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## ASSESSMENT WORK IS BEGUN

The Work of Assessing All Property in the County Commenced Yesterday

50 PER CENT VALUATION

Deputy Girard and Corps of Tallymen are Measuring Lumber at the Mills

A. C. Girard, chief deputy assessor, with a corps of tallymen, began the work of tallying up the lumber and logs on hand at the various mills on Grays Harbor yesterday morning, and they expect to have the work completed tonight. Last year the tally for the county showed 108 million feet, and it is thought this year will be slightly more.

The General Appraisal Company, of Seattle, is placing the valuations on the mill machinery and plants, which will be used as a guide by Assessor Wiley, who will endeavor this year to obey the law, and place a valuation for taxation purposes at 50 per cent of the actual value upon all property.

### Deputies at Work

The following deputies have been appointed and began their work yesterday morning:

Joseph Jacob, Aberdeen—General merchandise and all stores except hardware, furniture and jewelry.  
Ed McGillis, Aberdeen—Hardware  
John Carlyle, Montesano—Furniture.

Gaston Moch, Montesano—Jewelry.  
A. B. Wilson, Aberdeen—Real Estate.

C. F. Cork—Personal property in Aberdeen; assistants not yet named.  
Mrs. E. A. Truitt—Personal property in Hoquiam; assistants not yet named.

R. S. Gribble—Personal property in Montesano.

J. M. Gwinn—Personal property in Elma and vicinity.

J. S. Musgrove—Personal property in Satsop and vicinity.

Orange Evans—Personal property in Oakville, McCleary and vicinities.  
William Ingram—Personal property in Westport, Ocoosa and the South Beach.

Oliver Harris—Personal property in Meclips and North Beach points, including Pacific Beach, Stearnsville and Aloha.

Rudolph Distler—Personal property in Cosmopolis and South Aberdeen.  
J. A. Elwell—Personal property in the Quinalt, Humptulps and vicinities.

No appointments have as yet been made for the North River and Wishkah valley districts.

The assessor's office requests property owners to have valuations and information ready for the deputies, as they cannot call three or four times. The deputies have instructions to be courteous and fair, and property owners are requested to be considerate.

## LOGGER KILLED WHILE WORKING

Struck on the head by a piece of stump this afternoon, Paul Eversen, age 30, employed by the Warren Company at Carpat, 10 miles north of Tullips, fell forward to the ground, striking a sharpened root. Whether it was the blow on the head or the injury from the fall that produced death several hours afterward is not known.

A cable attached to a donkey engine was tugging at a stump which a powder blast had failed to entirely remove. The strain caused the stump to break into several pieces, one of them striking Eversen. He had sharpened with his ax the root upon which he fell.

The body was brought to the Whiteside morgue in this city and a brother in Seattle notified of the accident. A friend, J. J. Russell, came from Seattle, and accompanied the body to that city for burial Sunday night.

## WANT CARRIERS FOR TWO RURAL ROUTES.

The postal department is calling again for bids for carrying the mail on the Westport and Quinalt routes, the first bids opened Feb. 1 having been rejected for the reason the bidders could not secure surety bonds because of the extra "risks" caused by parcel post business. The new bids must be in before 4:30 p. m., March 31. Those desiring to submit bids can obtain blanks at the Hoquiam postoffice.

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## SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON.



## NO STRIKE IN HARBOR MILLS

Conference of Timber Workers Decide Against Contemplated Strike May 1.

## TO WAIT UNTIL ELECTION

Action of Aberdeen Convention is Reversed Upon Deep Consideration

There will be no strike of mill and logging camp employes of Grays Harbor and the Northwest on May 1. This was the announcement made by Charles Conrad, local secretary of the Timber Worker's union, and returning delegate from the two-day conference at Seattle. The conference reversed the action of the Aberdeen convention of last month and it is now up to the employers in the lumber industry to say whether the eight-hour day for the shingle weavers, sawmill workers and woodsmen shall go into effect on May 1, or whether the demand of the organized timber workers for the shorter day shall be suspended pending the decision of the voters of the state on the state-wide eight-hour law—the Kingery bill—at the polls next November, the conference decided.

