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## CLAIM JUMPING NOT THE CAUSE

### Ross Family Removal Result Of Falling Tree on Cabin Of Mrs. Vanderpool

## ALLEGED TO BE ACCIDENT

### J. N. Howard, Pioneer Settler Gives Signed Statement To Raymond Review

Later information tends to show that while the Ross family was disliked by some neighbors on North River because of their claim jumping, their forcible removal was due to another reason. The following, from the Raymond Review, giving a signed statement of an old settler in North River valley, from which paper we quote:

"Following her announced intention of having her masked visitors of last Sunday night arrested, Mrs. Margaret Ross arrived in South Bend two or three days ago and on Thursday swore to warrants before Justice Rhodes charging ten well known and respected residents of North River and one John Doe with having driven her and her two sons out of their home and later burning it. Word has been sent to the accused men and they will report to the sheriff and give bail for their appearance.

The men for whom warrants were issued are:

A. M. Maybury, H. L. Blaine, Verge Dolan, Enoch Dillard, Ernest Burke, Walter Burke, W. T. Twidwell, J. N. Howard, Ralph Howard, Clarence Vanderpool and John Doe, whose true name is not known.

Deputy Sheriff Foster went to Brooklyn upon hearing of the trouble there and returned yesterday without having made any arrests as he had no warrants to serve and found everything peaceful.

It is reported that the trouble arose out of indignities heaped upon Mrs. Vanderpool who was lying ill in her cabin, the climax arriving with the falling of a tree across the cabin occupied by the sick woman, Miss Nova Howard and Claude Vanderpool. It is charged that this last inhuman act was carried out with design while on the other hand this is denied and the occurrence laid to accident. The true story and facts will no doubt be brought out in the trial of the eleven men.

The following story under a Brooklyn head line is given:

BROOKLYN, Jan. 13.—A ripple on the general quiet waters of the upper North River was caused last Saturday evening, when it was reported that the two Ross boys, Earl and Frank, had wrecked the home and barn of Mrs. Vanderpool by falling a big fir tree, about 6 feet 6 inches on the stump, on the hillside above the house, directly toward the house in which Mrs. Vanderpool, Claude Vanderpool and Miss Nova Howard were at the time. It is evident, as anyone now stands and looks over the wreckage, that only the protecting hand of God ever saved the three from death. The roof from a part of the house, was torn away above their heads, a big piece of the tree-top about 16 feet long and 12 inches through at the top end, going through it and on down the hill, also passing through one side of the roof of a small barn, taking out nearly the whole lower side of the barn, and going on some distance below and sticking up in the ground. The house is quite badly wrecked and many of the dishes were broken. The lighted lamp was upset, setting fire to the tablecloth, and in a few moments, no doubt, would have completed the work of destruction, had it not been for the cool, but hasty action of Claude Vanderpool and Neva Howard, who seized the lamp and burning articles and threw them out. Mrs. Vanderpool, who has been sick for the past three weeks and confined to her bed, was very badly frightened.

The object of the falling of the tree is evident, as the tree was partly cut down and left and completed after dark, when no one could see them cut off the upper corner so that it would not have to follow the small undercut.

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## COUNTY ROAD HAS BEEN LOST

### Road Costing \$26,000, Be- tween Cosmopolis and Melbourne Disappears

## GIVEN TO RAILWAY CO.

### Agreement to Construct New Road in Its Stead Contains The Usual Joker

MONTESANO, Jan. 20.—A large delegation of Cosmopolis citizens appeared before the board of county commissioners yesterday pleading for the building of another road between Cosmopolis and Melbourne. It will be remembered that about \$26,000 was expended and a good road built between those towns not many years ago, and that before it was much used it was given to the G. H. & P. S. Ry., with an agreement that the company was to build another wagon road just as good. It was a matter of common belief at that time that the building of the road and its subsequent donation to a coterie of railroad promoters was a deal by Geo. L. Davis, then county commissioner, to secure the Cosmopolis vote against county division.

Be that as it may, the agreement to build the county road contained the usual joker, always to be found in deals of this kind. The joker consisted of a provision that if there was no objection within two years on the part of the county, the railway would consider it had fulfilled its part of the contract. No written objection was made, and a road costing the county \$26,000 has disappeared. The fact that Cosmopolis secured the building of this road; made no protest against its donation to the railway and failed to see that the new wagon road was built under the agreement, would seem to put that town in no position to complain if the rebuilding of it is now delayed.

