

EXTENSIVE LOGGING OPERATIONS ARE STARTED MEANS A BIG ADDITIONAL PAYROLL FOR CONCRETE WORKMEN

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Things are going to hum in and around Concrete this summer and the man who is not a summer will lose out.

They are planting Japanese oysters in Puget Sound. Another chance to immediately predict war with the Japanese.

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SMALL OUTLAY OF MONEY WILL INSURE IMMEDIATE RETURNS TO CONCRETE WHEN NATIONAL PARK ROAD IS CONSTRUCTED

SURVEY OF ROADWAY FOR DISTANCE OF ABOUT A MILE ALL THAT IS NECESSARY TO INSURE ITS BEING BUILT BY THE COUNTY—WILL ALSO BRING BIG PAYROLL THROUGH OPERATION OF BURPEE MILL NOW STANDING IDLE.

Concrete, looking to the near future, has an opportunity of which it may avail herself whereby the returns will be greater than from any investment possible, if one may judge what has been done elsewhere under somewhat similar circumstances, and the best part of the story is the fact that the total amount involved is so infinitesimal as to be most negligible.

This is simply surveying the proposed road connecting the Bear creek and Cupples road so that travel may be through Concrete instead of to the view, as at present. The distance is but about a mile, and it is estimated that the cost of surveying it probably not be more than fifty dollars as there is already an old trail along the route, eliminating the labor ordinarily involved in running a survey through timber country. The county will build the road, on petition, provided the city of Concrete makes the survey.

According to specific and definite information the Burpee mill, long a valuable asset of Concrete by way of a big payroll, will start up on this road is built and run continuously. The new road would make it possible to haul shingles advantageously to the railroad and its operation would insure the mill a profit from its operations. Under existing conditions the mill is out of the question, accounting for the shutdown.

But that is only one of the minor benefits accruing from the building of this short piece of road. The present congress has set aside the Mount Baker National park and when an appropriation shall have been made for the road built from Glacier, traffic both in and out of the park would be through Concrete. Each season thousands upon thousands of tourists would make the trip in automobiles to the park, where the scenery, hunting and fishing is as fine as may be found anywhere in the world. These tourists would leave large sums of money, aside from the further fact that many of them would unquestionably be induced to invest money in the way and another after visiting the section and seeing at first hand the beauties of the country.

The meeting may be done along development in January, 1917.

QUESTION OF HENS IS STILL UNDECIDED BY CITY FATHERS

HOWEVER, ORDINANCE WILL BE BROUGHT UP AGAIN AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING AND DOUBTLESS BE ADOPTED.

The question of "why is a hen" is not definitely disposed of at the special meeting of the city council of Monday evening although it was discussed pro and con by a considerable number of both interested and interested parties—those who could be directly affected and those who would not be affected at all. The "cons" rather had the worst of the argument, in a sense at least, for they were unable to point out why the people of Concrete should have chickens that were permitted to march up their neighbor's gardens more than were residents of other cities and towns.

During the general discussion that was indulged in by those for and against the proposed ordinance it was brought out that had the measure been instigated by others than those responsible for it there would have been comparatively little, if any, opposition. That rather placed the question on a personal equation basis and did not help the cons in any respect. However, they still contended that a hardship would be worked on them if they were to build fences and keep their

lines. In other sections of the country where national parks have been set aside—parks with less attractions than that of Mount Baker—towns through which tourist travel passes have put forth every effort to make convenient and pleasant the trip and stay of the visitor. The government invariably makes appropriations for fine roads and other improvements, the counties interested quite naturally looking after their end of the proposition. That this will be done in the case of Mount Baker park is a foregone conclusion, and Concrete may easily indicate her interest in the project, and her own future, in the manner set forth.

It is proposed on the part of business men to circulate a petition to the county commissioners asking that the road be built. However, this may not be done until the survey, required by the county, has been made. Signers will then be secured in Concrete, Clear Lake, Big Lake, Sedro Woolley and all of the upper Skagit valley, indicating that they are all interested in the undertaking and desire its consummation. However, the county commissioners have already expressed their willingness to build the road if Concrete will make the survey.

Without consideration of resultant tourist traffic, at a later date, the fact that the Burpee mill would be induced to operate continuously would seem sufficient incentive to induce the city to expend the small amount necessary for this project, for with a payroll running up to several thousand dollars per month, and all coming here, merchants and others would be benefited sufficiently to contribute the entire amount necessary in case it may not be otherwise provided.

Serious consideration is to be given the question by the city fathers and business men generally in the immediate future with a view to having the work under way at the earliest possible moment and the road pushed to completion as rapidly as consistent with the kind of work necessary to insure its permanency as a part of the roadway leading to the park, to be utilized later on for tourist traffic, and which is certain to far exceed expectations of those best posted along these lines.

chickens shut up, and strenuous objection was voiced against passage of the measure.