Mr. Conrad said, a circular letter will be addressed to every employer in the Northwest submitting definite plans for co-operation of employers and employes and containing arguments intended to show the former they will be benefited instead of injured by the eight-hour day. In case a sufficient number return favorable replies, another convention may be called and further arrangements made for inauguration of the shorter day May 1; but in the absence of enough favorable replies, the international union will advise the local unions to suspend preparations for demand on May 1 and devote all possible energy to development of sentiment in favor of the initiative measure to be voted on at the November election. In other words, the question will be submitted to arbitration at the ballot box.

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Game Warden Esses Charges Boom Company and Mills With Violations of the Law.

Game Warden Esses has filed information against the Wishkah Boom company for obstructing the work of the Wishkah river with a dam without providing a fish ladder, and the case is to be heard before Justice of the Peace Phillips March 12.

The General Package Manufacturing company, the Grays Harbor Shingle company, the Grays Harbor Commercial company and the Wilcox Shingle company, all located near the Chehalis river at Aberdeen, are charged with dumping sawdust into the river and will have hearings before Justice of the Peace Phillips March 9. The penalty in these cases if conviction is secured is from \$100 to \$250.

## SCALES CONDEMNED

The county sealer of weights and measures made a visit to Aberdeen last week and tested the scales and measures. He found about 20 scales out of true, and marked them "Condemned." Those scales have to be corrected or replaced with new ones.

Send the twice-a-week Herald to your inquiring eastern friends.

## TAFT TALKS ON INTERVENTION

Warns the Nation Against Being Forced Into a Long And Costly War

WOULD BE ENDLESS WAR

Ex-President Says Immense Cost and Loss of Human Life Would Result

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—What American intervention in Mexico would mean was discussed by former President Taft last night in an address before the National Geographic Society, with a word of warning to those who advocate such a step.

"The situation is in such a condition that it will be improper for me to comment on it," he said, "except to say this:

"That those who lightly look forward to intervention either are utterly regardless of the loss of life and the expenditure of immense treasure, or else they don't know what armed intervention on the part of this government in Mexico would mean.

### Face Guerilla Warfare.

"Those who have had experience in the tranquilizing of a tropical country, with a people not very different from the Mexicans, who take naturally to guerilla warfare and who would rather fight than work, that is, would rather fight and run than work, know the difficulties that an army would have to meet to accomplish the only purpose that we would have in going in, to wit, the bringing about of law and order.

"It would involve the garrisoning with a sufficient force of every town. It would involve the organization of columns to chase the guerillas into their mountain fastnesses and across desert plains and the subjugation of 15,000,000 of people. No effort ought to be omitted to prevent a catastrophe like this."

### SHIPPING RECORD.

Total steam and sailing vessel departures from points on Grays Harbor for the last month reached 52 Saturday, breaking all records for water lumber shipments from this port for the month of February. Last year the February departures reached 50 and in 1912 they were 46. The total departures this month is the greatest since June 1913, when 54 vessels cleared. It is estimated that this month's water shipments of lumber will total close to 50,000,000 feet. There were 47 arrivals during the month.

## CITY HOLDS UP WISHKAH ROAD

County Commissioners Hold Up Contract Awaiting Action of City

MONTESANO, March 2.—The county commissioners today held up the contract for building the Wishkah valley road, owing to the failure of the city council of Aberdeen to connect the road with B street. A delegation from Oakville urged some needed road work in that vicinity. The bills for February were allowed and several tax corrections made.