Commissioner Locke explained to the delegation the condition of the road problem for the year in this district. The full levy has been made and it gives the district about \$30,000. Most of that sum was appropriated for the North River road which is required just as much by Cosmopolis as any road. The balance and some special funds from the road and bridge fund is to be used on the road to Westport. He urged the Cosmopolis people to come in next fall when the levies for 1915 are being made up.

E. E. Sutherland of Moclips was present, asking for some assistance at that town. He asks that a bridge be rebuilt across the Moclips river, and he wants a vacation of a street so he may build a sea wall to protect his store property and the alley back of it. No action has been taken but the commissioners favor doing what they can to assist in protecting what is left of the beach town.

E. F. Evans resigned as road supervisor in district three and Commissioner Fishel has appointed C. T. Dunn in his place.

## RETIRE FROM FIELD

### Prewett & Weast Will Retire from Clothing Business, Owing to Press of Other Business

The firm of Prewett & Weast, which established a clothing house in the Electric building six months ago, has decided to retire from the business. Mr. Weast is engaged in business enterprises in Tacoma to an extent that requires his undivided attention, and Mr. Prewett finds that owing to other interests, he cannot give the Aberdeen store his undivided attention profitably, hence the determination to retire from this field.

The entire stock of men's clothing and haberdashery was sold yesterday to Blyth & Blyth, at figures that insured immediate sale, and is being moved to their store, 304 East Heron street. The decision of Prewett & Weast is regretted by the many friends they made during their brief business career in the city, and a host of good wishes go with them.

## DONKEY ENGINE EXPLODES.

Several employes of the Caldwell Brothers Logging camp on South Bay had narrow escapes from death when the boiler of the donkey engine near which they were working exploded Saturday. Both the engineer and fireman happened to be some distance away, and neither they nor their companions received a scratch from the flying pieces of iron and steel.

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—Donahy in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PEACE.

## ADMINISTRATION ANTI-TRUST PLAN

### President Wilson Finishes Program For Reform of Corporate Practices

## HOPES TO AID BUSINESS

### Says Friendly Spirit Should Prevail. He Favors Public Hearings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President Wilson today put the finishing touches on the messages dealing with the anti-trust reform which he will read to a joint session of Congress Tuesday.

The administration wants to stimulate business development.

The president intends to emphasize the necessity for a friendly spirit and he favors public hearings.

The administration program on trust reform covers the following points:

**Program in Brief.**

1. Supplemental legislation to the Sherman anti-trust law, without amending the Sherman law, certain conditions are intended, including prohibition of secret price agreements, underselling and other means of stifling competition.

2. The prohibition of interlocking directorates.

3. The creation of an interstate trade commission, merged with the bureau of corporations and acting partly as a board of conciliation in helping corporations to adjust themselves to the mandates of the law.

4. The prohibition of holding companies.

5. The supervision by the interstate commerce commission of the issuance by railroads of stocks and bonds and the use to which funds so obtained are put.

**Individuals to Benefit.**

6. Individuals to benefit by proof of illegality established by government suits. At present a person or corporation injured through an alleged unlawful combination is required to prove the illegality of the combination, regardless of decisions secured by the government.

7. Provision for the punishment of individual offenders, including not only the persons at the head of the corporations practicing unlawful acts, but those individuals responsible for the direction of unlawful restraints of trade.

## SILO MANUFACTURERS SECURE LUMBER HERE

George Woods of the Woods Silo company of Omaha, Neb., accompanied by several members of the company, is here in search of 4,000,000 feet of silo lumber. The party on Monday visited the camps and timber of the Poison Logging company for the purpose of picking out the timber desired for their business. This opens a new field for the forests of Grays Harbor and one which will prove extremely valuable to the timber operators of this section, as the Woods Silo company is one of the largest in the country and is building a silo which is proving popular among the farmers of the East and Middle West, the result of which will call for millions of feet of Washington silo stock.

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## DON'T SCARE AT BURGLAR.

### Mrs. W. H. Tamblin, wife of fire chief, has burglar arrested in- stead of fainting.

A man giving the name of H. T. Smith is in the county jail, and will have a preliminary hearing this afternoon before Judge Phillips on a charge of attempted burglary, at the residence of W. H. Tamblin, chief of the fire department.