On the part of the "allies," or, more properly speaking, the pros, there was unanimity of opinion that chickens were chickens, no difference to whom they belonged and that a neighbor was a neighbor, no difference what his name might be. His garden, they contended, was equally dear to him and as sacred from invasion by the common enemy, the versatile and active hen. They believed in fences to keep hens in instead of fences to keep hens out. A garden is simply a garden and can do no harm while a busy hen is no respecter of property, including fancy rose bushes and other flowering plants.

But the question was rather too involved for immediate disposition and went over for the purpose of drafting an amendment whereby it will devolve upon the marshal to notify owners of hens to shut them up whenever complaint is lodged against them—in other words an amendment which will make the law inoperative without the formality of considerable trouble on the part of the injured party, aside from engendering the enmity, possibly, of those against whom complaint is filed.

The question will doubtless be settled by the council at its next meeting, but whether the teeth of the proposed ordinance will be pulled, through amendment, or not is problematical. However, the cackling hen will probably be forced in future to sing her song of gladness over each fresh laid egg in the confines of her own domain while the neighbor's "garden sass" grows apace in luxurious lushness.

WOMEN ARE GRATEFUL FOR HELP TOWARD THE FOUNTAIN

Members of the Women's Civic Improvement club are loud in expressing their appreciation of the manner in which citizens generally patronized their recent sale, held for the purpose of purchasing a drinking fountain, and through which they raised a total of \$30. That made up the necessary amount and the fountain was immediately ordered and should arrive at any moment, when it will be installed.

Much credit is due members of the club and others who cooked pies, cakes, etc., and made candies for the sale and also those who took charge of the affair after it was under way. It is naturally gratifying to them that they were so successful, but another similar event will doubtless come more, for the women have learned that citizens of Concrete are loyal when anything of that nature is involved. Much more might have been sold had it been provided, but the women are satisfied as they have attained their end.

J. J. Mulalley and Sam Baker of the Baker River Mercantile company went to Sedro Woolley Friday where they prepared a bankrupt stock for shipment here. The stock was purchased by Mr. Mulalley and will be placed on sale soon.

BUILDING BOOM HITS CONCRETE AND BUSINESS STRUCTURES ARE BEING PUT UP WITH STILL OTHERS CONTEMPLATED

FIRST MOVE TOWARD REBUILDING DISTRICT BURNED TWO YEARS AGO IS TAKEN AND TOWN WILL SOON PRESENT BETTER APPEARANCE WHILE ESTABLISHMENTS WILL HAVE MUCH BETTER QUARTERS.

Work was started this week on two reinforced one-story concrete business structures, 25x94 feet, on Main street, one for Dudley I. Green of the Concrete Drug company and the other for A. G. Smith, and which will be occupied by Smith and Griffin with their pool hall and amusement parlors. In the latter will also be located the barber shop of Henry Binner, giving him modern quarters in which will be installed bath tubs and other needed conveniences. F. H. Heskett has the contract for the two buildings, in addition to the one now under way for The Model. The structures are to be completed by June 15, and will cost \$3,000 each under present plans.

In connection with rebuilding of the burned area of Concrete plans are under consideration by the owner of still another partly burned business building whereby some time in June the question of title will be settled and steps taken at once to remove

MILL TO BEGIN CUTTING ABOUT FIRST OF MONTH

Sufficient shingle bolts will have reached the mill of the Baker River Lumber company to start the mill about May 1, according to a statement of R. Roggenstroh, and it will then be kept in continuous operation throughout the season, with a full crew. About thirty-five men are already employed in the two camps and this number will be augmented later.

With a view to earlier operation of the mill Mr. Roggenstroh has just bought from the Baker River Lumber company from the government three thousand cords of shingle bolt timber, all of which must be cut off by the last of June next year. This timber is at a lower elevation and will make it possible to start the camps at a much earlier date than in timber previously owned.

Mr. Roggenstroh is looking for an exceptionally good season, in common with the lumber and shingle mills generally, and is making his plans accordingly.

Arthur G. Smith has returned from a trip to California where he was called on important business affairs.

Rev. Trevor, of Hamilton, will occupy the Baptist pulpit here Sunday morning and evening while Rev. Davies will preach two sermons at Hamilton the same day.

