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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1898.

There is little in the recent reports from Alaska and the gold fields of the great Yukon and its tributaries to encourage any man of small means to go there to chase the will-o'-the-wisp of wealth over the mountains and along the valleys of that most desolate and inhospitable land. The report of Capt. Ray, the army officer sent by the government to ascertain and report upon the conditions existing along the Yukon, is certainly very discouraging in its character, so far as it relates to the chances which newcomers have of gathering fortunes from the frozen sands. He estimates that only about 7 per cent of all who reached the Yukon within the past year have made a living, and says that no new discoveries had been made either in Alaska or the northwest territory for eight months prior to the time when his latest advices were sent, which was on the 3rd day of November. Hundreds, he says, are now scattered along the river, destitute of food, clothing and money. People coming in have not the faintest conception what to do to earn a living, and after spending the money they bring, they become dazed and helpless. And he further says that there is no employment for any large number of people in any capacity; that there is no fixed standard for labor, and that all values are speculative. The need of government troops and light draft patrol steamers is emphasized to check the depredations of the lawless and desperate who are banded together along the river for purposes of robbery. And yet notwithstanding such reports, which must certainly be deemed impartial and reliable, every northward-bound steamer is crowded with passengers whose ears are deaf to all stories of hardship and privation, disappointment and failure, hunger and cold, and are open only to the tales of gold which come out from time to time over the joy mountain wall between the Yukon's sources and the sea.

Last Sunday's P.-I. very appropriately represents Senator Teller, of Colorado, sorrowfully standing over the grave of his silver resolution, which ran the gauntlet of the senate only to "die the death" in the house, having been killed by a vote of 132 to 132. Only two Republicans voted for it, both from North Carolina and one of them a colored man, and only two Democrats against it, one of them from Pennsylvania and one from North Carolina. All hail to the Republicans of the lower house of Congress for thus promptly and effectually repudiating the efforts of the silver extremists of the senate to virtually repudiate a large portion of the national debt. Superior to either house of Congress and to the chief executive of the nation are the great masses of the American people, who do not and will not look with favor upon any attempt, to use the language of President McKinley in his recent New York speech, to "scale down the sacred debt of the nation through a legal technicality."

It has been until recently allowable as a practice for treasury bank examiners to make private examinations of banks within their jurisdiction, at extra compensation from such banks as for any reason desired special examinations of their accounts. This practice, however, has just been abolished by the new comptroller of the currency, Mr. Dawes, who states that he believes the stoppage of the practice will relieve examiners from any suspicion that such special employment can in any way affect the strictness of their official duties as applied to the banks under their jurisdiction. The action is generally commended as a sensible one, and will be food for thought for those persons who always insist that the entire government is operated in the interests of the banks of the country.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE?" that is the Hawaiian annexation question. Whether it is better to suffer England or Japan to gobble up the islands and erect a Gibraltar in the great western highway to the Orient, or to do ourselves and thus end the controversy. Shall the stars and stripes, the Union Jack, or the flag of the ambitious and progressive island empire of Asia wave over the little tropical realm of the Pacific, whose cannibal kings of an earlier era were wont to regale themselves upon missionary steaks and roasted bananas? It is not so much a question whether we really want the islands ourselves as it is whether we are willing that any other and possibly an unfriendly power should have them.

The large annual increase in the consumption of sugar shows a constantly widening field for the growers of sugar beets and the promoters of sugar-beet factories. The sugar consumed in 1896 was 1,960,088 tons, but in 1897 was 2,096,260 tons, an increase in the year of

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TERRIFIC gales, bitter cold and heavy snows are reported from the New England and middle states, while out here in this favored region, though we can see the snow and ice on the distant mountain tops, we have not had a day or night all winter when the mercury reached a lower point than 28 degrees above zero.

