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Something like the Zimmer letter is apparently necessary to far members of congress into their senses.

Looks now as though President Wilson knew what he was doing in the Mexican situation when he recognized Caranza.

## REQUIREMENT IS GIVEN REGARDING HEALTH BY DR. T. D. TUTTLE

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMES TO TOWN UNANNOUNCED AND BUT FEW HEAR HIS TALK

Wednesday evening T. D. Tuttle, implicate commissioner of health, accompanied by County Superintendent O. K. Korns, came to Concrete and lectured at the school building on the subject of disease prevention. Owing to the fact that his visit had not been announced only about a dozen people heard one of the most interesting talks along health lines ever given here.

As secretary of the state board of health Dr. Tuttle has accomplished much in all sections of the state in measuring the spread of contagious diseases. The lumber camps, where there is danger of water pollution, at the visited and ways pointed out for better sanitation. These are invariably followed up without the necessity of formal action on the part of state authorities, the simple suggestion being sufficient to induce necessary changes.

During his lecture Dr. Tuttle made statement that there is a direct loss of more than \$600,000 in the state of Washington each year as the result of contagious diseases. These diseases include loss of time by those affected and the expense of handling each case. He then gave the number of deaths a year ago from the various diseases and many were greatly surprised to learn that of these small diseases contributed the smallest number.

He explained by the statement that people took precaution to prevent the spread of smallpox whereas they deliberately exposed their children to measles and whooping cough under the mistaken and antiquated idea that "they might as well have and be done with it." All contagious diseases may be eradicated, he said, the same as yellow and malarial fever have been from the Panama canal zone, Cuba and the Philippines by taking the necessary precautions.

It was brought out in the course of the lecture that the state board of health is favorable to the measure introduced in the state legislature during the present session for the establishment of fifteen health districts, each one of which would be under the direct charge of a physician whose entire time would be devoted to the prevention of disease. The estimated expense of physicians and inspectors he placed at \$200,000 a year, and assuming that they actually prevented disease he figured a saving of more than \$400,000 a year to the people of the state.

There was another interesting statement made by Dr. Tuttle to the effect that the typhoid fever toxin, which Washington troops on the border were inoculated, was made in the laboratory of the state board of health, notwithstanding that the board is seriously handicapped by lack of adequate equipment, etc. Not a case of typhoid fever developed among the Washington soldiers on the border, he said, while some regiments from other states had several deaths because of lack of inoculation.

## SPEAK ON CONSOLIDATION AT NEXT PARENT-TEACHERS

Arrangements have been made whereby Professor James Bever, of the Bellingham normal school will speak at the next Parent-Teachers association meeting the evening of March 10 and it is expected that in consequence there will be far more than ordinary interest in the meeting, residents of the districts involved in the consideration being anxious to learn as much as possible concerning the contemplated move.

Professor Bever is thoroughly conversant with the question of district consolidation and the benefits accruing therefrom. These he will present in lucid manner so that they may be readily understood by all who hear him. Not having any interest in the local consolidation Professor Bever will simply outline what he knows has been accomplished by district consolidation but as he has watched and studied the move in all parts of the country he is regarded as one capable of giving expert advice on the subject.

It is not the present intention to devote the entire time allotted to Professor Bever devoted to consolidation that much else of interest from a national viewpoint may also be given.

## FRENCH PILE UP SHELLS BEHIND VERDUN

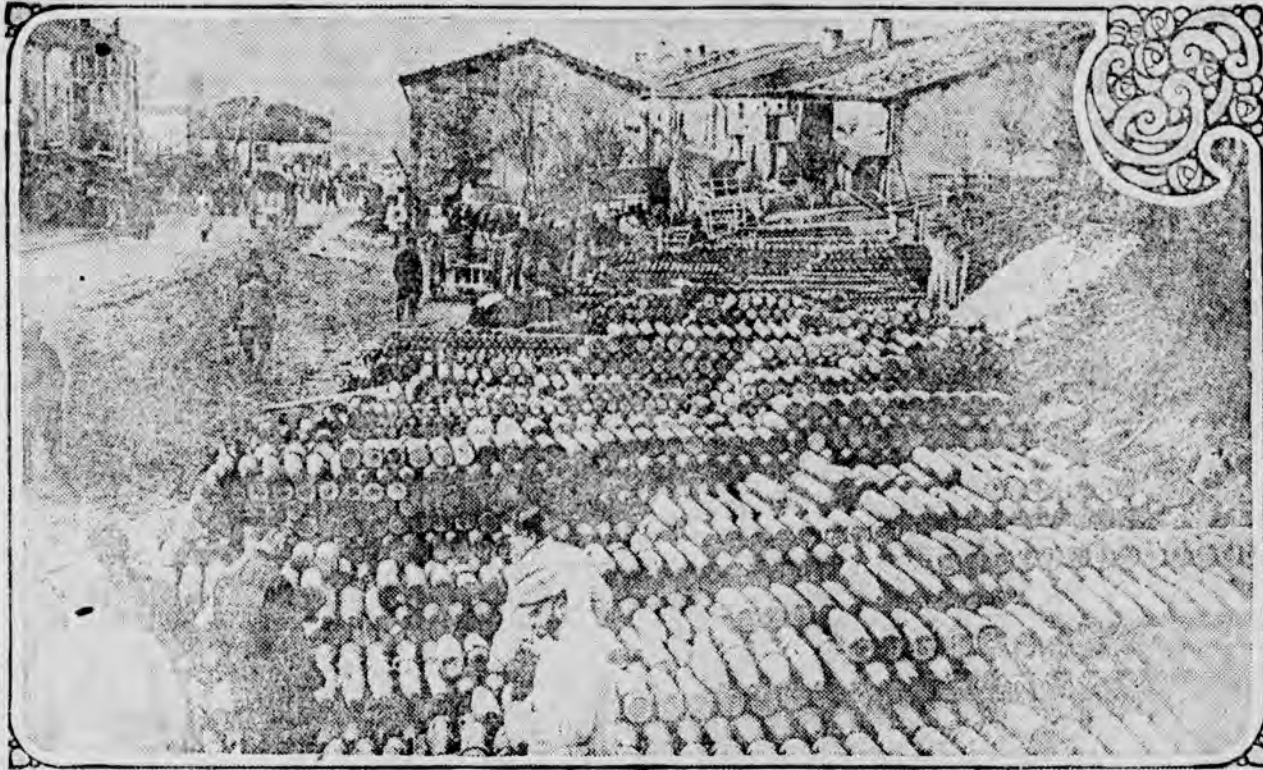


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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HOLD A CONVENTION

