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## BRIDGE TURNED OVER TO COUNTY BY WOOD ENTIRELY COMPLETED

## PLENDID STRUCTURE OVER BAKER RIVER AT THIS POINT THE FINEST OF ITS KIND IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Finis has been written in connection with the big concrete bridge over the Baker river at Concrete and the county commissioners formally accepted it as a completed and satisfactory structure when they visited Concrete last Saturday afternoon. Contractor Wood then had but little work remaining to perform, and that was simply the removal of piling from the river and a small portion of the forms. The bridge itself was not lacking in a single detail and more than reached the expectations of the county commissioners.

There is probably no man in Skagit county who has taken greater interest in the construction of this new bridge than has Commissioner Henry Thompson. He had long been determined that there should be erected in this district something of a permanent nature and when the question of a new bridge or repairing the old structure came up he at once reached a conclusion that this was his golden opportunity. He immediately went to work on the project and with the assistance of other members of the board had the fine bridge which now spans the raging Baker designed and built. A tablet on the bridge gives the names of the commissioners and that of Contractor J. R. Wood together with the year 1916.

Notwithstanding that the bridge is one of the longest single span concrete structures ever put up in the West the cost to the county was far less than a similar structure could be erected for anywhere for the two cement companies donated fifteen hundred barrels of the cement going into the bridge, the contractor purchasing the balance.

Work of changing the road on the west side of the river will be undertaken immediately when the surveys are completed. The hill will be leveled into the river, changing the roadway leading to the bridge from the end of the pavement and the one ending over the hill to a point a little further to the east. This will give the bridge approach road a grade of about five per cent and the one over the hill about fifteen per cent or a short distance.

There is still some question which way the approach on this side will be built but it is probable that Magnus Miller will donate a right-of-way along the east side of the Whitney hotel, in which event work of grading the roadway will be taken up at once. In case this is not done the road will turn to the north the block west of the Whitney hotel and thence to the bridge by one of two routes under consideration.

When the approaches have been completed it is probable that residents of the county will be invited to participate in a grand opening of the new bridge in Skagit county but if the weather is not favorable the date may be set forward.

A head of a coyote was received during the holidays by the veterinary science department of the State College of Washington at Pullman. The head was sent there for examination by a man in Stratford, Washington, who had been pursued by a coyote while on horseback. Positive evidence of rabies was found as a result of the examination of the head.

## WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT HAVE INSTALLATION AND A FEED

Tuesday evening the Women of Woodcraft installed their newly elected officers with Emeline Webster, of Whatcom circle, in charge of the work. She was ably assisted by local members of the order, everything moving smoothly to a happy conclusion. Those installed were:

Guardian neighbor, Grace Bried; guardian neighbor, Mrs. Miller; advisor, Norma Biggerstaff; magician, Cressie Ried; clerk, Alice Leonard; treasurer, Katherine Johnson; attendant, Grace Riffe; managers, Mrs. Ritchie, Norma Biggerstaff; inner sentry, Rose Young; outer sentry, Mrs. Ritchie.

After the installation ceremonies had been concluded a general social was enjoyed during which dainty refreshments were served, the evening on the whole, being one of the most enjoyable in local lodge circles some time.

## GOOD TIMES COMING FOR EVERYBODY IS BANKER'S JUDGMENT

## VICE PRESIDENT OF STATE BANK OF CONCRETE SIZES UP SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR NEXT SUMMER

This is the way Mr. Guddall of the State Bank of Concrete summed up the business and crop situation of the past year.

The past year has witnessed the most extensive holiday trade ever experienced. Virtually every line of business reports a very substantial increase over the year previous. In some parts, the increase has run as high as 25 per cent.

Almost all the prominent activities that make up the life of the country have reached an unprecedented development during the year just closing. All summarizations run to the superlative. Transportation figures have exceeded all their former high marks. Labor is in greater demand than ever and at higher wages. The output of our iron mines is the greatest on record. The demand for copper exceeds the supply. The steel mills are booked far ahead and prosperity in that industry is most pronounced.

It is difficult for manufacturers to continue "capacity operations" owing to the shortage of men even though there has been a steadily upward trend in wages. The past month has seen corporations adding another 10 per cent to the already increased and respectable wages of employees.

The railroads have been short on all kinds of cars and much traffic has been turned over to express companies. The express business has been so heavy as to necessitate the sending out of ten-car special trains from Chicago to Western points.

More available elevator space at the Atlantic seaboard, just reported, will alleviate the difficulty which the "embargo notice" has created—a serious barrier to quick freight service. Notwithstanding the heavily reduced yields of food crops, the figures given out by the department of agriculture show that the farm value of products at the last harvest broke all records in the United States.

The country's bank position is sound and there is an abundance of money for the use of mercantile borrowers.

There is every prospect for continued business improvement during 1917.

## TO STAY IN MOUNT VERNON

W. V. Alexander, outgoing auditor, has purchased an interest in the Skagit Construction company, of Mount Vernon, of which W. S. Stevens, Alex Stevens and T. D. MacNeil are members.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETS

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Mount Baker Presbyterian church convened at the home of Mrs. Judd Seamen at a special meeting Thursday and spent the afternoon in sewing, ten members being present. There will be a regular meeting next Thursday at the church parlors when a ten cent tea will be served.

## LYMAN AND CONCRETE TEAMS TO BATTLE AT BASKETBALL

Next Friday evening at the Bryson store hall basketball teams of Concrete and Lyman will battle for honors and it is anticipated that the contests will be among the fastest ever seen in this part of the county. Both boys' and girls' teams will play the same evening and as the visitors will come up here with a determination to carry home scalps the local players will be forced to "do their darndest."

The Lyman teams have but recently been organized and may not prove as strong as they evidently believe themselves to be on account of lack of practice. However, they have been working hard of late and feel confident that they will be able to prove themselves the superiors on the field of battle.

While dates have not been contemplated for future games it is certain that further matches will be pulled off between the four teams, the one following next Friday evening to be played at Lyman, in all probability.

## STOPS ALL DICE SHAKING

Mayor Hunt, of Mount Vernon, has ordered dice shaking to be discontinued in all pool rooms, confectionery stores, cigar stands, restaurants, or wherever it has been practiced heretofore.

## FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF CONCRETE RIFLE CLUB QUALIFY UNDER RULES OF THE GOVERNMENT

Secretary L. E. Wolfe of the Concrete Rifle club has prepared a final report of shooting of members as a result of shoots after October and which shows that fourteen members qualified in the various courses. The scores made were considerably above the average for newly organized clubs, demonstrating that there are some unusually good marksmen here. Some members shot but few times during the entire season but easily got the required total score.

Shortly after the Concrete Rifle club was organized there was a membership of sixty-five in good standing but a few have left since then and it is questionable if some of them return. However, there are others who have expressed a desire to join in the spring, assuring even a stronger club than last year.