LOGGING OPERATIONS STARTED NEAR CONCRETE WHICH INSURE LARGE PAY ROLL FOR AT LEAST SIXTEEN MONTHS

SUPERIOR PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY ENTERS INTO CONTRACT WITH L. E. STEARNS TO LOG FORTY-TWO MILLION FEET OF TIMBER WHICH WILL BE MEANS OF EMPLOYING LARGE CREW FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

Insuring a large payroll throughout the year, which, in the necessity of things must come to Concrete, the Superior Portland Cement company has entered into a contract with L. E. Stearns to log forty-five million feet of merchantable timber lying east of the Baker river and but a short distance out from Concrete. Operations have already begun, fallers and buckers having been sent into the woods so that when camps have been built and a spur track near the bunkers put in hauling may immediately commence. Approximately seventy-five men will be required for about sixteen months, at least, when further operations are likely to follow.

To make possible the hauling of logs over its tracks the railroad operated by the Superior Portland Cement company will be straightened out and crews are now at work replacing trestles which have been found too weak to carry this heavier traffic. The Great Northern road is also ballasting its tracks between Lyman and Sedro Woolley, preparatory to hauling the logs, which are to be landed on tidewater at Anacortes.

In connection with the rumor, current for some days, that logging operations were to start on a large scale, near the site of the proposed dam of the Stone-Webster interests, it was asserted that this doubtless meant that work of building the dam would be undertaken within a short time. However, there are indications that this may not be the case and that the dam will not be constructed until a later date. The Superior Portland Cement company simply reached a conclusion that the present was an opportune time to place its logs on the market, and entered into the contract with Mr. Stearns accordingly.

There is no question that this is the best piece of news for Concrete within several years. That it means employment throughout the year for a large number of men is a foregone conclusion. Logging operations alone will not be the only reason for a large demand for labor as a railroad must be built on into the timber as that nearest the terminus of the present line is cut and hauled away. Ultimately this extension will penetrate about four miles into what is now virgin timber. Mr. Stearns will build this road himself, the Superior company furnishing the ties and steel

and Mr. Stearns doing the grading and laying of material.

Present plans include building camps for crews near the bunkers of the Superior Portland Cement company but some other site may ultimately be decided on inasmuch as operations will eventually carry the work to a very considerable distance from this point. However, that is a question that will be quickly settled and the camps built.

Mr. Stearns has sufficient equipment, practically, for the undertaking, his logging operations near Grasmere and Birdview having necessitated a large investment in machinery, donkey engines, etc. This will be taken in over the present railroad and within thirty days, at the latest, it is believed, logs will be coming down over the line for delivery to the Great Northern road. The Superior Portland Cement company will doubtless be forced to secure a larger engine than any now in use, and this will add one more operating crew to the present force.

While at the present time there is no definite indication that logging will be undertaken by other parties to the east of Concrete it is the belief of many that present prices of logs will induce still others to get into the game—particularly if present conditions and prices prevail for another year. In that event Concrete will continue to reap the benefits and enjoy her old time prosperity of a few years ago.

GRANGE MEETS AT ROCKPORT

Saturday, April 22, at 2 p. m. there will be a joint meeting of the upper river granges at Rockport when an exceptionally good program will be presented. This will include music, readings, recitations, etc., and outside speakers will be present and give talks on topics of interest. It will be an open meeting and a general invitation to attend is extended.

IMMEDIATE DEATH FOLLOWS BLOW ON NICK PAONESE' CHIN

STRUCK BY LARGE TIMBER WHILE WORKING ON QUARRY TRESTLE OF SUPERIOR PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY.

Friday afternoon of this week Nick Paonese, an Italian laborer working on a crew which is rebuilding the quarry trestle of the Superior Portland Cement company, was struck on the point of the chin by a thirty-foot timber and his neck broken. Death was instantaneous.

Paonese, with others, was handling some of the large timbers used in reconstructing the trestle. A stick thirty feet in length was being hoisted when one end struck against some object, causing the other end to swing quickly toward the victim. It struck him squarely and snapped his neck asunder like a pipe stem. Fellow laborers rushed to his assistance but when an examination was made it became at once apparent that he was beyond aid.

Nick Paonese was well known in Concrete, where he had resided for some time. He left a wife and two children in Italy and had made arrangements to bring them to this country in the near future. He had built a house and had it ready for wiring and connecting water. He had worked for the Superior Portland Cement company as a laborer and was considered an exceptionally good and conscientious worker. He was a member of the local lodge of Eagles and will be buried under the auspices Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, unless different arrangements should be decided on previous to that time.

THE FIGHT THAT FAILED: QUITTING GALLIPOLI



Photo by American Press Association.
Guns of H. M. S. Cornwallis, the last ship to leave Gallipoli at the evacuation of the Turkish peninsula, where the British lost 200,000. Her guns are overlooking the conflagration caused by the burning of the stores left behind.

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OUT WEST AND IN WASHINGTON.

When Mr. Wilson was swinging 'round the circle, about two months ago, he said—at Pittsburg, Jan. 29—"I am jealous of debate. If what I propose cannot stand debate, then something ought to be substituted for it which can." And again—at Chicago, Jan. 31—he said: "You must not get impatient because there are long processes of debate at Washington. Wait for the end of the debate."

