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"Ring out the old, ring in the new."

If the new legislature does not enact some beneficial legislation it will not be on account of lack of opportunity.

THE ISLANDER most heartily wishes each and all of its readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

CECIL RHODES may not have such a high opinion as he now seems to entertain of "the unctious rectitude" of his fellow countrymen in England if he is convicted and punished like his chief lieutenant, Dr. Jameson, for conspiracy to overthrow a friendly nation.

MUCH of the popular interest in the Cuban war will center in the United States Senate next week when the Cameron resolution recognizing the independence of what Secretary Olney calls the "so-called republic of Cuba" comes up for debate.

ALTHOUGH Great Britain has been one of the foremost nations of the world in securing the abolition of slavery and the suppression of the slave trade it is a fact that she still permits slavery in her colonies in East Africa and Zanzibar, where it is claimed that her power is not yet sufficiently strong to permit of its suppression without precipitating a revolution.

THE message of Governor-Elect Rogers to the legislature this winter is hardly likely to be any more replete with practical recommendations, or stronger rebuke of legislative extravagances, than was that of Governor McGraw two years ago. It is to be hoped that the new legislature will act quickly and practically upon whatever sensible suggestions the new governor may make.

"MARK HANNA is suffering from insomnia" is the heading of a recent press dispatch. The idea that Mark never sleeps seems to have prevailed to a considerable extent for some months but it has not been generally supposed that his wakefulness troubled him any. It is to be hoped that when President McKinley is inaugurated and his cabinet announced Mr. Hanna will feel that he can safely take a nap.

HERE is another pointer for embry politicians. "The Boston Transcript" thinks the election of McKinley a confirmation of the old tradition that the American people like their presidents to have only one Christian name. The first five presidents had no middle name, and when McKinley is inaugurated he will be the seventeenth president without one. The list includes George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison.

HERE is a bit of a lesson on the practical value of good roads. On an ordinary dirt road, according to "The Philadelphia Record," "a horse can draw three times as much weight as he can carry on his back. On a good macadamized road the animal can pull three times as much as on a dirt road, while on asphalt pavement the power of the horse is multiplied to such a degree that he can draw eleven times as much as on a dirt road, or thirty-three times as much as he can carry on his back. What the road traffic of cities owes to the street railways is illustrated by the computation that on metal rails a horse can draw one and two-thirds times as much as on the best asphalt pavement; four times as much as on cobblestones, twenty times as much as on an earth road, and forty times as much as on sand."

THE various business interests of the county ought to combine in a most strenuous effort to secure telephone or telegraph communication, or both, with the mainland cities and the outside world in general. No one thing would be so great a stimulus to business interests or would do so much to promote settlement and development. It seems altogether reasonable to presume that owing to the strategic importance of the islands from a military and naval point of view, owing to their close proximity to British Columbia, and to the expense of maintaining a patrol to prevent evasions of the customs laws, the government would be willing to grant some subsidy for the maintenance of a line touching the most important point. Why not begin the new year by making a concerted effort to get one of the great telegraph companies interested and also urge it upon the government's attention?

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THE recent heavy bank failures in Chicago and St. Paul as well as in other and older portions of the East and South, may serve to convince the extreme east that unsafe investments and dishonest methods of banking are not confined to the extreme west. It is far easier to reasonably account for the many failures in the west during and since the panic of 1893 than it is to excuse the recent failures of long established institutions in localities that have been wont to boast of their conservatism and to decry all manner of investments in the far west. It is probably true that during the past five years there has been a larger per centage of unsafe investments made in the west than in the east, where there has been comparatively little change in property valuations for many years, but for all that it is just as easy today to make safe investments in the west as it is in the east and the investments here as a rule will pay better returns. Many moons have passed since the bloom faded from the boom in Western Washington and the lesson that the people have learned from the trials of the past few years has taught them a degree of caution that is likely to prevent their further indulgence in revelations of debt when fortune again smiles upon them.

THE Springfield Republican notes that the treasury's gold reserve has gained \$10,806,000 since the election, and is now close to the highest point reached after the last \$100,000,000 bond sale. More gold coin has also come into active circulation here in the East since the election than has been known in years.

State and County Officers.

NEW STATE OFFICERS.
The following is a list of the officers who will have charge of the state and county for the ensuing term commencing next January:

Governor—John R. Rogers, pop. Lieut. Gov.—Thurston Daniels, pop. Secretary—Will D. Jenkins, rep. Treasurer—C. W. Young, pop. Auditor—Neal Cheatham, pop. Attorney—Patrick H. Winston, pop. Supt. of Schools—E. J. Browne, rep. Land Commissioner—Robt. Bridges. State Printer, Gwin Hicks, dem. Supreme Judge—J. B. Davis, dem. Congressmen—Jas. H. Lewis, dem. { W. C. Jones, rep.

SAN JUAN COUNTY OFFICERS.
The officers of San Juan county for the next two years are:

Superior Judge—J. P. Hauser, pop. { J. H. Nichols, rep. Commissioners { Wm. Graham, rep. { John Buckley, rep. Attorney—H. S. King, rep. Auditor—Albert H. Sliter, rep. Treasurer—August Wold, pop. Clerk—E. H. Nash, rep. Sheriff—Newton Jones, rep. Assessor—O. T. Loos, rep. School Supt.—Rhoda A. Lee, dem. Surveyor—A. P. Vaughn, rep. Coroner—Geo. S. Wright, rep. Representative—W. H. Thacker, rep. State Senator—F. C. Harper, rep.

PRECINCT OFFICERS.
San Juan No. 1—Justice of the Peace, H. L. Coffin, rep.; Constable—Charles Fleming, rep.
San Juan No. 2—Justice of the Peace, Jno. C. Clinton, dem.; Constable, John Douglas, dem.
San Juan No. 3—Justice of the Peace, O. Clark, rep.; Constable, Harry Bromley, rep.
Orcas No. 1—Justice of the Peace, C. H. Stowers, rep.; Constable, George L. Sutherland, rep.
Orcas No. 2—Justice of the Peace, J. H. Snowden, rep.; Constable, Sam'l D. Robertson, rep.
Lopez No. 1—Justice of the Peace, A. L. Eastman, pop.; Constable, James H. Mervyn, pop.
Lopez No. 2—Justice of the Peace, J. Frankland, rep.; Constable, Charles Sweeney, rep.
Shaw—Justice of the Peace, Henry Stillman, pop.; Constable, Frederick Jones, pop.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

{ Land Office at Seattle, Wash., { Monday, Nov. 23rd, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Superior Court, at Friday Harbor, Washington, on Monday, January 11th, 1897, viz:

RACHEL S. DILL.

Homestead application No. 14,492, for the Lot 4 Sec. 6 Twp. 34 N R 1 W: Se 1 Ne 1 Sec. 1, Tp. 32 N R 2 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George H. Hastings, Bartholomew Clancy, Thomas Graham and James Cousins, all of Richardson, Washington.

Wm. D. O'TOOLE, Register. First publication Dec. 3rd, 1896.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

{ UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE { Seattle, Wash., Nov. 13, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Superior Court, at Friday Harbor, Washington, on Monday, December 28th, 1896, viz:

JACOB H. RYMAN.

Homestead application number 13,196 for the Sw 1/4 Sec. 21 N 1/4 W 1/4 Ne 1/4 Sec. 28, Twp. 37, N R 2 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Wm. Hamby, G. H. Williams, John Kittles and Thomas Dixon. All of East Sound Washington.

Wm. D. O'TOOLE, Register. Date first publication Nov. 18, 1896.

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