The scores as sent to the government follow:

Marksman Course					
	Prone	Kneel	Squat	St'd'g	Total
H. L. Lindenstruth—Slow Fire..	22	21	20	15	78
H. L. Lindenstruth—Mag. Fire..	18	17	22	17	74
Total .....					152
Axel Foss—Slow Fire.....	24	25	24	26	99
Axel Foss—Mag. Fire.....	13	18	18	18	67
Total .....					163
Paul Heskett—Slow Fire.....	24	17	22	19	82
Paul Heskett—Mag. Fire.....	21	21	10	20	72
Total .....					159
Leo Machin—Slow Fire.....	20	22	22	19	83
Leo Machin—Mag. Fire.....	23	21	18	15	77
Total .....					160
I. Kvarno—Slow Fire.....	21	20	22	20	83
I. Kvarno—Mag. Fire.....	19	25	18	16	78
Total .....					161
Geo. Machin—Slow Fire.....	21	16	22	22	81
Geo. Machin—Mag. Fire.....	17	22	19	20	78
Total .....					159
J. J. McDonald—Slow Fire.....	23	15	18	19	75
J. J. McDonald—Mag. Fire.....	19	18	18	21	76
Total .....					151
C. H. Holyfield—Slow Fire.....	21	19	20	25	85
C. H. Holyfield—Mag. Fire.....	19	17	17	21	74
Total .....					156
C. B. Gaines—Slow Fire.....	23	23	22	23	91
C. B. Gaines—Mag. Fire.....	18	15	17	21	71
Total .....					162
H. H. Robertson—Slow Fire....	24	20	21	19	84
H. H. Robertson—Mag. Fire....	22	15	14	19	70
Total .....					154
C. E. Franklin—Slow Fire.....	22	16	18	20	76
C. E. Franklin—Mag. Fire.....	18	18	20	18	74
Total .....					152
C. L. Stewart—Slow Fire.....	24	20	22	18	84
C. L. Stewart—Mag. Fire.....	22	15	15	18	70
Total .....					154
Sharpshooter Course					
	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total
H. L. Lindenstruth.....	22	21	19	17	79
H. L. Lindenstruth—Skirmish Fire.....					75
Total .....					154
Lars Moen.....	25	15	18	17	75
Lars Moen—Skirmish Fire.....					75
Total .....					150
Leo Machin.....	23	18	17	20	78
Leo Machin—Skirmish Fire.....					74
Total .....					152
L. J. Hyde.....	24	21	20	18	83
L. J. Hyde—Skirmish Fire.....					86
Total .....					169
Expert Course					
					Total
L. J. Hyde—Slow Fire.....					87
L. J. Hyde—Changing Position.....					77
Total .....					164

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR BIRDSVIEW POST OFFICE

Announcement has been made by the United States Civil Service commission that an examination will be held at Sedro-Woolley Saturday, January 27, for the position of postmaster at Birdview although there may be reinstatement of the present incumbent under the rule of "the good service."

During the past year the Birdview office was compensated in the sum of \$204, with indications of the amount remaining about the same.

Residents of the territory served by the post office who are American citizens and of legal age are eligible and may take the examination.

Wednesday evening, January 3, the short course students at the State College of Washington at Pullman were honored at a reception given by the cabinet members of the Y. M. and Y. W. Christian associations. The affair was held in the college gymnasium and was well attended.

Mrs. Helen Dow Whitaker, who is in charge of the poultry department at the State College of Washington at Pullman and also of the all-northwest egg laying contest, was honored at a banquet tendered her by the employees of the poultry plant last week.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY IS HELD

Monday the stockholders of the Skagit River Telephone & Telegraph company was held and at which old officers and directors were re-elected as follows:

Mrs. Kate Glover, president and general manager; E. F. Mertz, vice president; G. A. Campbell, secretary and treasurer. Nellie Wheelock, Henry Thompson and J. T. Hightower were elected directors.

F. L. McNally, district manager of the Pacific Telephone company, and a stockholder in the local company, was at the meeting in addition to others from the outside.

No specific plans were made for extensions or improvements during the year outside of those previously arranged for.

That the equipment in the electrical laboratory at the State College of Washington at Pullman is equal, if not superior, to that of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the opinion of Howard Melvin, former instructor in the electrical department of the State College, who is now on a leave of absence, for the purpose of further study in the Boston institution.

## WOULD REDUCE RATE OF INTEREST PAID ON DELINQUENT TAX

## SEATTLE REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE DRAFTS MEASURE TO PRESENT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

With a view to having the interest charged on delinquent taxes very materially reduced on the ground that the present rate is exorbitant and works a hardship on the small property owner, the Seattle Real Estate Exchange has drafted a bill which will be introduced in the present legislature. Its main provisions are:

All taxes become delinquent June 1 and December 1 of each year, as under the present law.

It abolishes the 15 per cent interest on delinquent taxes, and the issuance of certificates of delinquency. It does away with the 3 per cent discount for prompt payment, and provides for 8 per cent interest on all delinquent taxes, redemption being permitted after delinquency (June 1) upon the payment of interest from June 1 to time of payment.

It provides for the creation of a tax loan fund in each county, against which warrants shall be sold to secure money in lieu of collections of such taxes as are delinquent on December 1. Such tax loan fund shall be secured by a lien upon all properties upon which taxes are delinquent, excepting, however, such properties proposed to be sold, as hereinafter provided.

The bill provides that prior to December 1 of each year, the county treasurer shall certify to the county auditor, who shall be the custodian of the tax loan fund, the approximate amount of delinquent taxes on December 1. The county auditor, under the direction of the board of county commissioners, shall advertise for sale the necessary amount of warrants to meet all delinquent taxes, except those upon property subject to sale; the rate of interest on such warrants shall be determined by the county commissioners, but in no case to exceed 6 per cent, the same to be redeemed in not less than six months, or more than one year from date thereof.

Warrants issued for this purpose shall be a lien only on properties upon which taxes are delinquent, and are not general county warrants.

The county auditor shall proceed to advertise and sell these warrants, at such rate of interest, and in such denominations as the board of county commissioners may designate, the funds so received shall be paid to the county treasurer to cover the amount of taxes for the current year, which were delinquent on December first.

All properties upon which two years' taxes are delinquent shall be sold on December 1 of each year, following such delinquency.

Property sold for taxes may be redeemed at any time within two years after sale, upon payment of all taxes, and 8 per cent interest from date of delinquency to date of sale, and 10 per cent from date of sale to date of redemption, plus the expense of sale.

## C. D. STICKLEY WILL SOON LEAVE TO GO ON THE ROAD

About the middle of next week Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stickley will leave for Seattle which place Mr. Stickley will make his headquarters while on the road for the Paramount picture films, the exact territory he is to cover not having been definitely assigned as yet. However, he expects to travel outside of the state of Washington.

