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The Official Paper of San Juan County.

THURSDAY, MAY 5th, 1898.

It's arrant nonsense to say that the **sound packers** of the Sound were contented this season with the necessity of organizing a "trust, or bust." It is a matter of common belief that there isn't an industry in the state or in the northwest that has in recent years paid so large a percentage of profit on the capital invested. The Columbia river packers have undoubtedly suffered considerable losses, as compared with former immense profits, in their conflicts with the fishermen's union, which they have now abandoned. The P.-I. says that "the Sound packers have to a certain extent shared the river men's difficulties," but it does not indicate to what extent or in what manner these difficulties have been shared. It is quite certain, however, that it has not been to such an extent as to make the Sound packers objects of especial sympathy or commiseration to men whose capital has been employed at small profit, or none at all, or to the much larger number whose labor constitutes their only capital. There is no good reason why the industry should not continue to be profitable for many years, nor why the best sort of feeling should not prevail between the packers and the fishermen, if the former will continue to pay fair prices for fish and as good wages as they have done hitherto to their immediate employees, and the latter will show a reasonable disposition to meet the packers half way in adjusting the different conditions to govern open water and river channel fishing—the use of traps and gill nets. These conditions being satisfactorily adjusted the packers can rely upon every needful protection and the cordial good will of the public if they will only show reasonable concern for public health and comfort by taking the necessary precautions to prevent such intolerable nuisances as have been suffered to exist heretofore in the vicinity of many of their establishments.

THE Philippine islands, where the first really important engagement of the war with Spain is reported to have been fought, are just east of the China sea, in the torrid zone, almost exactly midway between the tropic of cancer and the equator. They comprise nine large islands and 1200 or more small ones, most of which are little more than barren rocks of volcanic origin. The total area of the group is about 100,000 square miles and the estimated population 6,000,000. Manila, the capital, on the island of Luzon, is said to have a population of 200,000, and its harbor, the Bay of Manila, is one of the largest and finest in the world. The archipelago as a whole is remarkably productive and the scenery both grand and beautiful. The natives are a branch of the Malay race, small and dark and naturally peaceful, gentle and faithful when well treated. But they and their ancestors for three centuries have been the victims of Spanish tyranny, robbery and corruption, but have never yet been able to throw off the tyrant yoke. While the easy conquest of the islands by the United States is not improbable, it is not at all likely that the idea of their annexation by this country will be seriously considered for a moment. They may, however, be a very important factor in the final settlement with Spain, especially if the United States demands a large war indemnity.

THERE is liable to be a great transition of farmers in the grain belt of Eastern Washington from Populists to plutocrats. A Garfield dispatch reports the sale there a few days ago of about 49,000 bushels of wheat at 80 cents a bushel, and the auditor of Whitman county has issued a statement showing that from September 1, 1897, to April 1, 1898, 505 mortgages were released from the records, of which 474 were on real estate and 31 on chattels. Total payments of debts and taxes during that period are reported as having exceeded one million dollars. The Hon. Wheat Chart Jones might find the Palouse country a fine field just now for the illustration of his favorite ideas respecting the relative prices of wheat and silver.

The month of April, 1898, has taken its place in American history by the side of the memorable April of '41 and '65, and nowhere have its dramatic incidents been more ably set forth than in the editorial department of the American Monthly Review of Reviews for May. The diplomatic, financial, political and military phases of the Cuban situation are exhaustively reviewed, and the Review makes a striking assemblage of cartoons illustrating the war question. The reproductions of Spanish, Cuban and Mexican cartoons are especially interesting. The pages of the May Review devoted to this department will have a unique historical significance in years to come.

THROUGH the semi-official North

German Gazette the German government denies with emphasis that it has at any time assumed a hostile attitude toward the United States. Barring only poor Austria, which still clings to Spain, all the European powers are vying with each other now in assurances to us of their most distinguished consideration.

EVEN the London Times declares that "Spanish misgovernment and inhumanity in Cuba and the consequent injury to American interests must in fairness be held to justify the demand for the termination of the system that has been denounced by Mr. McKinley as intolerable."

