

# TO BUILD DAM THIS YEAR

## Must Start Active Operations Very Quickly

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### STONE-WEBSTER TO START WORK

#### Information Leaks Out That Long-Delayed Dam Across Baker River Will Be Built in the Immediate Future With Work Starting Within the Next Few Weeks and Being Rushed as Fast as Possible With Men and Money

Definite information has been secured by The Herald, from sources which may not be divulged at this time, that the Stone-Webster dam here within the next few weeks and that operations will be pushed until the structure has been completed. It has been estimated that about twenty-eight months will be required to build the dam. Employment, it is said, will be furnished for several hundred men once the work is under way and material has been assembled.

There is no question of the authenticity of the information secured by The Herald. It came from a man intimately acquainted with corporation plans and affairs and was given with such detail that no doubt was left as to his knowledge of the situation. In consequence residents of Concrete may expect unexampled activity during the next three years with a larger payroll and heavier business than

have plans laid for the extensive development of electrical power has been well established for a long time, for they have two dam sites on the Baker river, one on the Skagit and one on the Cascade river. The question of demand for this "juice" is one that has somewhat puzzled the general public, but The Herald has the information that the Great Northern road has under contemplation the electrification of its entire Cascade division from Vancouver, B. C., to Portland, and that the Stone-Webster people will furnish the current. Just when this will be done is problematical, but The Herald's informant admitted that such plans were under consideration and that eventually they would doubtless be carried out. This would mean the construction of the second Baker river dam and probably one each on the Skagit and Cascade rivers.

There are many reasons for this proposed change. Foremost among them is the material advance in the cost of fuel oil, used exclusively by the Great Northern in operation of its trains in this part of the country. That involves relative costs, and as the Milwaukee has proven beyond the peradventure of a doubt that electricity is more economical than any other motive power, even over mountain divisions, it is but natural that officials of the road should turn their attention in that direction. The solution, then, seems to be erection of the various proposed dams by the Stone-Webster people.

In connection with the proposed deal between these corporations there is another element involved, although it is said by The Herald informant that it has been given but tentative consideration. That is a division of the business in the Puget Sound country between the Great Northern and Stone-Webster people, the former to devote its entire time and energies to handling freight and the latter to transporting passengers. While this scheme has been broached it has not been worked out at all, it is said, and may not be. However, it is only logical

that each system could render more efficient service in handling only either freight or passengers than in handling both. The element of economy and efficiency are both involved in this feature of the proposed deal and sufficient thought has not been given, as yet, The Herald informant said, by either of the parties at interest.

The dam which the Stone-Webster people will build here at Concrete will generate approximately 100,000 horse power, it is said. Power will be secured from water stored in a lake formed back of the dam and extending a distance of several miles. The dam will cost in the neighborhood of an even million dollars, with transforming plant and other equipment essential to its operation. It will be built of reinforced concrete along most improved plans and will be one of the largest in this part of the Northwest.

When it was believed that the dam would be constructed several years ago—when Stone-Webster made soundings, etc., of the bed of the Baker river—sites for saw mills, etc., were secured on what will be the bank of the newly formed lake, and it is expected that these will be erected when it becomes definitely known that the dam is to be built. There are large quantities of timber to the north and east of Concrete which would be available to mills operated on the lake, the question of power being solved by current from the dam. Just what will be done by the Superior Portland Cement company with reference to the balance of timber on the Stone-Webster land has not been definitely decided, but it is figured that it may be easily removed before the dam will have been completed. If that is not done it would doubtless be floated in the lake and sawed at mills which will be operated there. Other large timber holders have long been anxious to get their timber out, that of some having begun to materially deteriorate from one cause and another. These will

### MUCH BENEFIT FOR CONCRETE

#### Big Undertaking Means Employment of Hundreds of Men for More Than Two and Half Years With Large Payroll Each Month---Probability of New Business Enterprises as Result of Activity---New Industries Also

Announcement that the Stone-Webster people are to build the Baker river dam will have a phenomenal influence on the town of Concrete and will mean its regeneration from a business standpoint. Since the fire which destroyed so large a portion of the business section little building has been done and in consequence there is a strong probability that new structures will be erected to accommodate themselves here to take advantage of the situation resulting from the expenditure of at least a million dollars within the next two and a half years. Men already established will immediately begin to plan for an increased trade and Concrete will experience such prosperity as she has not known since the palmy days when she was booming.

There is every legitimate reason to expect that when the dam has been completed that saw mills and shingle

mills will be operated above the dam, for there would then be no means of getting timber down. The Baker River shingle mill would, of necessity, move up to the newly formed lake and it is said that others have secured and held mill sites on which plants are to be erected as soon as power is available from the dam. This would mean the permanent employment of many men in close proximity to Concrete and greatly increased business in all lines. Then, too, if the interurban is built between Sedro-Woolley and this point it will mean additional transportation facilities for all purposes and further stimulate general business.

With the skepticism seemingly inherent in most of mankind there are those in Concrete who maintain that talk of building the dam this year is the same old story that was peddled annually for some time but The Herald

### DIRECTORS TO MEET AT SEDRO-WOOLLEY

#### COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SENDS OUT APPEAL URGING ALL TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING

County Superintendent of Schools O. H. Kerns has sent out the following appeal to school directors in all parts of the county to attend a meeting to be held at Sedro-Woolley today:

Dear Director: The annual meeting of the directors and teachers of Skagit county has been set for Saturday, March 17, 1917. The sessions will begin at 10 a. m. in the auditorium of the Sedro-Woolley high school.

I must urge all board members and teachers to attend this important meeting. We should not only carry away ideal zeal and inspiration, but should again re-dedicate ourselves to educational advancement, and to those civic duties binding upon all good citizens.

This request must, of necessity, entail certain sacrifices of time and money. Under the present order of things this cannot be avoided. Human experiences go to show that our interests are usually measured by our sacrifices. Whenever these are suppressed or withheld it is proof that we are either "commercialized" or tickled by the vain illusions of position and authority without due regard to the obligation imposed.