Mrs. Tamblin was awakened about 2:30 Saturday morning by a noise at a rear window of her home, on South F street. Arising she heard a similar sound on the porch, and, by the light of the street lamp, saw a man trying to pry open the dining room window. Instead of becoming hysterical, she slipped on a kimono over her night dress and quickly left the house by the front door. Going to the home of her daughter, next door, she telephoned for the police. When Officers Church and Williams arrived on the scene, the burglar was still at work on the window.

## APPOINTED TRAVELING GUARD.

### Harvey W. Horton, Former Business Man of Aberdeen, Accepts Posi- tion as Penitentiary Guard.

Harvey W. Horton, for the past nine years with the Norin Paint Co., and later its successor, the Washington Paint & Wallpaper Co., left Sunday for Walla Walla, where he goes to take the position of traveling guard in the state penitentiary.

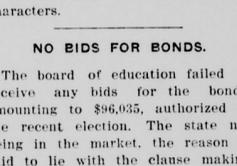
Mr. Horton has had wide experience as a frontiersman and was on the border when it was a "real live" place. He was for a number of years a pony express rider from Deadwood, N. D., across the Sioux Indian reservation, beginning in 1876. In the early '80s he was an express messenger from Deadwood and had many thrilling experiences. As a young man, he was personally acquainted with "Wild Bill" Hickock, the famous border marshal, and other noted frontier characters.

## NO BIDS FOR BONDS.

The board of education failed to receive any bids for the bonds, amounting to \$86,035, authorized at the recent election. The state not being in the market, the reason is said to lie with the clause making annual payments optional, a feature that will probably be eliminated and the bonds readvertised.

## REAR ADMIRAL BADGER.

Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger is commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, his flagship being the Wyoming. He has under him twenty battleships, a torpedo boat flotilla, a submarine flotilla and fleet auxiliaries.



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## PLEAD GUILTY.

Peter Mainovich, who was charged with burglarizing the Eagle Cafe, on South F street, has agreed to plead guilty to the crime in the superior court, trusting to this course to secure leniency. He was sentenced to eight months in the penitentiary yesterday, by Judge Sheeks.

## PARTICULAR PRINTERS.

Particular Printers, Aberdeen. If you read it in the Herald you

## PREPARING FOR ROAD BUILDING

### Nearly Half Million Dollars To Be Spent on Roads in County This Year

## FINISH QUINIAULT ROAD

### Money Ready For Wishkah Road When City of Aber- deen Does Its Part

MONTESANO, Jan. 20.—It is estimated that Chehalis county will expend nearly a half million dollars on roads during this year, about \$100,000 of which will go for maintenance.

From state funds alone about \$150,000 will be spent in this county. With the money now in the fund left over from last year the county road and bridge fund has in the neighborhood of \$170,000. District funds will amount to \$175,000. From this total is to be deducted the 20 per cent reserve for maintenance required by law.

Not all of the state permanent funds available for this county last year were used. The balance left over from that fund and the fund for this year will make a total of \$103,236.54—a part of which must go to pay contracts already let on the Quinault road and at Montesano. Besides this, there is available for the Olympic Highway something over \$44,000 which the state is going to expend in completing the building of the Humpulps-Quinault road. The engineers have recently completed the engineering work on that improvement and it has been turned over to the state highway department, which will call for bids in a few days, but changes will reduce the first estimated cost about \$7000.

Commissioner Wilson has spent practically all his state permanent highway money—that is, he will have when the new contract for the 5½ miles of permanent road east of Montesano is let. Commissioner Fishel will have about \$23,926 to spend in his district, and it will be used in graveling and improving the Quinault road. Commissioner Locke spent none of his money last year and now has \$34,412, which will be spent in making the Wishkah road out from Aberdeen as soon as the city of Aberdeen is prepared with its share of the work.

## SUCCESSFUL TO TYPHOID.

### Don Ennis, Formerly of Aberdeen, Falls Victim to Centralia Epi- demic Last Week.

Don Ennis, a former young business man of Aberdeen, died Friday at Centralia, where he was engaged in business, of typhoid fever, being the twentieth victim of the epidemic that has raged in the city for several months.

Mr. Ennis was a son of the late A. C. Ennis, and was chief clerk in his father's store here for several years. He managed his father's store at Elma, to where it was removed, and in Centralia later. Deceased was about 30 years of age and was one of four children of Mrs. A. C. Ennis, formerly prominent here in social and lodge circles. He was married in this city. He leaves his widow and young stepson.