### THE HISTORICAL MONTH OF APRIL.

The month of April has been curiously rich in great events in American history, especially with reference to war.

Paul Revere took his famous ride April 18, 1775, and the Concord fight came the next day. Congress proclaimed the cessation of the revolutionary war April 11, 1783, and four days later the treaty of peace was ratified.

Congress established the embargo that began the war of 1812 April 4, 1812.

Hostilities began between the United States and Mexico April 25, 1846.

Fort Sumter was fired on by the rebels April 12, 1861, and the first blood of the rebellion came in the mob work at Baltimore seven days later. Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox April 9, 1865.

And now congress adopts resolutions which are in effect a declaration of war against Spain April 19, 1898, and follows with an actual declaration and commencement of hostilities a few days later.

### THE STATE FAIR.

At the coming fair to be held in North Yakima, September 23rd to October 1st, a school will be conducted by the heads of the different departments, where experts in their calling will deliver lectures on dairying, horticulture, agriculture and bee culture.

In the poultry department the following subjects will be handled:

How to judge poultry; how to raise chickens; how to caponize fowls.

A judge of national reputation has been secured to place the awards in this department, and he will give a lecture on judging fowls. All those who desire to learn how to score fowls should be on hand at the fair to take advantage of this lecture, as well as of all the others, as it will be a free school of instruction.

The poultry department is to be a big feature of the fair. Besides the cash prizes offered by the Fair Commission, the breeders of poultry throughout the state have offered over a hundred dollars in cash and special prizes. The Commissioners have decided not to publish the fair premium list until May 1st, in order to allow every one who desired a chance to offer special premiums. I would be pleased to hear from someone in every county in the state who would take it on himself to see that his, or her, county was represented in the poultry department.

We want to demonstrate to the people of Washington what a big industry poultry is. As there will be a great many visitors to the fair, from an advertising standpoint it will be the biggest thing for poultrymen ever before held.

The Commissioners are doing everything in their power to make this fair worthy of the grand young state of Washington, and they are perfectly willing to create any department that the people of the state may desire.

There is talk of a dog show at the fair. Those who are interested in "man's best friend" should write to the secretary, T. B. Gunn, North Yakima.

All communications bearing on the subject of poultry should be addressed to the undersigned. Yours truly,

HARRY H. COLLIER, Supt. Poultry Dept., Tacoma, Wash.

### WM. GILL LOST.

The Following Communication is one Received in Answer to a Letter Written Mr. Phelps by Mrs. Gill Some Four Weeks ago.

SKAGWAY, Alaska, April 13, 1898. Mrs. Wm. H. Gill, Friday Harbor. Dear Madam:—Your letter of the 2nd to hand, contents fully noted, will say in reply that the question you ask shall be answered to the fullest of my knowledge. Mr. Wm. Gill looked me up at my electric light plant on his arrival at Skagway, he was not sick physically but was sick at heart, he told that he was going to return home. A few days later he met me and informed me that he had engaged passage home on the Clara Nevada. I bid him good bye and God speed at the dock but did not see him go on board, the balance you know. The Clara Nevada burned two miles from shore in a storm off Seward City, sixty miles south of here, there was no one saved. You have my heart felt sympathy in your time of bereavement, and if at any time I can be of service to you do not hesitate to write me. Yours with all respect,

CHAS. A. PHELPS.

Friday Harbor School Report. Report of attendance at school in district No. 9, Friday Harbor, room 2, for month ending April 29, 1898.

Number of pupils enrolled.....44  
Average daily attendance.....38  
Pupils neither absent nor tardy.....35  
Wm. Sweeney  
Eva King  
Lauror Carter  
Peter Hansen  
Nellie Nofsger  
Agnes Wright  
Elna Cort  
Lettie Carter  
LOUISE CULVER, Teacher.

