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Concrete should not overlook the opportunity to bring the Mountaineers this way when they make their summer trip.

There are various things in sight for the near future which insure much greater activity in the vicinity of Concrete.

## PERMITS GRANTED FOR TWO FINE NEW STORE BUILDINGS

STRUCTURES TO BE ERECTED ON MAIN STREET OF RE-INFORCED CONCRETE BY ALDRIDGE, GREEN AND SMITH.

The town council met in regular session with Mayor Campbell presiding. Roll call showed Councilmen Franklin, Ireton and Woodard present and Councilmen Dickinson and absent. Mr. Dickinson arrived in a few minutes, and Mr. Smith reported out of the city.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and special called meeting were read and approved.

The monthly report of the town auditor for March was read and referred placed on file.

Street Commissioner McDonald reported that there was a bad place on the street near the intersection of Mill street and Division avenue that needed attention. Referred to street and alley committee.

Councilman Ireton reported that the ditch draining the pond back of the laundry was blocked and needed cleaning out. Referred to the street commissioner for action.

A letter from the Bradberry Logging company relative to unpaid balance on city dumping ground was read in place and referred to the finance committee.

The following bills, having been approved by the finance committee, were read and warrants ordered drawn for payment of the same on motion of Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Woodard:

Concrete Library, maintenance, \$10.00; rent, \$15.00; L. Leonard, salary, clerk and attorney, \$20.00; R. P. L. & W. Co., light and water, \$99.55; McDonald, salary marshal, etc., \$10.00.

The applications of E. E. Aldridge, to small lot, and A. G. Smith for longed permits for the construction of one-story concrete buildings upon the respective properties on the north side of Main street, within the limit, were read, and on motion of Mr. Franklin, seconded by Dickinson, mayor and clerk were instructed to issue the permits as requested, and specifications having been read and satisfactory.

Ordinance No. 62, amending the limit ordinance so as to cover buildings, was given its third reading and passed. Franklin, Ireton and Woodard voting aye.

Ordinance No. 63, regulating the sale and disposition of intoxicating liquor, in conformity with the prohibition law, was passed, and a court of Councilmen Franklin, Ireton, Dickinson and Woodard voting aye.

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## RIFLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP LARGER THAN ANY IN COUNTY

Monday evening of this week a meeting of the newly organized Rifle club was held in Concrete club rooms when it was shown that the membership had been materially increased, there being nearly sixty on the roll and with a considerable number of those directly interested still to hear from. Much enthusiasm was manifested, a majority of members being at the same place when the meeting was held. Another meeting will be held a week from Monday evening at the same place when the executive officers and permanent officers of the club will be elected.

C. L. Stewart, who was the prime mover in organizing the club, is greatly elated over the success of the venture, for the club of Concrete now has a larger membership than any in Skagit county. There are clubs at Mount Vernon and Sedro Woolley and talk of organizing one at Anacortes.

The local club will shortly be in position to order rifles and ammunition and begin active work.

## TROUBLE BREWING FOR POOL HALLS THAT HARBOR MINORS

An ordinance has been introduced in the city council which has for its purpose keeping all minors out of pool halls and places where card games, dice shaking or other games of chance are carried on and providing a severe penalty for violation of its provisions. The measure was given its first reading at the meeting Tuesday evening and will doubtless pass when brought up again, for it is not anticipated that there will be any opposition develop among members while there is a strong sentiment in its favor among residents of the town.

Most cities and towns of the state have ordinances of this nature on their books and in most cases they are rigidly enforced, police officers keeping a close watch for violators.

E. E. Hurja, well known as a member of the Ford peace party, visited two days this week with J. J. Mullaley, an old time Alaska friend. While here Mr. Hurja accompanied Mr. Mullaley trout fishing one day and greatly enjoyed the trip. He returned to Seattle where he is attending the University of Washington.

## ORDINANCE IS VERY STRINGENT AGAINST SALE OF ALL LIQUORS

MEASURE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ALMOST MAKES IT A CRIME FOR A MAN TO HAVE THE SMELL ON HIS BREATH.

Concrete has got an ordinance against the manufacture, sale, barter trade or giving away of liquors of any and every kind whatsoever, with certain stipulated exceptions; but these are few and far between and anyone who is caught "with the goods" in this burg hereafter will find it hard sledding, from a legal standpoint. The ordinance does not, of course, conflict with the state law wherein a person may have the legal limit in his possession, but under its provisions he had better see that it is kept distinctively in his own possession.

When the new state dry law went into effect it became necessary for all cities and towns to adopt ordinances in conformity therewith, for otherwise it would not be possible to prosecute under its provisions, old ordinances being far less stringent and many of them at utter variance and conflict with the present state statute. However, under the new ordinance, which goes into effect today, any person having more than the legal limit of liquor of any kind will be up against a hard game—providing, of course, that he is caught.