We, as American citizens, are justly proud of the heroic past. Those pages of history are dearest that record the greatest sacrifices. It is not hard to imagine that life with all its hopes of pleasure and prosperity were quite as sweet to those who gave all in those sacred causes as to us who now enjoy so great liberty. Are we not, therefore, debtors? Twice happy is he who is privileged to return but a moiety of so great capital. Indeed, he only is fit to rule who has first learned to serve.

There is much discussion as to the county unit plan of administration, and other attempts to do away with the present method of local control of our schools. It is argued that the

present method is inefficient, because the unit of control is too small, and those in authority make little effort to discharge the duties imposed. It is pointed out that this is a day of specialists and experts, and that the school ought to be no exception to the general rule.

It is necessary therefore, that board members so acquaint themselves that these charges fall of their own weight. Whenever said members do not efficiently administer the schools a change will come. Nothing shall stand in the way of advancement. It is the law of nature that the useless and the unfit are cast off. Directors as well as teachers must keep abreast of the times. Progress is the result of thought and well-laid plans. No school can become most efficient or long remain so without effort and due regard to approved methods of administration—receiving at the same time the liveliest interest of its patrons. Dead members make dead schools, and vice versa.

I am asked: "Is the county unit a good plan? Will it prevail? Is it an improvement upon the old method?" etc. In answer to these questions will say that the present method will be eliminated whenever it can be shown that inefficiency exists or that we are failing to attain the high standards of modern up-to-date schools. Does inefficiency really exist? Are our schools failing to exist? Are our schools lacking in preparation and interest? Is there a better way than our present method? These and many more questions of like nature can and probably will be answered at our meeting Saturday, March 17. Come and help us solve these mooted questions.

We will have some of the best school men in the state to discuss questions of administration and school efficiency. I believe it will be to the interest of your community and your school for you to be present. This will probably be the last time I will ask your co-operation in building stronger and better schools for the stronger youth of our county. Therefore, I solicit your presence and advice in this great movement. A free luncheon is promised all board members who attend. Let nothing prevent your coming.

### ODD FELLOWS HOME COMING A SUCCESS

#### LARGE NUMBER PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVITIES WEDNESDAY EVENING AND LISTEN TO A SPLENDID PROGRAM

Wednesday evening of this week was the occasion of a home-coming entertainment for Odd Fellows and it was unusually successful from every viewpoint. There was a large attendance and the excellent program was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Sickles, of Bothel, gave a most interesting talk on Odd Fellowship and the following program was splendidly rendered:

Address of welcome....L. E. Wolfe  
Accordian solo....Mrs. Jos. Belfrey  
Piano solo....Mrs. Fay B. Smith  
Reading....Mrs. Jos. Belfrey  
Violin solo....Mrs. Nellie Wheelock

Several numbers that had been provided were omitted as those who were to render them were unable to attend. However, in conjunction with the entertaining talk and the most excellent refreshments served the occasion was one of far more than ordinary interest to Odd Fellows and their friends.

The event was given at Eagles' hall, which had been appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Committees having charge of arrangements were:

Odd Fellows—Messrs. McKinney, Stewart, Brooks, Pressentin and Lindstruth.

Refreshments—Mesdames McKinney, Connally, Burke, Belfrey and Carter.

### EMPLOYING MANY MEN

F. R. Faller, general manager of the Skagit Steel and Iron Works at Sedro-Woolley, stated that his plant is running to capacity and that forty-five men were employed at present, the largest number in the history of the plant. Mr. Faller also stated that they could use many more men because of the great number of orders from every section of the Pacific coast.

### MRS. VAN IDERSTINE TENDERED SURPRISE

#### MANY FRIENDS GATHER AT SEAMAN HOME TO EXPRESS REGRET OF DEPARTURE FROM TOWN OF HONORED GUEST

Last Friday evening, March 9, a large gathering of friends took Mrs. Fred Van Iderstine completely by surprise prior to her departure from Concrete to Sedro-Woolley. The party congregated at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gardiner, and at 8 o'clock sallied forth to the residence of Mrs. Judd Seaman where the party was held. Mrs. Van Iderstine thought it was to be a surprise on Mr. Seaman, who had just returned that day from a visit to Michigan.

The evening was passed very pleasantly, the guests furnishing amusement in the form of games, recitations and songs.

Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. John Smith was forced to leave early by the arrival of Ike Smith, of Sedro-Woolley, who brought home a bride, accompanied also by his mother, Mrs. Benson.

Those attending were:

Mesdames L. E. Wolfe, Geo. Powell, J. E. Metcalf, C. D. Findlay, Carrie A. Feazel, M. B. Barnhart, W. A. Gardiner, W. S. Gregory, Grace Riffe, J. Bickford, Anna Ross, Mollie Everson, Katherine Jackson, J. Belfrey, C. C. Bride, John Smith, W. J. S. Gordon, J. R. Elkins, J. Van Iderstine, Judd Seaman, Fred Van Iderstine and the Misses Ethel Van Iderstine, Meryl and Helen Rice.

### EX-DEPUTY SHERIFF IS SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Herman Horsey, former deputy sheriff of Skagit county, was sentenced by Judge Brawley in the superior court to not less than five years nor more than seven years in the state penitentiary.

Horsey, who is an old resident of the county, and a butcher by trade, was charged with stealing beef.

### ADVISORY BOARD NAMED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

As a preliminary step toward the mature consideration of the question of bonding for hard surface roads the board of county commissioners met at the court house Tuesday and named an advisory board. Five men were selected from each road district. They are, first district, Nels Anderson, Andy Mitchell, Nick Bessner, Charles Nelson and James Dunlap; second district, J. Z. Nelson, Warren Shea, John Finstad, George Knutzen and J. C. Wixson; third district, Dave Parker, H. L. Devin, J. H. Slipper, Hugo Bauman and Frank Hoehn.

