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C. H. Van Sant & Co. Wanted to trade a small tract of land—five acres in bearing orchard, in Georgia, near Atlanta, for San Juan Co. property. This property is in Douglasville, the county seat of Douglas county some eighteen miles from Atlanta, the capital of the state. Douglasville is a city of about a thousand inhabitants; has the best college in the state and has several manufacturing concerns. The soil is clay and sandy; no waste land. Products: fruit, cotton, corn and wheat. Creek of good water runs through the land. Comfortable house and out-buildings, and four or five acres in timber.

C. H. Van Sant & Co. What have you to trade for this very desirable property? There are no encumbrances and the taxes are paid up. If you want this property and have a farm or town property to trade write or call on the undersigned. J. C. CLINTON, Friday Harbor.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

B. W. Holloway, the Whatcom jeweler is in town. —We are sorry to learn that Minnie Higgins is quite sick. —Mrs. Emmet Ruger is visiting with friends on the island. —Henry Branaugh, of Olga, was a county seat visitor the past week. —Mrs. Clara Hahn is visiting at the home of her son, Capt. Oscar Hahn. —Thos. M. Fisher has been appointed deputy county clerk of Jefferson county.

There has been an immense amount of drift wood in the harbor the past few days. —Ephram Langell, of East Sound, was in the county seat the first of the week. —Martin Rethlefsen, jr. cut his hand quite badly, while sawing wood, last Monday. —Thos. O. McCrary visited with his brother at Roche Harbor, during the past week. —George Holm, of Susie island, died in the hospital at Port Townsend, the first of last week.

Beautiful, bright, sunny weather is what we have been having a greater part of the winter. —I will sell my house and three lots cheap, for cash. Address, H. S. KING, Friday Harbor, Wash. —Let the Eagle scream! Slip in your Hides, Pelts and Furs. Prices raising. R. I. MORSE, New Whatcom, Wash. —We are pleased to state that Isaac Sandwith, who has been quite sick, in Victoria, for the past two weeks, is much better. —Mrs. Idel Nichols, accompanied by her daughter, Libbie, left Tuesday for Seattle, where they will visit friends for a short time.

A keg of powder exploded at the Susie island stone quarry the first of the week. Two men were reported seriously but not fatally, injured. —Mr. E. Blanchard was down from Susie Island, yesterday. He states that a gang of men are getting out rock, there, ostensibly for government use at Port Orchard. —Mr. Sturgeon, the new barber, has moved his family over from Fairhaven and set up housekeeping in John Douglas house. He has opened up a neat little shop in the Ross building. —The hearing in the case of Nassr, the Assyrian peddler, whom Collector Elspersman arrested for smuggling, will come up before U. S. Court Commissioner Williams at Whatcom, on the 25th.

A. W. Thomas, Ellery Thomas, E. E. Allen, P. Welch and Ed Delaney started for Saturna island, B. C., on the sloop, "Katy Thomas," Saturday night. They expect to spend several days hunting on the island. —The First National Bank, of Anacortes, closed its doors on the 17th. All deposits received on the previous day were returned to the depositors. The cashier refused to make a statement for publication until the bank examiner arrives. —Miss Millie Larson left yesterday morning for Seattle, where she will attend college. Tuesday night upwards of thirty of her young friends gathered at her home for a farewell taking. Those present report a pleasant evening. —The new road between the Harbor and Beaverton Valley is now in fairly good condition for travel. The work of improving the road has largely been done by volunteer labor by the farmers living in the vicinity. It is destined to be one of the best roads on the island. —Joe Woods was over from Cokedale, Skagit county, the first of the week. Joe is doing the blacksmithing at the Cokedale mines. While here he sold his interest in the blacksmith shop, at Madden's Corners, to his former partner, Mr. Newman, who will run the business hereafter. —Word reaches us that Job M. Seamans died of Apoplexy, at his son's residence in San Francisco, last week. At the time of his death he was upwards of eighty-five years old and had followed the jewelry business since a boy. While stopping in the Harbor a year ago he was an unusually hale and hearty old gentleman. —Last Tuesday the Utopia sighted a capsized sloop with two men on the stern, just outside of Deception Pass. They headed for the wreck and passing as close as possible threw a lifeline with three or four feet of the men, but they did not attempt to catch it, and by the time the Utopia came about and got in reach of where the wreck was, it had filled and sank and the men were nowhere to be seen. The men lived at Ballard, and it was the boats first trip.