However, the ordinance, in full, is printed in this issue of The Herald, on another page, and all may become familiar with its provisions through its official publication.

Henry O'Malley, formerly superintendent of the Baker Lake fish hatchery but more recently located at Seattle, has been promoted to chief of the division of fish culture in the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C. Mr. O'Malley was well known to residents of Concrete and the upper Skagit valley.

## DUST COLLECTOR IN WASHINGTON PLANT TO BE OVERHAULED

EXPERT REPRESENTING ALLIS-CHALMERS COMPANY TO PUT THE SYSTEM IN SHAPE AND MAKE ANY CHANGES.

Indications point to the practical elimination of dust at the plant of the Washington Portland Cement company in the very near future for J. A. Prudell, representing the manufacturers, the Allis-Chalmers people, is now in Concrete and has undertaken the complete overhauling of the system and will make such changes as necessary to make the system a success. He will remain until satisfied that all present difficulties have been overcome.

Since the system was installed, with a view to eliminating dust from the big plant, every effort has been put forth on the part of the management to make it effective, but it appears that some local conditions had not been taken sufficiently into consideration when the system was installed and that some changes will be essential before it may accomplish the purpose for which it was built. However, that this may ultimately be done is a foregone conclusion, in the estimation of Mr. Prudell, and his labors will be directed to that end.

At Ottawa, Ill., the company has installed a similar system for the elimination of dust in a silica plant, and with complete success. There have been others installed at various points in Europe, and these, also, are perfectly satisfactory. However, it is necessary, says Mr. Prudell, to make each system to fit peculiar conditions in each plant, for while machinery and equipment may be exactly the same they are operated on a little different plan—some machines may be run faster in some than others and there may be differences in plant construction which cause trouble. All these have been given consideration in connection with the Washington Portland Cement company plant, and it is confidently believed that when present work is completed that the dust arresting system will be working satisfactorily.

## REPORT OF THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEALTH NURSE

From February 29 to March 31 one hundred visits were made to patients; twenty miscellaneous visits to doctors and others regarding patients; one school was visited in Algor; one death and three new cases, leaving forty-eight on the list. Two children were taken to the Orthopedic hospital at Seattle, one from Sedro Woolley and one from Anacortes. The child from Sedro Woolley had to have a leather jacket made for her spine and further examination and treatment. The ladies of the P. E. O., of Sedro Woolley are paying for her ticket and her hospital expenses. The child from Anacortes was brought back after two weeks' treatment and is doing nicely.

## VIOLATORS OF AUTO LAW ARE ARRESTED AND FINED

The first arrests to be made in this county for violations of the automobile license statute occurred in Anacortes Tuesday when three men were brought before Justice W. H. Beard and fined \$15 each. The costs in each case amounted to \$2. The arrests were made by D. O. Downing and W. S. Snyder, state deputy automobile inspectors.

G. C. Allen was fined for displaying a wrong license on a Ford truck, the Island Transfer company for operating a Republic truck without a license and Arthur Johnson for operating a Ford with an old license.

The deputy inspectors call attention to the fact that private cars can not be operated with a dealer's license. They urge all automobile dealers to see that purchasers of cars have licenses before they take the machines out of the shop.

## BIG LAKE WOMAN TAKEN BY DEATH

Death called Mrs. J. A. Marion at the family home in Big Lake Tuesday morning at the age of 42 years. Mrs. Marion had lived in Skagit county for nine years, one year of this time in Mount Vernon. She was beloved by a wide circle of friends. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the United Presbyterian church in Mount Vernon with Rev. A. W. Wilson speaking.

## DISTRICT MEETING OF REBEKAHS WILL BE HELD HERE SOON

UPWARDS OF ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS FROM SKAGIT AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES WILL ATTEND GATHERING.

Concrete will entertain the district meeting of Rebekahs Monday evening, April 17, when it is expected that upwards of one hundred members of the order will gather here for the semi-annual event in which the various lodges always take great interest and for which interesting programs are always arranged. District No. 410, comprising Skagit and San Juan counties, has not met in Concrete in five years, and local members generally, are planning to make their stay here as pleasant as possible.

It is probable that the visitors will make the trip in automobiles, very largely, although many may come on the 1 o'clock train that day, spending the time intervening before the program as may be arranged by the local committee. Others arriving later will not have so long a wait before the evening meal, which will be served at the Whitely hotel at 6 o'clock. Shortly thereafter adjournment will be taken to Eagles hall where the program of the evening will be given. At midnight a fine luncheon will be served in the dining room of the hall, after completion of the program.