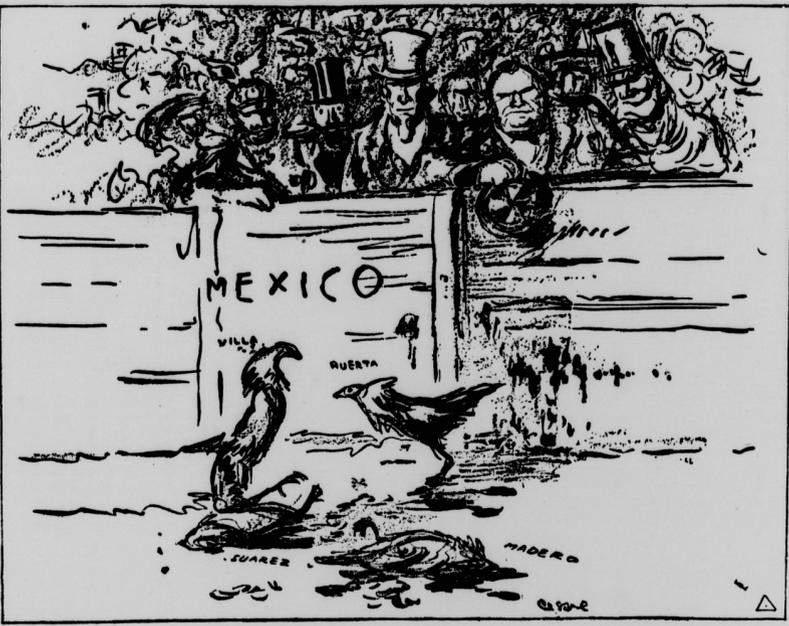
Ostergaard & Grist were the low bidders on the Delezeine road at \$1,764.50. Matt Strommer got the contract for work on the Thomas road, both East End roads.

There were seven bidders on the proposed improvement of the Wishkah road from Aberdeen city limits north five miles. The bids ranged from \$25,400 to \$29,000. M. D. Hogan was the low bidder. Commissioner Locke, however, asked to have the bids held up. He said he would not let any contract for that improvement until Aberdeen had actually secured the right of way and planned the improvement of an approach to it.

The Oakville citizens claim they have the promise of a rural mail route, providing they can get certain improvements on a road to the north. Moreover, they need the road, so a school wagon can be put on, and for general use. Commissioner Wilson is to make a personal inspection before the next meeting.

Most of the tax matters brought to the board were errors made in the assessor's office—many of them by failure to allow exemptions.

## HARDLY AN EDIFYING SIGHT.



—Cesare in New York Sun.

## LIGHTHOUSE ON NORTH BEACH

Bill is Before Congress Providing For Lighthouse at Point Elizabeth

A bill by Congressman Albert Johnson, providing for a lighthouse, at Point Elizabeth, on the North Beach, north of Taholah, is before congress, and is said to be likely to pass, the wrecks on that coast of late years justifying the cost.

Section one of the bill authorizes the secretary of the interior to set aside not exceeding two hundred and six and seventy-five one-hundredths acres at or near Cape Elizabeth, on the Quinalt Indian reservation, in the state of Washington, for lighthouse purposes. Provided, that the secretary of commerce shall pay the Indians therefor, from the appropriation for the general expenses of the lighthouse service for the fiscal year in which the reservation is made, such price for the lands set aside hereunder as may be agreed upon by the secretary of the interior and the secretary of commerce: Provided further, that the fund thus derived shall be deposited in the treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians of the Quinalt reservation, and shall be subject to expenditure for their benefits in such manner as the secretary of the interior may deem for their best interests.

Sec. 2. That there is hereby reserved for the use and benefit of the Indians of the Quinalt reservation in common all oil, gas, coal, or other minerals in the lands set aside hereunder for lighthouse purposes, and the right to prospect for and mine these commodities under such rules and regulations as may be agreed upon by the secretary of the interior and the secretary of commerce.

## FATAL POWDER EXPLOSION

Charles Beaton, aged 65, powder man of the Saginaw Timber company, met death at South Elma Friday evening when an explosion of powder killed him instantly. The body was hurled through the air, striking a tree trunk some 300 feet from the scene of the accident.

No one witnessed the tragedy. In fact it was not until after the supper hour, when the continued absence of the powder man caused surprise, that he was sought. The head was almost shot away. The arms and legs were also torn off. Beaton came from Seattle three weeks ago.

## STANDING COMMITTEES NAMED.

The following standing committees have been named by the Samuel Benn school circle of the Parent-Teacher Association: Program committee—Mrs. John Ewart, chairman; Judge J. M. Phillips, and Mrs. Myrtle Marston. Social committee—Mrs. Martin, chairman; Mrs. Van Gilder, Mrs. Frank O. Dole and Mrs. Chas. Jansen. Membership committee—Mrs. H. B. Elder, chairman, Mrs. Herman Rutshaw, Mrs. LeClair, Mrs. Quarin, Child Literature—Miss Hance, chairman; Mrs. J. M. Phillips, Mrs. May Davidson. Playground committee—Mrs. Emmons, chairman, and Mrs. Frank O. Dole.