From Washington there now comes news which indicates that the president has changed his mind. He is reported to be sending daily for members of congress to urge them to speed up the action of their bodies in all legislation. He demanded that Gore and McLeMore resolutions be laid on the table—which meant that they could not be debated in any manner. He has approved the action of the Democratic leaders in the house and of the house Democratic caucus to devise rules to gag discussion and to put the administration's measures through with practically no discussion and with no opportunity for effective amendment. In short, he has come to believe that what he proposes cannot stand debate—but he does not seek to have something substituted for it which will. He is no longer patient of debate and is willing to wait for a natural end to it. He wants to bring debate in congress to a sudden termination through the application of a gag.

What will he say if he ever swings 'round the circle again?

More than eleven thousand voters in Michigan wrote Roosevelt's name on their ballot in the presidential preference primary held there recently. How many would have voted for him had his name been printed on the ballot, in addition to that of Shuman's, is problematical. However, the incident is very strongly indicative of sentiment for the man whom everybody cannot but recognize as an AMERICAN on every, each and all occasions. There is greater respect for real Americans at home, just now, than there has been for some time past. The war has done that for us, anyway, whoever the Republican nominee may be.

Among the "achievements" of the Democratic administration, Josephus Daniels mentions "a revision of the tariff so as to help the average man." Help him how? Throw him out of a job; made him go on half time; caused the small business man to face bankruptcy; increased the cost of living; gave the foreign laborer a market here for his products. Josephus was manager of the Democratic publicity service of the last campaign. If he is to have a controlling influence in the publicity work of the next campaign he will find out mighty soon that Democratic candidates want no mention of the Democratic tariff.

Modern artillery is evidently not proving as effective as had been believed before the two-month siege of Verdun, for neither side seems to have gained any appreciable advantage from the constant hammering by the largest guns ever in use and with more men involved than had ever been dreamed of before the present war. On the whole, about the only thing gained to date seems to have been the slaughter of a larger number of soldiers on each side.

The kaiser is said to be suffering from nervous shock resulting from the explosion of a bomb which destroyed the royal automobile. And still he expects his soldiers to remain at the front for months and months where bombs are exploding at a rate never before heard of. Must be the kaiser is less phlegmatic in temperament than those he so wantonly drives to their death.

Secretary Redfield devotes a page and a half of the "Annalist" to praise of the work of his department in looking after foreign trade but failed to explain why we have lost in trade balances with all the world except war-stricken Europe. If the department has been building up trade with South America, why doesn't Mr. Redfield give the statistics to show the extent of our gain?

"Watchful waiting" seems to be the policy of the Democratic administration on the subject of tariff legislation. For more than a year President Wilson declared that we had not neglected national preparedness. It is to be hoped that he will not be as long in discovering his error as to the need of industrial preparedness for the coming conflict with Europe.

It is true, as administration defenders declare, that business is depending less and less on war orders. In the early days in the West cattle rustlers slowly built up herds of their own and eventually reached a place where they were no longer dependent upon cattle rustling. That did not alter the fact as to the manner in which they established their business.

Everett has decided to purchase the present water system for an amount a little less than a million dollars. Probably people residing there believe that they might as well pay out that sum for pure water as for what they had been spending it for before the state went dry—and they will have the system left after drinking all the water they want.

Bellingham restaurants have decided that because of the higher cost of materials and higher wages they must boost the price of meals. Oh, well, the war has done almost everything else to us, already, so a little thing like taking all of our money away for a few eats won't matter much.

Say, wouldn't it be great if business men and people generally might take lessons of the fleeing Villa, for then the horrors of the bill collector would be forgotten and life but one long and pleasant dream.

COMMENTS OF THE STATE PRESS

Some Real Thoughts from the Think Tanks of Thoughtful Thinkers.

Ideal Place for One of the

Most Ideal Institutions

Anacortes American:—Island Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city is to be commended on its activities in an effort to secure the proposed new Pythian home for Anacortes and one of its veteran members, Mr. William Johnson, has offered to donate a slightly tract on Guemes island, opposite Commercial avenue, for the proposed home. The splendid offer and the ideal location of the local site cause local knights to entertain high hopes for securing the proposed Pythian home. Such would be a big advantage to Anacortes, and here is hoping Island lodge is able to "bring home the bacon" from the state Grand Lodge meeting to be held in Aberdeen next month.

But He Needn't Fool Congress He Just Makes It Do Anything

Monroe Monitor:—Trying to fool all of the people does not work well. Advocates of the revised shipping bill are trying to dispel opposition by explaining that it is not a government ownership and operation measure. Thus they weaken themselves with those who really believe in government ownership, and lose the confidence of opponents who have read the bill and know what it does, in fact provide for the creation of a board with power to buy, operate or lease ships. There is little hope of the administration being able to fool all the people on this measure.