It is the usual custom at these semi-annual meetings to have different lodges furnish certain parts of the entertainment, and this will be carried out on this occasion. In that way members, outside of the various lodges, do not know what the program is to be and it proves that much more interesting.

On behalf of the home lodge Mrs. Harold Smith will deliver the address of welcome to the visitors. There will be responses from the members selected for the purpose while other features provided will complete an evening of interest to lodge members. Burlington lodge will put on the initiation work for any who may wish to join the order on that evening and as exemplification for other lodges.

On the whole, the event will be one of more than ordinary interest to both visitors and citizens and nothing will be overlooked to make the meeting an auspicious event in Rebekah annals.

## MAKING CHANGES IN STORE

Work is under way whereby the Baker River Mercantile company will provide a large amount of additional space for the big stock of goods carried. The partitions in the rear where a room and office have been located are being torn out and an addition, squaring up the building, built on. The room at the rear will be materially reduced in size while the back part of the new addition will be utilized entirely as a storage room for flour and other articles. New shelving will make possible an entire rearrangement of the stock, whereby the public may be more conveniently served.

## TO TAKE OVER TELEPHONE SYSTEM THE FIRST OF MAY

That the Puget Sound Telephone company would take over the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's exchanges in Skagit, Snohomish and Island counties on May 1 was learned yesterday. The new company took over the Puget Sound Independent Telephone company's exchanges in this district March 1. Local telephone men believe that it will be two or three months before the exchanges are consolidated.

A. E. Cray, who has been manager here for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, will be Skagit and Island county district manager for the new company. R. S. Reany, now with the Pacific people, will be district manager for Snohomish county. B. T. Conlee, who has been district manager for the Independent people, has retired and enters the real estate business in Bellingham.

## PACIFIC HIGHWAY TO GET CONCRETE PAVING

A call for bids on the construction of permanent highway 4 was issued by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting in Mount Vernon Tuesday. The section to be paved is the Pacific highway from the northern city limits of Mount Vernon to the Riverside bridge. The bids will be opened on May 2. The paving will be one-course concrete, 16 feet in width.

## MOVING AMONG MERCHANTS AND OTHERS OF THIS CITY

April first is the generally accepted moving time in all sections of the country and Concrete upheld the general reputation of cities by several of the merchants and business men shifting about, all to their material advantage.

The store of S. R. McGowan & Co. is now in the new State Bank of Concrete building, the move being made Sunday and Monday morning. No sooner had Mr. McGowan vacated—in fact everything was not out of the building—before T. I. Lowe moved in with his stock of general hardware, furniture, etc., the new location being much more advantageous from a business viewpoint. W. J. S. Gordon moved his real estate and insurance business to the center front office on the second floor of the new bank building and George W. Feazel now occupies the premises with his better shop, formerly in the rear of Collins soft drink establishment.

Later moves will be inaugurated when new buildings, under way and contemplated, have been completed.

## NEW GARAGE AND SERVICE TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE

Unless present plans fail, within a very short time L. H. Livermore will establish a new garage and service station in Concrete in which the Ford machine will be handled and a complete system maintained. This will also include parts for other machines so that delay in replacing parts may be obviated in most cases. However, when needed parts are not on hand they will be secured from Mr. Livermore's garage at Sedro Woolley, the time thus consumed being comparatively short. In cases of absolute necessity a trip will be made to Sedro Woolley in a machine after parts not in stock. Gasoline will be handled, the establishment being planned for complete service.

While arrangements have not been completed for a building Mr. Livermore has under consideration the one on Main street, recently vacated by T. I. Lowe, and in which I. Kvarno formerly had his garage. There is ample room there for storing several new machines and necessary equipment, it is said.

## CONCRETE TO HAVE A CONCRETE BRIDGE ACROSS THE BAKER

DIFFICULTIES PREVENTING PREVIOUS ACTION CLEARED UP AND COMMISSIONERS ADVERTISE FOR BIDS.

Tuesday of this week at the meeting of the county commissioners at Mount Vernon final action was taken whereby the building of a concrete bridge across the Baker river at this point was definitely decided upon and bids were called for in advertisements which were ordered printed in the official county paper and other publications which reach contractors in this section of the country. The plans as previously drawn were approved and the structure will be built in accordance therewith.

There is no question affecting this part of the county in which residents of Concrete have been more vitally interested than in the building of this bridge. The old structure must be replaced, anyway, and when the Superior and Washington Portland Cement companies came forward with a proposal to furnish all the necessary cement to build the bridge there was evidenced at once a strong sentiment in favor of that material. It was realized that the bridge would prove of value as an added attraction to scenery of the upper Skagit, being the only structure of the kind in this part of the state.

The design decided upon will be a most pleasing one from an artistic viewpoint, while the new bridge will prove much better from a utilitarian standpoint, inasmuch as it will be built at a higher grade, eliminating much of the hill on both sides of the river.