These names have been sent to the county commissioners of Snohomish county, who will shortly set a day and invite the board of advisors to come down and look over the paved system in that county. The commissioners of this county will not accompany the advisory board upon this occasion, but will await a report of its findings before taking any definite action on a special election.

### LADIES' NIGHT AT THE RIFLE CLUB IS BEING ARRANGED

Members of the Concrete Rifle club are making arrangements for setting aside one evening next week when women of the town will be invited to come to the range and shoot. It is known that there are a number of women who are expert with the rifle and it is expected that many will participate in the shoot.

The club has requisitioned the government for a supply of 20,000 rounds of cartridges for use by members on the indoor range and these will keep them busy until the weather is sufficiently settled so that the outdoor range may be utilized again. Many are taking part in the shooting contests each evening and some excellent scores have been hung up recently. This has served to stimulate interest in the club and will also keep members in good condition for spring shooting on the open range.

### CAR SHORTAGE FELT BY ALL INDUSTRIES

#### LOCAL PLANTS UNABLE TO MAKE NECESSARY SHIPMENTS TO FILL ORDERS AND ONE SAWMILL SHUTS DOWN

Much difficulty is being experienced by local manufacturing establishments as a result of the continued car shortage and this week the sawmill operated by John Chapman was closed down notwithstanding that he has orders on hand to keep the plant in operation. The cement plants are also hard hit and shipments have been away below normal.

There is much uneasiness expressed over the railroad strike for if it continues very long the cement plants will be forced to shut down and all other operations cease. An embargo on freight by the Great Northern road has been laid, and anything going forward during the past two or three days, which would not reach its destination before the strike is to be called here, was at owner's risk.

Notwithstanding the seriousness of the situation there is a prevailing sentiment that the railroad managers will be able to run sufficient trains to prevent serious interference with business, except, perhaps, for the first few days.

### FIRST UNIT OF SMELTER IS NEARING COMPLETION

The first unit of the Sedro-Woolley iron smelter was finished this week, the company having completed the office and one large building. Another building is being erected and as soon as this is finished the company will move its machinery and furnace here from Leavenworth and house it in the buildings already constructed. Buildings remaining at Leavenworth will be torn down and removed here. With the addition of the two buildings still remaining at Leavenworth, the plant will be completed in about three months, states O. P. Moore, secretary of the company's interests.



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## THE THREATENED RAILROAD STRIKE

It hardly seems possible that railroad employees would take advantage of existing conditions to threaten a national strike to force employers to meet their demands, regardless of whether or not those demands are reasonable, for to entirely tie up and paralyze the business of the country at such a time seems little less than treason. The fact that the men have informed President Wilson that they will handle military supplies does not change the situation. In times of actual warfare military supplies are by no means the only commodities necessary to the people or the protection of the country. Transportation of troops, of necessity, would be included by the railroad men, but an analysis of the situation clearly indicates, even to the layman, that if there is to be actual warfare there must be the freest intercourse between all parts of the country for those behind the many industries on which the government would be forced to rely. Just plain, common people also have their inherent rights, and if the strike is called, as at present scheduled, there is no doubt that the national protest against it will be many times stronger than last year when the men threatened to go out.

Just at the present time there appears to be a vastly different situation than that of a year ago as regards organized labor and the support it might lend to the striking railroad men. In national convention leaders have pledged a membership of three million men to the government, and it is hardly probable that these members would feel inclined to lend either moral or financial support to a strike that is called at a time when the exigencies of the situation demand a solidarity of citizenry of all walks of life. That the strike could last long with so strong sentiment against it seems improbable, and there is the probability that the railroads will grant all demands from strictly patriotic motives and the threatened trouble averted, for a short time at least.

But whatever the outcome of the controversy the outstanding feature is the probable enactment by congress of more drastic laws than have ever been considered with reference to organized labor and the handling of strikes. Members of the congress who have wavered and wobbled on questions of vast public importance now realize public sentiment as never before and will hardly dare to raise opposition to such measures as will prevent the possibility of repetition of the grave situation that confronts the nation today with reference to its transportation facilities.

The railroad men will not establish themselves higher in the regard of the people by their contemplated action, whether carried out or compromised.

Senator Wesley L. Jones now says he is willing to back the president "to the limit" in preparations for protecting the nation. While he disclaims complicity in holding up the armed ship bill and attempted to prove an alibi by signing a last minute manifesto that he would vote on the bill, the people of the state seem to have pretty well gauged the partisan shallowness of their representative in the upper house and will doubtless give him proper attention when the time arrives. He pretty thoroughly disgusted everybody a year ago by his insistence that each resident of the state let him know exactly how much preparedness was wanted. Senator Jones will, in all probability, be given an opportunity to pursue the private practice of law or raise spuds when his term expires. We want none of his kind.

Newspapers of the United States have been requested to refrain from publishing information regarding military preparations and movements that may be of possible benefit to any other country. With few exceptions there will be no violations of this request, there being some newspaper publishers who seemingly place the sale of a few extras above that of patriotism. However, they will probably be handled without gloves if occasion demands and thereby taught the lesson that their profession should have taught them long ago—that of never betraying a confidence.

There is rather more than a probability that members of the United States senate who blocked armed neutrality legislation will be meted out proper punishment at the hands of their constituents with the single exception of "Gum Shoe Bill" Stone, of Missouri. Gum Shoe has bossed things down there among the mules so long that he doubtless will get away with his latest unpardonable act and be returned to power. Gum Shoe is some politician and has slipped over many strange things in the past.

Rev. M. A. Mathews, of Seattle, is said to have taken one thousand dollars from the arch-conspirator in the whiskey ring for the purpose of cleaning up the city. The reverend gentleman has been frequently in the lime-light but hardly in the present role. Evidently he is not in the least afraid of tainted money. However, in view of that fact he has not produced any startling evidence regarding conditions in Seattle one might wonder where the thousand dollars went, providing, of course, that he got it.

