1st grade; Leonard Jackson, 2nd division, 1st grade.

Percentage of attendance: Mr. McCoy's room, 95.4; Mrs. Miller's room, 98.7; Miss Draham's room, 96; primary, 92.9. The girls in Mrs. Miller's room had 100 per cent attendance. Attendance for entire school, 95.8.

Miss Draham expects to be back for work Monday morning.

NEW REGISTRATION LAW

Efforts to instruct all voters in the state with the need of registration under the new state law, have begun to have their effect in the cities, especially where municipal elections are pending, but the registration has been very slow in most of the country districts. The new law requires every voter in the state to be registered, registration now being good for four years, if the voter casts his ballot at all general elections and does not change his residence. The new duties of direct legislation makes it doubly important that every citizen register and vote. Six laws come before the people this year under the referendum, and probably several more will be initiated.

Business Magazine Projected

"Better Business," a monthly magazine devoted to business in general, non-technical in character, and serviceable in this locality, will be published by the extension division of the University of Washington if advertising can be obtained to help finance it. Everett F. Dahm will be the editor.

The Herald One Year for \$1.

STATE INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Twenty-nine thousand dollar bridge on National Park highway at Mayfield is open.

Cathlamet celebrates opening of a new \$10,000 school.

Walla Walla plans to pave seventy blocks at a cost of \$150,000.

Davenport plans to spend \$6,000 to improve streets.

Portland capitalists subscribe \$15,000 to establish public market at N. Yakima.

Walla Walla votes \$2,000,000 bonds for new school buildings.

\$45,000 annex planned for Colfax hospital.

Tekoa is working for canning factory.

Chewelah—Pacific Investment Co. will build 30x115 foot brick.

Hoquiam—Pulp mill to utilize the waste from saw mill to be built at McCleary to manufacture pulp for explosives.

New bank is planned for Kalama. Molson—Farmers planning to build cooperative creamery.

Kelp from Pacific is to be made into potash at San Deigo.

Modern fire-proof theater planned for Montesano.

Four contracts for state highways and bridges aggregating \$135,000 were awarded three Spokane firms.

Washington's wheat crop for 1915 broke all records by 17,000,000 bushels, total crop being 50,000,000 bushels.

Montesano—County spend total of \$274,903 on roads in 1915.

Elma dedicates new high school.

Mill at Markham expected to open early in February.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co. did a good business in 1915, according to its annual report.

Hoquiam—Queetz cannery will start some time in February on salmon and will be the first to open in the Grays Harbor district.

Vancouver—Harvey Mill Co. expects to start about March 1.

Centralia—Stillwater Lumber Co. at Vader, will rebuild on site of the burned plant.

O. W. R. & N. Co. will build a steel warehouse 500 feet long, at Tacoma at once.

Steel corporations paid \$659,389 in pensions to retired employees in 1915.

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Pasco Chamber of Commerce is investigating plan to put water on 73,000 acres of land.

North Yakima—Beet sugar industry being looked into by the Commercial club.

Davenport has dedicated its new \$40,000 school.

United States supreme court holds that the Washington state workmen's compensation law abolishes all actions for damage in courts by workmen in hazardous employments covered by the law, whether against employers or third persons.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles C. Latham, Everett, and Ruth Andrick, Sedro Woolley, Jan. 21
Harold S. Stewart, Seattle, and Nora Buell, Seattle, Jan. 25
Herbert White, McMurray, and W. Etta Miller, McMurray, Jan. 27
W. T. Carr, Bellingham, and Edna E. Foster, Bellingham, Jan. 29.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registration Books for East Concrete and West Concrete Precincts of Skagit County, are now open for registration of the qualified electors of said precincts, at the office of the undersigned. Persons desiring to register may do so at any time during office hours.
Dated February 2, 1916.
G. L. LEONARD,
Town Clerk.

A Great Military Feat

Nonza, in Corsica, is very proud of the story of a great military feat performed there long ago. It is told in "Romantic Corsica," by George Renwick.

The French in 1768 had subjugated all the northern cape with the exception of the tower of Nonza, which for a considerable time sustained a close siege. Attacking parties were driven back by a fierce fire, but at last the garrison agreed to surrender if allowed to march out with all the honors of war. This was conceded, and old Captain Cascella appeared, staggering under a load of muskets and pistols.

"Why is the garrison so long in coming out?" asked the French commander.

"It is here, sir," replied Cascella. "I am the garrison."

Needs No Lightning Rod.

A building 9,000 feet above sea level should be protected by lightning rods, one thinks, but the astronomical observatory at Mount Etna has not and does not need such protection. The observatory is near the summit of the volcano, and the stream of vapor constantly rising from the crater acts as a natural conductor, draining the electricity out of the clouds, so that lightning is seldom seen there.

If This Insect Had Wings!

You can excuse a child for calling a whale a fish, but listen to this youngster, who is reported in the Boston Transcript:

Child at Library—Please give me a book on whales.

A book on natural history with a chapter devoted to whales is brought.

The Child—Oh, I don't mean a book on the insect. I mean the country!

Simple Directions.

"My dear," said she, "please run and bring me the needle from the haystack."

"I don't know which haystack."

"Look in all the haystacks. You can't miss it. There's only one needle."

—From "More Jonathan Papers."

Woman's Desire to Attract.

Owing to the system under which we live, where man is a valuable prey, woman has contracted the habit of trying to attract. Even aggressive intolerance on her part may conceal the desire to attract by exasperating.—W. L. George in Atlantic.

Has to Be.

"Our alimony club is very economical."

"Well, it goes without saying that an alimony club has to husband its means." —Baltimore American.

Classified.

"How would you classify a telephone girl? Is hers a business or a profession?"

"Neither; it is a calling."—Christian Register.

Provide for the worst; the best will save itself.

Mr. A. A. Cohen, who for the past two years has been our efficient manager, has resigned.

Though we regret the loss of Mr. Cohen we still hope to merit your patronage.

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