We learn that M. P. Rethlefsen is rapidly sinking and that the end is not far off. Mr. Rethlefsen is one of the first settlers on the island and is well and favorably known to all the old settlers. He crossed the Rockies in '56 and has been pioneer life in all its phases. He found his way to this island before the controversy between this country and England as to the ownership of the San Juan islands, and, like other pioneers, when holding down claims, knew not whether they were American citizens or subjects of the Queen.

TO THE FARMERS AND OTHERS. Anyone desiring a first class article of pickled herring can now be accommodated by leaving their orders with Thomas Brothers, at Friday Harbor, Wash. Price in whole barrels \$4; Halves \$2.50.

T. M. FISHER IN TROUBLE.

Ex-United States immigration Inspector Thomas M. Fisher was arrested Tuesday night by United States Marshal Bridges on a charge of forgery, alleged to have been committed at Portland, in September, 1893. He is charged with forging the endorsement of a Canadian customs officer to a check issued by Collector of Customs Taylor, of Astoria, and collecting thereon \$850. Col. Fisher is prosecuting attorney of Jefferson county, deputy county clerk of the G. A. R. post at Townsend. He was a resident of Friday Harbor during a greater part of 1891, and has many friends in the county who hope that he may be able to prove himself innocent of the charge preferred against him. —Stove wood or good bark, is legal tender for all debts, "Both public and private" which you may owe the ISLANDER.

Proposed Fruit Cannery at Whatcom. Mr. C. J. Vernon, a practical canneryman, from Whittier, Cal., was in Whatcom, during the past week, looking over the field with a view to organizing a company and erecting a fruit cannery on Bellingham bay. The Whatcom Board of Trade has taken the matter in hand and we understand that Whatcom business men are subscribing quite liberally for stock. Mr. Vernon says that he is confident that a cannery costing \$20,000 would pay a 10 per cent dividend the first year. He says that the evergreen blackberries, which are produced in abundance in this part of the state, are an ideal berry for canning purposes. Mr. Vernon proposes to evaporate prunes, plums, apples, etc. All kinds of suitable fruit will be either canned or preserved. Besides this peas, string beans, etc., will be canned. Chairman Carter, of the San Juan Horticultural Society, has issued a call for a meeting of the local horticultural, to be held at the Court House, at Friday Harbor, next Monday afternoon, to see if the fruit growers of our county can be induced to interest themselves in the proposition and give the projectors some substantial encouragement. This is a matter of considerable interest to our local fruit growers, as it is a well known fact that the market for green fruit is not large enough for our increasing products of our orchards. It is also generally conceded that San Juan county could not, at the present time, supply a cannery with sufficient fruit to make it a paying investment. But with our present boat service our fruits could be shipped to Bellingham bay at a very small cost, and with a cannery located there would find a ready cash market. It is to be hoped that our local fruit growers will attend the meeting next Monday, for the cannery, if built, will look to San Juan county for a large per cent of their fruit.

ISLAND COUNTY'S DEFAULTER. When the commissioners, of Island county came to make final settlement with acting treasurer, Joe Libbey, last week they found him short \$1,890.58, of this amount \$982.87 was lost in the Island County Bank, leaving a shortage of \$907.71 which Mr. Libbey failed to account for, and it was very plain that Libbey was a defaulter to that amount. Mr. Jacob Jenne, the treasurer, while wholly exonerated as to any knowledge of the matter, will be held good for the shortage. The Island County Times says: "When Jacob Jenne was elected treasurer over two years ago he made J. B. Libbey his chief deputy, turning over to him the entire control of the office and giving him all the emoluments—the salary of \$50 per month prescribed by law. The commissioners have examined the accounts and have counted the cash at each quarterly meeting, finding each time a carefully kept and balanced set of books checking accurately with the accounts of the auditor, and all the cash on hand except \$982.87, deposited in the suspended Island County Bank. When the commissioners met Monday morning, instead of finding Mr. Libbey ready with his report, they were informed that he had taken to his bed and would not be able to be out that day. In the afternoon Mr. Jenne, to facilitate matters, procured from Mr. Libbey the combination to the safe, and with the commissioners, counted the funds. To the consternation of Mr. Jenne, the funds were short \$907.71 exclusive of the shortage caused by the bank failure. Not the slightest suspicion of any dishonest intent attaches to Mr. Jenne. Public sentiment exonerates him from any complicity in or knowledge of the disappearance of the money. There is no one, whether his relations with him were friendly or unfriendly, but knows that he is a man of the strictest financial integrity. He is not a wealthy man but is able to make the shortage good. If he were not, his bondsmen (Walter Crockett, Chas. P. Eaton, E. G. Rockwell and Ed. Jenne) are perfectly good and would help him out. They are too honorable to seek to shirk any of their liabilities through any legal subterfuge. Mr. Libbey has offered Mr. Jenne a second mortgage on all of his property, which it is thought will in time repay him for making up the shortage. Mr. Libbey has served Island county in various capacities during the past sixteen years, and was universally trusted. A growing appetite for liquor no doubt caused his ruin.