It is expected that actual construction work will be started some time in May, as it is the desire of the county commissioners to have the bridge completed as quickly as possible after the bid is awarded. However, bids must be published for thirty days before an award may be made.

## CONCRETE IS SPLIT WIDE OPEN ABOUT A NEW CHICKEN LAW

COUNCIL DIVIDES EVENLY ON PROPOSED MEASURE AND PETITION IS CIRCULATED TO PREVENT ITS ENACTMENT.

Have you got chickens? Do your neighbor's chickens scratch your garden or otherwise trouble you? Do you think chickens ought to be shut up, anyway? And a large number of similar questions are being asked of residents of Concrete right now because there was up for consideration before the city council Tuesday evening a measure providing that all chickens within the town limits be kept shut up the year round. It was not adopted as Councilmen Dickinson and Franklin voted no and Councilmen Woodard and Ireton aye. Mr. Smith was absent.

The question came officially before the council through first reading of the proposed law, when a motion was made by Councilman Woodard that the first reading be considered the second and third reading and that the ordinance be passed. Councilman Ireton seconded the motion and the ayes and nays were called for with the result as stated in the foregoing paragraph. The ordinance was then given its first reading and will come up as unfinished business at the next meeting of the council.

There seems to be material division of sentiment regarding the propriety of adopting such an ordinance. Many contend that it will work a hardship on them to construct fences in which to keep their fowls and still others maintain that they do not care to plant gardens simply to have them scratched up by their neighbor's chickens.

With a view to securing sufficient signatures to prevent the passage of the ordinance, if possible, J. Boyd started out with an opposing petition Thursday morning and succeeded in securing a considerable number of signers. A petition favoring the ordinance will be circulated, it is said, and when the council meets it will have a division of sentiment similar to that prevailing among members when called upon to vote Tuesday evening. Just what they will do in such an eventually is, of course, not known but the question promises to prove troublesome, at least so far as sentiment pro and con is concerned.

Other cities and towns in Skagit county have a chicken ordinance—have had, in fact, for some years. They are enforced, too. It required a number of prosecutions in some towns to convince people that the ordinance was enacted for a real purpose, but now there is no longer complaint about its provisions and no violations. In fact it has been contended by many who have chickens that they have secured better results since their chickens were kept penned up than when they ran at large—that is so far as eggs are concerned. They have been forced to feed them more of the neighbor's gardens were not available.

It is expected that there will be a "full house" at the next meeting of the city council and much time, energy and effort will be spent over the very weighty problem of whether people should keep their hens at home or not.

## PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR PARENT-TEACHERS' MEETING

Arrangements are under way whereby one of the most interesting meetings yet held by the Parent-Teachers association will be held Friday evening, April 14, at the school auditorium. A fine program is being planned and it is not believed that anything will transpire on this occasion to prevent the attendance of Mrs. Phi Smythe Williams, of Bellingham. Mrs. Williams was to have appeared at the last meeting of the association but was prevented by delay in train service because of washouts.

More recently there has been much added interest in school work on the part of parents and there will doubtless be a record attendance at the forthcoming meeting.

Joe Frank fell about thirty-five feet in the Superior Portland Cement company quarry Friday afternoon and suffered a broken shoulder. He was brought down on the train and taken to his home where Dr. Mertz reduced the fracture.



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## A POLITICAL MOTIVE

John Callan O'Laughlin, once an assistant secretary of state, is now the Washington correspondent of the Chicago "Herald." In a telegram to his paper he describes what he calls a "side-light thrown upon the course pursued by the chief executive" in connection with the controversy over the German submarine policy. It is said, according to Mr. O'Laughlin, that the president learned "that word was being passed in Tennessee not to instruct the delegates for Mr. Wilson, but to send them uninstructed to St. Louis; that it was represented that Mr. Wilson would not get the nomination, and that it would be wise for the Southern states to be ready to get behind the man who really would get the votes—Speaker Clark. At the same time the administration learned that Theodore Bell, who backed Clark in 1912, was busily engaged in 'sewing up' the California delegation for the speaker. Further it was declared the German-American vote would rally behind the speaker. This information, it is claimed, caused the president to determine upon a showdown."

This is a revolting recital. If it be true—and it bears internal evidence of veracity—Mr. Wilson's letter to the Ohio secretary of state was false. In that letter the president said that he would not engage in a contest for renomination. Once more he was "too proud to fight." But if what Mr. O'Laughlin writes has a basis of fact, Mr. Wilson is willing to fight most desperately to secure a second nomination and is willing to endanger the peace of the country in the endeavor.