Beginning last week pictures will be shown at the Stickley theater only Saturday and Sunday evenings. For some time past the attendance has not been sufficient to warrant keeping the house open all the time but Mr. Stickley felt sanguine that eventually things would pick up and he could pull through. However, he was offered an advantageous position with the Paramount people, and as he was running behind all the time he decided to accept.

There is a probability of Mr. Stickley's return in the spring and a resumption of the every-night program that he has maintained in the past.

## SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

The regular state eighth grade examinations will be held at all leading schools in the county, and others, by special arrangement with the county superintendent, on January 18 and 19, 1917.

## ASK APPROPRIATION TO BRING TOURISTS TO SOUND COUNTRY

## NORTHWEST TOURIST ASSOCIATION WOULD HAVE LEGISLATURE PROVIDE FUND FOR PROPER PUBLICITY

If anyone suggested bringing an industry into this state that would circulate \$5,000,000 a year at a cost of \$50,000, the cost would be subscribed in forty-eight hours in any one of our principal cities. It would be a business proposition, the returns from which would justify any city in making the investment.

The Pacific Northwest Tourist association has made a much greater business proposition to the entire state in asking the state legislature to appropriate \$25,000 a year for two years, to be used with appropriations from Oregon and British Columbia in a campaign to bring tourists to the Pacific Northwest.

Tourist traffic is the principal industry of Southern California and the commercial organizations of that state estimate that tourists will spend \$200,000,000 in California this winter. California is spending more than \$500,000, the greater part of which is raised by taxation, to secure tourist business.

The Pacific Northwest has not secured its share of tourist business for lack of proper publicity. The plans of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, if carried through, will result in a great summer tourist business to the Pacific Northwest which should result in an expenditure of \$50,000,000 annually in the state of Washington.

The appropriation asked of the legislature is small, when the great general benefit from tourist travel is considered, and there should be no hesitancy on the part of the legislature to make this investment for the general good.

## B. Y. P. U. ELECT OFFICERS AND ENJOY SOCIAL SESSION

The B. Y. P. U. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Lowe January 5 to transact business and enjoy social games. New officers elected were T. I. Lowe, president; Miss Anderson, vice president; Mrs. J. F. Halliday, secretary and treasurer. Committees appointed were:

Devotional committee, Miss Johns, chairman; Mrs. B. B. Pierce and Mrs. Geo. Ely assisting.

Lookout committee, Mrs. J. F. Halliday, chairman; Helen Rice and Burton Pierce assisting.

Entertainment committee, Mrs. R. E. Williams, chairman.

An enjoyable time was had by all present and dainty refreshments were served by the host and hostess.

The next meeting of the society will be a social affair to which everyone interested is invited, to be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Powell Friday evening, January 26, at 8 o'clock.

Dean Rhoda M. White of the State College will attend the Washington State Conference for Social Welfare to be held in Olympia, January 16. The conference is held in the interest of general social welfare and will consider all phases of social legislation suggestive of dependent, defective and delinquent problems.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY TENDERED CECIL CARTER SATURDAY

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carter a merry birthday party was given last Saturday evening in honor of the fifteenth birthday of Master Cecil Carter, the evening being most pleasantly spent in games and music. Mrs. Carter added greatly to the enjoyment of the event by serving delicious refreshments in which she was assisted by Mrs. Biggerstaff. Those who participated in the fun and in wishing Master Cecil many returns of the day were:

Francis Heskett, Kathleen Jeffries, Aliene Riffe, Helen Greiner, Pearl Vier, Edna Swab, Burton Pierce, Evan White, Teddy Carter, James Carter, Eddie McKinney, John Woodworth, Walter Biggerstaff and Rev. H. V. Davies.

Master Cecil was remembered by both relatives and friends with many beautiful presents which will long remind him of the enjoyment on this particular natal day.

Don't you hear those prosperity bells ringing all around? Get in on the chorus and help swell the sweet refrain.



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## THERE SHOULD BE COMPLETE INVESTIGATION

At frequent intervals in the past there have been accusations similar in purport to those made by Thomas W. Lawson regarding manipulation of the stock market in New York City and in which it has been charged that brokers and speculators systematically "trimmed" the general public of millions of dollars. There have been so-called investigations time after time, but not one of them ever went to the bottom of the question so as to make possible adequate protection of people who invest their money honestly but who are frozen out entirely or forced to sacrifice large amounts of money through such stock manipulations. The general public, also, has a direct interest, for it is forced to pay exorbitant prices for many of the necessities of life, and all because a little coterie of insiders have an insatiable desire to accumulate millions.

Whether or not there is any semblance of truth in the allegations of a "leak" regarding the peace note of the president is of minor importance. If Thomas W. Lawson, or any other man or men, can furnish information on which indictments might be made that information should be secured either by a congressional committee or the department of justice. Prosecutions to the fullest extent should follow and the stock jobbing and sheep fleecing stopped. It is of far greater moment that the many be protected than that a few should accumulate vast hoards of money, that they may live in luxury and idleness.

The insinuation that members of congress have profited by inside information regarding stock manipulations is by no means new. Many instances might be cited of men being elected to congress who were generally known to be without means and who, after a few years at the national capital, blossomed out in the moneyed class. Certain it is that they did not acquire all of these funds through saving their salary. Just how they did get the coin has never been made public. Perhaps, too, it is not strictly illegal for members of congress to take advantage of these inside tips and thereby enrich themselves. However, to the layman it would appear that the system distinctively is illegal and should be stopped. The old theory of "the public be damned" is no longer popular, and the men who have the nerve to tackle this problem honestly and push it through to the end, regardless of consequences to anyone, will find themselves held in much higher general regard than those who are seemingly shielding those guilty of machinations unworthy of servants of the public or who are permitted to put through questionable transactions under the guise of legitimate business.

Something tangible may or may not come from the tempest in a teapot that Mr. Lawson stirred up, but action of cyclonic proportions should be taken whereby the parasites on the rest of humanity would be put away definitely and for all time.

Information comes from Olympia to the effect that there is a disposition to retrench in the expenditure of state funds by cutting down appropriations for the state educational institutions. It has recently been held that there is so much duplication of curriculum in these institutions as to make the maintenance of all of them a veritable farce. That there is much jealousy between them is well established, and in some instances recriminations have been hurled back and forth by the institution presidents. Such conditions may be conducive to the best of educational results—but one would hardly think so.

The Herald recently editorially advocated bonding the county for a system of permanent highways and pointed out that the present is without doubt the best time for such an undertaking. At a largely attended meeting in Mount Vernon Monday evening that sentiment was endorsed unanimously by more than one hundred farmers and property owners present. Unquestionably sentiment in favor of permanent highways is growing locally, for it is being realized more and more that permanent highways are a paying investment. Let's have them!