THE LATEST NEWS. Articles of incorporation of the Snoqualmie Power Co. have been filed with the State Auditor. The capital stock of the company is \$2,000,000 in \$100 shares; the principal office will be in Seattle and a branch office in New York city, and the incorporators are S. M. Weed, Charles D. Wells, D. H. Gilman, Watson C. Squires and Griffith Davies. The objects are to purchase, own and hold the power of Snoqualmie falls and lands adjacent to accumulate, store, sell, etc., the waters of Snoqualmie river or the power to be developed from the flow of such waters for fire, sanitary municipal, manufacturing, agricultural, electrical or power purposes, or for any other lawful purpose, and by such hydraulic or electrical conductors or other devices as shall be found convenient to conduct, convey and furnish such power to, through or in any town in the counties of King, Pierce and Snohomish. The duration and existence of the company is fixed at fifty years. The company expect to erect a large car factory in the near future. The following message from Minister Willis was received by Secy. Gresham, Monday: "Honolulu, Jan. 11.—At Waikiki beach, five miles from the executive building, on the night of January 6th, there was an uprising of Hawaiians, representing several hundred, well supplied with arms and ammunition, commanded by Capt. Nowlein and Robert Wilcox. C. L. Carter was killed by the first fire Desultory fighting has taken place ever since without further loss of life or property to the government. Three royalists were killed, fifty taken prisoners and over fifty non-combatants, mostly whites, arrested including three ex-attorney generals and many prominent citizens. Martial law was declared Jan. 7th. No vessels are allowed to leave. All the other islands are reported quiet. The crisis is thought to be over, but the excitement is still intense. President Dole expressed to me his gratification that no national ship had been in port during this disturbance. The arms are reported to have been brought from Vancouver.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Congress has appropriated \$8,000 to be expended in protecting and promoting the fish industry of this state and Oregon, and this amount through the overpowering influence of Oregon senators is expended by Commissioner Crawford of Portland on the Columbia River. It is a notorious fact that, while the fish interests of Puget Sound and Grays Harbor are five times as important as those of the Columbia river, yet the commissioner has expended less than \$400 of the \$8,000 on Puget Sound and Grays Harbor where so much is at stake in this important industry of our state. Nearly all the tide lands of Skagit county are flooded. Dikes have broken at the Samish flats, Swinomish flats, the Delta and Stanwood flats. Thousands of acres between Edison and Stanwood are covered with water, while fences and plank roads are afloat. High winds and high tides have been co-incidental this month, causing higher tides than have been experienced for many years, and water has poured over nearly all of the dikes. The House territories committee has reported a bill to regulate the liquor traffic in Alaska. The effect of the measure will be to restrict that traffic and to confine the issue of licenses to white people, thus preventing its indiscriminate sale. Favorable action was also taken on the bill giving Alaska the right to be represented in Congress by a delegate. Isaac Henry Bratton, aged 41, shot and killed his wife, and then killed himself, in Tacoma, Sunday. The cause was domestic troubles. They leave three children. Bratton was the second husband and came to the Sound, two years ago, from Mexico, Mo. Mr. Felix Faure has been elected president of the French Republic, to succeed Perier, who resigned because of his inability to get along amicably with the Chamber of Deputies. The California and Idaho State Legislatures are both in a deadlock on the senatorial question.