Doggone It Mt. Vernon Can't You Be Decent Any Time at All?

Burlington Journal:—The overweening desire so emphatically expressed by the Mt. Vernon Herald that every candidate but one in the Mt. Vernon zone get out of the race for commissioner so that there could be no possibility of a Burlington candidate winning in the primaries, is crushingly pathetic. Now if the opportunist could only gerrymander the entire county so that all county officers could be parceled out to Mount Vernon what an exclusive set of court house aristocrats could be perpetuated.

Might Help Some If We All Got a Good Kick at the Cuss

Camas Post:—"I was recently in Europe and I want to say that the meanest man I saw over there was a naturalized American citizen waving his naturalization papers to keep out of trouble, and who, as soon as he gets back to the United States, spends 365 days in the year denouncing and cursing the United States of America. For such as these I want to say that there never was a steer big enough with hide enough to make a pair of boots big enough to kick him far enough."—Lafayette Young.

Here, You Cussers, You Just Let This Chap Alone, See?

Oak Harbor News:—The great American sin is profanity. The use of profane language is not confined to the street loafer, the thug and the sot; men who move in good society, business men of standing and reputation, young men and old men, and even boys of tender age, are addicted to this inexcusable habit and sin. There is nothing more disgusting than to hear a man punctuate his every utterance with lurid oaths.

Hey, You Guy, You'll be Writing Spring Poetry Next

Arlington Times:—Spring is peeping through between April showers, inducing great activity in gardens and flower beds. Presently May day will be here and gladsome summer will be ushered in amidst the drone of the friendly bumble-bee and the fragrance of apple blossoms. Even now the white snowdrifts of February are but a faint memory. All things come to those who wait.

Well, Kick Through With More or Else Kwitcheekickin, See?

Anacortes American:—So far donations for Belgian relief have amounted to five cents for each American. Belgians probably appreciate the sentiment in this country which resented the violation of their territory, but they can use that later on better than at present when an increase in the nickel per capita figure would be more to the purpose.

Preparedness not the Only Thing Those Two Birds Affect

Bellingham Herald:—The preparedness forces are using the dodo as a horrible example of unpreparedness and the anti-preparedness folk cite the equally extinct dinosaur—an animal "all armor and no brains"—as a shining illustration of preparedness. Now it is up to somebody to write the epic of the "Dodo and the Dinosaur."

Notion to go Clear Back There to See What That Means, Anyway

Seattle P.-I.:—A Duluth newspaper war has progressed to the stage where one editor has called his contemporary "a leucopneumatic invertebrate." With the baseball season opening and the two wars on, this language might well be conserved for a dull season.

Things That Are Doing in the County

Anacortes councilmen have, for the second time this year, instructed the Anacortes Water, Light & Water company to shut off the street lights. The company disregarded the order the first time and evidently has no intention of following the mandate now, insisting on fulfilling its contract. The question will probably come up in connection with a hearing by the state commission which has been asked to investigate the water supply of Anacortes.

Dan D. Wilder, for several years connected with the Anacortes Lumber & Box company, has returned from a two year trip to Bangkok, Siam, where he went to supervise the erection of a large saw mill for British interests. He will return June 1 on a similar mission.

The ferry schedule between Anacortes and Guemes island has been changed so that ten trips are now made daily except Sunday, when nine are made.

An additional rural mail delivery route has been established out of Anacortes whereby about 200 residents of Fidalgo island will be served.

All lumber and shingle mills in Anacortes with the exception of the Old Oregon plant, are now operating and it is understood that the latter named plant will resume operations about June 1.

Anacortes has experts helping in the re-organization of her Chamber of Commerce and will employ a paid secretary provided the membership is large enough to warrant. Much encouragement is being met with and many new members signed.

During the present week Mr. and Mrs. Albert Luth celebrated their golden wedding at their Mount Vernon home and friends of Sheriff and Mrs. Ed Wells remembered that they had been wed for an even twenty years.

W. I. Clemens, of LaConner, died Tuesday morning of this week at the age of 61 years. With his wife and family he had been a resident of LaConner since 1906 and was widely known.

The Mount Vernon council decided at its meeting Wednesday evening not to purchase an auto fire truck at this time because of financial shortage.

Rudeen & Johnson have been awarded a contract by the county commissioners to build a laundry at the county hospital at a cost of \$847.50, their bid being the only one received.

Sidney A. Warner, of Bellingham, has leased the store building at Mt. Vernon formerly occupied by the late E. A. Moberg and will install a stock of drygoods the first of next month.