The body was brought to Aberdeen for interment in the mausoleum, beside his father. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, services being held at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, the pastor, Rev. F. F. W. Greene, officiating.

## PEDEGOGUES PERMITTED.

As a result of a recent county examination, certificates to teach have been issued to the following Chehalis county applicants:

Harriet F. Best, Cosmopolis; Archer Bonham, Hoquiam; Genevieve Bryan, Elma; Orville Carpenter; Isabelle Carstairs, Wishkah; Maud Dunkelberger, Matlock; Maude Diamond, Elma; Lulu M. Farrar, Elma; Lena Helen Fletcher, Leon M. Garlick; Mrs. Gibson, White's; Myrtle E. Gore, Cosmopolis; Bertha Halsne, Moclips; Emma Kent; Rose E. Landberg, Cosmopolis; Ruth E. Locke; William Mcneeley, Aberdeen Rfd. No. 1; Ralph Main; Edna Melby; Mrs. Lulu Miller; Thomas Murphy; Lena Oakley; Mabel S. Orr; Annie D. Owens, Montesano; Gertrude S. Ramsey, Oakville; Aina S. A. B. B.; Anna Warden, McCleary; Hazel D. Warner; James C. Kuypers, Elma.

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## TAX SYSTEM IS TOO ANTIQUATED

### State Tax Commission Says Personal Property Almost Escapes Taxation

## PAYS BUT 15 PER CENT

### Constitutional Amendment Being Prepared to Com- pletely Revise System

OLYMPIA, Jan. 19.—Figures compiled by the tax commission show that only 15 per cent of the entire taxes of this state are borne by personal property. The reason assigned for this is the fact that practically all intangible property escapes taxation either by exemption or refusal to list, which would indicate that the Washington tax, commonly known as the general property tax, is, in fact, a real estate tax.

Contending that the present system of taxation is antiquated and has not been revised to keep pace with modern conditions, the tax commission is giving attention to a constitutional amendment to be presented to the next legislature for submission to the people at the election in 1916. The present system is so embodied in the constitution that it cannot be remedied without such constitutional amendment.

The remedy urged by the commission in event of such amendment will be the separation of state from local taxation as sources of revenue. This implies that the present state tax levy will be abolished and in lieu thereof the state will levy either a direct or gross earnings tax on public service corporations such as railroads, telegraph and telephone, express and car companies, leaving to the counties and cities the exclusive right to tax for local purposes all other real and personal property.

This will establish home rule in the matter of local taxation, abolish any necessity for the so-called equalization between counties, and will permit proper classification of the subjects of taxation, making it possible to tax each class in proportion to its ability to pay, or in proportion to benefits and privileges received from the government. It is urged that with proper classification, a very high percentage of personal property will be added to the rolls, thereby relieving the burden from real estate.

The commission points out that the present system takes the taxes derived from the railroads, revenue which belongs by right to the people of the entire state, and distributes it inequitably among the local divisions. Seven counties receive little or none of such revenue and many school districts receive none, while adjoining districts receive many times the amount to which they would be entitled by an equitable division.

## TIMBER LAND INCOME TAX

Secretary P. S. Ridsdale, of the American Forestry Association, has secured a ruling from the treasury department on the method of which the income tax on timberlands may be estimated. The Treasury Department says that that office is of the opinion that "the gain from the cutting and disposal of stumpage is realized in the year during which the timber is cut and disposed of, and that the amount received in excess of the cost of such timber profit, and should be so accounted for as income for that year."

This decision was based upon the request for information pertaining to stumpage values of the yearly growth of timber, whether cut or not, and to whether an income tax, based on the value of the timberland, would or would not be assessed. It is understood that no timberland will be subject to the tax until the timber is cut and marketed and then only the profit, after the cost, which will include protection of the growing timber, is deducted, will be subject to an income tax assessment.

## WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY?

A family named Brown, who occupied a house owned by Judge J. C. Pearson, on East Market street, left town owing two months rent. To liquidate, they gave Judge Pearson a bill of sale of their goods in the house, and later another bill of sale shows up, given by the Browns to the F. G. Foster Co., of Hoquiam. Probably a law suit will have to decide whose bill of sale holds, and in the meanwhile the authorities are in quest of the Browns on criminal charge of fraud.