MEET TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK AT LYMAN WITH DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF COUNTY—PROGRAM ARRANGED

Next Friday evening and all day Saturday there will be a convention of the Baptist young people and Sunday school unions of Skagit county held at the First Baptist church at Lyman and it is expected that there will be a large attendance from all sections of the county. Heretofore these annual conventions have attracted many interested in work among the young people and the Sunday schools and for the forthcoming event a program of more than ordinary interest has been arranged. Some noted speakers have signified their intention of taking part although each number on the program will prove highly interesting. The program in full follows:

**Friday, March 9**  
Evening,  
7:00—Registration.  
7:15—Devotional, H. J. Iddins, of Sedro-Woolley.  
7:30—Roll call. Each delegation to respond by telling of the activities of their Sunday school and union during the past year.  
7:45—Special music.  
8:00—Sermon by Rev. Duncan McPhail, pastor of First Baptist church, Bellingham.

**Saturday, March 10**  
**Forenoon**  
6:30—Sunrise prayer meeting on Prevedell's hill, led by Miss Mildred Marston, Mount Vernon.  
10:00—Devotional, Ray Trafton.  
10:15—Address, "The Appeal of the Hour to Young People," Rev. Joseph H. Beaver, Seattle.

10:45—Special music.  
10:50—"The Young Woman and Her Church," Lola I. McMeen, Lyman.  
11:05—Address, "Leakage in Sunday School Work and How to Stop It," Rev. T. H. Hagen. Followed by a round table discussion.

12:00—Fellowship luncheon (free).  
**Afternoon**  
1:30—"Quiet Hour and Bible Study," Rev. Myron Cooley, Burlington.  
2:00—"The Young Man and His Church," Will Stacey, Burlington.  
2:15—Special music.  
2:25—Business session. Reports and election of officers.  
3:00—Pastor's hour: "Young People and the Five-Year Program," Rev. T. H. Hagen. "Young People and Temperance," Rev. Davies, Concrete. "Young People and Evangelism," Rev. J. E. Noffsinger, Mount Vernon.  
4:00—Dismissal.

Employment files of the Washington State College Y. M. C. A. show a record of 905 jobs provided for 150 men, during the current college year, yielding \$3,632 previous to February 22, 1917.

The hard part is not to work for success, but to wait for it to ripen.

## MANY BIG FEATURES ARE BOOKED BY NEW THEATER MANAGERS

WILL START EXCEPTIONALLY INTERESTING SERIAL WEDNESDAY WITH A FREE SHOW—"COMMON LAW" COMING

As fast as they can get things arranged Messrs. Smith and Shannon are planning the presentation of some of the largest and best films obtainable at the Concrete theater and as an illustration of what may be expected they have given it out that next Wednesday evening Pearl White in "The Pearl of the Army" will begin. This is a serial that has held audiences all over the country and is generally pronounced one of the finest and most intensely interesting photoplays ever presented. The first installment next Wednesday evening, together with a feature film and comedy, will be free.

The first big feature that has been booked for one night is "The Common Law" for next Thursday night. This is a big seven-reel picture that has been shown to crowded houses in all of the larger cities and which filled the Clemmer theater at Seattle for a solid week. Clara Kimball Young is the star—one of the most beautiful and popular of the screen artists.

It is the present intention of the new management to provide patrons in future with more comedy than has been given in the past. There seems to be a persistent demand for this class of pictures and hereafter Roscoe Arbuckle and such artists will be frequently seen. An attempt is also being made to secure the last two reels of the serials that were previously running so that those who had followed them may see the finish of the stories. It was due entirely to a misunderstanding, resulting from the change in management, that these films were discontinued.

Unless plans already laid fail signally there will be pictures at least four nights each week until spring when there will be a show each evening, and only the best of films produced.

## PARLIAMENTARY CLUB HAS A WELL ARRANGED PROGRAM

Gradually members of the Parliamentary club are extending their efforts and programs given each Thursday and, incidentally, others are asked to help them out. One of the best given recently was that on Washington's birthday when the following program was given:

Music.....Harry Leavitt  
Essay.....Edna Schwab  
Story.....Alexander Patterson  
Experiment.....Aileen Riffe  
Pen picture.....John Bedont  
Recitation.....Kathleen Jeffries  
Debate, Resolved, "That Benjamin Franklin Was a Greater Man Than George Washington"—Affirmative, Evans White and Irene McGovern—Negative, John Woodworth and Frank Flesher.  
Duet.....Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. White  
Parliamentary news.....  
Critics' report.....

## FINE ENTERTAINMENT AT MONTHLY SOCIAL GENERAL SENTIMENT

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS FUNCTION AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND LISTENS TO VERY PLEASING PROGRAM

There was a large attendance at the monthly social given at the Presbyterian church last evening when one of the best programs so far arranged was carried out amid much enthusiasm as one number followed another. Much interest had been manifested by those taking part and they had practiced assiduously in order to reach the stage of perfection exemplified by their renditions. Liberal applause was bestowed on the various contributors to the following program:

Opening song.....audience  
Recitation.....Walton Biggerstaff  
Song.....five girls  
Recitation.....Pearl Vier  
Doll drill.....twelve little girls  
Recitation.....Arthur Belfrey  
Song.....high school girls  
Dialogue, "The Red Chignon".....Mrs. C. C. Bride, Mrs. Robt. Riffe, Erla Biggerstaff, Edna Swab, Myra Heustis, Maida Bride  
Selection of Scotch airs.....Mrs. Belfrey in highland costume  
Recitation.....Edith Metcalf  
Shadow pantomime, entitled "Bo Peep's Party".....thirteen children  
Closing song.....audience

One of the features of the evening that was given due consideration was that of refreshments. These were served after the program had been completed and were greatly enjoyed. On the whole the social was one of the most successful given to date.

Two Washington pens capture first and second place in the pen records for January in the all Northwest egg laying contest at the State College of Washington. Golden Wyandottes, owned by Martin brothers, of Dolphin, in 31 days score 93 eggs. White Leghorns, owned by Carl O. Engle, Seattle, in the same event score 89.

## MILITARY BALL IS PLANNED BY MOUNT VERNON COMPANY

Extensive preparations are being made for the grand military ball which will be given in the Armory next Tuesday evening by Company F, 2nd Washington infantry, national guard.