## CAN SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

Democratic Representatives Page of North Carolina, Sherwood of Ohio, and Eagle of Texas, have announced their intention of retiring from congress. It is being freely rumored that Majority Leader Claude Kitchin likewise has given up hope of following the fog-stranded president. These announcements follow the vote on the McLenmore resolution which Mr. Wilson forced on the house.

Three other matters of legislation are to come before congress during this session: preparedness, revenues, and the government purchase and operation of ships. On none of these measures are the Democrats agreed, and other notifications of retirement are confidently expected as these bills are sandbagged through congress.

Several Democratic congressmen do not intend to run again, but loyalty standing higher in their estimation than the duty to balk at the White House spurs, they will remain silent for some months. All these are by way of voluntary retirements and the number of involuntary retirements will be known after the November massacre of the present majority.

It will not, therefore, be so surprising, after all, if Mr. Wilson, within the next few months, elects to return to the study of history rather than to become a candidate for re-election. At least his last four years of experience should qualify him to write with a discernment much matured by experience.

## NOT A BAKER'S JOB

A short time prior to his selection to be secretary of war, young Mr. Baker of Cleveland, Ohio, sent a telegram to Senator Pomerene in which he asked: "Cannot something be done to save the Democratic party, which at present is a dismal failure?"

Mr. Baker now seems inclined to try saving the democracy himself. We cannot help thinking that the job is not one for a Baker, nor yet for a butcher or candlestick maker. In fact, the Democratic party is beyond saving. What it really needs is the services of an undertaker.

The weekly change of mind on the part of Professor Wilson takes place as scheduled. The latest change is in relation to the tariff commission. First he recommended five members. Now he wants six, having, doubtless, discovered another prodigy who possesses no convictions on the subject of the tariff. The shipping board is to be increased from five, as originally planned, to seven members. This makes eleven pre-election jobs carrying \$10,000 each. There is no reason why Mr. Wilson should not ask for 12 members on each of these boards, so that with a wise distribution of promises he would have 24 men in various parts of the country, absolutely non-partisan, to be sure, but working hard to see that Mr. Wilson was re-elected.

"I am thoroughly disgusted with the leaders of our party," says Representative Warren Worth Bailey, Democrat from Pennsylvania. "We are on the back track now." The country started on the back track when the Democrats were put in power.



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## COMMENTS OF THE STATE PRESS

Some Real Thoughts from the Think  
Tanks of Thoughtful Thinkers.

### And the Bloomin' Navy Isn't Where Bullets Are Flying

Seattle P.-I.:—An Englishman who deserted from a highland regiment was found later enlisted in the navy and doing his bit there. His excuse was that he could not stand the kilts and wanted some job wherein he could keep his legs clothed. Can you blame him?

### Kwiterkickin! You 'Ain't Do- ing Any of the Fighting

Bellingham Herald:—The censors in Gen. Pershing's camp have dignified Villa's cause by deleting the names of places where he came in contact with American forces. Judging from the censorship one might get the notion that we are fighting a first class power instead of trying to locate a bandit with a handful of men.

### Suffering Cats! Listen to This Fellow's Rusty Rant

Anacortes Citizen:—The Republican managers have decided that Root is too old for presidential timber. There was a great deal of dry rot and punk about Root before he got old. If Root and Bryan were opposing each other for president, on a platform where neither had the advantage as to policies, and both were running strictly on personal qualities—who would be elected?

### What Schoolroom Do You Mean, Political or Academic, What?

Camas Post:—No such legislative and executive imbecility as is now seen in Washington has been manifested since the time Buchanan permitted his cabinet to send the United States warships to distant ports to scatter the few soldiers we had to distant parts of the country. For four years it has been evident that this country would have to take a hand in Mexican affairs, yet nothing was done by congress or the administration to get ready for what happened. The people certainly have learned a lesson that they will not soon forget. The school room is a poor place in which to train men for the presidency.

### But They Just Won't Get Together Somehow, Gol Durn 'Em

Anacortes American:—Through the efforts of the Anacortes real estate and insurance association the Washington surveying and rating bureau has restored the old low insurance rate to the protected fire district of Anacortes. This is a concrete example of what can be accomplished by co-operation. Local insurance men acting separately would not have been able to accomplish this highly desired result. This achievement alone, has more than justified the existence of the local association and other lines of business in Anacortes could well afford to follow their example and get together.

### And This Skagit County's Own Bully Billy This Guy Means

South Bellingham Sentinel:—Hon. W. W. Conner, speaker of the last house of representatives, was a prominent figure at the banquet last Friday night. As a matter of fact, Mr. Conner made the best and proved himself the ablest speaker the house has ever had. He has the credit of not having his rulings excepted to or an appeal taken. Mr. Conner has a bright political future in store, and should be elected to the coming session there is absolutely no question but what he would again occupy the same position.