The situation of the national house of representatives being in control of men representing all political beliefs will be something new to our national life and will be a refreshing relief from the old party squabble that has been enacted each session over organization and control. It may be that members will more truly represent the people under those conditions than under the old. Anyway, we hope so.

So tremendous are the figures of casualties of the contending armies in Europe—estimated at fully ten million—that the average mind cannot encompass them. Of course, all these have not been killed, many being maimed and invalided home while still other hundreds of thousands have been captured. However, the awfulness of the war strikes home when one knows that already many million men have been sacrificed, to what?

There is less criticism, right now, of the government's action in concentrating troops on the Mexican border for military training, and some real wise people even admit that President Wilson and other government officials really knew what they were about all the time. The previous mouthful spouters are now the watchful waiters.

The rapid drop in the price of spuds may be taken as an indication that it was not so much a shortage of the national crop that forced them to an unprecedented high level but the manipulations of speculators. And still the good American people remain supine and permit their very existence to be juggled in this manner.

Members of the board of county commissioners should get real busy in selecting the advisory board to pass on the advisability of bonding for permanent highways and then they should join the board in prompt action. We want good roads and want them as soon as details may be arranged. Nothing is to be gained by delay.

Whether Hiram Gill is guilty or not of accepting a four thousand dollar bribe the spectacle of their chief executive and various members of the police department on trial must be a pleasing one for many residents of Seattle. It would seem that eventually they would elect men to office who were above such things.

The people unqualifiedly indorsed Senator Poindexter at the polls last fall and he did not disappoint them when senators were lining up against measures proposed to protect this country. The judgment of the majority in the integrity of Senator Poindexter has been vindicated.

## COMMENTS OF THE STATE PRESS

Some Real Thoughts from the Think Tanks of Thoughtful Thinkers

### Car Shortage Seriously Affects Puget Sound Lumber Mills

Snoqualmie Post:—During the week the car shortage probably reached the peak of its intensity as regards lumber shipments. One hundred and thirty mills participating in the industrial barometer of the West Coast Lumbermen's association loaded out only 1,270 cars for transcontinental markets, that constituting a new low record for a week's business at association mills. It was about 1,000 cars short of normal. The association barometer shows that production has been curtailed during the week by more than 27 per cent. The actual output at 130 mills was only 64,415,825 feet. Orders, including rail, cargo and local, amounted to 62,933,496 feet. All shipments totalled 52,386,629.

### Doggona, Dig and Plant and Then Eat and Get Fat

Bellingham Herald:—The real estate men urge that the citizens of Bellingham utilize vacant lots for the raising of vegetables. It is not a new idea, but it will bear inspection. In all the countries of Europe at war vacant spaces, including city parks, have been converted into gardens. The same necessity that has driven Europeans to such measures exists in a sense in this country, too—that is, the necessity of combatting the high cost of foodstuffs. Authorities agree that high prices will prevail for at least a year or two, even though the war should end this summer, and the individual who raises enough potatoes for winter consumption will have made a real investment of labor.

### Here's Another Guy Who Sizes Senator Jones Up Just Right

Auburn Globe-Republican:—Senator Jones of this state is richly entitled to a place on the list of notorious filibusterers published elsewhere on this page. For although he did express willingness to permit the senate to vote on the arming of merchantmen measure, he preceded this with one of the most bitter and vituperative anti-preparedness and anti-American speeches that has been made in congress. Senator Jones is today no more in accord with the sentiments of his constituency on the question of preparedness than he was in the beginning of the war, when he repeatedly asked the silly questions: "Prepare for what?" "Prepare against whom?" ad infinitum ad nauseum.

### Haven't We Shown We Do Not Want Good Roads by Not Building Them?

Burlington Journal:—In the distribution of the public road funds to be expended for the further construction of the Pacific highway Bellingham south gets \$18,500, Blaine to Ferndale \$9,225 and Stanwood-Sylvania in the Snohomish division, \$23,125 and \$37,000 is set aside for the Sylvania bridge. If any of the Pacific highway funds were allotted to Skagit county public authorization of the statement has not been made. A little more aggressive effort on the part of the legislative delegation from this county would not be amiss in advancing the county's interest in these matters.

### What Do You Know About This? And a Democrat Wrote It

Skagit County Times:—Gum Shoe Bill Stone, Democrat, of Missouri, always knows "the side-step" and when to make it. In leading the opposition to the president's proposal to arm American merchant vessels, Bill sold the honor of the country to the Germans of Missouri for their votes in the future. As a traitor he went half way, and is now winking at the public like a real American.

### By Golly, It's So If Fred Ornes Will Make the Admission

Mount Vernon Argus:—The legislature in passing a resolution pledging the state of Washington to stand by President Wilson "to the limit of its resources" in maintaining the nation's rights on the high seas acted in accord with public sentiment. The dozen United States senators who refused to back the president did not.

### Certainly, Many of Them Are As Loyal As Any Americans

Amas Post:—Germany has lost many sympathisers of German extraction in this country by the discovery of the plot to ally Japan and Mexico in a demonstration, not to say war, against this country, if it shall finally be proven that the imperial government instigated the plot.

### BRAKEMAN OF LOGGING TRAIN MEETS DEATH

When Virgil Kell, brakeman on a logging train at English camp No. 1, reached his home camp, after making a special run down from camp No. 5 with a long train of logs, he looked about for his fellow brakeman, Harris Gadd. Gadd had been riding on the top of the logs on one of the front cars, and becoming alarmed at his disappearance, Kell ran back along the track searching for his companion. He came upon him a few rods away, lying with both legs cut off.

He was hastily conveyed to the Stanwood hospital, where Dr. Jacobson applied every restorative, but life ebbed away within an hour.

