

HIRING OF DEPUTIES.

County Commissioners Control the County Offices.

THE NEW CITY OF BELLINGHAM.

An Insane Woman at Lake Bay Tries to Kill Her Children—The Indian Teachers' Institute.

Olympia, July 25.—Special.—The supreme court has reversed the decision in the case of Asahel Dillon, respondent, vs. Whatcom county, appellant. The question in this case involved the authority of county officers to hire deputies without the consent of the county commissioners. The effect of the decision is to give the commissioners absolute supervision in such matters.

CHOPPED HER CHILDREN.

Horrible Deed of an Insane Woman at Lake Bay.

Tacoma, July 25.—Special.—Rendred insane by the recent death of her husband, Mrs. Elizabeth Wildgrub, of Lake Bay, early this morning attempted to murder her two little daughters. Twice she struck them with a hatchet as they lay asleep. Both times she inflicted wounds, but thanks to the darkness and her bad aim, they were not hurt. She was awakened by the children screaming from the house and took refuge in the forest. Later they made their way to the nearest neighboring house, that of Julius Hillers, a mile distant, where they were taken care of. The elder girl received a slight scalp wound over the occipital bone, not severe enough to be dangerous, but nevertheless painful. The younger child, a boy, had a blow on the head, but was only a scratch, the blow being a glancing one. Both children were covered with blood when they reached Mr. Hillers' house.

The story of the Wildgrubs is a sad one. They are Germans, and settled some years ago in Lake Bay precinct. They owned and operated a saw mill, and prospered. Mrs. Wildgrub, now aged about 45 years, some months ago betrayed symptoms of a falling mental condition. Her husband expressed anxiety for her sanity, and spoke of the matter several times to the neighbors. Some weeks ago he was taken seriously ill, and then it was discovered that he had a cancer. He was removed to the Fairview hospital in this city for treatment. The cancerous growth had progressed too far, however, for an operation to be successfully performed. Mrs. Wildgrub, who was made as comfortable as possible, last week he died. His full name was Frederick N. Wildgrub, and he was a native of Germany.

After his death, Mrs. Wildgrub began to exhibit more marked symptoms of insanity. Last night she became a raving maniac. About 10 o'clock this morning, when the two children were asleep, she made the assault on them with a hatchet. The older girl took her sister and succeeded in escaping from the mad woman. The two children had a fearful time in making their way through the forest to Mr. Hillers' residence. There every care was given them. Mr. Hillers, who is a doctor, examined them and found them to be sane. They were taken to the Fairview hospital in this city for treatment. The cancerous growth had progressed too far, however, for an operation to be successfully performed. Mrs. Wildgrub, who was made as comfortable as possible, last week he died. His full name was Frederick N. Wildgrub, and he was a native of Germany.

Upon representation that by going to town she could secure papers for a marriage license, she was permitted to leave the hospital. She came quietly to this city this morning on the steamer Typhoon, being brought by Mr. Hillers and Mr. Lorenz. The older child was also permitted to give testimony against her mother. At the wharf in this city Mrs. Wildgrub again became violent and raved frantically. It requires the presence of several gentlemen who brought her over to keep her from breaking away. She was arraigned in the morning on a charge of insanity and was committed to the asylum at Stella-com.

Dr. Everett, the county physician, attended the wound of the little girl, who told in the court room the story of her mother's assault. The child will be cared for by the family of Mr. Lorenz, and the younger child will be cared for by other neighbors at Lake Bay.

THE BELLINGHAM BAY CITIES.

Will Be Consolidated if Fairhaven Is Favorable.

Whatcom, July 25.—Special.—The fact that a special election has been called to vote upon the question of the consolidation of the Bellingham Bay cities, and more than one-fifth of the qualified electors having petitioned the council to call a special election to settle it, for the present, at least, the council has no alternative as the law is mandatory. But it requires a majority vote in both cities to carry it, and unless some very efficient work is being done here, it is deemed to fail, and yet nearly every one concedes that if the two towns are to become cities in fact, their consolidation is only a question of time. The larger property owners, including the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company and the Fairhaven and Company, and others, have been very large, seem to have agreed that now is the proper time, while many of the smaller property owners and speculators, especially the bankers, are in opposition with grave suspicion, and reason that it is better to "hear those who have than fly to others that we know not of."