## SAUK NEWS

Mrs. Nellie Thompson and Miss Earnestine Roberts visited at Arcadia farm Thursday afternoon.

Miss Emma Radcliffe and Mrs. Lee Wright were the guests of Mrs. Abe Young Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Babcock has been very sick and is not improving very fast.

Mrs. M. Kimbrough has been sick for several days.

There is to be a party at the old school house Saturday night. Everybody is invited.

Van Brandon visited at Rockport Monday, returning to his claim Tuesday.

Wm. Stafford was a Concrete visitor Monday.

Garnet Thompson went down the line Sunday and returned with a buzz car.

The mill has shut down for a couple of weeks on account of a shortage of bolts.

Mrs. Wm. Stafford visited relatives at Sauk Monday.

Alex Park and B. E. Miller went to Mount Vernon Monday on business.

Mrs. Lee Wright and Miss Emma Radcliffe visited friends at Van Horn Monday.

Geo. Schrich came down from his claim Saturday and he says there is still two feet of snow up at his place.

Miss Bessie Porter visited at the Stafford home Saturday and Sunday. Griffin Ellison was at Abe Young's Tuesday threshing peas.

Everybody is fishing now. Mr. The new logging camp at Sauk is starting up and will be shipping logs in a week or so.

Victor Nelson, who has been visiting relatives in North Dakota, has returned to Sauk and intends to build on his farm and make his home.

## CONTRACT LET FOR ROAD

The contract for the construction of permanent highway 3A, which will be a continuance on the McLean road paving, was let by the county commissioners Tuesday to the Skagit Construction company, of Mount Vernon, on a bid of \$20,470. There were five bidders. The new stretch of pavement will be about one and three quarters miles in length and will increase the McLean road paving to a total of about four miles.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The regular services at the Mount Baker Presbyterian church next Sabbath will consist of Sunday school and bible study at 10 o'clock a. m. and the worship of the evening hour will begin at 7:30 p. m. To each of these services you are cordially invited. Evening—

Organ voluntary.  
 Doxology.  
 Gospel hymn service.  
 Scripture reading and prayer.  
 Offertory.  
 Sermon topic, "A Plea for Church Unity."  
 Gospel hymn.  
 Benediction.  
 J. B. FERGUSON, Pastor.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Baptist services will be held as usual in the Eagles hall. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at 7 o'clock, leader, Miss Aliene Pierce. Subject, "The Two Great Commandments;" scripture reference, Mark 12:28-34. Regular preaching service in the evening at 7:30.

Following is the order of service:  
 Prelude.  
 Doxology.  
 Invocation.  
 Hymn, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me."  
 Scripture reading.  
 Prayer.

Offertory—Instrumental solo.  
 Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life."  
 Sermon, "The Grand Old Book,"  
 Rev. H. V. Davies.

Hymn, "Holy Bible, Book Divine."  
 Benediction.  
 Prayer meeting next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. N. A. Miller.

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## STICKLEY THEATER

## Coming Week

April 9  
"MADAM LA PRESIDENTE"  
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"BELLA DONNA"  
Pauline FrederickPAULINE FREDERICK  
Famous Players-ParamountApril 12-13  
"PUDD'NHEAD WILSON"  
Theodore RobertsFANNIE WARD  
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VITAL IMPORTANCE  
UNDER DISCUSSIONGRANGE MEETING AT SKIYOU  
PROVES ONE OF MOST INTER-  
ESTING EVER HELD—ANNU-  
AL PICNIC ON GUEMES ISLAND

The Skagit County Pomona grange meeting at Skiyou last Saturday exceeded all expectations. Members began arriving about nine though Prof. D. C. Henry gave notice of his punctuality by putting in his appearance a full hour before.

The patrons came from all parts of the county—east, west, north and south—until the grange hall was more than crowded.

From the first the meeting was pervaded with a spirit of enthusiasm and interest. The members demonstrated the fact that they were alive and came from local granges which were far from slumberland.

Reports of the granges, as well as the "good of the order" committee, mirrored the same vim, energy and push which characterized this the second pomona of 1916.

A great deal of very important business was dispatched. The discussions of live topics were very intelligently handled by various members.

Resolutions which were passed showed the grange awake to the governmental problems of our nation. They declared themselves in favor of township, government, statewide as well as national prohibition, state publication of school textbooks, an extension of the parcel post, national marketing, postalization of the telephone and telegraph, and many other things of vital importance to the "Knights of the Soil" and his brother toiler in the urban regions.

The ladies of Skiyou, assisted by a few of the ladies of Utopia, provided a bountiful spread which was relished by the scores of grangers who attacked the delicious viands as if they meant business.

The new lecturer, W. S. Pickett, provided a lively, interesting and instructive program on the subject of co-operation. Miss Pearl Pickett, of Mount Vernon, and others discussed various phases of the subject.