FAIRHAVEN is to be congratulated upon having been selected as the location of a large establishment for the manufacture of tin cans by the Pacific Sheet Metal Works, of San Francisco, which also operates large factories at Astoria and New Westminster.

THE "sound money Democrats" of Congress do not appear to be so numerous as they did before they were sounded by the roll call on the Teller resolution. Like the Irishman's flea, you get where they are and they are not there.

OAKES-ARMSTRONG ROAD MATTER.

ED. ISLANDER—
Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to war the public against the many misrepresentations by D. W. Oakes in the last issue of THE ISLANDER, after which I shall treat all of his illustrious specimens with the silent contempt which they deserve.
In the school house question he speaks of the old school house on the old road. Yes, Mr. Oakes, that is the identical school house that D. W. Oakes closed the road to—the same road that he now claims was and is a legal road, and compelled the children to hunt a road the best way they could in order to get to school, all of which may be proven by those old settlers. He also speaks of the new or No. 1 school house of which the district holds a good deed, but very curiously avoids telling the public that his platted road runs directly through that new school house of which the county San Juan has no title whatever. He does not say the road begins at the Ross farm, but makes the false statement that the road begins at the boundary line of P. Beigens' farm. He also makes the false statement that the terminating point where the road had fallen into disuse at the boundary line of D. W. Oakes' farm. The fact is the terminus of the disused or closed up platted road is within twenty rods of the eastern boundary line of H. A. Armstrong's farm. As to vacation of road or part thereof which the county San Juan is informed that a part cannot be declared vacant until the whole has been opened.
Now, Mr. Editor, what is the use of putting our county to a lot of unnecessary expense simply to satisfy the unnatural revenge of one neighbor against another—force a road through his farm? I have offered Mr. Oakes a good and sufficient road, and Mr. Goodridge continues his offer to the county of a road through his farm, running to Friday Harbor, etc., free of charge, which he would be far better than any one he now has; and Mr. Buckley could use the same road. But the only kick, that I can see, that Mr. Oakes can possibly have is, the county would not be compelled to keep up the road especially for D. W. Oakes.
H. A. ARMSTRONG.

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U. S. Department of Agriculture.—Weather Bureau.
Voluntary observers' meteorological record for month of January, 1898. Station, Orcas Island.

Day	TEMPERATURE			precipitation in inches
	maxi- mum	mini- mum	mean	
Jan. 1	44	38	41	
2	41	40	42	.40
3	43	39	41	
4	42	34	38	.15
5	45	39	42	
6	44	39	41	.05
7	40	29	34	.09
8	42	29	35	
9	39	29	34	
10	35	34	35	
11	38	38	38	
12	42	34	38	
13	47	34	40	.11
14	46	42	44	
15	41	38	40	.04
16	45	43	44	
17	44	42	43	.04
18	44	43	43	.19
19	45	34	39	.09
20	44	40	42	
21	42	41	41	.06
22	41	31	36	
23	40	28	34	
24	34	29	31	
25	38	24	31	.02
26	37	26	30	
27	46	30	38	
28	45	29	37	
29	45	42	44	.11
30	46	42	44	.03
31	45	35	40	

SUMMARY.—Mean temperature 43.3. Maximum temperature 47 on the 13th. Minimum temperature 24 on the 25th. Total precipitation 1.41 inches. Clear days 2. Partly cloudy 14. Cloudy 15. Snow 1. Total snowfall 1 inch on the 25th. Dates of frost, killing, 9th. Direction of prevailing wind, southeast. Lunar Halo on January 1st from 6 to 12 p. m.
* Including rain, hail, sleet, and melted snow.
† From maximum and minimum readings.
GEORGE GIBBS,
Voluntary Observer.

A BOY'S RESOLVE.

A lad strutting along a shady lane,
A song on his lips, in his heart no pain,
A staggering old man he chanced to meet
Turning into the lane from a crowded street.