There was joy in the camps of the dry forces when the United States supreme court handed down a decision upholding the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon law, for it will now be possible to prevent the shipment of liquor into dry units. The common carriers and the persons shipping the goods will become liable, with little probability of their frequent disregard of the statute. With this law in effect and the permit privilege removed the state of Washington, with many others, will become a veritable Sahara.

Rear Admiral Chauncey Thomas has dubbed a large percentage of the men of this country as Miss Nancys and while he may be perfectly right in his position it is a safe gamble that he would not care to call very many of these same Nancy persons that name to their face. If they are Nancys then the admiral would have to revise his opinion of the prowess of women as fighters. We may be Nancys, all right enough, but you better not come outside and tell us so, Mr. Admiral.

They convicted and sentenced to jail in Connecticut a man who had the temerity to question the authenticity of Jonah and the whale story. It may be possible that residents of that particular village have more definite information on the whale episode than do millions of others who do not hesitate to express their disbelief. But these latter millions do not reside in Connecticut.

Umatilla, Oregon, has got on the map and the first page of metropolitan newspapers through the election of a complete city administration of women, but if these new officials conduct city affairs along the lines they have indicated—that of absolutely no crime and no trouble—Umatilla will again quickly sink back into her state of innocuous desuetude. Keep her lived up, ladies; keep her lived up.

They had a nice little scrap in organizing the state senate and the "progressive" element is said to have come out victorious. Huh! Thought a small bunch of men met in Seattle a short time since and organized things political in Washington state to suit themselves; and they were not along "progressive" lines, either, whatever that may mean these days.

Members of the United States senate have certainly got some nerve to deliberately vote saloons out of the national capital when most of them know they may no longer get a drink when they return to their home states. But it seems to be the way of the world, these days, and everybody might as well join in the glad chorus.

The shingle manufacturers of the Pacific Northwest have awakened to the fact that they have been pursuing the wrong selling method and propose to boost their business onto a paying basis through advertising during the present year. They all finally have come to it and depend upon publicity for the greatest success.

That bootlegging scandal in Seattle has assumed large proportions with strong indications of bringing in several of the higher-ups involved. To those not directly interested there appears to be no legitimate reason for making fish of one and fowl of another. Soak them all, and just alike.

There is an awful time in Olympia. There are members of the legislature who are scared to death of lobbyists and there are lobbyists who are terribly shocked because somebody else is lobbying. The whole bunch might be mistaken for a bunch of loblolies, judging by outward appearances.

## COMMENTS OF THE STATE PRESS

Some Real Thoughts from the Think Tanks of Thoughtful Thinkers

### Newspapers Will Fall in Line and Again Begin to Lead

Mount Vernon Herald:—The independent newspaper is a coming factor in local and national politics. This fact is becoming more and more an established certainty with each election, either local or national.

The old fashioned idea that the country is swayed by the greater number of Republican newspapers has been disproven practically twice in succession. It is a well known fact that the Republican newspapers of the country made a tight and fast stand in the last national election, yes, even in local politics.

The reason is no more plausible than a newspaper should hang to the old time political party coat tail than it is that the voter should hang there likewise, probably because his father or grandfather was a Republican or a Democrat.

The independent voter has come, choosing his man, whether he be a Republican or Democrat, or a man without a party. The independent voter is growing in numbers everywhere.

The time has passed when the voter will be lead by his family or by the politician.

He will in the future vote as he chooses. The voters who will place men in office regardless of party affiliation, are multiplying rapidly.

Newspapers as a rule, in the palmy days of high political engineering, hung to the old party coat tail for the "pap" that such a course would bring them. The "pap" has practically disappeared. The men who were supported by the newspaper now turn their backs to the publisher after election and he is left hanging—where, not even on the coat tail of the party.

"Gin all you want," says an eastern Washington newspaper editor, "but you can just write it down in your old beany hat that the independent voter has come."

The independent newspaper is coming too, and there is little or no doubt but that the next two or four years will see a vast number of newspapers dropping the political mantle of old line politics and bolting to the independent field.

### Sure, We Need Them More Than Interior States Ever Have

Monroe Monitor:—Fear of the establishment of a big military cantonment at American Lake in Pierce county for the quartering of a division of the regular army which would result in the abandonment of the military post at Vancouver has been set at rest. It is now understood that the American Lake project is favored by the administration as a necessary measure for defense of the Pacific Northwest, and that it is intended to supplement the strategically located regimental posts instead of displacing them.

### But If One Eats Dog Fish Will He Have to Bark?

Burlington Journal:—It is significant that the United States bureau of fisheries has determined to recommend the black cod of the Pacific as a juicy and luscious food fish, that is cheap and easily transported to the markets. These fish abound in Alaskan and North Pacific waters. The meat of the black cod is oily and when baked or fried, has a fine flavor. The federal government is also booming the dog-fish or grayfish. These fish abound in these northern waters. There is untold millions in the food fish of the Pacific.

### Coal, Coal, Coal and Not a Bucketful for the Furnace

Auburn Globe-Republican:—Although the city of Des Moines, Iowa, is partly underlaid with coal mines, thrice already this winter fuel famines have prevailed to such an extent that the mayor has seized carloads of coal and had it distributed through the municipal coal office to needy families of the city, the owners of the coal being paid market price for it. Reduced production, for which the mayor blames the operators, has caused the shortage.

### And Still There Are Those Who Opposed Farm Loan Banks

Camas Post:—Officials of the Farm Loan Board announce that more than fifty thousand farmers have applied for mortgage loans aggregating approximately one hundred and fifty million dollars, or more than seventeen times the amount of money which will be immediately available for its loan banks. Most applications have come from the south and west.

### Mount Vernones Determined to Come Out of the Darkness

Mount Vernon Argus:—Unless all signs fail, Mount Vernon is finally to have a much and long needed high school. Every legal objection having disappeared, the board this week advertised for bids on the bonds. The plans call for a modern structure, such as the community requires, and makes provision for growth.

### This Guy Is a Sure Enough Physiognomist on Royalty

Anacortes Citizen:—Austro-Hungary has a new emperor, the old one having died. Charles is his name and he looks like he would have the ability to hold down the fourth chair in a barber shop or wear badge No. 13 in a cafe.

## TO RUIN VIA COMMERCE

One interesting explanation of the war is that it was forced on Germany and through Germany on Europe by the policy of flooding the markets of the world with more goods than the markets would absorb. For many years before 1914 the factories of Germany were steadily increasing their speed and efficiency, and consequently their product. This product could not be sold in Germany. To sell it in other parts of the world the German exporters had to meet the competition of other merchant nations, chief among them England. This competition was not always fair on either side. It led to the buying of special privileges, invasions of the sovereignty of the smaller nations, and the extension of the jurisdiction of the European governments over weaker people doing business with their subjects.