## JUST A FEW CRACKS BY THE TOWN NUT

See by the fashion notes that three-cornered hats are again in style. Suppose the women will now have their heads slabb'd to fit the dummed things.

Just listen to this one from the Monroe Monitor: "Of course, it's none of our business, but we just can't help wondering what there is about the female form that keeps some of our young girls from freezing these cold winter days. You understand now that we don't know a thing about it, but we've been told that they just don't wear hardly anything. Why, only this week, we heard a girl say another girl was old-fashioned because she wore long sleeved (pardon us) under her apparel. She didn't say 'apparel,' either, but it means that, and the girl who was talking about the other girl didn't have on that kind. Anyway, she said she didn't but she had on some hose that were fully as thick as a cigarette paper split twice. We can easily see how a girl might powder her face thick enough to keep it from freezing, and since we don't know anything about them, and it ain't any of our business, we just guess they powder right good and plenty all over and then put on a few clothes to keep the powder from blowing off."

By golly, I wouldn't say anything like that about our Concrete girls or they might suspect me of really knowing something about it.

The other day I saw a little boy stop a little girl playmate and solemnly inform her that she would never, never get to heaven; that she was a tattler and that tattlers never got to heaven. The poor, little miss was badly frightened and "beat it" as fast as her legs would carry her. Some older people might profit by the sage advice of that youngster.

Recent fashion decree says skirts are to be shorter this year than ever before. That means a revival in the lumber industry for every woman will be forced to use a ladder to climb up where the things ought to be but ain't. Here, you photographers, keep away.

They say there is one town "down the line" that is "wide open" whatever that means. Must be a squad that is dry instead of a dry squad that hangs around that burg.

Alphabet Gordon handed in this one. Don't know what ails the long geezer but guess he lost his dinner somewhere on the way down to his stomach—got sidetracked, or something like that. Anyway, here it is:

The handsome blond who circulates and percolates for The Herald contemplates going into the coal business. Anyway, he thinks he has secured the scoop.

He thought I would not do it, but I'll fool any of them.

Percy Lucas is seriously considering changing the name of his railroad to "The Alpine Pass & Come Back System" and arranging a short line tourist schedule for the summer months. Go to it, Percy, and I will ride with you if you issue a regulation season pass.

Some fellows around town want to break into this column for the sole purpose of bawling out The Town Nut. Why, doggone your skins, you cannot hurt a man who is truthful, and don't I call myself a nut right in the heading? Go thou and do likewise.

Jerry Metcalf is having a new song written, entitled, "We Will Dam the Baker River, Yes We Will By Dam," set to music and it is expected that it will make a tremendous hit, particularly the chorus, which we refuse to print.

If they pull off that railroad strike this poor nut is speaking right now for a home with somebody who has a large supply of spuds, flour, tea, coffee, sugar, pies, cake, cookies, doughnuts, honey, sauce, hominy and other edibles already laid in. I don't want much but, by golly, I want it mighty badly.

I had a hunch that I wanted to be a preacher and now I know I do for sworn testimony has been given that Rev. Mark A. Mathews was handed a nice, fat roll of one thousand beans by a top-notch bootlegger. Gee, that is soft picking, isn't it, and me way off up here in the bush!

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## STONS-WEBSTER TO START

(Continued from page 1.) doubtless welcome the news that the dam is to be built and will get busy planning mills to be erected near Concrete.

While the general public is directly interested in all development of this part of the state the main interest in the building of this new dam will be in proposed changes in transportation facilities whereby the interurban will operate from Bellingham straight through to Seattle, providing the deal as outlined is carried to fruition, and The Herald informant was positive in asserting that the change named was included in the deal. Then, too, with the interurban running cars into Concrete better facilities will be enjoyed for traveling either north or south. The car shortage may also be alleviated, in some measure at least.

Taken as a whole, announcement of the beginning of building operations on the dam by the Stone-Webster interests and the connection they will then have with the Great Northern road is one of the most important in the Puget Sound country since it became known that the Milwaukee road would build into this territory. Its influence will be materially felt in many ways and in many places, and invariably beneficially.

Chocolate drops receive their final coating of chocolate from an electric melting table made especially for use in candy factories. The electric heating elements used in the table will melt thirty pounds of chocolate in thirty minutes. After it is melted it may be maintained in a liquid condition on the lowest heat.

G. L. LEONARD Attorney and Counselor at Law NOTARY PUBLIC Concrete, Washington

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## LYMAN

The Baptist young people's and Sunday school convention, held here last Saturday, was one of the most successful events of the kind since they began holding county conventions. A most excellent program was carried out and much interest manifested in all the sessions. An exceptionally fine dinner was served to which one hundred sixty sat down. Members of the B. Y. P. U. and Baptist Sunday schools from all parts of the county were in attendance, those from Concrete being Mrs. George Ely, Mrs. Frank Greiner, Mrs. B. B. Pierce and children; Miss Kentucky Kell, Mr. Sims, Miss Dorris Evans, Miss Ailene Riffe and Rev. H. V. Davies.

Fred Fellows, accompanied by Sherman Davis, motored to Sedro-Woolley Saturday evening.

Mrs. Anthony Swain left Friday for Concrete. She expects to be away a month.

Sam Jones was a visitor in Sedro-Woolley Monday.

F. E. Austin arrived home Tuesday after an absence of five weeks.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Frank Ries Thursday, March 8. The afternoon was devoted to fancy work, a dainty lunch was served and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Fred Fellows was hostess to the Guild Tuesday, March 13. The diversion of the afternoon was five hundred. A dainty two-course luncheon was served. Those present were: Mesdames Trueman, Meyers, Hanson, Glasco, Dowling, Davis, Hightower, Ries, Sloan, Fellows and Miss Smith.

Sherman Davis and family motored to Sedro-Woolley, Tuesday evening to see the play, "Civilization."

Mrs. Vanderford left Saturday morning for Seattle to attend her sister, Mrs. Cook, who is very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Hans Bratlie, of Ridgefield, is a visitor at the Vanderford home.