Fire in the basement of the First National bank at Mount Vernon last Sunday afternoon caused considerable excitement but the blaze was extinguished without damage.

William Maw has been made chief of a volunteer fire department at Sedro Woolley and hereafter will direct all efforts to control conflagrations of whatever size or character.

Emerson Bradbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradbury, of Sedro Woolley, was struck by an engine of the Puget Sound & Cascade road he was lying asleep with his head on the track. He was unconscious for a time but is recovering.

CHURCH NOTES

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 Selma Wahlgren.

Subject—"Our Need of the Holy Spirit." Scripture references, Luke 24:49. Acts 2:1-4, 38. Luke 11:9-13.

The Presbyterian and Baptist churches will unite and hold their service in Eagles hall at 7:30. Rev. Thomas Trevor, of Hamilton, will conduct the service.

Following is the order of service: Prelude. Doxology. Invocation. Hymn, "Love Divine." Scripture reading. Guitar solo, Miss Evelyn Anderson. Prayer. Offertory solo, Rev. Thomas Trevor.

Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light." Sermon, Rev. Thomas Trevor. Chorus, "All Hail Immanuel." Hymn, "In the Cross of Christ." Benediction.

Prayer meeting next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services.

Just Another Sort of a Peace Expedition, Only It's Political

Lynden Tribune:—Henry Ford carried Michigan as the most suitable Republican candidate for president. One comfort Henry will have is that he will not be the only Ford that started out and never got anywhere.

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I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Superintendent of Schools of Skagit county, and respectfully solicit the votes and support of the electors at the primary election to be held on September 12, 1916.

If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to maintain the present high standing of the schools and if possible increase it.

Yours very truly,
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Fannie Ward



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"GENTLEMAN FROM INDI-
ANA"
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TEACHERS' COTTAGE PLANS COMPLETED FOR ALL SECTIONS

NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION TO BUILD THEM FREE WHEREVER THEY ARE NEEDED.

Two weeks ago when it was announced that the National Lumber Manufacturers had decided to sponsor a campaign for the building of a teacher's cottage for every rural school in the state of Washington it was announced that the association was figuring on how it might make its offer to assist in this work practical.

A way has been found to give practical assistance for this social service campaign, in the decision of the association to provide plans free for the building of such a teacher's cottage wherever the school authorities decide to provide in this manner for the comfort of the rural teacher. In order to prevent unauthorized persons taking advantage of this offer, the association will insist that the request for plans be formally filed by the school superintendent of the county where such a teacher's cottage is projected.

R. S. Kellogg, secretary of the manufacturers association, who wrote the survey of the teacher's cottage problem in the nation, has gone farther, and has now prepared diagrams for cottages such as may be built in various parts of the country, and has followed out the plans which have been successful in other states, and also the types of schools in foreign lands where the teacher's cottage is a recognized institution.

Mr. Kellogg has prepared a general statement of the needs of any such cottage, which will fit almost any locality when he says:

"The teacher's cottage will, of necessity, be within the boundaries of the tract of land assigned for the school house, or on a separate lot nearby. The building site should be chosen so as to give the cottage as good a setting and outlook as possible. It should contain an acre or more to furnish room for a garden patch, a chicken house, a cow or horse stable, and perhaps also room for some demonstration work where elementary instructions in agriculture is introduced in the country schools. Such courses will increase in the future, and it will be well to provide for them in selecting the site and determining its size.

"The cottage should be of two or more rooms, depending upon the ability of the district to build, or the possibility of combining with another district for a union school with one or more teachers. The cottage should be warmly and substantially built, for in the long run it is cheaper to build snugly than to pay fuel bills, and the same type of building which is warm in winter is cool in summer. Moreover, cheap, flimsy construction will prove most expensive in the long run for the cottage is to be a permanent institution in the community, and should be built to give many years of service.

"Special attention should be paid to details of arrangement since the teacher or teacher's wife will often do her own work, and steps should be saved. A good water supply is the first essential. If possible a bath room should be provided, and most certainly a cheap but effective method of sewage disposal. These are items of rural sanitation which are sadly neglected. The proper handling of them will be a permanent example to the rest of the community, and a great factor in the improvement of conditions of country living.

"The cottage should be built of the materials most available in each locality and best adapted to its needs. These are easily ascertained upon consultation with the nearest lumber dealer or building supply man. The exterior may well consist of drop siding, rustic boarding, or drop shingles, the interior trim of either hard or softwoods, and the floors of hardwood or rift-sawn softwood, which will wear for a long time without splintering. The exterior should always be kept well painted so as to make an attractive appearance, and to preserve the structure. The interior trim should be stained rather than painted in order to bring out the beauty of the wood-work, and harmonious schemes of color and decoration should be worked out to secure an agreeable, home-like atmosphere."