The road was down hill, and certain to end in a struggle for mastery. Some thinkers, in and out of Germany, realized this, but it was realized too late. The struggle for foreign trade could not end, in Germany or elsewhere, because its ending would mean a disruption of the economic system.

American traders and statesmen might be warned by this spectacle of Europe, trading herself into war and ruin. International commerce on a great scale there must be if civilization is to progress, but unless there are to be wars without end it cannot be carried on after the nineteenth century practice of Europe. Trade with battleships behind it never boded any good and never will.—San Francisco Bulletin.

## HISTORY AND TRUTH

A member of that new school of American history which holds that our national existence has been one long mistake, especially during war times, charges writers of school histories with having "suppressed, with studied care, the disasters which we have so often suffered and the blunders we have committed owing to a total absence of a proper military policy." It is provoking to discover, from these words of Dr. Frederick Huidekoper, that no efficient Americans were born until this generation. It is sad to put away our old faith in Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Grant and Lincoln. But it is consoling to know that there is not one nation in the world which has not blundered in one way or another since 1776, and to observe that the results of the blunders of the United States has been to leave us in a more comfortable position, as far as average people are concerned, than any other nation.

As for the historians, the good ones do not pretend to tell all that has occurred, because they do not know all; and the less conscientious ones have generally written what they thought the public would like. National pride, masquerading as patriotism, and in that guise winning the approval even of Mr. Huidekoper, has prevented school children from learning the truth about either their country's blunders or its crimes. If our blunders are now to be papad why not our crimes? Why not the full truth about the first Mexican war? Why not some of the less agreeable truths about the Spanish war and the war with the Philippines?—San Francisco Bulletin.

## OFFICERS AND GENTLEMEN

When the German government wished to execute a mild sort of reprisal against the Russian government it transported one thousand Russian officers "from officers camps to common war prison camps." When the Russian government hit back, it did so by transporting "all German officers to common prisoner camps." This incident shows that the lot of the officer who is taken prisoner is ordinarily made much more comfortable than that of the common soldier. The reason for this practice goes back to the time when the officers of all armies were invariably of "noble blood," and when men with that kind of blood thought that common people were a different and inferior sort of animal. Even in war it was held, and is held, that gentlemen must not inflict on gentlemen of another nation, even though prisoners, more humiliation than a gentleman should bear. That class lines should thus be drawn against the very men who are doing the most fighting and suffering the most pain and hardship seems peculiarly unjust, but perhaps that is the one-sided and essentially pacific American way of looking at it.—San Francisco Bulletin.

## SENIORS ARE TEACHERS

Seniors in the modern language department of the State College of Washington at Pullman will have experience in teaching languages before leaving school, as a result of an innovation just introduced in that department. Each senior will have charge of a class for six weeks. The classes are composed of students from the Pullman grade and high schools.

Few institutions of higher learning have attempted this before. It is a very valuable introduction, however, in that it puts experienced and tried teachers in the field for teaching in the high schools of the state immediately upon their leaving college.

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## RECORD FOR SHIPMENTS OF PORTLAND CEMENT

The shipments of Portland cement from the mills in the United States in 1916 approximated 94,508,000 barrels, compared with 86,891,681 barrels in 1915, an increase of 8.8 per cent; the production of Portland cement approximated 91,194,000 barrels, compared with 85,914,907 barrels in 1915, an increase of 6.1 per cent; the stocks of finished cement fell from 11,781,166 barrels in 1915 to approximately 8,376,000 barrels in 1916, a decrease of 28.9 per cent. These figures are derived from statistics and estimates compiled by Ernest F. Burchard, of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, and the returns on which they are based were fairly complete for all states except California. The figures for stocks are not considered accurate, as they could not be well checked over by manufacturers until after the end of the year.

The year 1916 undoubtedly holds the record for shipments of Portland cement; the next highest record was in 1913, when 88,689,377 barrels were shipped from the mills. In production 1913 apparently is still the record year, with an output of 92,097,131 barrels, although there is a possibility that the final returns may give 1916 the lead.

Higher prices for cement prevailed throughout the United States except at a few points where top prices were realized in 1915. Trade conditions were generally reported as decidedly better in 1915, and in certain places the only limitation to output seemed to be shortage of labor and of freight cars.

Six new plants reported production of Portland cement in 1916, one each in California, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Texas.

## DEATH LURKED ON CHEEK OF 17TH CENTURY DAMES

No Talcum Then to Powder the Nose—Corrosive Sublimite Used Instead

University of Washington, January 13.—Death lurked on the cheek of the Spanish lady of the seventeenth century and it was a blind suitor who essayed a kiss unawares. It was all because the women had to powder their noses even as they do in the twentieth century. According to Professor M. P. Philbrick of the University of Washington, who recently read a paper before the Washington State Philological society on "Spanish Life in the Novels of the Seventeenth Century," the women of that day powdered their cheeks with bichloride of mercury—corrosive sublimite.

Talcum and rice powder were unknown in the seventeenth century, so the women could obtain nothing but the poison for their faces. The corrosive sublimite was found in the form of solid cakes which were rubbed over the face. White lead was also used, and one novel of the time speaks of a face adorned "now with corrosive sublimite, now with white lead and now with both."

Ambergris was used as perfume, not only by the women, but by the men, according to Mr. Philbrick. The perfume was applied to the gloves instead of the handkerchiefs as it is today.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

FROM HERALD REPRESENTATIVES AROUND THE COUNTY

### BIRDSVIEW

Hall Howell and family, for several years residents of Birdsvie, left last Friday evening for Omaha, Nebraska, where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Martin, late of Fort Benton, Montana, have decided to move to Sand Point, Idaho, after a short stay at Birdsvie.

There will be an examination for fourth class postmasters held at Sedro-Woolley January 27.

January 9 being the twentieth birthday of Miss Dora Kalberg, a few of her friends surprised her at her home at Birdsvie. Among the friends who wished her many happy returns of the day were Miss Selma Wahlgren, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, of Concrete; John Kemmerick, Carl King, George Savage, Warren and Willie Savage, Maud Mills, of Sedro-Woolley; Cora Metcalf, of Lyman; May Savage, Laura Savage, Blanche Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Kalberg, Carl Kalberg, Cora Kalberg and Swan Olson. After spending a very pleasant evening with music and games a delicious lunch was served, the guests returning to their homes.

Julius Kimmerick came down from Baker lake after an absence of several months.

### APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN COUNTY

More than a dozen new projects were added to the list already adopted by the house rivers and harbors committee Tuesday, according to a news dispatch, as the work continued on its omnibus appropriation bill soon to be reported. They include: Anacortes harbor, Washington, \$56,000 complete; Skagit river, Washington, \$30,000 complete; Grays Harbor bar, Washington, \$85,000, a total of \$755,000; Columbia river at Cathlamet, Washington, \$6,000 complete; Lake Washington ship canal, Washington, \$200,000, total, \$657,000, and Kalihi harbor, Hawaii, \$100,000, total, \$439,000.

### SCHOOL PARLIAMENTARY CLUB FULLY ORGANIZED THURSDAY

A meeting of sixth and seventh grade pupils was held Thursday after recess, which will be the regular meeting hour of the society this year because the girls have sewing at that time on Friday. Miss Miller acted as temporary chairman. She explained the purpose of the society, gave a short talk on the fitness of officials, and the honor of being elected.

It was voted to call the society the Thursday Parliamentary club with "To do our best" for a motto. The class colors are to be purple and gold. The following officers were elected:

President, Kathleen Jeffries; vice president, Cecil Carter; editor, Frances Heskett; secretary, Ernest Kauffman.

### MUCH ENJOYMENT AS RESULT PRACTICE GAMES BEING HELD

Thursday evening there was a game of basketball between two teams which were made up of those without experience in the game and partly of members of the regular team. They were supposed to represent East and West Concrete, the latter aggregation being victorious. Much amusement was caused by the playing of novices but greater interest was manifested by regulars than when they have practice among themselves.

Next Tuesday evening there is to be a game between the telephone girls and the regular girls' team when really hot play may be expected. These games are largely in preparation of the forthcoming contest with Lyman next Friday evening, but they will not lack in genuine interest and hard play.

### FORTY STUDENTS COME FOR SHORT COURSE IN MINING

University of Washington, January 13.—The short courses in mining opened with an attendance of forty men from all corners of the Northwest. Fifteen came down from Alaska, fifteen are from the state of Washington, four hail from Idaho, two are from Oregon, and one each come from South Dakota, Arizona, Missouri and British Columbia.

The attendance this year was larger on the opening day than in any previous year. Many were attracted by the new courses in flotation and placer mining and the prominent authorities procured for lecture work. The university commons has provided a special lunch room where the short course students can dine and talk together.

The ages of the men enrolled for the three months' course range from 21 to 56. The average age is 33 years. W. L. Polson, who attended the short course in 1894-1895, is back for further studying in assaying. Mr. Polson is from Ketchikan. Three other students have returned for additional work in the short course.

### MORE THAN HUNDRED GATHER AT BANQUET TENDERED POLSON

RETIRING COUNTY COMMISSIONER RECIPIENT OF HIGHEST ENCOMIUMS AND MORE SUBSTANTIAL REMEMBRANCES

An avalanche of encomiums descended upon the unsuspecting head of Alfred Polson, outgoing county commissioner for the second district, Monday night when about one hundred of his friends and admirers sat down to the banquet table with him and ate, drank and made speeches in his honor. It was a flattering testimonial to Mr. Polson's worth as a man and official and it was pulled off in the happiest fashion.

About 7 o'clock Monday evening, on a warrant sworn out by Prosecuting Attorney A. R. Hilen, Sheriff Charlie Stevenson rang the bell of the Polson residence, which was answered by the head of the family himself. He was somewhat annoyed by this disturbance as he had only a few hours before slipped from the heavy yoke of county office and was resting peacefully in the bosom of his family without any suspicion of the dark plot that was brewing. He was informed that he was wanted at the courthouse. He wanted to know what for and was told that it was necessary for him to appear before a special tribunal and explain certain cash transactions. He did not seem to understand; and he did not understand until he was steered up the steps of the Masonic temple. When he saw the crowd and smelled the coffee he first understood the meaning of his arrest. He was ushered to a seat at one of the two long tables and the rest of the places soon were occupied.

When the inner men had been satisfied Warren Shea rapped for order and introduced Zig Nelson as toastmaster. Mr. Nelson then announced that Mr. Coleman would present certain tokens of regard to the guest of honor. Mr. Coleman rose and in brief but graceful terms presented to Mr. Polson a handsome Howard gold watch. Another package contained a pearl necklace, a lavallier and several other articles of jewelry from the banqueters to Mrs. Polson as a mark of their highest esteem. Mr. Polson, visibly affected, rose to his feet and with feeling expressed his warmest appreciation for the honor of which he had been made the happy recipient. He sat down amid a storm of applause.

### WHAT IS STYLE?

It is Difficult to Define Because It is So Intangible.

What makes a woman stylish? Applied to dress, style is a curiously elusive quality, either to define or to acquire.

"A stylish garment," we say of one made in the fashion of the day. But when we ask, "What is the style of the garment?" we are inquiring for a description that may be of this year's style, or last year's, or of the last century's. A dress may be "in style" so far as its material, cut and trimming go and yet not look stylish when worn, either because it is worn by the wrong person or in the wrong way.

"A stylish woman," we say of one dressed a la mode, and yet in the next breath we describe another woman as "good style," although she is not wearing the latest fabrics or newest cut and often is not herself beautiful.

Style is not a simple quality, but a compound one. "We say style," says an old writer, "of everything in which form or matter is conceived to be, in however slight degree, expressive of taste and sentiment." And it is taste and sentiment more than a specific mode that go to the making of style in dress—that intangible something so hard to define, so seldom acquired and so much desired because it is so widely admired.

The French word *chic* expresses, as Americans and English use it today, a good deal of what we have in mind when we say "stylish." It implies a certain knack in the selection and manner of wearing clothes. The meaning in French includes the idea of subtlety and finesse, and it is these qualities more than the elegant (striking) effect that are suggested by the best dressed women, so often lacking in those of expensively dressed Americans.—Good Health.

### Entirely Stopped.

It was at a big boxing show in Brooklyn that at the time for beginning the third round of one of the bouts the official master of ceremonies climbed through the ropes and from the center of the ring made this statement: "Gentlemen, I wish to announce that in the last round Harry Flea... his hand and is compelled to stop. He is therefore unable to continue. And so he will not fight any more tonight."—Saturday Evening Post.

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### INVADERS ALREADY HERE

Two preventable diseases—typhoid fever and malaria—are estimated to cost citizens of the United States almost a billion dollars a year. A billion dollars is the sum of the American investments in Mexico, or the cost of two years of "preparedness" on the present scale. In weakened citizenship the cost of these two diseases alone is much more than can be measured in money.

The prevalence of preventable diseases ought to hurt our national honor far more than the acts of Mexican bandits. It is a disgrace to a nation possessing our wealth and our knowledge to allow any preventable disease. Preparedness fanatics draw fearful pictures of the slaughter which would take place if our untrained volunteers had to meet a professional European army; the slaughter caused by preventable diseases and preventable accidents is just as dreadful. It goes on indoors and its victims are not found in heaps, but its effects on natural vitality is the same as though they were killed in battle.