THE AMERICAN ARBITER. Shortly before John W. Foster sailed for China a party of Wall street men went to see him on the subject of the Chinese indemnity. This indemnity is destined to have an important bearing upon American politics. Should the indemnity be paid in gold, our own treasury reserve will be drawn upon rather seriously. Should it be paid in silver, the demand for the white metal will undoubtedly create an enormous demand for the product of Western mines and boom the silver states immensely. It can thus be readily seen how closely our national interests are bound up in the settlement of the dispute. The Wall street men visited Mr. Foster in a body, and urged him to favor a gold settlement. Our diplomat became very much incensed at this. He declared that the representations of the bankers were a gross violation of diplomatic ethics and that he would act as he thought best in the interests of China. No sooner had intelligence of this incident reached banking circles in the West than there was rejoicing. China would rather pay the indemnity in silver, and since Mr. Foster will act as China wishes, it is pretty certain that he, too, will be a silver man. In that event silver will have a revival. Mr. Foster's anger is taken to mean that he opposes the attempt to make the negotiations of John Chinaman a private speculation of Father Knickerbocker. The treaty will be looked forward to with interest by American financiers. This is a good example of Wall street patriotism. The Wall street bankers would deplete the government treasury at any time, if by so doing, they could add to their fortunes.

FRUIT GROWERS ATTENTION. As president of the San Juan County Horticultural Society, of Friday Harbor, I hereby call a meeting for Monday, Jan. 28, at 1 o'clock, p. m. California parties, with the assistance of Whatcom and San Juan horticulturists, are trying to build a large fruit cannery on Bellingham Bay. If built it will be a large concern and will be able to can everything, in their line, which is raised in San Juan county. There will be parties present who will explain the whole matter. As grain cannot now be raised at a profit; and there is no use to raise fruit and berries, if we cannot sell them. As this cannery if built will can everything we can raise, and pay us a fair price for it, I think we should endeavor to help all we can. The projectors say the cannery will require 1,000 acres of peas the first year. Respectfully, L. B. CARTER.

VALLEY GLEANINGS. Miss Agness Doyle is attending college in Seattle. Five cases were tried before Justice E. H. Nash, during the past two years. Gus Anderson cut his foot quite badly last Saturday afternoon. S. O. Leen has secured the contract of building the picket fence around the Presbyterian cemetery. He has the material on the ground and will begin work at once. It strikes us that the ISLANDER's bill of \$85 allowed by the county commissioners, at their last session, (making less than \$70 for the county printing from July to January) is a decided reduction over the amounts heretofore paid. Slight fall of snow Friday night—just enough to scare us but not enough to gleighing. Charley Oaks is hauling cordwood to Argyle. The Valley Literary Society met last Tuesday evening. Particulars and program next issue. Billy Rosler returned, Wednesday, from a three-week's visit to Stewart's Island. He reports having killed a deer while absent. DE HARO. GAME FOWLS FOR SALE. A choice lot of Cornish Indian Game Cockerels, \$3 each; Single Comb Brown Leghorn Cockerels, \$1.50 each. Mongrel pullets accepted in trade. Write for particulars to Maplewood Poultry Yards, Lopez, Wash.

THE GRAND JURY OF ONONDAGA CO. N. Y., HAVE RETURNED AN INDICTMENT FOR MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AGAINST PUGILIST ROBT. FITZSIMMONS FOR KILLING HIS SPARRING PARTNER, CON. RIORDAN, ON NOV. 17TH.

August Sanders, one of the oldest and most expert of the Newcastle miners, committed suicide Saturday morning, by shooting himself in the head with a 44-caliber revolver. The Tacoma poultry show was a decided success, and was largely attended. The association earned several hundred dollars over and above expenses.

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NEW STORE. JOSEPH SWEENEY. The well known Merchant of days gone by, has just opened a large General Merchandise Store, in his old stand, at the foot of Spring street, and will be glad to welcome new as well as old Patrons. His goods are all new and are of the very best quality. Full and Complete Stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Notions. Which I will Sell at hard Time prices. JOS. SWEENEY. SPRING STREET, FRIDAY HARBOR, WASH.

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