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LOCAL AND PERSONAL. Murray sells shoes below cost. B. W. Holloway, Watchmaker and Jeweler. Mr. Jos. Sweeney is visiting up-Sound cities on a business trip. Mrs. B. W. Holloway is visiting friends in the Bay Cities this week. Mr. E. P. Newhall was in the county seat the first of the week on business. Hon. F. C. Harper, of East Sound, was in the Harbor the last of the week. A large consignment of wedding was received by the Island Packing Co. on Monday. Mr. A. P. Vaughn, of West Sound, was in the city the first of the week on business. Deputy United States Marshal J. M. Quilter, of Seattle, was in the Harbor Monday on business. Mr. C. T. Butler, the enterprising Lopez merchant, was in the city the last of the week on business. Mr. W. E. Sutherland, the well known Orcas merchant, was in the city the first of the week on business. Mr. J. A. Gould left for Olympia and up-Sound cities on the Thompson, Tuesday, for a few days business trip. The work of repairing and raising the Island Packing Co's dock where it had settled so badly was begun on Monday last. Mr. F. C. Troxell, of Port Stanley, the well known Lopez island fruit grower and breeder of stock, was in the Harbor, Monday on business. For sale or trade cheap.—A 60 fathom, 3-ply gill net, 5 1/2 mesh almost new, also a 16 foot keel boat. Can use a cow or produce. E. MORGAN, Anacortes, Washington. Rev. Walter S. Crockett, pastor of the First Christian church of Whatcom, will hold services in the M. E. church here beginning Monday evening, March 29. Mr. Thos. T. Paxson was over from Brush Island the first of the week and reports that he is now getting out a large quantity of lime rock and has quite a large force of men at work. Mr. Will Pratt closed his school at Roche Harbor, Friday last after a very successful term. Mr. Pratt is a thoroughly efficient and conscientious teacher and it is hoped by all the patrons of his school that his services may be had for the next term taught there. On account of there being no fender piles on the corner of the big dock at Lopez, the steamer Lydia Thompson had a big hole stove in her port side on her up-trip on Friday last. The break has now been repaired and she looks as though nothing had happened to her. Nearly everyone you meet has a sample of rock in his pocket to show you and many of them say they have the richest prospect yet discovered. Several new localities have been made in Orcas Island District No. 1 during the past week and many of them filed with Mr. A. H. Slinger, recorder for the district. Died at East Sound early Sunday morning, March 14th, Mary A. Bassinger, beloved wife of Richard N. Bickell, in the 29th year of her age. Mr. Bickell desires to return his heartfelt appreciation of the kindness shown to his late wife during her painful sickness, and of the sympathy extended to himself and family in their sad bereavement. Mr. Jos. Barrett and family arrived here Saturday on the Buckeye from Seattle and are now comfortably settled in the Blair house formerly occupied by E. C. Nordyke and family. Mr. Barrett has accepted a position with the Island Packing Co. and comes here to reside among us permanently. Mrs. Barrett is a sister of Mr. J. A. Gould, of this city. The Island Packing Co's steamer Michigan, Captain Bullene, arrived from Seattle, Saturday and on Sunday left for Whatcom to get the company's big pile driver and returned with it Tuesday. The Michigan has been completely overhauled and new apartments built on her and now presents a very fine appearance and is a great credit to her owners. Jessie, the youngest daughter of S. G. and Adelia Chadwick, died at her home on Lopez island, March 15th, 1897, aged eleven years. She leaves a father and mother, three sisters and a little brother to mourn their loss. The short lived baby which we longed to have stay, Like a half blown rose Has faded away. Messrs. Corey & Hilton, of schooner Illiamina, report that they are working up a fine trade and that every trip they make among the islands gives them more flattering results. They were in the Harbor the last of the week for the purpose of getting three or four tons of grain for Bay City merchants. They are adding to their little stock of general merchandise all the time and now have almost everything one wishes in the way of groceries, notions, shoes, produce, etc. Mr. J. H. Schively, state lecturer for the A. O. U. W., was in the Harbor on Friday last and made this office a very pleasant call. He went from here to Roche Harbor and in the evening delivered a very pleasing and interesting lecture on the good of the order and the benefits to be derived from becoming a member. We hope we have derived very beneficial results from his visit and that their membership may soon increase two fold. The dance given on Wednesday evening, March 17, in Odd Fellows hall by the Valley Orchestra No. 1, was a most enjoyable affair. It was attended by about twenty-five couples. Undoubtedly there would have been a much larger attendance had the ISLANDER announced it as we faithfully promised to do, but which we overlooked until too late. We owe an apology to the boys for neglect in this particular and we will try and not let such an oversight occur again. LOPEZ NEWS NOTES. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Soyder, a girl, on Sunday, March 21. Mr. C. T. Butler transacted business at Friday Harbor, the last of the week. Mr. Vernon Wood was taken sick suddenly, on Tuesday, with pneumonia. Mr. Lyman Weeks left of Saturday or Sunday to see a brother who is dangerously ill. Dr. Wright was called to Lopez, on Monday, to attend Mrs. O'Hara, who is not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry and daughter Lena, of Mud Bay, were calling on friends at Lopez, on Tuesday. Messrs. George Smith, Thos. Blake, James Morry and Barney Snyder left on Tuesday for Seattle where they were to meet Robert Smith and all start from there for the Yukon country, Alaska. ANON. On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. MORZEUX, Luverne, Minn. Sold by drug department San Juan Trading Co. WEST SOUND NEWS NOTES. Mr. Thos. Barker, of Alaska, is visiting his brother, Orin, at this place. Mr. Hamilton is absent on a visit to the Bay Cities, and will be away several days. The Fitzsimmons admirers in this section are very jubilant over the success of the hard hitter. The West Sound social held at the church was a most decided success in every particular. Our people never do things by halves. Road Supervisor Freese has been doing considerable work on the hill road near Metzler Bro's place and now has it in very good condition. The debate at Deer Harbor, last Saturday evening, is spoken of as being the best heard during this winter weather. The other literary exercises were also very good. Mr. Gray's lecture, given at the Christian Endeavor meeting last Sunday evening was most interesting and instructive. Mr. Vierrer will lead the next meeting, which will be held on April 4th. On Saturday evening last a missionary society was organized at Deer Harbor, twenty-three persons signing as charter members. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and are as follows: Mr. Robert K. McLachlan, president; Mr. Peter LaPlant, vice-president; Mr. N. K. Milne, secretary and Mrs. O. H. Smaay, treasurer. We expect to have a membership of about forty, in the near future. SCRIBE. New Mining District. A meeting of Orcas island miners was called at Cascade Lake school house on the 15th inst., for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a mining district and to adopt rules and regulation to govern same. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jos. Hilton who nominated Mr. J. S. Reddick for chairman. Mr. Reddick was elected chairman and Mr. W. N. Prindle, secretary. Messrs. E. P. Newhall, J. G. Oiler and I. O. Gaasland were chosen a committee to establish a boundary line of said district. The district will be known as Orcas Island Mining District No. 1. The boundary line committee made their report which is as follows: All of that portion of Orcas island being and lying on the east side of Buck Bay and East Sound, bounded on the north by the north beach of the M. E. church to the north beach of Orcas island. The report was accepted and placed on file. It was moved and seconded that the district adopt the mining laws and rules of the United States and be returned to govern said district, carried. It was regularly moved and seconded that seven men shall constitute a quorum to a meeting at any time and all shall sign four notices to be posted as follows: One at Doe Bay, one Oiga, one at Newhall point, one at a Harper-White & Co's store at East Sound, carried. Mr. A. H. Slinger, county auditor, was unanimously elected recorder of the district. It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers, and the wide-spread use of Meyers & Eshelman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Eshelman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good results as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by drug department San Juan Trading Co. Making Poultry Profitable. There is probably no more seductive business connected with farming than is the growing of poultry and eggs for market. Neither is there any in which disappointment is not more certain to overtake the beginner who has not prepared for his work by previous experience. The greatest trouble with the amateur is his tendency to do too much with small capital and on too small grounds. Home-raised poultry may be raised with purchased food, they need at least a quarter of an acre for each fifty fowls, and this must be so situated that it can be ploughed, sown with grain and scratched over for worms and insects throughout the growing season. Only a small part of the feed will be grown on this quarter of an acre. Its value will consist rather in the insect and vegetable food it will furnish, and in giving enough surface to scratch over, so that the soil will not become poisoned by the excrement of disease in small yards. Yet by sowing out of wheat on this limited area, it will provide both grain and insects for the nutriment of the fowls, with enough of growing grain to make them digest their food well. If to this be added rations of fresh ground bone, it will not need more to secure profitable returns. But in no case should more than fifty fowls be kept on one-quarter of an acre.—American Cultivator. THE chief items in which there has been an increase of importations during the past year, aside from manufactures, were the imports of dutiable food products and live animals, and of free articles of voluntary consumption, commonly known as luxuries. More than \$6,000,000 worth more "luxuries" were imported than under the McKinley act in 1892. The farmers were particularly interested to note that, under the McKinley act, the importations of food and live animals—products which come into direct competition with the products of the American farmer—were valued only \$20,000,000 in 1895, after one year of trial of the existing tariff law, the importations of this class of goods aggregated \$231,000,000, and in 1896 this was increased to \$231,000,000, notwithstanding the depressed times which reduced the volume of imports upon most lines of goods.