There is just as much reason for becoming excited over this kind of human loss and national dishonor as there is over the problem of loss and dishonor of war. There is just as much reason for training citizen soldiers to fight disease as to fight other men; there is just as much reason for holding parades of volunteers sworn to reduce the death rate, whatever interests suffer in the act, as of people interested in the more aversive species of national defense. Invaders may come, if the opium dreams of the fanatics can be taken as good prophecy. But the unnecessary accidents and diseases of filth and poverty are here already.—San Francisco Bulletin.

### New Drill Master Comes

University of Washington, January 13.—Sergeant Lee Barker, late of the Thirty-sixth Texas infantry, U. S. A., has been added to the staff of the University of Washington cadet corps. He has been in the service of the United States for 18 years and will serve as drill instructor to the cadets. The cadet corps has this year increased its staff of officers and non-commissioned officers to a captain, lieutenant, and three sergeants. Captain Patten conducted the work last year without the assistance of regular army men.

"Sewage Disposals for the Country Home," written by Professor M. K. Snyder of the State College of Washington at Pullman, has been sent by request to every state in the union. This bulletin is the same one that the government of Venezuela has asked permission to publish in the Spanish language as a government document.

There will be no increase in the cost of paper during the present school year at the Students' Book store at the State College of Washington at Pullman, according to the management of the store. A large supply of paper had been purchased previous to the enormous rise in prices. There will probably be a slight increase in cost of books, owing to the increase in price of printers' supplies, however.

### MILLIONS OF PUBLICATIONS

More than 29½ million copies of new bulletins, pamphlets, circulars, reports, and documents were issued by the United States department of agriculture during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of the chief of the division of publications. Including the reprints of documents of earlier issues with the new ones, there was a total of 39,098,239 copies printed.

The total number of copies of farmers' bulletins printed during the year was 12,795,000. Of these, there were 62 new numbers, of which 3,640,000 copies were printed, and 9,155,000 copies were reprints of 284 old bulletins.

Notwithstanding the liberal free distribution of publications made by the department, sales by the superintendent of documents amounted to \$22,277.84, the cost price of \$27,381 copies.

Mr. Wetmore, who has charge of the dairy herd of the Hazelwood company of Spokane, is one of the students enrolled in the short course at the State College of Washington at Pullman. Messrs. Sharkey and Reis, both of the First National Bank of North Yakima, are also in attendance.

### SUMMONS

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for Skagit County.

Flora Bartell, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Roy Bartell, Defendant.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON To the said Roy Bartell, Defendant: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty days after the sixth day of January, 1917, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said Court.

The object of said action is to secure a decree of divorce upon the grounds of desertion and non-support.  
G. L. LEONARD,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Postoffice Address: Concrete, Skagit County, Washington.  
(Jan. 6-13-20-27 Feb. 3-10)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that J. Merritt Baldwin, of Rockport, Washington, who, on January 10, 1916, made Homestead entry No. 63869, for Lots 3, 4 and 5, and NE¼ SW¼, Section 29, Township 34 N., Range 10 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Seattle, Washington, on the 14th day of February, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Howard J. Paull, of Rockport, Washington; George Sharich, of Rockport, Washington; Samuel Walls, of Rockport, Washington; Van H. Brandon, of Rockport, Washington.  
G. A. C. ROCHESTER, Register.  
(Dec. 23-30-Jan. 6-13-20)



## BUSY SESSION HELD BY LADIES AID AND OFFICERS ELECTED

FORMAL THANKS ARE EXTENDED FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING BAZAR A SUCCESS—MANY MEMBERS ATTEND MEETING

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Fred Carlson, at Grasmere, last Tuesday afternoon when a most delightful session was held. Among the business transacted was the election of officers for the coming six months. Nearly all members holding offices were retained in the same positions as formerly. About thirty-two members and visitors did justice to the delicious and beautiful lunch served by the charming hostess.

Officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. J. J. Carter; vice president, Mrs. Jos. Belfrey; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Ely; secretary, Mrs. J. F. Halliday; treasurer (flower fund), Mrs. B. B. Pierce; treasurer (building fund), Mrs. E. R. Williams; press committee, Mrs. Jos. Belfrey.

Among those present were: Mesdames J. Bickford, Jos. Belfrey, W. H. Biggerstaff, Brinkley, J. J. Carter, M. Cummings, H. V. Davies, Geo. Ely, Geo. Powell, B. B. Pierce, F. Greiner, E. R. Williams, T. I. Lowe and baby, F. J. Halliday, Chas. Wahlgren, R. Thompson, O. C. Moss, M. Millar, J. Wallace, F. Carlson, J. Smith. Rev. H. V. Davies, Fred Carlson, Misses Anderson, Campion, Carlson; Masters Burton Pierce, Cecil Carter, Arthur Belfrey, Norman Belfrey, Milton Pierce, Brinkley, Jack Wallace.

The bazar and cooked food sale held in December was a great financial success. The ladies are well pleased with their efforts. The building was handsomely decorated with evergreens and the display of fancy and useful articles on sale were both useful and beautiful.

Ladies who worked on committees were Mrs. B. B. Pierce, Mrs. O. C. Moss, Mrs. Jos. Belfrey, Mrs. J. Bickford, Mrs. Chas. Wahlgren, in charge of fancy work booth.

Mrs. Geo. Powell, Mrs. M. Cummings and Mrs. E. R. Williams, in charge of refreshment booth.

A vote of thanks was tendered the following lodges and individuals who helped toward the success of the affair:

The Odd Fellows and Eagles for their kindness in furnishing building, chairs, tables, etc.; Geo. Campbell for lights; T. I. Lowe for stove and dishes, and Rev. H. V. Davies for furnishing the evergreens.

### OH, YOU EVE!

When every pool in Eden was a mirror  
That unto Eve her dainty charms proclaimed  
She went undraped without a single fear or  
Thought that she had need to be ashamed.

'Twas only when she'd eaten of the apple  
That she became inclined to be a prude,  
And found that evermore she'd have to grapple  
With the much abated problem of the nude.

Thereafter she devoted her attention,  
Her time and all her money to her clothes,  
And that was the beginning of creation.  
And modesty as well, I do suppose.

Reactions came about in fashion recent,  
Now girls conceal so little from the men,  
It would seem, in the name of all that's decent,  
Some one should pass the apple 'round again.

Sixty-seven state agricultural colleges and experiment stations are devoted to the development of agriculture in the United States. Their endowment, plant, and equipment amount to \$160,000,000. They have an income of more than \$35,000,000, with 5,500 teachers and a resident student body of over 75,000.