The entire guard has been equipped with uniforms and the members will be presented to the public in full dress for field service.

Cards and tickets are out announcing the big affair and nothing will be left undone by the committee in charge to make this the one brilliant function of the season. The committee in charge consists of Corporal George Dunlap, Corporal L. J. Caulfield, Private Grover Larson and Private Frank Storie.

The dance is a public affair and tickets will be one dollar, the revenue to go into the company fund for emergency purposes.

## JOYOUSNESS REIGNS AT MONTHLY SOCIAL AT B. B. PIERCE HOME

BETWEEN FIFTY AND SIXTY GATHER TO LISTEN TO EXCELLENT PROGRAM AND PARTAKE OF REFRESHMENTS

The monthly Young People's social, given last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce in East Concrete, was far more than ordinarily successful from a social standpoint while an unusually large number gathered to listen to the program and partake of refreshments served by the genial hostess. These were far more sumptuous than are usually served on similar occasions and were greatly enjoyed.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce was lavishly decorated for the event in a manner symbolic of the Father of His Country with flags, hatchets, etc. Splendid taste was shown in their selection and distribution, much praise being elicited on the part of those present. The program carried out was:

Song.....girls chorus  
Recitation.....Aileen Riffe  
Song.....boys  
Reading.....Mrs. J. J. Carter  
Recitation.....Winnifred Pierce  
Recitation.....Helen Greiner  
Piano solo.....Burton Pierce  
Reading.....Ailene Pierce  
Dialogue.....Mrs. Frank Ritchie, Walton Biggerstaff and Cecil Carter

While all numbers of the program were greatly enjoyed the dialogue caused greater amusement than anything else. It was better than just "good" and those taking part in it were given more than a modicum of praise for their efforts. Several progressive games completed the evening's entertainment.

The program for the next monthly social, to be held the last Friday evening in March, will be arranged by the boys and it is expected that it will be more interesting than any of its predecessors.

## ARCHIE HUNT SURPRISES HIS FRIENDS BY TAKING BRIDE

Last Friday evening at the Presbyterian manse Archie A. Hunt and Mrs. Mae A. Armstrong were united in marriage by the Rev. J. B. Ferguson with Mr. and Mrs. A. Mantey, of Grasmere, attending. The bride is a cousin of Mrs. Mantey and came here recently from Portland, Oregon, where she had resided and was popular. She also formerly lived in North Dakota where innumerable friends will be pleased to know of her marriage.

Mr. Hunt has resided in Concrete upwards of a year and for some months past has been conducting a butcher shop near the depot. He has made many warm friends in Concrete but not a whisper of the forthcoming event was permitted to circulate. It was a complete surprise but since it became known warm congratulations have been showered on the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will continue to make their home in Concrete and will enjoy a honeymoon trip at a later date.

## WORK IS BEING RUSHED ON MT. VERNON CONDENSER

Work is progressing on the foundation for the new condenser at Mount Vernon. The Skagit Construction company has about completed the work of driving piles and this week began the task of pouring concrete around the piles.

Considerable care is being exercised in the construction of the foundation as the weight of the building and machinery will require a good foundation.

Albert Daub, the main promoter of the new milk condenser, was expected in Mount Vernon from Seattle last Saturday to look over the work, but he was unable to come. It is expected that he will be in Mount Vernon this coming week.

Work on the improvement of Park street, leading to the new condenser, has been commenced by H. B. Horn, the contractor, and is being pushed as fast as possible.

When Bryan finally swears off running for the presidency, he'll probably want a prohibition law against that, too.

## CONCRETE WIPES UP FLOOR WITH TEAMS FROM DOWN VALLEY

BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS DEFEAT HAMILTON TEAMS IN HOT CONTESTS LAST SATURDAY EVENING—BASEBALL NEXT

In two well played games of basketball last Saturday night the Hamilton boys' and girls' teams were decisively defeated by our local ball tossers.

The girls took sweet revenge for their 6-3 defeat in Hamilton by out-playing their opponents and running up a score of 16-11. The game was unusually clean, not many fouls being committed by either side therefore there were no casualties and everyone came out of the game with their own hair. The work of the local forwards, Morris and Flesher, was very effective as they found the basket with much accuracy, ably assisted by good passing by their team sisters.

The boys' game was a walk away for Concrete, the Hamilton team being younger, lighter and less experienced than the locals, being mostly high school boys. Thompson, Elkins, et al., shot baskets with a monotonous regularity, the first half making a total of 24 points to Hamilton's 2.

Between halves the down valley boys seemed to have taken an injection of pep into their systems and came back strong, more than holding their own, but could not overcome the locals long lead, the final score being 24 to 16.

The game was very rough, the referee apparently having paralysis of the vocal organs and unable to blow his whistle when fouls were committed, but as one side was as guilty as the other it was fifty-fifty.

Girls—Morris and Flesher, forwards; Tegland and Shepherd, centers; Carter and Johnson, guards.

Boys—Thompson and McDevitt, forwards; Elkins, center; S. Baker, Van Iderstine and Davidson, guards.

The basketball season is about over now, both local teams closing a successful season, considering the handicap of so small a hall. The girls' team has defeated all teams they have met, losing but two games, while the boys have broken even with all opponents but the Lyman team who they were unable to win a game from.

Last evening the high school boys' team and the regular girls' teams went down to Hamilton for return games. The regular boys' team did not care to go against the much lighter and inexperienced team from down valley so the school boys made the trip.

With the coming of warmer weather the baseball bugs are beginning to put in an appearance and Manager Smith has his eagle eye out for material. It is expected that practice will be called as soon as the grounds dry up so as to get an early start this year. Most of last year's team are obtainable and the prospects for a winning aggregation look very bright.

It is hoped that a Skagit valley league can be formed this year. Rockport, Hamilton, Lyman, Marblemount, Sedro-Woolley and Burlington please notice.

## MEETING OF PROMOTERS FAVORS BUILDING LINE

The directors of the Skagit Valley Telephone company held a meeting in Burlington this week and it is announced that they favored a proposition to extend their lines into Seattle and to the north to Bellingham.

Unable to secure physical connections with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, they now propose to build into Seattle. They plan to merge all the rural telephone companies into one large holding company for the exchange of long distance service. As there are many rural companies, this would give service in nearly every town in Northwestern Washington. The local directors say they have the support of practically all the independent companies in this territory.