Among the Lymanites who motored to Sedro-Woolley Tuesday evening to see "Civilization" were Mr. and Mrs. Bryson and daughter, Blanche; the Misses Tryplets, Tom Layne, Mrs. Cooper and son, Mesdames Meyers, Ries, Fellows, Hanson and the Misses Graham, Smith and Van Iderstine.

Ralph Lisherness is ill with the gripe.

The Sedro-Woolley team met with the local boys in an interesting game of basketball Friday evening. The score was 27 to 14 in favor of Lyman.

The Misses Helen Hartay, Ella Davis and Mildred Lisherness attended the dance at Hamilton Saturday evening.

Kelley Atterbury arrived home Saturday from Port Angeles.

Mrs. H. V. Davies, of Concrete, spent the week-end in Lyman.

Miss Blanche Hightower, of Sedro-Woolley, was the guest over Saturday of Mrs. John Hightower.

Word has been received from Albert Lisherness, who at present is in Bemidji, Minnesota, that he is acting as salesman for a garage there.

The Misses Metcalf and Polson, accompanied by Messrs. Minkler and Logg, attended the dance at Hamilton Saturday evening.

The Lyman theater did not have the usual show Wednesday. Owing to a mistake the films did not come.

Miss Bee Currey, of Hamilton, spent Tuesday evening at the home of Ella Davis.

Miss Edna Graham spent the week-end in Burlington.

Miss Ethel Van Iderstine was a Concrete visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Mesdames LaPlant, Glasco, Fellows, and Hightower motored to Hamilton Thursday. While there they were the guests of Mrs. Lyle McNeill.

Traffic police officers stationed at street intersections in Pittsburgh, Pa., no longer suffer from cold feet when wind and snow assail them.

The "Tootiesherm," an electrically heated iron plate for them to stand on, maintains just the right degree of heat to keep the feet warm.

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Reasonable prices will be made on the above.

F. H. Heskett

## BANK STATEMENT

(Official Publication)  
REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE STATE BANK OF CONCRETE, located at Concrete, State of Washington, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$50,664.53
Overdrafts .....	78.29
Bonds, warrants and other securities .....	4,576.24
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	12,000.00
Other real estate owned.....	None
Due from banks.....	11,831.51
Checks on other banks and other cash items.....	78.40
Cash on hand.....	3,764.00
Expenses .....	614.15

Total .....

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	2,000.00
Undivided profits.....	1,229.54
Deposits .....	70,377.58

Total .....

State of Washington, County of Skagit, ss.

I, Frank D. LeBold, cashier of the above named bank, or trust company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK D. LeBOLD, Cashier.

Correct Attest:

J. GUDDALL,  
J. C. WIXSON,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March, 1917.

A. W. BREUCHER,  
Notary Public, in and for the State of Washington, residing at Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

## BANK STATEMENT

(Official Publication)  
REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HAMILTON STATE BANK, located at Hamilton, State of Washington, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$23,277.47
Overdrafts .....	.40
Bonds, warrants and other securities .....	13,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	4,715.00
Due from banks.....	25,007.19
Interest paid.....	39.64
Cash on hand.....	4,172.03
Expenses .....	553.09

Total .....

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	500.00
Undivided profits.....	738.58
Deposits .....	60,026.24

Total .....

State of Washington, County of Skagit, ss.

I, M. J. Smith, assistant cashier of the above named bank, or trust company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. J. SMITH, Assistant Cashier.

Correct Attest:

H. S. CROTHERS,  
J. H. SMITH,  
FRED G. SLIPPER,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1917.

H. S. CROTHERS,  
Notary Public, in and for the State of Washington, residing at Hamilton, Washington.

## BANK STATEMENT

(Official Publication)  
REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LYMAN STATE BANK, located at Lyman, State of Washington, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$50,624.22
Overdrafts .....	35.38
Bonds, warrants and other securities .....	15,433.41
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	3,713.40
Other real estate owned.....	4,033.85
Due from banks.....	12,656.04
Checks on other banks and other cash items.....	None
Exchange for clearing house	None
Cash on hand.....	2,645.20
Expenses and interest paid	677.47

Total .....

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	2,500.00
Undivided profits.....	1,471.88
Due to banks—deposits.....	None
Dividends unpaid.....	None
Deposits .....	61,647.09
Certified checks.....	None
Notes and bills rediscounted (including certificates of deposit for money borrowed) .....	14,500.00
Bills payable.....	None

Total .....

State of Washington, County of Skagit, ss.

I, F. C. Fellows, cashier of the above named bank, or trust company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. C. FELLOWS, Cashier.

Correct Attest:

G. A. MINKLER,  
FRANK RIES,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1917.

J. C. CRISS,  
Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Washington, residing at Lyman, Washington.

## TWO MEN INJURED AT

DEMPSEY LOGGING CAMP

Two men were injured at the Dempsey logging camp Wednesday morning when struck by a cable as they were working in the woods. They are Gus Hedlund, who received a multiple compound fracture of the leg, and Victor Coski, who was badly bruised about the shoulders. Both men were immediately taken to the Valley hospital, where they are now recovering.

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## THE DECLINE OF MONEY

Two years and a half ago a few bold statisticians estimated that the war would cost Europe fifty million dollars a day. Of course this meant that the war wouldn't last long. How could it? Under such a drain it would be only a matter of months before every financial system would cave in. But England alone is now spending twenty-eight million dollars a day and the total for all the belligerents must be at least one hundred million dollars a day, and still no financial systems have caved in. So we see that the foundations of civilization are not laid on financial systems, but on bread-and-butter systems, and in time of war on powder-and-shot systems. As long as any government can lay its hand on sufficient bread and butter and powder and shot it can continue to carry on war, and the bankers will dress up these naked facts in suitable financial clothes. We are freed forever from the old superstition that money—that is to say, negotiable paper and specie—rules the world. Money systems are no longer dreadful feitches, but obedient servants, in cap and apron, who can be called upon to serve tea or readjust a continent. If any given money system proves inadequate it will be changed or supplemented; and the great power of the world will not rest with those who have only gold to jingle or negotiable paper to rustle, but with the producers and builders. We are shown to be a civilization of farms, not of mortgages, of ships, not bills of lading, of men, not of dollars.—Fremont Older.