It was decided to accept the invitation of the Guemes island grange and have a county picnic at that place on July 4 and the following committee was appointed to arrange a proper program: Mr. Stuckey, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Bassett, Perry Pierson and Frank Kirby.

It will be remembered that Skagit county is to entertain the state grange in June. This being the last meeting but one before the state meeting at Burlington many plans were discussed for perfecting arrangements to give the patrons of the state the real time of their life in this, the most prosperous and fertile valley of the Northwest.

Brother Vercoe, who has charge of the drill team for the fifth degree work, which is to be put on at Burlington meeting, went through the work and manifested his ability as a general; but hush! don't let the Germans hear of it or they may want him to manage their armies against the Allies and we be classed as unneutral.

On the whole the meeting was "one grand success" and the patrons of husbandry are proud to be recognized as such.

## VAN HORN

Mrs. Charlie Brower, of Everett, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, this week.

Mrs. Call was visiting friends and relatives in Bellingham the first part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kvarno were among the crowd that attended the dance last Saturday evening.

Alva Long, of Sterling, is spending her week's vacation here visiting Mrs. Pratt and Vera Durga.

Mrs. Pratt and Vera Durga spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Pratt's little daughter at Sterling.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Olson, of Concrete, spent Tuesday evening with the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. H. L. Larsen is spending a few days at Lyman visiting friends and home folks.

Mrs. Pratt, Vera Durga and Elva Long were shopping in Concrete on Thursday evening.

We are all glad to see Mrs. Robertson out again after her week of illness.

The Van Horn Agriculture club is going to give a program Friday afternoon, April 14.

We are all glad to think we are to have the school yard fenced at last.

The Van Horn school has organized an agriculture club. The club met March 25 and elected the following officers: President, Earl Davenport; vice-president, Vera Durga; secretary, Dollie Robertson; treasurer, Peter Larsen; speaker, Hattie Moore; usher, Willie Mach. The club will meet every Friday afternoon at the school house.

## SHORT LOCAL NOTES

A daughter has been born unto Mr. and Mrs. J. Damico.

Rev. J. B. Ferguson spent several days in Seattle this week and will return this evening.

Miss Aliene Pierce drove several children down to Hamilton Thursday in the family automobile.

William Gee, road supervisor residing at Birdview, was in Concrete on business Thursday of this week.

Arthur G. Smith left Tuesday for points in California and will return about April 11.

A daughter was born unto Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zmijarovich last Saturday.

County Coroner A. F. Baker was in Concrete from Sedro Woolley Monday.

Mrs. A. G. Smith accompanied Mr. Smith to Seattle Tuesday, the trip being made in their Cadillac car.

J. J. Comer, of Seattle, spent Thursday with his daughter, Mrs. W. J. S. Gordon.

J. Frank Engar was in from his ranch Thursday and transacted considerable business while here.

Grover C. Burch, forest ranger, left for Seattle Wednesday on a short business trip.

Robert White and family motored to Mount Vernon Tuesday, returning in the evening.

Miss Aliene Pierce returned Monday from Bellingham to remain during the summer.

Thursday morning a nine and one half pound son was born unto Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Lowe. Mrs. Lowe is doing nicely and T. I. says "smoke."

Genevieve Moore, of Sauk, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Joseph McDonald and Mrs. Lloyd Seabury.

Ernest Germain, of Marblemount, was in Concrete Tuesday on business, spent Thursday and Friday in Concrete on business.

Sunday morning of this week a son was born unto Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Everett are the proud parents of a son, born unto them last Saturday.

The schools of Concrete open again Monday morning after a week's vacation.

William Donley transacted business in Concrete Thursday, coming up from his home at Sedro Woolley.

There will be a regular meeting of the city council Monday evening when it is expected there will be much excitement over the proposed chicken ordinance.

L. A. Perry, salesman for L. H. Livermore, of Sedro Woolley, was in Concrete and the upper Skagit Tuesday demonstrating the new Ford automobile to possible purchasers.

W. C. Coddington and son, Walter, drove up from Sedro Woolley Friday, the latter to demonstrate the Buick auto, for which he is agent.

Little Isabelle O'Connell, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude O'Connell, is still quite sick from an attack of pneumonia although recovering under the care of Dr. E. F. Mertz.

A. J. Longwood, of Bellingham, is making arrangements to open a grocery store in Concrete in the immediate future. His father and mother will move here to reside, also.

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Mrs. K. Glover and Mrs. Nellie Wheelock drove down to Seattle Friday to attend the Damrosch orchestra performance at the Moore.

Jack LaChapelle, of Sedro Woolley,

I. Kvarno returned Wednesday with a model 75 Overland car, the latest thing in the smaller car manufactured by the Overland company and which has already proven extremely popular because of its horse power development, low price and easy riding qualities. Mr. Kvarno is demonstrating the car to several prospective purchasers.