It is understood that work on the plan is under way and that the support of the farmers is being encouraged with considerable success, as quite a number of the rural districts have had more or less trouble with the Pacific in getting service.

Ohio firms have been advertising for bricklayers, \$1 per hour. How would you like to pay rent for the structure they are building?



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## THE UNDOING OF POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP

The situation that has existed in congress during the past few days when the present minority undertook a filibuster to prevent giving to President Wilson power to properly and adequately deal with the most grave crisis that has confronted the nation during its entire history is one that augurs well for non-partisanship and, in the end, those who made the move will doubtless find that they have largely assisted in digging their own political graves as well as that of their party—a party already seriously disrupted through lack of confidence on the part of the people. Pacifists though they may be Americans will be little prone to condone such a position and especially at a time when the situation is so serious. It is no time for the playing of partisan politics. It should, rather, bring forth elements of real statesmanship, if any there be to bring forth. The hands of the president should be upheld without regard to politics, and that party member who has the temerity to overlook this most obvious fact is but pulling on the rope that will ring the death knell for himself and his fellow conspirators.

It is doubtful if a similar situation may ever confront this nation again. There has been none in the past, but that fact should not deter men in congress from the performance of their bounden duty. There was no filibustering and quibbling on the part of the minority when war was about to be declared against Spain. Of course, it is realized that at the time there was a popular clamor for war while today sentiment is largely—very largely—for any honorable peace that is possible. But the situation is not changed with reference to the duty of members of the congress and those who wilfully prevent the granting of necessary powers to the president to cope with the situation are as much traitors as are those men who sell governmental secrets in war times or who betray an army to the enemy. It matters not in the least under what political party flag they choose to ensconce themselves, that is not the question. They are betraying their country.

It has been given out by those responsible for the filibuster that the president might not convene congress in extra session immediately after the legal expiration of the present congress. However, if one may judge from his speech to the senate President Wilson realizes fully the gravity of the situation and will require, and seeks, the assistance of congress. Without saying so in so many words he inferred that there would be a session of congress immediately following the present one, providing the situation had become more complicated between the time of his speech and adjournment. The sinking of the Laconia has made it more serious and congress is more than likely to remain in continuous session for many months.

Without making reply to many charges that have been hurled against him on all occasions President Wilson has shown himself master of the situation and in the end will doubtless make the present cheap political buffoonery the more conspicuous. The power he asks he will doubtless get, but grudgingly from a bunch of men who wished to make political capital out of a situation when politics should have been completely forgotten.

It is refreshing to know that men like Elihu Root and former-President Taft are broader than petty partisans and not afraid to unqualifiedly endorse the president in many of the things he has done. It speaks a better citizenship with less of the dominant political chicanery that has actuated the motives of so many in the past.

Without regard to who started the war or for what purpose the fair minded man cannot but admit that there is some logic on the part of the Germans in the position they have taken for doubtless the allies have done practically everything possible to reduce the German nation to subjugation through cutting off food supplies. Retaliation in the ruthless manner adopted shocks human sensibilities, and properly, but, nevertheless, it seems to have become distinctively a case of survival of the fittest. Were it not for Germany's invasion of the rights of all peoples of the world she would be given much more sympathy than under existing conditions. But where could she draw the line and accomplish her purpose?

"Necessity knows no law" is an old axiom and it has been applied to many situations but whether or not it has any bearing on the present inclination of certain speculators to store foodstuffs until the price is forced to the high heavens is problematical. Everybody seems to have the legal right to "corner" as much of any given commodity as his means will permit and to make the largest possible profits. The necessities of others does not enter into the equation. However, the necessity of the situation may evolve some plan whereby speculation on foodstuffs will be prevented in future and the suffering of countless thousands obviated.

Drastic action is already being taken by the federal government in preparation for eventualities and immense shipbuilding and other plants are actually being taken over and officials and employees sworn into government service. While on the face of it we have but a modicum of preparedness more recent surveys of resources show that we can take care of ourselves from the viewpoint of supplies. Our main weakness lies in a lack of trained men. However, in a war such as we are being rapidly drawn into an army may never be needed, and therein will lie our safety.

Residents of Oregon are to vote on a six-million bond issue for good roads, the state legislature having passed the necessary laws. As the people of the state are strong for all kinds of permanent development there is a strong probability that the bonds will be voted and the roads built. With Skagit and some other counties holding back the state of Washington will properly be referred to as the one mud hole along the Pacific highway from San Diego to Vancouver. Can we afford to withstand any such reputation?

There is much of interest in press comment from the leading newspapers of the country of all political faiths regarding the president's speech in the senate and his request for powers necessary to meet the existing and possible situation. Almost without exception they condemn the petty partisanship that has been shown in filibustering to prevent action and maintain that the president's hands should be upheld in every respect. The press remains AMERICAN if the politician does not.

Some members of congress apparently do not fully approve of any bone dry measure and have put up a hard fight against the one to prevent shipment of liquor into dry units. Judging from the general trend of sentiment throughout the country they might as well realize now as any other time that national prohibition is on the way and help slide the measure through.

The manufacturers of condensed milk, made of skimmed milk and coconut oil, went way back into antiquity for a name for the product, probably in the hope that its ingredients might be further obscured. They call it "Hebe-Milk."

The congressional investigating committee has given a final decision to the effect that the only leak there was regarding the peace note came from two newspaper men and thus has some more political capital been dissipated.

With officials of Seattle's police department largely under arrest, out on bail or under indictment one would hardly expect crooks and criminals to have much regard for those left on duty.

Members of the Nebraska legislature sang "How Dry I Am" when they passed the bone dry law. Many in this state are singing that same song, even with the permit system in working order.

Must make the Germans hot to know that the man who is pursuing them is named Maude. Savors too much of being chased with a broom stick.

## COMMENTS OF THE STATE PRESS

Some Real Thoughts from the Think Tanks of Thoughtful Thinkers

### Zebra Design After They Have Made Us All Into Camels?

Arlington Times:—Berlin seems to have failed as a dictator of fashion in the painting of ships as we haven't heard of any vessels adopting the zebra design.

### And It Is a Cinch That the Measure Will Carry, Too

Auburn Globe-Republican:—The final act of the Oregon legislature before adjournment Tuesday was a measure submitting a \$6,000,000 bond proposition to the voters of the state at an election to be held in June.