Speaking of the work the author says: "The building of such cottages is the next big step in the improvement of the rural school in the United States and I imagine when you look into the subject you will be as much surprised as I was to find how many cottages have already been built in such states as Washington, Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina, North Dakota, and Minnesota. Moreover, there is urgent call for them in at least some sections of almost every state."

Silas Kane and C. L. Wagner, of the Superior Portland Cement company force, motored to Seattle Friday.

INTEREST UNABATED IN OUR RESOURCES AND OUR CLIMATE

MANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED DURING MARCH FROM PEOPLE WHO PLAN TO MAKE THEIR HOME IN THIS STATE.

The publicity division of the department of state is able to report for the month of March, just closed, that the general interest in Washington felt by those remote from this grand state seems to be growing to such an extent that new publications are contemplated and additional editions of books already in circulation is an absolute necessity in order to keep up with the insistent demand for copies.

The publication put out by this division are reaching four corners of the globe and in almost every mail letters are received from the most distant quarters of the earth's surface requesting a copy of this or that book issued. A card was received the other day from Wilhelm Muller, a prisoner of war, now being held in Japan, asking that Washington state literature be sent him.

Quoting a fragment from a letter received recently it may be wise for some of Washington's unmarried men to sit up and notice: "I know of one man living near Fort Plain, New York, who went to Washington and bought a farm near Seattle. He remained there for several years and finally sold out at a good profit and returned to his old home. He says that if a man wants to get ahead, make money and get his daughters married off the northwest is the place to do it. His several daughters are all married to young Washington farmers and business men. If the state is as represented by the literature you send out and what people say it is, it must be the finest place on earth."

The figures for March do not quite come up to those shown for February, but it can truthfully be said that what is lacking in the quantity is fully made up by an apparent improved quality.

The report shows: Actual arrivals for permanent residence, 3 families; those who are fully determined to come, 28 families; those who are especially interested, 35 families; those who are generally interested, 718 families; specific inquiries, 228 families; general letters of inquiry, 455 families, making a grand total of 1,467.

Captain I. M. Howell, secretary of state, under whose authority and immediate direction the activities of this work is conducted feels greatly gratified at the showing thus made, and is firm in his conviction that with the intelligent aid and active co-operation of the commercial organizations throughout the state an immense amount of good can be accomplished for the state in general and for each locality in particular.

ELECT DELEGATES NEXT SATURDAY TO COUNTY CONVENTION

MASS MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY REPUBLICANS SATURDAY, APRIL 22, IN ALL PRECINCTS IN SKAGIT COUNTY.

Mass meetings of the Republican electors of Skagit county will be held in the various precincts on Saturday, April 22, at 2 p. m., except where precinct committeemen designate a different hour, to elect delegates and alternates to a county convention to be held in Sedro Woolley on Saturday, April 29, at 10 a. m. to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican convention to be held in North Yakima May 6.

The several precincts in Skagit county will be entitled to representation in the county convention as follows: One delegate-at-large for each precinct and one delegate for each 20 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Hon. Lindley H. Hadley, at the election of 1914.

The precincts will be entitled to delegates as follows:

Anacortes, first ward—first precinct, 9; second precinct, 6. Anacortes, second ward—first precinct, 6; second precinct, 4. Anacortes, third ward—first precinct, 8; second precinct, 7. Avon, 4; Bay View, 3; Bel-fast, 4; Blanchard, 3; Birdview, 2; Big Lake, 5; Bow, 3; Bessner, 3; Burlington, north, 6; Burlington, south, 7; Cascade, 2; Clear Lake, 5; Concrete, 11; Conway, 7; Dewey, 2; Edison, 6; Fir, 6; Fidalgo, 3; Fredonia, 3; Guemes, 2; Hamilton, 5; Harmony, 3; Lyman, 5; Lookout, 3; Lang, 2; LaConner, 9; Montborne, 2; Mansford, 2; McMurray, 3; Mount Vernon, first, 10; Mount Vernon, second, 8; Mount Vernon, third, 8; Mount Vernon, fourth, 7; Mount Vernon, fifth, 5; Pingree, 3; Point William, 2; Prairie, 2; Rockport, 3; Sauk, 2; Sedro Woolley, first, 9; Sedro Woolley, second, 12; Sedro Woolley, third, 8; Sinclair, 2; Tingley, 2. Total, 241.

REBEKAH MEETING WILL BRING HERE LARGE ATTENDANCE

INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES THAT FULLY ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS WILL ATTEND EVENT.

Arrangements have been completed by the local lodge of Rebekahs for the entertainment Monday evening of the visiting members of the order from all of Skagit and San Juan counties, comprising district No. 410, this being the semi-annual meeting of the district. Information received indicates that fully one hundred twenty-five members will make the trip to Concrete and that the event will be one of the most successful held by the order in a long time.