## HAMILTON

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The pleasant weather last Sunday afternoon brought out a good attendance of contestants and interested spectators at the Hamilton Gun club shoot. Ten members shot fifty times each, with the following results:

D. B. Case, 39 hits; R. A. Thomas, 30; June Moore, 37; John Elvin, 25; Jim Moore, 25; Ed Luton, 25; A. Painter, 27; George Wilson, 23; P. Minkler, 26; Wm. Rhodes, 21.

D. B. Case, under the handicap, won the shot gun case offered as a trophy in the contest.

Mr. Horace Knippel, of Hamilton, employed as rigging man at the Hamilton Logging company's camp 2, was very seriously injured last Monday morning about eleven o'clock the haulback line striking him and breaking one leg below the hip and

otherwise badly bruising him. He was brought to his home in Hamilton where he received medical attention and is progressing nicely though it will be some time before he is able to resume work.

A few of the Hamilton boys and girls were entertained by Misses Clara Floyd and Marjorie Cavanaugh on the evening of April 1. Games were played, most of which were April fool jokes. A delicious lunch was served and then more games were played. Those who were present to enjoy the fun were: Misses Virgie and Grace Bryson, Vinnie and Gertie Moyer, Marianne Slipper, Violet Ellison, Rebecca Moore, Agnes Cavanaugh, Clara Floyd and Marjorie Cavanaugh. Messrs Charlie Castle, Ralph Pape, Carl Gamp, Chauncey Davis, John Larson, Albrow Wilson, Cicero Ensley and Ralph Dexter. All reported a good time.

Mr. Lewis Lamar, of Mount Vernon, who was firing on the locomotive at English's camp number four, was seriously burned while lighting the fire in the locomotive Monday. His face was burned but did not affect his eyes seriously. He will not be able to go to work again for some days. He has been working for the Hamilton Logging company about a month only.

Seventh and eighth grades: Enrollment, 21; days absent, 2; times tardy, 2; perfect attendance, 18, per cent of attendance, 99.1. Fifth and sixth grades: Enrollment, 26; days absent, 20; times tardy, 5; perfect attendance, 15; per cent attendance, 96.1. Third and fourth grades: Enrollment, 38; days absent, 27; times tardy, 2; perfect attendance, 16; per cent of attendance, 95.1. Second grade: Enrollment, 27; days absent, 12 1-2; times tardy, 6; perfect attendance, 16; per cent attendance, 97.8. First grade: Enrollment, 25; days absent, 44; times tardy, 4; perfect attendance, 7; per cent attendance, 90. W. Hamilton: Enrollment, 11; days absent, 10; times tardy, 2; perfect attendance, 7; per cent attendance, 96. E. Hamilton: Enrollment, 23; days absent, 28; times tardy, 9; perfect attendance, 6; per cent attendance, 92.

Pupils winning scholarship honors entitling them to free attendance at the Stickley theater for the following month are as follows: Eighth, Clara Floyd and Virgie Bryson, tied. Seventh, Georgia Richman; sixth, Winston Churchill; fifth, Hazel Rhodes; fourth, Frances Smith; third, Vaughn Pyke; second A, Betty Pollard and Lorna Slipper, tied; second B, Mamie Pyke. In case of a tie,

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each is entitled to go two nights.

The Ladies' Aid society will be entertained at its next meeting by Mrs. Glenn Powell, in the church library, Thursday, April 13.

The regular meeting of the Hamilton grange will be held Saturday afternoon April 8 at the town hall. All members are urged to attend.

Ralph Pape is on the sick list this week causing him to remain out of school.

Misses Virgie and Grace Bryson were visiting friends in Lyman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cary, Mrs. Irving Cary and Mr. Jessie Cary made a business trip to Mount Vernon the latter part of the week.

Blanche Kelley, of Lyman, spent last week end with Betty Pollard.

Miss Amanda Leatherwood spent the week end with her parents at Burlington.

Mrs. J. Foos met her sister in Sedro Woolley Monday. Her mother's

sister and aunt, Mrs. Augche, of Spokane, is expected here for some months.

Following is the report of Hamilton schools for March: Miss Violet Riche, who has been in Hamilton for some weeks at the home of Mrs. H. A. Moore, returned home in Everett Thursday.

F. C. Castle left here Sunday for the mountains, expects to work during the der of the spring.

Miss Agnes Cavanaugh ill and absent from school days this week.

## WELLS AT CONVE

Sheriff Ed Wells is in Washington this week attending the conference of the State Sheriff's association which he is president. He began Thursday and will be through to today. The meeting to have been held in January was prevented by heavy snow.



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