New Whatcom is much the older and larger place. It is slow-going, conservative and substantial, and most of the older residents who have been here since the big bay was a duck pond and Mount Baker a mole hill, are placidly content with the position as the county seat and converging point of the important highways which bring to it the trade of the richest and most populous agricultural, timber and mineral sections of the county. But it is noticeable that most of the wide-awake business men favor consolidation, and apparently have no fear that it would change the business center of unwise property values. In Fairhaven the people hardly know what to think. Their faith is divided between the county and Jim Hill, and while it is still much larger than a grain of mustard seed, it is as yet only "the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." Much of the glory of its boom days has departed, with the people who have been obliged to seek in other places the means of living, which they could not get there, but all the real foundation for future greatness which the place ever had is there yet, and its people would return with astonishing rapidity to the design of assured growth and prosperity. The people who are there are loyal, enterprising and alert, "hoping all things and believing all things," which tend to increase their faith in Fairhaven. They point with pride to the town's fine location, its elegant homes, its fine collection of well-graded streets, its excellent schools, its grand hotel, its splendid commercial club and its admirable facilities for doing great things. They believe they will only come its way, and they confidently believe they will.

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RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Capt. Symons Reports Progress on Lake Washington Canal.

WORK COMPLETED AT OLYMPIA.

Seattle Contractors the Lowest Bidders for the Buildings and Well at Port Orchard Naval Station.

Washington City, July 25.—Capt. T. W. Symons, chief engineer of the river and harbor improvements in the Northwest, including the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, has filed his report for the first fiscal year. The report contains a sufficient number of reports covering twenty projects, many of them quite small.

Waterway connecting Puget Sound with Lakes Union and Washington.—The plan of the canal is to connect the waters of the lakes with Puget Sound. A preliminary survey was made under the appropriation of 1894, and the work of the past season was devoted to a verification of the surveys and preparation for securing right of way. This work was not begun until March last, and is still in progress. The canal is to be 100 feet wide and 10 feet deep, and will be 10 miles long. The cost of the canal is estimated at \$1,000,000.

THE INDIAN TEACHERS.

Many Interesting Papers Read at the Tacoma Institute.

Tacoma, July 25.—Special.—At this morning's session of the Indian School Teachers' Institute C. B. Rakestraw, of Washington City, superintendent of Indian schools, delivered an able address on the "Relation of Agent and Superintendent."

H. E. Wilson, superintendent and superintendent of the industrial section, read an interesting paper on "Industries for Educated Indians."

During the afternoon the industrial section met, and Prof. Wilson further elucidated his paper read at the morning session and described the progress made by the Indians in the industrial arts.

Moss advocated the establishment of an employment bureau at Washington City for the benefit of educated Indians who desired positions.

U. Kautz, a Puyallup Indian teacher, read a paper on "The Education of the Indian Child."

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For a Pioneer Well and Pumping Plant the lowest bidder was Howard Joslyn and N. Gibson, of Seattle, at \$700 for pumps and for the well 300 feet, and \$5.50 for each additional foot up to 500 feet.

A PIONEER DEAD.

Stephen G. Mayes, Who Came to Olympia in 1834.

Centuria, July 25.—Special.—Stephen G. Mayes died at his residence in this city this morning at 3 o'clock, aged 75 years. Mr. Mayes was a pioneer settler, and came to this city in 1834, settling in the Willamette valley. He was the father of fifteen children, and was married three times, his last wife still living. He buried his first wife and two children while crossing the plains.

LOW RATE ON CANNED MEAT.

Railroads Accommodate the New Food Product of Oregon.

Portland, July 25.—A special rate on canned meat, as a result of the horse meat industry established in this city, has been made to Eastern points by the railroads. The O. R. & N. Co., in connection with the Union Pacific, has agreed to give a special rate on canned meat to the Northern Pacific, and the latter has issued an amendment to the east-bound North Pacific coast tariff for this purpose. The new tariff applied to all Eastern points, and is established at \$1 per 100 pounds in carloads of 30,000 pounds minimum weight. A radical reduction of nearly 50 per cent. is made to Chicago and \$2 to New York. The new rate is effective August 2.

A WAIF ON THE KINGSTON.

Nobody Claims a 3-Year-Old Boy, Who Can't Tell His Name.

Port Townsend, July 25.—The steamer City of Kingston, plying on the Puget sound-Victoria route, has on board a peculiar charge. Two days ago as the vessel left Victoria a neatly attired lad 3 years old was seen on the deck. An effort has been made to find a claimant, but none has claimed the child. With whom or how he came on board is a mystery. He is a white child, and speaks no language. It is supposed his parents either deserted him or else some person having him in charge deserted him. The boy is well dressed, and has the appearance of good breeding.