### Sure, Put 'Em in any Old Week During Lent and We Won't Eat 'Em

Burlington Journal:—The president is urged by the American Railway association to proclaim a national car fast week to enable the over taxed railways of the country to secure relief from terminal congestion and freight car famine.

### Well, Doggoneya, Why Don't You Catch Those Submarines?

Seattle P.-I.:—The St. Louis harbor has been held up for ten days in New York harbor because the government would neither give her protection nor guns with which to protect herself against submarine attack, the American mails which she was to have carried were transferred to a British ship. And it was torpedoed.

### Furnishing the Militarists With Sufficient Amusement

Anacortes Citizen:—There will be no war with Germany—not if Mr. Wilson can keep out of it, and we think he can. The people of the United States are against going to war. A truculent minority want it, and all they get out of it is such moves as punitive expeditions in Mexico and the breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, which is all their members entitle them to.

### Build the Fire Yourself in the Rubbish and Then Watch It

Anacortes American:—News that insurance rates have been lowered on frame dwellings within the fire limits of Anacortes, which embraces the major portion of the city's population, is gratifying to all, the reduction being based largely upon the efficiency of the fire department. In order to retain this lower rate and gain still further reductions, residents should remove accumulations of inflammable material from attics and basements and should eliminate other such fire hazards from their premises. It pays.

### Is That So? Well, We Didn't Have Any Strike, Did We?

Bellingham Herald:—The house has agreed to an appropriation of \$400,000 to pay for the president's proposed food price investigation, but not until it had been told by the chairman of the appropriations committee that congress had shown its incapacity to deal with one of the most vital problems of the day. He said that when the people cry for bread congress gives them an investigation. But this is not the first instance where "incapacity" has been shown. The railroad strike situation is one of numerous other examples.

### Yep, It Takes More Than Nerve or a Grouch in the Game Now

Snoqualmie Post:—The Grand Rapids Daily Leader states that 30 Wisconsin newspapers have already suspended publication on account of the great increase in paper prices and other expenses incidental to the publication of newspapers. In Ohio 110 papers have already gone out of business and many more are tottering. In the country at large there have been over 800 newspapers compelled to quit. This will afford some idea of the manner in which the publishing business has been hit by present conditions.

### Oh, Well, Yes, Guess We'll Just Have to Like the Blamed Law

Camas Post:—The bone-dry law has been passed by both houses of the state legislature and has been signed by the governor, and unless it is referred to the people for endorsement, it will become a law of the state in 90 days after the close of the legislature. It prohibits the manufacture, transportation into the state, handling or sale of old John Barleycorn absolutely. Booze of any sort is an outlaw under the provisions of the law. While we have doubted the wisdom of the enactment of a law of this kind at this time, yet it is or will soon be the law, and as good citizens it will be our duty to help maintain and enforce it. Merely enacting the law will not make the state dry. There will be plenty of work ahead for public officials in making the law effective.

### MORE MEN THAN WOMEN HAVE APPENDICITIS

Surgeons state men are slightly more subject to appendicitis than women. Concrete people should know that a few doses of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. This mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. The INSTANT, easy action of Adler-i-ka is surprising.—Concrete Drug Company.

## JUST A FEW CRACKS BY THE TOWN NUT

Shoe manufacturers say every inch added to the skirts of women takes ten million dollars per annum from the shoe manufacturers. High shoes and high skirts certainly do add to the high cost of living but, by golly, they are really attractive at times, what, fellows?

Wonder how preachers can reconcile their work in favor of prohibition with their demand for liquor for sacramental purposes, or don't preachers have to reconcile their words or acts? But it looks peculiar, by heck.

Jerry Metcalf underwent an x-ray examination at Seattle last Saturday and the only meanness they discovered was entirely transparent so they could not classify it. The examination also failed to show that Jerry is a real "issue" but they will examine him again to make certain.

I'm going to be a preacher now, For I want my little booze, And they're the only kind of guys Who have the right to choose 'Twixt good, old rye or bourbon fine Or yet, perhaps, a "little wine." But, anyhow, this is a solemn vow, I'm going to be a preacher now.

About the only thing that troubles Doc Mertz with reference to the high cost of living is the exorbitant price of tennis racquets.

Did you ever know a guy who was so doggone crooked that he reminded you of an angle worm with an intensified case of colic?

Fellow named Royal Musser came up from Mount Vernon the other day but he did not stay long enough to get anything started.

K. W. Thayer, the cement king of the universe, has telegraphed President Wilson that in case of war he will raise a regiment of dead-eye sharpshooters and furnish them with concrete uniforms.

Doc. Van Buskirk has sent out ten thousand letters in an attempt to raise a regiment of men of exactly his specific gravity. In case he gets them he says even a 42-centimeter gun could not hit the whole caboodle from front, rear or either side.

Ever stop to think what an advantage a little cuss has over a big one when both of them have the measles? Always something to be thankful for.

How would YOU like to be in President Wilson's place today with people howling and clamoring for and against anything and everything and still forced to meet one of the gravest situations this country has ever seen? It's a real man's job he has got.

Without a special session of congress and the state legislature adjourned how will we be able to realize what troubles we have and what will we do until these bodies meet again to correct them? Isn't it awful, Lizzie?

By golly, I have learned something else, alretty yet, and that is that they "line up" church members in school elections—or at least it is said such an attempt was made. Didn't know our schools were to be dominated by any particular religious body but guess I am behind the times.

A. W. Seney has erected a large addition to the Whitney hotel in the way of a bunkhouse tent and insists that it be called Seneyville. He is talking of running for mayor of the new burg.

Is a friend a real friend who coaxes you into deep water and then lets you sink or swim?

It is hard for some people to see the real situation, and especially if they view it through somebody else's eyes.

### EVEN ELIHU ROOT APPROVES

Elihu Root, like Mr. Taft, finds "much noble idealism" in President Wilson's senate address and joins with the president in a demand for "the abandonment of the hated principle of national aggrandizement and immorality and the enthronement of the principles of national responsibility and morality." Holding such opinions Mr. Root cannot go the whole way with all of his political compatriots. He cannot justify on behalf of the United States that which he condemns in other powers, and he cannot, therefore, give his unqualified approval to the plans for bitter commercial warfare which are being

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made. He must use his influence toward moderation in all our future dealings with Mexico, with South America, and with China, and against the extension of special privileges, whether to Americans or to other peoples, in those regions. He must stand by the president when Mr. Wilson courts peace and friendship by demanding, as he has done in Mexico, something less than our legal rights.