## STATE ENTERS OYSTER MARKET

Will Ask Bids for 10,000 Sacks from Reserve Beds at Willapa Harbor

ARE TOO OLD FOR SEED

Governor Lister Intends to Put Bivalves on a Self-Sustaining Basis

SEATTLE, March 2.—Bids for the sale of some 10,000 or 15,000 sacks of merchantable oysters from the state reserve oyster beds at Willapa harbor will be called for at once. This was decided by Gov. Ernest Lister and State Fish Commissioner L. H. Darwin at a meeting in the state fisheries office in the White building yesterday.

### Sold Them for Trifle.

Since the founding of the state fisheries commission it has been the practice to sell the product of these oyster beds to private oyster growers for 10 cents a sack. Commissioner Darwin says, in fact, two sacks have more often been sold for that trifle. The oysters are more than half of them past the age of two years and are no longer seed oysters. These are worth from \$7 to \$9 a sack. The state has been losing \$80,000 a year or more by this procedure.

### At Work on Building.

Last year the state had to appropriate \$7,000 for the upkeep of the state oyster beds. With the sale of the merchantable oysters from the Willapa harbor beds the same as is made from the Olympia beds the revenue will more than take care of the reserves and still supply the growers at Willapa Harbor with seed oysters.

Gov. Lister said this was not a move to put the state in the oyster business, but one to make the oyster reserve beds self-sustaining. The oyster growers of Willapa harbor threaten to join the state from selling the oysters, on the ground that the reserve beds were set aside originally only for seeding other beds. Gov. Lister will ask for legislation to settle the question.

## HALIBUT FISHING

Chances are excellent, if experiments show well, of transferring a large portion if not all of their deep sea salmon and halibut fishing fleet from Alaska waters to those adjacent to Grays Harbor with Aberdeen as the seat of operations, according to plans now under consideration by Chris and E. N. Enderesen of the Chris Enderesen company.

## BODY IS RECOVERED.

The body of Theodore Potts, a sailor who fell from the schooner Fred E. Sander two months ago and was drowned, was found Sunday floating near the A. J. West mill, and was taken to the Whiteside morgue. Potts was about 28 years old, and is believed to have relatives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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## MURDER IS THE CHARGE

Wm. Hacker, Indian Accused of Killing John Benn, is Formally Charged

MONTESANO, March 2.—County Attorney J. E. Stewart filed an information Saturday in the superior court, charging William Hacker, the half-breed Indian, with murder in the first degree, for killing John Benn, his father-in-law.

At the close of two hours' conference with Hacker, Attorney Phillips, who, with Attorneys Conway and Beam will defend Hacker, said:

"I am perfectly convinced Hacker is not guilty of murder, and I can enter into his defense with a sense of honest conviction that will make the work a duty. Hacker told me nothing new. In all he has told I can find no statement not consistent with truth. If his wife would undertake to tell the truth I would have no objection to her testimony. So far as I know there is nothing to hide in defending the man."

"There is only one place that the newspapers have ever been wrong and that is in saying Hacker is of the Chehalis tribe. His mother was a California Indian. He is not one of this tribe, which possibly, together with the fact the man killed was of a prominent family of the tribe, accounts for the hostility of the Chehalis Indians toward Hacker."

## MRS. ROSS REBUILDS CABIN ON DISPUTED HOMESTEAD

Should Charge of Arson Against Alleged Night Riders Fail She'll File Two Others.

Mrs. Margaret Ross was in from North river Saturday, and said she has two other charges to prefer against the men who, she says, tried to drive her and her two sons, Frank and Earl from her North river homestead should the charge of arson on which nine of her alleged assailants are now being held for trial in Pacific county jail. One charge is burglary and the other conspiracy.