## SHORT LOCAL NOTES

C. E. Franklin left Wednesday evening for Tacoma where he will visit his brother a few days before returning to Oak Harbor to spend the winter.

Mrs. Henry Binzer left Thursday morning for Seattle where she will visit her sons, Karl and Harry, for a short time. She will then go to Vancouver and visit Roy a few days when she will proceed to various points in California, her trip occupying about two months.

Miss Elizabeth King expects to leave within a short time for a trip through California. She will join Mrs. Henry Binzer at San Francisco and they will travel together over the rest of the state.

Contractor J. R. Wood was up from Seattle the first of the week and completed arrangements for moving his outfit back to Seattle, the Baker river bridge being completed. Mr. Wood has a contract for a steel bridge in Seattle on which work will be started as soon as he can assemble his outfit here.

County Commissioner Henry Thompson was in Concrete Thursday looking over the new Baker river bridge and work in connection with roads approaching on both sides of the river.

—Good body fir wood for sale by Frank Ritchie.

L. E. Stearns was up from Mount Vernon last Saturday in connection with his logging operations.

William Thompson was down from Sauk Wednesday on business.

—Single comb White Leghorn day old chicks, better than ever, at \$10 per hundred. August Olson, Box 59, R. F. D. 5, Mount Vernon, Wash. 11.

There will be mass at the Catholic church every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Ethel Van Iderstine came up from Lyman where she is teaching to spend Saturday and Sunday at home.

The family of Del Crowley, one of the carpenters employed at the Superior Portland Cement company plant, arrived from Anacortes Saturday evening and have taken up their residence in the Miller home.

S. A. Post was down from Bellingham the first of the week for a day or two.

G. W. Ross returned Saturday evening from a few days trip to Seattle. George Bottsford and family left Tuesday for Everett where they will reside in future.

George L. Dickinson and William Jennings were in Seattle the first of the week.

F. H. Heskett went to Seattle Wednesday morning on business.

Mrs. John Ely, of Van Horn, went to Pe Ell Wednesday to visit relatives and friends.

—Dr. Albert F. Mattice, of Seattle, visits Burlington every Sunday. Practice limited to diseases of the eye. Glasses fitted at Crossley's Jewelry Store. All broken lenses duplicated here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaylord and daughter came up Sunday from Tacoma and visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Van Buskirk until Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Perry Thosath went to Seattle Sunday evening to visit her husband, Perry Thosath, who is confined to Columbus Sanitarium with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. The attending physicians do not believe he will be able to return home for three or four weeks.

Judge L. E. Wolfe moved his office Thursday from its old location to the Bank of Concrete building.

The Baptist prayer meeting held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Powell was well attended, there being twenty-two in attendance and a profitable time was had.

—There will be a basketball game and dance at Van Horn Saturday evening, January 20, when the Concrete and Van Horn teams will play. Game starts immediately after arrival of the train and dancing continues six hours after play is completed. Admission to game 10 cents; dance \$1.00. Wheelock's orchestra.

On account of sickness Miss Nellie Tegland did not arrive until Wednesday evening to take up her school duties. She spent the holidays at her home at Yelm.

Supervising Engineer Bowerman was in Concrete Wednesday and Thursday of this week giving the new Baker river bridge the final once over and planning the approaches on either side.

Miss Mary Draham spent her vacation in Seattle and returned last Saturday evening to take up her teaching Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Groken have moved into the residence vacated this week by Mr. and Mrs. George Bottsford.

"Doc" Wagner has returned from Chicago and other Middle West points where he visited with relatives and friends during the holidays. Mr. Wagner says business of all kinds is booming in that section and greater activity and prosperity is rapidly moving toward the Puget Sound country.

Misses Anderson, Campion and Johns, the former teachers at Grasmere and the latter at Van Horn, attended a teachers' meeting at Bellingham but on account of a wreck on the main line between Burlington and Bellingham the Concrete train did not wait and the young ladies were forced to hire an auto to bring them home.

A. B. Wiseman, teacher of the Rockport school, was in Concrete Wednesday evening.

## SHERIFF ED WELLS' ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS QUIET YEAR

Sheriff Ed Wells in his annual report, shows that 190 prisoners were received at the county jail during the year 1916. At the beginning of the year there were 29 and the number released was 182. The total number of days spent in jail by the inmates was 4,621. Eight unfortunates started the year 1917 in jail. The report continues:

Cash receipts for year ending December 31, 1916: State and county service—Mileage, \$28.80; fees, \$18.40; total, \$47.20. Civil—Mileage, \$695.55; fees, \$696; sheriff's deeds, \$96; total, \$1,457.55. Total receipts for the year, \$1,504.75.

Number of prisoners paroled to the county farm, 12; number of prisoners who finished time at farm, 9; number of prisoners who violated parole (ran away), 1; number of prisoners at county farm December 31, 1916, 2; total number of days by prisoners at county farm, 279.

Total cost of jail maintenance, \$3,038.98; average cost of maintenance daily, per capita, \$0.6576, arrived at by adding all expense of upkeep of jail, jailor's salary, provisions and equipment, used in connection thereto, matron's salary, repairs and replacements; and dividing this total sum by the number of days, to-wit, 4,621.

Number of employees—Jailors, 1, and a jail matron who is only employed when there are female prisoners. The jailor and matron board at the jail.

The cost per capita here shown is not the actual cost of board alone, but includes every expense connected with jail maintenance.

### JENSEN PURCHASES RANCH

Sam Jensen, of Everett, recently purchased the E. Pickering ranch east of Clear Lake, a fine property, consisting of 144 acres. The transaction was concluded through the Puget Sound Realty company.

## CHURCH NOTES

### BAPTIST CHURCH

The regular Sunday service will be held in Eagles' hall. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Lesson, "Ought."

Preaching service at 7:30. Following is the order of service: Prelude, Doxology, Invocation, Hymn, "Come, Thou King."

Scripture reading, Prayer, Offertory solo and choir at the Feast of Jesus.

Hymn, "Dying With Jesus." Sermon, "Choice." Hymn, "I've Seen the Flashing." Benediction. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Powell.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the Presbyterian church services have been conducted past two weeks with marked interest and profit to all who attend. No meeting Saturday night. Bible study Sunday at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45.

Evening meeting at 7:30. The pastor will speak with them the topic, "Professing Christians." The desire of our people is to have the meetings another time, for hearts are touched and quickened and sinners are turning to Christ.

### Order of Service

Prelude, Doxology, Praise service, Scripture lesson, Hymn, Prayer, Male quartette, Hymn, Offertory, Prayer, Hymn, Sermon. Topic, "Professing Christians." Hymn, Benediction.

### J. B. FERGUSON

Professor W. J. Potter in the economic science department at the State University at Pullman, Germany made her peace prepared a series of charts showing the market and stock in the United States and news, and which were of class in economics and finance.

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