If the preparedness societies now in session at Washington had taken this stand a year ago they would have stirred up less popular opposition. A year ago they were preaching a doctrine with more than a flavor of Bernhardt in it. If they have now repented, as the tone of Mr. Root's and other speeches indicates, and are willing to work for international peace on a basis of justice they may win back the popular support which they lost by their violence and intolerance.—Fremont Older.

A butter scoring team will be sent from the State College of Washington to the Western dairy Products show in Portland, March 1 and 2 to compete with similar teams from Idaho, Oregon and California.

Notice of election to a life membership in the American Poultry association was received this week by W. K. Whitaker of the department of poultry husbandry at the State College of Washington.

A woman farmer is being sought at the State College of Washington to take care of the women's farming at the state school at Grand Mound, the State College being called upon to fill the position.

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## LYMAN

H. C. Lisherness and family, accompanied by Albert Lisherness, left Saturday for Bemidji, Minnesota, where Mr. Lisherness will resume his former position as foreman of a garage at that place.

Miss Eva Klement left the latter part of last week for an indefinite stay in Seattle. She will visit with her sister, Miss Mary, who is attending high school in that city.

The guild met at the home of Mrs. Sherman Davis Tuesday, February 20, and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Ned Matchan acted as hostess February 21 to the Lyman Civic club. This club was organized recently and as it is an educational, as well as a social club, it should meet with the cooperation of all members.

Miss Ella Davis has accepted a position at Cooper's store, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Etta Meyers.

The Lyman theater opened last week under the new management of King brothers. As they are conducting an up-to-date theater and showing the very best films they deserve the patronage of the citizens of Lyman. Miss Mildred Lisherness is pianist.

Mrs. M. A. Duerber, who has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Austin, of Lyman, returned home Friday. She was accompanied by her son, C. E. Duerber, of Winlock.

The recent snow came as a surprise as the beautiful weather preceding gave every promise of an early spring.

The Skagit Lumber company has resumed operations after a few days shut down on account of a break in the engine at the mill.

Fred Fellows is able to be around again, after several weeks of illness.

Mrs. Anthony Swain returned Friday from several days visit with friends at Birdsview.

R. L. Austin, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Frank Austin, and Mrs. Conwright, motored to Mount Vernon Saturday.

Mrs. Sherman Davis and family were Sedro-Woolley visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Dowling was a visitor in Sedro-Woolley Wednesday.

The Misses Van Iderstine and Graham were Concrete visitors Tuesday evening.

The Lady Macabees met in regular session Tuesday evening. After the regular work of the evening was over a dainty lunch was served to all present.

The community meeting given by the local schools Friday evening was a success from start to finish. It shows the talent that exists among the younger students, and also the proficiency of the teachers in charge of our schools.

Mrs. Raymond Nun is reported as being very ill.

Mr. Matchan has moved his family to the residence formerly occupied by Mr. Moulton.

Miss Helen Harty was a Sedro-Woolley visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Dwyer left Saturday for Seattle for an indefinite stay. In her going Lyman loses one of its oldest residents but we hope for a speedy return.

Mrs. Glasco, of Seattle, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Bert Vanderford.

Dan Santry, who has charge of the column department for the local mill,

was a Seattle and Bellingham visitor Tuesday. Mr. Santry expects to move his family to Bellingham in the near future.

## THE PUBLIC IS NO JINGO

War no longer appeals to the American imagination as a delightful adventure. This conclusion is drawn from the manner in which this latest and worst crisis with Germany has been received. We have been reading about war for two years and a half and we know too much about it. We know that it is rarely glorious, that it is appallingly unkindly of the poor little human emotions which it gulps down, and that it is frightfully monotonous. The daily work in which most of us are engaged is not only safer and kindlier, but is more interesting. Consequently our young men, who in most war crises in past times have been the ones to want war, do not now care for it, and a sober, middle-aged submission to the inevitable is the mood in which we plan to receive whatever happens, the worst as well as the best.

This attitude of ours—that is to say, of the public's—has very little to do with the merits of the present dispute, except that it is undeniably true that the American public will not get irritated at technical violations of its rights until another ship is wantonly sunk and its passengers and crew wantonly murdered, in pursuance of the German government's latest instructions. If this occurs there can be little doubt that there will follow at least a formal state of war, and that the nation will support Mr. Wilson in whatever he deems to be his duty. But it would be as absurd as it would be malicious for any person or newspaper to attempt to preface this possibility by working the public up to a state of hysteria. What is done will be done without hysteria. No Billy Sunday methods will be in keeping with the national mood. President Wilson knows this as well as anybody else does, and he has kept his language conspicuously in check. Not a word that he has uttered has had a trace of jingoism in it. He has not told us that we can lick creation, nor even intimated that it is desirable to lick creation. He has done nothing except to say that if the German government starts killing Americans we shall do what we can to stop it. The man in the street is inclined to believe that this eventuality will not be reached. He may be mistaken, as men in the street often are, but that does not alter the important fact that his skepticism arises from his refusal to become intoxicated on the heady rumors of war.—Fremont Older.

It looks not only as if Kitchener's prediction of three years of war would be fulfilled, but as if the time may be extended.

New Mexico has such progressive state associations for the protection of game that there are few law violations there.

## CHURCH NOTES

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular services at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Bible school study class meets at 10 a. m. Lesson, John 6:1-14.

Y. P. S. C. E. will meet at 6:45.

Topic, Jesus 1:19-27.

Evening worship.

Prairide, Mrs. Smith.

Praise service.

Scripture lesson.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Offertory.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

J. B. FERGUSON, Minister.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

The regular Sunday services will be held in Eagles' hall.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 p. m. Leader, E. B. Pierce. Subject, "Service."

James 1:19-27.

Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

Following is the order of service:

Prelude.

Invocation.

Hymn, "We're Marching to Zion."

Scripture reading.

Prayer.

Offertory solo, Miss Anderson.

Hymn, "Down at the Cross."

Sermon, "The Temptation of Jesus."

Hymn, "Under His Wings."

Benediction.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. V. Davies.

### "RECONCILIATION"

F. A. McG.

Gone is the desire

To spill that teacher's blood,

And gone the burning fire

Of that murderous mood.

I'd rather write an ode

And, maybe, get some praise,

Than take up mine abode

Behind bars for many days.