Wanted to Cut His Head Off.

Chehalis, July 25.—Special.—Terrillo Vittorio, a French Canadian, was taken by Sheriff Carpenter to the asylum last Wednesday evening. He was found in the county jail the first of the week, complaining having been made that he was making a nuisance of himself in several parts of the town. He was taken to the asylum on a short time afterwards, and was found lying on the railroad track north of town by Deputy Blackwell. He told Blackwell he was waiting for the train to come along, and cut off his head with a knife. He was lying on the ground, and he was tired carrying it around with him. If the train had not been late, he would have been run over before Blackwell found him.

To Mine Chehalis Coal.

Chehalis, July 25.—Special.—The Chehalis coal mine capitalists are preparing to go into the coal mining business on a large scale about four miles west of this town. The mine is situated on a tract of land in section 22, T. 32, S. 2, W. 3, and is paying \$1,000 for it. They have now closed a deal by which the Northern

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Pacific will build a spur from the South Bend line a short distance beyond the Cleaquo depot, and running from there about four miles up Mill creek. They will furnish the ties and the grading, and the company will do the rest. Work will be commenced immediately. Experts have examined the coal, and it is superior to any found in the state south of Seattle. They say it is as good or better than the Roslyn coal. The projectors of the enterprise expect to take out and ship large quantities of coal.

THE WEST POINT CADET.

Spokane, July 25.—W. V. Morris, of Dayton, was named by Congressman Hyde as a cadet at West Point. Horatio C. Belt, of Spokane, was appointed alternate. The fortunate applicant is a son of Byron Morris, of Dayton, and was alternate two years ago.

E. E. Johnston, of Tacoma, who stood highest of all in the examinations, was ruled out because he was not a resident of the state. Although he is from Tacoma, it came to the knowledge of the board of examiners that his parents live at Portland.

A South Bend Fishing Scheme.

South Bend, July 25.—Special.—F. L. Rice returned yesterday from Tacoma, where he spent the day in the purchase of a fishing schooner. The schooner will be run on shares, the crew receiving two-thirds of the catch and the owners one-third for the use of the vessel.

On Tacoma Bay \$7,664 was expended in making a harbor and a landing channel, which was satisfactorily done.

THE PUGET SOUND DRY DOCK.

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A Tacoma Paving Contract Let.

Tacoma, July 25.—Special.—Antone Betens was awarded the contract for paving the streets of Tacoma. The contract is for 100,000 square feet of pavement, at a cost of \$14,432. He was the lowest bidder. Work will commence next week.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Olympia, July 25.—Special.—Opinions in the following cases have been filed by the supreme court: Patrick T. O'Connell vs. the Democratic Publishing Company, respondent, Skagit county; affirmed.

Business Failures.

Denver, July 25.—G. H. Hudson, cashier of the State National Bank of Pueblo, has been appointed receiver of the Economic Reduction Works at Florence, in which \$100,000 has been invested by the Federal government.

Port Worth, Tex., July 25.—W. H. Taylor, a prominent dry goods merchant, has failed. Assets, \$100,000. Local paper says the Union Stock Yards Company, of Toledo, Contra Costa county, will be foreclosed on its mortgage on the Puget sound, amounting to \$200,000 worth of bonds, most of which were floated in the East. The company was organized by A. S. Garrison, of Sioux City, and other wealthy men. Garrison and Silberhorn were the leading spirits. The value of the real estate of the company is estimated at \$400,000. The personal property is valued at \$150,000. The debts due, outside of the realty incumbrances, amount to \$12,708.

New York Saloons to Be Reopened.

New York, July 25.—City Magistrate Wentworth decided today that there is nothing in the excise law forbidding a saloon to be reopened. He held that the liquor law does not keep his doors open for the sale of non-intoxicating drinks at any hour of the day or night. If this decision stands, it will open the saloons to the public again during the prohibited hours, which are from 1 to 5 a. m.

Gen. Schofield's Return.

Chicago, July 25.—Lieut. Gen. Schofield will return to Washington City this evening. He had intended to make an inspection of the department of the Missouri river, but he has decided to return to Washington City in order to direct whatever movements may be required.

Leather Tires for Bicycles.

Two Frenchmen of Rheims have recently completed an invention which they claim will in a measure revolutionize the present pneumatic tire. They built their tire by substituting an outer pneumatic tube made of leather for the rubber tube now in use. Their invention has been taken up by the ministry of war, and is now being perfected in France. It is a view to supply all the military cycles with tires that will not give out easily.