### SUMMONS

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

RUTH JANE FRY, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEPHEN K. FRY, Defendant.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON To the said Stephen K. Fry, Defendant.

You are hereby summoned to appear with in sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty days after the tenth day of March, 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 stated below; 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 this action is to secure a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant; upon the grounds of desertion, cruel treatment, and non-support; that plaintiff be awarded the care, custody and control of Stephen Kenneth Fry, the minor child of plaintiff and defendant.

G. L. LEONARD,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Post Office Address:  
Concrete, Skagit County, Washington.  
(Mar. 10-17-24-31 Apr. 7-14)

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Publisher)

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

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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 1/4 NE 1/4, 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 \$5.50 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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NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act 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 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 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)

## CHARGES FOR ASSAYING ARE EXPLAINED BY THE ASSAYER

It seems that some miners and others have gained a wrong impression of the functions of the government assay office at Seattle and in order that all may know what is done the assayer in charge has written as follows:

There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of the public as to the functions and charges of the United States assay office at Seattle. This office is operated for the purchase of gold dust and bullion, and for the assaying of ores for gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, tin, zinc, and tungsten.

We do not make assays for other than these metals.

The charges of the United States government for the purchase of gold dust and bullion are the same at Denver, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle.

The charges imposed at Seattle for the assaying of ores are \$1 for a combined gold and silver assay, and \$1 for each of the other metals mentioned, per sample.



# Spring Opening of Millinery and Women's Dresses, Waists and Coats

It is with pleasure that we announce the showing of our splendid stock of the newest things to be had in millinery, women's dresses, coats and waists. Everything of the latest style afforded by the fashion centers now ready for your inspection. We have more millinery and women's wear than was ever before brought to this part of the county. Our prices are positively lower than other merchants can sell for. Heavy purchases for cash secured a liberal discount and you will find things here as cheap as before a phenomenal raise in prices.

## Fine Footwear for Easter

You will want new shoes for Easter. We are leaders in the shoe trade in Skagit county and carry a larger stock than any other store. Prices have not been raised and you may get your Easter shoes here for less. These may be selected in colorings to match gowns and suits, if desired. Remember these shoes are the latest style and manufactured by the very best factories.



## New Things in Dresses

Scouring the markets for the best obtainable we have secured for your benefit dresses for all purposes that are in every way equal to those worn by fashion leaders in the largest cities. They come in various color shadings and weaves and must be seen to be appreciated.

## Easter Suits for the Men

This spring Hart Schaffner & Marx have furnished us with some of the naggiest suits ever shown. They range in price from \$20 up and are easily equal to \$40 suits made by any tailor. We have all the furnishings to go with them to complete the Easter outfit.

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## New Spring Millinery

This season's showing of millinery includes all shapes from the broad brimmed summer hat to the chic small models which are so becoming to

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Remember The Model Absolutely Sells for Less for Same Quality Goods

## MUCH BENEFIT FOR CONCRETE

(Continued from page 1)

ald has been making a quiet and persistent investigation of the facts for the past six weeks and has information of unquestioned authenticity to the effect that work on the big structure will be started within the next few weeks. This was secured from sources sufficiently closely in touch with the affairs of big corporations of the Puget Sound country to bring out details of one of the largest proposed deals in transportation circles that has been pulled off in recent years. Having sufficiently corroborated facts which were secured more than six weeks ago The Herald is giving them publicity this week—the first intimation of a public nature that has leaked out with reference to building the dam or the deal pending between the Stone-Webster people and the Great Northern road.

Information contained in the article on this page regarding the dam and Stone-Webster plans for the future are facts. They have been as fully substantiated as is possible without getting at the files and maps of those two corporations and may be accepted in their entirety. Plans have been fully completed for the work and a working agreement with the Great Northern for electrifying its line between Mount Vernon and Everett arranged. That was given to The Herald flat and cold. The Herald has refrained from indulging in idle dreams and speculation regarding the building of the dam or other development undertakings, and only after securing unquestionably reliable information was it willing to give the story publicity. However, that time has arrived and everybody may confidently look forward to unusual activity here unless the railroad strike or actual warfare should intervene to prevent the consummation of plans specifically made.

While it is, quite naturally, im-

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possible to foretell the exact benefits accruing to Concrete as a result of building the dam and erection and operation of other manufacturing plants near here those most closely in touch with the situation foresee a material growth for the town during the next two or three years and are making plans accordingly. However, whether or not astute business men from the outside will comprehend the situation more quickly than those residing here and reap the greater benefits remains to be seen. Quite essentially everybody will enjoy a largely increased business, but their skepticism may prevent their taking immediate advantage of conditions and enlarge their field of operation in keeping with demands of the immediate future.

## BURGLARS ROB MINKLER STORE TUESDAY MORNING

Cracksmen entered the store of Garfield Minkler, at Lyman, Monday night or early Tuesday morning, and blew open the safe and then made their get-away, taking 100 good silver dollars, which they found in the safe. The theft was not discovered until the store was opened the next morning. Neighbors reported having heard a crash as of falling glass about 3 o'clock in the morning, but as a high wind was blowing no attention was paid to the disturbance.

Entrance had been gained evidently by using a "jimmy" on the rear window and glycerine was used as an explosive to open the safe. So violent was the explosion that the doors were blown from the safe and one of the front window panes crashed in. The knob had been knocked off the safe door with a hammer and the explosive inserted through this opening.