The old man stopped and looked at the lad
And read in his eyes no thoughts that were bad.
"Oh, my lad," said he, "we'll once meet
The price of my father's mother's joy!
How hard I would strive to keep my heart clean
But now my life is a curse, my soul bears stain
Of a murder more fearful than tongue can explain—
"The murder of my life. Shall I strive again
To do what is right and what God means me to do?"

But no, 'tis no use; for I have friends (7), too,
Willing to pull me back
Into that road to misery, that same old track.
But, my son, when you behold the wreck of a man,
Put your hands to work and do all you can
To help your young friends to come back to a life
That is full of God's love, with no clamor nor strife."

The old man passed on, the boy stood there,
He wrinkled his brow, ran his hands thro' his hair—
"I will try," he said, "to do all I can
Toward helping some friend to become a man."

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EAST SOUND LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Thomas Leavelle, of Whatcom, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Rev. Ira Mills returned Friday from the M. E. conference held in Tacoma.

Rev. Mark Jukes held services in Emmanuel church Wednesday evening.

Mr. Wm. Nichols and daughter, Fannie, spent a few days in East Sound this week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Garner spent a day in East Sound last week. They left Friday for Seattle.

Miss Eva Phillips left Tuesday for Newhall, and from there she went to the Harbor to attend the teachers' examination.

Mrs. Nelson Larson and Miss Mattie Stowers made a short visit to Everett last week, where they were the guests of Miss Nettie Stowers.

Mrs. Thomas Dixon and family left Friday evening for Fairhaven, where they were called on account of the serious illness of Mr. Dixon.

Now is the time for the Village Improvement society to awake from its "innocuous desuetude" and arming itself with the implements of war, resolve that the title the "prettiest place on the islands" shall not be wrested from us.

Mr. E. L. Gow is making many improvements on his new home. Both he and Prof. Harding have proven themselves excellent additions to our community by the substantial way in which they are helping to build up the island.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Branaugh took place on Thursday at her late residence, near Olga. A number of persons from East Sound attended. Her sad death is deeply regretted in this community, where she was well known and liked. The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved husband.

ATTENTION TEACHERS.
You are hereby notified that the regular quarterly examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will be held at the court house, Friday, January 10, 11 and 12, 1898. You are further notified that all applicants will be required to pay a fee of \$1, to be applied toward an institute fund.

HOW TO FIND OUT.
Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. To frequent desire to urinate, if in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the superior court of the state of Washington, for the county of San Juan, and to me directed and delivered, for a judgment rendered in said court on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1898, in favor of John C. Bryant, plaintiff, and against William Willis and Mary Jane Willis, his wife, defendants, for the sum of \$22.27, with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and \$79.19 with interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum, from said 25th day of January, A. D. 1898, and the further sum of \$75.00 attorney's fees, and \$22.20 costs of suit, I have levied upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The Northwest quarter and the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section Twenty (20) in Township Thirty-five (35) North of Range Three in West of Range Willamette Meridian, containing 240 acres, situate, lying and being in San Juan County, State of Washington.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 12th day of March, A. D. 1898, 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 in said County of San Juan, and to the right, title and interest of the said William Willis and Mary Jane Willis, his wife, 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 8th day of February, A. D. 1898.
NEWTON JONES,
Sheriff of San Juan County, Washington.
E. S. King, attorney for the plaintiff.
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NOTICE TO SETTLERS.

Settlers desiring to make final proof on their claims can make their application by writing to THE ISLANDER for information, thus saving a trip to the county seat, the only trip needed being on the day of final proof.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

[UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 6th, 1897.]
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 Friday, January 21st, 1898, viz:
FRANK HAGMANN.
Homestead application No. 14,071 for the Sw. 1/4 of the Sec. 4 Section 28 Township 37 N., R. 4 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Joe Emanuel, Andrew Petrie, William Lomborg and Bernard Mordhorst, all of Roche Harbor, Washington.
EDWARD P. TREMPER, Register.
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