The Panama Strike Growing.

Colon, July 25.—The Aspinwall Fruit Company, who are engaged in unloading banana cars struck work last night. They have been replaced by natives. About twenty-five needy German seamen came here from Panama in time to help unload a German steamship that had just arrived. The strike situation is becoming worse. The strike of the wharf and ship laborers, which commenced on the 17th, and which later extended to the switchmen and others on the railroad, continues. All the steamers at Panama are idle and all business is paralyzed. If labor is not promptly restored the transit of the isthmus will be threatened.

The Cholera in Japan.

San Francisco, July 25.—Cholera is raging in Japan and nearly every province in the little empire reports a heavy death rate from the disease. Officers and passengers on the City of Peking tell tales of the scourge spreading with such rapidity that the day the steamer sailed from Yokohama, 1,132 deaths had been reported. The disease was brought to Japan by the forces arriving from the war in China and Korea, and whenever a regiment was sent home and disbanded cases of cholera began to develop, and the disease spread with such rapidity that the physicians of the district were

LIKE A TRUE SOLDIER.

How an Army Officer Cares for the Winnebago Indians.

HIS WIFE A WOMAN OF SPIRIT.

Capt. Beck Revisits the Flournoy Company and Insults Nebraska Senators and Congressmen.

Omaha, July 25.—Capt. Beck and the congressional delegation had a stirring session of the Winnebago agency this morning, and a violence of sentiment for several minutes. The proceedings began when Senator Allen stated that the two senators and representatives of the congressional delegation of Nebraska considered it the duty of the Winnebago Indians to be as good or better than the Roslyn coal. The projectors of the enterprise expect to take out and ship large quantities of coal.

Mr. Beck, who had been sitting at the captain's back and acting as a sort of advisory counsel, in a very loud voice referred to the senator who had spoken as an insolent man and an insulting meddler. She suggested that the captain ought to order the entire delegation out of his office. The senator, however, in spite of such precautions, and the united efforts of the quarantine officials and several physicians, the plague has become so prevalent that all the way from fifty to 100 deaths a day are reported from it, and as many more are said to occur that never reach the ears of the authorities.

The Bishop of Rochester Dead.

London, July 25.—Right Rev. Anthony Wilson Thorold, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, is dead.

Anthony Wilson Thorold was born at Hougham June 13, 1825, and educated at Queen's college, Oxford. On the recommendation of Lord Beaconsfield he was appointed by the crown to the bishopric of Rochester, in succession to Dr. Cloughlin, who had been translated to the newly constituted see of Westminster Abbey July 25, 1878. He was the author of several devotional works, of which one, "The Presence of Christ," has gone through ten editions.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Fire in a warehouse at Cincinnati owned by Henry Herzog did \$3,000 damage Wednesday.

George Reed, of St. Louis, a painter 33 years old, shot and killed his wife Wednesday morning. Jealousy was the cause.

Five negro convicts at Little Rock, Ark., were pardoned by Governor Hotel.

The firm of Neeslage, Colgate & Co., of 29 Wall street, New York, has today solved the problem of the silver dollar by the issue of a silver dollar and have been recently exporting gold to Europe.

The secretary of the treasury has formally decided that the money paid into the treasury on account of the income tax shall be refunded to the persons and corporations respectively entitled thereto, upon the filing of refunding claims.

Five negro convicts at Little Rock, Ark., were pardoned by Governor Hotel. The guards fired and killed Wallace McNeil and fatally injured a negro named Tom Mark. The other convicts escaped and are being pursued by bloodhounds.

Rosa Gordon, who murdered two women near Coburn, Ky., Wednesday, in a confession implicates three men, who she claims were at the house at the time of the crime, and held her victims while she dismembered them. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the alleged accomplices.

SINGLE TAX VICTORY.

The Henry George Ministry Sustained in New South Wales.

Sydney, N. S. W., July 25.—The result of the general elections in New South Wales is a victory for the single tax party. Ministers: G. Labor, supporting the ministry, 19 government total 30. Opposition 44, Independent 1. Otherwise classified the result is: Free traders 42, protection 44, labor 3.

In New South Wales the ministry favor free trade and a direct tax on land, which is not a property tax, except that George would tax the land regardless of improvements, basing the levy on the amount of ground rent. Recently payment rejected the government's land tax bill, and an appeal was taken to the country. Most, if not all, of the labor members are for free trade, hence the majority against protection is very large.

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