The store is a large general merchandise establishment and the proprietor remarked upon the shrewdness of the cracksmen who removed a box of cartridges to a place of safety before igniting the glycerine.

Placing a watch near charged wires or powerful electrical apparatus tends to magnetize the works. A magnetized watch is an unreliable timepiece and will usually perform in an erratic manner, running fast or slow. Jewelers detect magnetism in a watch with a small compass and demagnetize watches by placing them inside a coil of charged wire.

## SHORT LOCAL NOTES

Miss Helen Ervin spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Bellingham visiting with friends and relatives.

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

Earl Cummings came up from Burlington Tuesday evening and will be employed on construction work at the Superior Portland Cement company plant.

Mrs. Del Rowley and children have returned to Anacortes to live, Mr. Rowley remaining in the employ of the Washington Portland Cement company. The elder Rowley boy had been baching at their Anacortes home but came to the conclusion that he could not cook so induced his mother to return.

—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. tf.

J. J. McDonald went to Seattle the first of the week on business.

S. A. Post was up from Sedro-Woolley the first part of the week in the interest of the New York Life Insurance company.

—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.

Dudley I. Green and daughter, Helen, made a trip to Bellingham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Woods, Mrs. R. B. Ireton and Mrs. Callie Conway moved to Hamilton and Van Horn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jeffries and family motored down to Hamilton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Kvarno left Tuesday for Mount Vernon where they will reside.

The family of Fred Van Iderstine left Tuesday for Sedro-Woolley where Mr. Van Iderstine has secured a position.

Max Davis went to Seattle Sunday morning and returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Binzer came home Tuesday evening from Seattle where Mr. Binzer went to meet Mrs. Binzer and their son, Roy, whose health is not sufficiently good for him to continue his studies. His condition hastened Mrs. Binzer's return from California, where she intended to remain until some time in June.

Mrs. Kate Glover, Mrs. Nellie Wheelock, Mrs. Ira Morris and Lottie Whitney motored to Sedro-Woolley Tuesday evening to see "Civilization" at the Dream theater.

Mesdames Johnson and Feazel and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wolfe motored down to Sedro-Woolley to see "Civilization" Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith arrived in Concrete to visit at the home of Mr. Smith's brother, J. W. Smith. Thursday, March 8, Ike Smith and Miss Hattie Sophia Erickson, both residing at Olympia, were married in Seattle. Mr. Smith formerly resided here and is well known to many residents of Concrete.

C. A. Penfield, special agent of the Germania Insurance company, was in Concrete Thursday transacting business with W. J. S. Gordon.

Prescott Boynton was up from Pell this week visiting his son, E. R. Boynton.

Mrs. Kate Glover, Mrs. Nellie Wheelock and Mrs. Ira Morris motored to Bellingham last Saturday evening.

Jos. Belfrey was a visitor to Whidbey island last Sunday.

Percy McCannon, of Eureka, Montana, was visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Belfrey. Mr. McCannon is an old railroad colleague of Mr. Belfrey.

## THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TEA ATTRACTS LARGE NUMBER

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church gave their usual afternoon tea in the church parlors Thursday, March 15.

The president, Mrs. Geo. Feazel, called the meeting to order and after a short business session Mrs. C. C. Bride and Mrs. J. Belfrey served a delicious luncheon to the following ladies:

Mesdames F. Van Iderstine, Seaman, Biggerstaff, D. C. Findlay, R. Clark, A. Whitlock, J. H. Smith, J. Bickford, Carrie Feazel, Gregory, Anna Middleton, Nora Woodard, W. A. Gardiner, E. R. Mosier, Anna Ross, Elkins, Wolfe, Metcalf, Bride, Belfrey, Ruth Frye, Gordon, W. O. Witherspoon; the Misses Porterfield, Tegland, Maida Bride and Helen Potraz and thirteen children.

The following social committee was appointed for May: Mesdames Bride, Mosier and McDaniels.

It has been suggested that the dome of the national capitol at Washington be permanently flood lighted at night with a battery of electric flood lighting units.

## EAGLES CLOSE TWO MONTH HOT MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Wednesday evening witnessed the close of a membership contest between two teams of Eagles, headed respectively by Richard Thompson and Frank Woodard, the score standing 84 to 62 points in favor of the team headed by Richard Thompson. The contest was waged for two months and as a result eight new members were initiated and two re-initiated. Credits were allowed on new members, initiation and payment of dues.

The close of the actual contest is by no means the end of the game, however, for next Thursday evening the losers must furnish a chicken mulligan for the winners. This event will be pulled off at Eagles hall and a few invited friends will also participate.

## 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, Cecil Carter. Subject, "The Curse of Cowardice." John 18:15-27.

Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.

Following is the order of service:

Prelude.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Hymn, "Softly Now the Light of Day."

Scripture reading.

Prayer.

Offertory anthem, "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus."

Hymn, "Thou, My Everlasting Portion."

Sermon, "The Great Male Quartet."

Hymn, "Under His Wings."

Benediction.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wahlgren.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home

afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A ten cent tea will be served.

## O. C. MOSS IS REMEMBERED ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday evening of the month of friends of O. C. Moss gathered at this home to celebrate the sixty-sixth anniversary of his birth and the time enjoyed spent in various amusement. Mr. Moss was substantially remembered by those with suitable presents. birthday cake, with its silver graced the table and work of culinary art. Instead of being placed on were on a frame surround when lighted added to the effect.

Those who enjoyed the of the genial host were Mrs. J. E. Metcalf, Rev. V. Davies, Mrs. B. B. Charles Wahlgren and Mr. T. I. Lowe and children.

## MAY MAKE ROAD BILLION IF NE

According to a recent cision counties and municipalities instead of on assessments, as has been the plan, it would be possible Skagit county for fully a question will be taken into action by the county before an election is called. Valuations in this county on about a forty per cent taxation purposes and instances running considerably that figure.

Students at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., have wireless receiving apparatus pact form which takes the cumbersome and expensive

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