While it is not possible to publish in advance the program to be carried out during the evening it is a safe assertion that it will consist of some of the most interesting features ever provided on a similar occasion. Each lodge takes part, and outside of its members, nobody knows what is forthcoming. This gives added zest to the entertainment, for many surprises are sprung.

In honor of the visitors business houses have decorated with the Rebekah colors, pink and green, and during their rather brief stay they will be extended every possible courtesy.

Members will probably begin to arrive on the 1 o'clock train Monday while others will follow in automobiles during the afternoon. The first thing on the program will be a 6 o'clock dinner at Hotel Whitney, after which adjournment will be taken to Eagles hall where the varied program will be presented and a splendid luncheon furnished at midnight. Those coming by train will leave in the morning, it is expected, while automobilists will remain until later in the day, securing breakfast before leaving.

This is the first time in five years that the district meeting has been held in Concrete, accounting, in part at least, for the large attendance promised.

HUSBAND AND WIFE NOW BOTH IN PENITENTIARY

Mrs. Emma McIntyre was sentenced by Judge Brawley Monday morning to imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla for not less than six months nor more than eighteen months. She was somewhat hysterical when led out of the court room by officials and declared she would kill herself before she would serve time in the pen.

The woman was found guilty of setting fire to a building in Anacortes in July of last year. She was released on bail and tried to obtain a new trial. Her husband, Richard McIntyre, attempted to furnish ground for a new trial for her by making affidavit that he had set fire to the building himself and that his wife was innocent. After his arrest he recanted this alleged confession and was thereupon arrested, tried and convicted for first degree perjury and is now serving a sentence of six months to two years in the penitentiary.

In sentencing the woman Judge Brawley remarked that but for her ill health he would have felt impelled to impose a heavier penalty.

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NATIONAL SLOGAN SUG- GESTED BY PROMINENT MEMPHIS DRUGGIST

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ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

DIRECTORS ARE CHOSEN FROM EACH TOWN IN COUNTY TO HELP IN SUPPRESSING DREAD WHITE PLAGUE.

The Anti-Tuberculosis league held its annual meeting in the Mount Vernon Commercial club rooms, April 7, 1916.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Wyman Kirby, of Sedro Woolley, who reviewed briefly the work of the past year, urged continued efforts to secure a hospital for tubercular patients and the need of prevention measures with the child. Mrs. Kirby called attention to the fact that the league can do the work of starting off things, but that it is the people that must help.

The financial reports of the secretary and treasurer were submitted as follows:

Cash on hand April 1, 1915.	\$ 220.43
Received during year.	174.73
Total	\$ 395.16
Disbursements	96.45
Balance	298.71

Total \$ 395.16
The report of the visiting nurse was read and will be submitted in full to the press.

Rev. A. W. Wilson, commissioner of charities, urged a better organization for the distributing of charities in the county.

Mrs. Bethesda B. Buchanan, executive secretary of the state organization, was present and gave an outline of the work being done in other counties, emphasizing the fact that the spread of disease is more costly to a county than the taxation for maintaining a sanatorium for the care of patients.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. M. P. Hurd, Mt. Vernon; vice-president, Mrs. W. N. Hunt, Burlington; secretary, Miss Nellie I. P. Lee, Mt. Vernon, R. F. D. No. 3; treasurer, Mrs. Wyman Kirby, Sedro Woolley. Directors in each town of the county were elected and will be notified by secretary of their election.

SHORT LOCAL NEWS

George Nick came home on business trip to Seattle Monday evening.

William Ludin, traveling agent of the Great Northern; C. O. Smith, traveling agent for the Canadian Pacific; A. Post and Joe Felice, Grand Lake Wednesday. They caught about fifty.

D. H. Moss, vice-president First National Bank, of Seattle; R. G. Hannaford, cashier National Bank, of Mount Vernon, were in Concrete Wednesday by automobile.

J. W. Bowerman, superintendent for the county on river concrete bridge, arrived Monday to look after work before the actual construction is begun.

E. J. Siegrist returned from a trip of a week which he visited Seattle Sound cities.

Rev. J. B. Ferguson visited Monday evening on business trip.

County Commissioner Thompson was up from Wednesday. Mr. Thompson purchased a Ford touring car which he is now utilizing in his about the county.

Ira Morris has purchased with which he is greatly pleased auto through I. Siegrist. Joe Morovits returned Sunday evening from Seattle for his mine in Baker district.

R. S. Stevens, representative Post-Intelligencer, Concrete and vicinity during business.

W. J. Donnelly, of Seattle returned home Thursday morning having spent several days investigating the site for the over the Baker river.

There will be services at the church Sunday morning 10 o'clock.

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