'Tis sweet, this simple life,

Working early and late;

Better this lowly strife

Than toiling for the state.

Those former lays of mine

Luckily missed the rocks,

So I will write more rhyme,

Blithely tempting future knocks.

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—ISOLATED TRACT (Publisher)

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 15, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of James R. Conway, Serial No. 04048, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.50 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 26th day of March, 1917, at this office, the following tract of land: NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 21, T. 35 N., R. 8 E., W. M., (40 acres).

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

G. A. C. ROCHESTER, Register.

(Feb. 17-24 Mar. 3-10-17)

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Publisher)

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that Hazel J. Robertson, whose post-office address is Seattle, Wash., did, on the 24th day of April, 1916, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 03944, to purchase the Lot 1, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 29, Township 34 N., Range 10 E., Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at a total of \$833; the timber estimated 1,380 board feet and the land \$40.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of her application and sworn statement on the 25th day of April, 1917, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Seattle, Wash.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Peter B. Murray, whose post-office address is Seattle, Wash., did, on the 22nd day of April, 1916, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 03941, to purchase the Lots 1, 2, 5 and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 5, Township 34 N., Range 10 E., Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at a total of \$730; the timber estimated 1,380,000 board feet at \$50 per M., and the land \$40; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 25th day of April, 1917, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Seattle, Wash.

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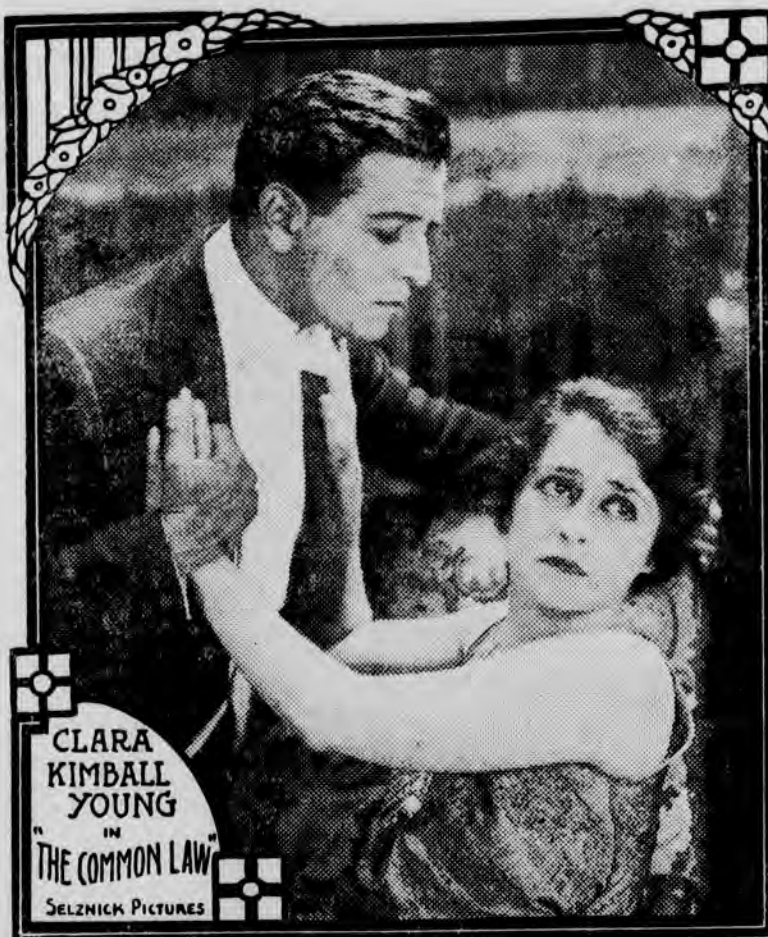
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### SHORT LOCAL NOTES

—Good body fir wood for sale by Frank Ritchie. Phone F15.

Lee Streeter went to Bremerton Monday morning and may remain there to work in the government ship yards.

Heath Walker came down from the Baker lake hatchery Wednesday and remained until today. He says it was 10 degrees above zero the morning he came down and the snow was still four feet deep. Heath contributed a luxurious crop of whiskers to charity before returning to the lake—his five dollar whiskers, he called them, because of a bet that he would not shave before the first of March.

—The next dance and basketball game at Van Horn will be March 17 when the Sauk and Lyman teams will play.

Frank Mack had planned to have a dance here tonight but postponed it until a later date.

The dance given Tuesday evening by the Concrete Social club at Eagles hall was one of the social successes of the winter months. There was a large attendance with a considerable number from outside points attending.

Frank Schneider, a prominent fruit grower of Cashmere, is visiting his old-time friend, S. R. McGowan.

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F. H. Heslett expects to leave in about a month for Bremerton where he will engage in the contracting business.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Kvarno expect to leave for their future home at Mount Vernon about March 10. They will be frequent Concrete visitors as Mr. Kvarno will sell Overlands in all parts of the county.

Miss Elizabeth King returned Sunday evening from a trip of about a month to various California points. While greatly enjoying her vacation she says weather in Sunny California is not up to the Concrete brand.

—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.

J. E. Metcalf spent last Saturday and Sunday at Seattle where he underwent an x-ray examination in an effort to alleviate a serious stomach trouble from which he has long suffered. He will go down again today.

Max Davis was in Bellingham last Sunday where he met a couple of eastern traveling men.

F. R. Fuller was up from Sedro-Woolley Monday on business.

Among goods destroyed in a wreck on the Great Northern road east of Everett was a shipment of Black and White cigars, cigarettes, etc., consigned to Dudley I. Green and in consequence users of that particular brand will again have to wait for a new shipment.

J. C. Wixson, president, and J. Gaddall, vice president of the State Bank of Concrete, were in town from Sedro-Woolley Monday of this week. Oscar Bjerstedt and family expect to leave today for their farm near Sedro-Woolley where they will reside in future.

The Overland Automobile company has recently installed complete new engines and ignition systems in cars owned by A. T. Jeffries and the Baker River Mercantile company. Much trouble had been experienced with both cars and experts were not able to put them in condition. However, the company did not hesitate to furnish new equipment when advised of the fact that the cars were defective.

The Great Northern ditcher is again working here in town, putting the tracks in shape for spring wet weather.

R. F. Crooks will leave for Phinney creek as soon as the weather is settled to cut shingle bolts. During the winter he has cut about three hundred ricks of wood, a considerable portion of which he will keep for next fall and winter.