In addition she declared that she was going to stick. She has rebuilt the cabin on her claim to replace the one she says was destroyed by the night riders. She has spent several nights alone on the claim and she declares that she is not to be driven out.

## CAPTAIN STREAM'S INSURANCE.

Jesse F. Murphy of Seattle is in the city on insurance business, and yesterday secured proof of the death of Captain Tom. Stream required by the Equitable Life Insurance Co., and Mrs. Stream will soon receive a draft for the amount, \$2,000. Captain Stream took out the policy through Mr. Murphy the night he sailed on the voyage that proved his last. He carried \$2,000 additional in another company.

## M'KENNA RESIGNS

E. A. McKenna has resigned as lieutenant of the Aberdeen Division of the naval militia and has been succeeded by Elmer E. Bradner, who has been advanced from ensign.

## STARTS FIRE IN A GARAGE

Stanley Lesnick, Former Policeman, Stands Accused of Grave Crime

WOULD BURN GARAGE

Is Discovered in Waugh Garage, and Taken to Jail by Mr. J. S. Waugh

Stanley Lesnick, a former policeman, is in the city jail, and stands a fair chance of having to answer a charge of attempted arson. He was arrested last night about 10:30 by J. S. Waugh, the dry goods merchant, and taken to the police station. County Attorney J. E. Stewart is investigating the case as the Herald goes to press.

Mr. Waugh was at his store last night until 10:30, when he started to go home, leaving the store by the alley entrance, as his auto was in his garage on the alley. As he approached the garage, he noticed a light within, and coming close to the door, looked through the crack between the double doors and saw a man there and a slight fire burning on the top of a locker. The man heard Mr. Waugh and ran out through the back door of the garage, toward the rear door of the offices of Pasley and Berg. Falling over some lumber in his path, he laid there quite still. Mr. Waugh, who was unarmed, called to know who was there but received no answer. Not caring to enter the dark cul de sac after the unknown, Mr. Waugh retired a short distance down the alley and hid behind a telephone pole. Thinking he had left the man came out and walked up the alley toward Broadway. Mr. Waugh called after him, when he moved quicker, but when Mr. Waugh ran after him, he pretended to be very much intoxicated and was soon overtaken.

When Seized by Mr. Waugh, the latter at once recognized him, and thought he was still a member of the police force, but noticed he was not in uniform or wearing a star, so he took him to the police station. Returning to the garage with Captain Church and Fire Chief Tamblin, quite a locker was found burning on the block in close proximity to Mr. Waugh's car and cans of gasoline. In the rear of the garage there were several barrels of oil, so that but for the timely discovery of the attempt a most disastrous fire was inevitable.

Mr. Waugh had only rented this garage March 1, and yesterday was his first occupancy with his new automobile, and it is thought that Lesnick was not aware it was his machine. The garage was formerly occupied by W. J. Holpa, manager of the Aberdeen Investment Co., for whom Lesnick had worked since quitting the police force, and with whom he had business disagreements, and it is possible that he entered the place with the intention of destroying the auto under the belief it was Mr. Holpa's. This idea is strengthened by the fact that Lesnick had cut one of the tires on the new auto.

Lesnick will not talk, further than to say that they had the wrong man, and to deny that he was in the garage at all.

## ARCHIE MURRAY BUYS INTEREST IN SAWMILL.

CENTRALIA, March 1.—Archie Murray of Aberdeen has purchased a half interest in the sawmill at Meckill owned by F. M. Zufelt, the consideration being \$20,000. Zufelt bought the plant two years ago, but since then has remodeled it into one of the best mills on the South Ben branch. Besides the mill there are about 20 houses and a general store included in the deal. The plant has a capacity of 45,000 feet in 10 hours. It is understood that it will resume operations sometime next week.

## WILL TEST NEW STATE ORCHARD LAW.

OLYMPIA, March 2.—The agricultural department has made arrangements for a suit in Yakima county to determine whether or not the department has the authority to enter upon private property to clean up an orchard and to charge the cost against the owner. An immediate adjudication of the question is desired by the commission, as it is believed that several orchards in certain parts of the state, in which the owners do not take interest enough to destroy the pests, are a menace to the entire community.

The Herald tells it all.