EARLY CHICKS ON THE FARM. At this season those who do not own incubators watch anxiously for the first setting hen. There may be beginners to whom a few hints in regard to the management of these natural incubators will not come amiss. While experience is doubtless an excellent teacher, one can be saved absolute failures and helped over many hard places. The first essential thing is to get the hen to set, and this is not a matter of luck or chance, but of systematic care in feeding and shelter. A poorly housed, carelessly fed hen will never make a winter layer, and the winter layer is the early setting hen. A warm house, not necessarily heated artificially, but tight and comfortable, where all the food will be needed in creating animal heat, is the first requirement if one wishes to keep hens for profit. Better results will be had by changing feed often than by a continuous diet of any one grain, but in cold weather warm all feed. Give three meals a day but keep on a diet. A warm nest in the morning, seasons with salt and red pepper, with a little charcoal and sulphur added once a week. At noon vegetables, table scraps, meat and ground or crushed bones. At night, which should be the largest meal, give grain; and at all times have clean water and grit before them. Housed fowls need exercise. Litter the floor with straw or chaff, if obtainable. Scatter the food in it and make them scratch for it. When raw meat is fed, hang it high enough to make them jump for it. Feed corn in a shelling—chop or break the ears into small pieces. Two valuable but little used grains are buckwheat and sunflower seed. When a hen becomes broody leave her on the nest of her choosing at least two nights. Mean while prepare a box for her in some quiet place free from frost, which will generally be the cellar for early setters. Sprinkle the box well with air-slacked lime, insect powder or wood ashes. Never use kerosene about eggs, as you wish to hatch. The best foundation for a nest is a piece of sod—when that cannot be had substitute earth from the vegetable bin, moisten this, add a little chaff or straw and put in a few nest eggs, and have a slatted cover for the nest. When sure the hen is ready to set, give her a little insect powder and remove her to this new nest quietly, throwing a cloth over the top to exclude the light and leave her to become accustomed to the new quarters. A hen really in the mood for setting will yield gracefully to circumstances and can soon be trusted with her eggs. If possible remove the nest eggs and slip the others under her without taking her from the nest. Once in twenty-four hours is often enough to feed a setting hen, and some will use the nest as often as this. Place food and water within sight of the hen, remove the cover and let her act her own pleasure. Until thoroughly accustomed to her new nest the hen should be replaced and covered after each feeding. Feed the setting hens all the corn they will eat, a little green food and plenty of grit and water. Once or twice during the setting dust the hen thoroughly with insect powder, and, if possible, give her access to a dust bath. At the end of seven days sprinkle the eggs with lukewarm water. During the second week sprinkle twice, and during the third week moisten the eggs at least every other day, this will greatly aid the chicks in getting out of the shell. Never handle the eggs if it can be avoided, but should one be broken, all soiled by it should be removed, carefully washed and the nest thoroughly cleaned before they are replaced. When the hatching begins remove the pieces of food, and feed when they are in a box with a warm lining and cover with a cloth. When the eggs are all hatched place these chicks under the hen at night. Never feed young chicks until they manifest their hunger.—M. L. Lord. 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Taylor and Jacob Furth, as Receiver of the Guarantee Loan & Trust Company, defendants, for the sum of \$596.25 with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, from said 16th day of February, A. D. 1897, and the further sum of \$41.30 costs of said suit, I will sell all and singular the following described real estate, to-wit: All of the southeast quarter of the north-west quarter, and the north half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-seven (27) and lot five (5) of section twenty-eight (28) in township thirty-seven (37) north of range one (1) west of the Willamette meridian, containing 142 acres more or less, situate, lying and being in San Juan county, state of Washington. Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 30th day of March, A. D. 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, at the court house door, in Friday Harbor, in said county of San Juan, I will sell all the right, title and interest of the said Harry L. Bailey, Helen Bailey his wife, J. R. Taylor and Jacob Furth, receiver of the Guarantee Loan & Trust Company, defendants in and to the above described real estate, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, to satisfy said execution and all costs. Given under my hand this 23rd day of February, A. D. 1897. NEWTON JOHNS, Sheriff of San Juan county, state of Washington. First publication Feb. 25th, 1897. No. 2578.— Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 12th day of April, A. D. 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, at the court house door, in Friday Harbor, in said county of San Juan, I will sell all the right, title and interest of the said J. A. Gould as Administrator of the Estate of John P. Reed, deceased, and Mary Reed, defendants in and to the above described real estate, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, to satisfy said execution and all costs. Given under my hand this 6th day of March, A. D. 1897. SHERIFF OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON. First publication March 11th, 1897. 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