William Jennings is in Glacier and is now expected back before the latter part of next week.

Rev. J. B. Ferguson was in Marblemount the latter part of last week.

Monday evening, next, Rev. J. B. Ferguson will open a mission at Sauk and in future will give more of his time to that community.

F. B. Benson, representing the accident department of the Fidelity & Casualty company, was transacting business with W. J. S. Gordon Friday.

BAPTIST TEA WEDNESDAY IS VERY SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. B. B. Pierce and Mrs. E. R. Williams were hostesses at a tea given at the Pierce home. One of the largest crowds that ever turned out to a similar event was present, the proceeds of the tea being for the building fund of the Baptist church. A considerable sum was realized aside from those present enjoying an exceptionally pleasant afternoon.

### LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS DRAW HEAVY SENTENCES

Two violators of the liquor law were given sentences by Judge Brawley this week.

Walter Hinman, of McMurray, proprietor of a pool room was fined \$150 and costs and sentenced to serve ten days in the county jail.

Hinman was convicted recently by a jury.

Henry Schmidt, a druggist, of Anacortes, also convicted by a jury for the illegal sale of liquor, was sentenced to serve ten days in jail and pay a fine of \$250 and costs.

It is stated that Schmidt will attempt to appeal his case.

### HORSEY WILL ATTEMPT TO CHANGE HIS PLEA OF GUILTY

Another act in the Herman Horsey case will be played next Monday morning in the Skagit superior court room when Judge George Joiner will appear for Horsey and ask that his plea of guilty may be changed to that of not guilty. The charge against Horsey is of having stolen meat from a slaughter house in Avon. Prosecuting Attorney A. R. Hilen will conduct the state prosecution. Horsey was released from the sheriff's custody by providing \$2,500 bail for the perjury charge against him.

### J. W. COLLINS IS NAMED AS MOUNT VERNON POSTMASTER

The postmastership for Mount Vernon goes to J. W. Collins. The announcement comes as a surprise to the general public as the only active candidates for the position seemed to be John Anable, George Crosby and Mrs. M. S. Frizelle. Since the former postmaster, E. W. Ferris, died last October, Mrs. Ferris has been acting as postmaster. Mr. Collins is a former newspaper man of Kirkland.

### ROAD BONDS UNDECIDED

No action has been taken on the road bonds as yet. At next Tuesday's meeting of the commissioners the question will be brought up and a decision may be reached.

The situation in England is rather confused, but no uncertainty exists as to which George will run for the government.

### SAUK

E. C. Ellison was a Concrete business visitor Saturday.

Puget and George Fulk were Anacortes visitors Saturday.

Sam Slick visited old time friends here from Friday to Sunday.

H. S. Kowlinson, of Van Horn, was a business visitor here Monday.

Miss Emma Ratchliffe spent the week and visiting friends in Mount Vernon. W. Moran transacted business in Mount Vernon and Hamilton Saturday.

Mrs. Sharpe, of Mount Vernon, visited her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Thompson, this week.

Miss Gladys Thompson, of Concrete, visited over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. L. Olson.

Miss Bessie Stafford, of Grasmere, visited relatives and friends here the last of the week.

Miss Marie Hooper, of Van Horn, visited over Sunday as the guest of Miss Ada Kimborough.

### THE COLONEL AGAIN

Canada has sent a quarter of a million men to the front, has lost 50,000 men in battle, and is training 200,000 more. She has, as Colonel Roosevelt says, done as much as we would have done "if we had raised an army of over five million soldiers." But Colonel Roosevelt is not satisfied with this magnificent sacrifice because it lacks one detail necessary to his idea of a perfect people. He complains:

"Unfortunately, the Canadians, like ourselves, have not yet overcome the foolish dread of universal obligatory military training in times of peace and universal service in time of war. Hence they have not shown the extraordinary efficiency of Germany and France."

Hence fiddlesticks and Tommy-rot! It never enters the Colonel's head that there is absolutely no connection between his premises and his conclusion. It never even occurs to him that Canada may be proud now and in years to come that her soldiers went to this war without any bayonets at their back to prick them to the slaughter. The colonel has got so that his supreme test of civilization is the willingness of the people to submit themselves to a military despotism. Freedom is loathsome to him—it is, as it were, undemocratic. His ideal state, as far as can be guessed from what he says, has its headquarters at Berlin.—Fremont Older.

The states—Nevada and Texas—and the provinces of Manitoba, are the only places where antelope may be hunted.

### NOT WILSON, BUT THE PEOPLE!

From certain quarters the querulous assaults upon Mr. Wilson continue, as though there were only one man of his views in the whole country, and he were responsible for every fault and sin that could possibly be charged against the United States. Last fall's election ought to have shown that this is very far from the truth. Equally blameworthy with Mr. Wilson for our government's policies, and especially for its forbearance, its lack of aggressiveness, are the people of farm and factory; the sons of the men who conquered the West; the men who are raising food in deserts; the men who are doing the nation's work, and will if fate ordains it, fight the nation's battles; the women who are mates to these men, mothers of their children, breeders of workers, givers of soldiers. These people stand firm behind Mr. Wilson. These people pray that he may still keep us out of war. These people ask for peace. They want no war of any kind, even though it is called a war of righteousness. They ask that they shall be allowed to do their work and live their lives in quietness. That they

shall not be sacrificed to a phrase, that they shall be compelled to injure men and women who never injured them, that shall not be made to forget the ties of the home in order to free to build up and not tear down. They ask this Wilson has heard them. If this nation is weak it is they who are to blame—of brawn, clear-eyed, kindly; the women, mothers, faithful, loving, with to hope and endure. In these people were the Wilson born. Let the shrill hysterics go to them and say what they can hear it.—Fremont Older.

Twenty-five eggs laid in a record shared by seven of the seven being Washington—in the all Northwest egg contest at the State College in Rhine Island Reds and White Plymouth Rocks with representative of the White and one Buff Orpington.

## CLOSING OUT OUR GROCERY STOCK

BEGINNING next Wednesday morning, March 7, we will entirely close out our stock of staple and fancy groceries and in future devote our entire attention to an enlarged meat business. We will mark everything way below present grocery prices in order to dispose of the stock quickly. Big savings may be effected by taking advantage of the opportunity.

Concrete Meat & Grocery Co.  
A. T. JEFFRIES, Proprietor