PRIMARY GRADE. Number of pupils enrolled.....55  
Average daily attendance.....49  
Per cent of attendance.....89  
Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Sadie King, Dora Brown, Ella Mullis, Ruby Ross, Myrtle Paxton, Violet Paxton, Jennie Fowle, Hannah Nelson, Gerlie Keen, Oscar Carlson, Eddie Gilliland, Frank Gilliland, Johnnie Douglas, Otto Nelson, Andrew Hansen, Cecil Middleton, Curtis Larson, Alpha Middleton, LOU E. WARREN, Teacher.

Notice to Teachers. A postal which was received here Saturday last by County Superintendent Edwin Allen, from State Superintendent Frank J. Browne, reads as follows:

OLYMPIA, April 21, 1898. MY DEAR SUTP.—Please announce through the columns of your county press that teachers may get copies of the Friday Manual by sending 25 postage to this office. FRANK J. BROWNE.

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### Order Fixing Time and Place of Hearing Petition for Discharge and Final Settlement.

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, for San Juan County.

IN PROBATE.  
In the matter of the estate of Philip H. Fosnot, deceased.

J. M. C. Warren, administrator of the estate of Philip H. Fosnot, deceased, having on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1898, presented to the Superior Court of said county, and filed herein his final account and asking that his final account rendered and filed herein, be examined, and that the same be found true and correct, and that the said Administrator has fully discharged his trust in the administration of said estate, that he and his sureties be discharged from all liabilities hereinafter to be incurred.

Wherefore, it is hereby ordered that Tuesday, the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the Court room of the court house, in Friday Harbor, San Juan County, Washington, be and the same is hereby fixed and appointed as the time and place for the hearing of said petition and for the examination of said Administrator's final account, and any person interested in said estate may appear and contest the discharge of said Administrator.

And it is hereby further ordered that notice of such hearing and settlement shall be given by posting notice thereof, not less than 30 days before the day set for said hearing, in the most public places in said county, and by publishing a similar notice in the SAN JUAN ISLANDER, a weekly newspaper printed and published in and generally circulated in said county.

That said notice shall set forth the name of the estate, the name of the administrator and time and place appointed for the hearing of said petition and settlement of said accounts.

Done in open court this 21st day of March, 1898. J. P. HOUSER, Judge.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }  
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN, }  
I, E. H. NASH, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County of San Juan, State of Washington, holding terms at Friday Harbor, do hereby certify that above is a true copy of the original order fixing time and place of hearing petition as the same appears on record in my office.

(SEAL) WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Court, this 22nd day of March, 1898.  
E. H. NASH, Clerk of Superior Court.  
W. H. THACKER, attorney for administrator.  
First publication March 24, 1898.

### 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., May 2nd, 1898.

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 Saturday, June 11th, 1898, viz:

ERNEST C. THOMPSON.  
Homestead application number 14,177 for the lot 3, Sw. 1/4, Sec. 15, T. 37 N. R. 3 W., Sec. 1, Township 12, North of Range 3 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
J. T. Stroud, F. R. Gray, P. Norton, W. Scott, all of Deer Harbor, Washington.  
EDWARD P. TREMPER, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE  
Seattle, Wash., April 23, 1898.

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 Saturday, June 11th, 1898, viz:

PETER SERVEY.  
Homestead application No. 13,649 for the lot 1, Sw. 1/4, Sec. 13, T. 37 N. R. 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
E. Graignic, Thos. Middleton, Eben Wood and Wm. Doucet, all of Waldron, Washington.  
EDWARD P. TREMPER, Register.  
First publication May 5, 1898.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Seattle, Wash.,  
Saturday, April 23, 1898.

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 Saturday, June 11th, 1898, viz:

THOMAS MIDDLETON.  
Homestead application No. 14,023 for the lot 1, Sec. 15, T. 37 N. R. 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
E. Graignic, Peter Servey, Eben Wood and S. A. McDonald, all of Waldron, Washington.  
EDWARD P. TREMPER, Register.  
First publication May 5, 1898.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,  
Seattle, Wash., March 10, 1898.

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 Wednesday, May 11, 1898, viz:

DENNIS J. SLATTERY.  
Homestead application No. 15,090 for the lot 4, S. 1/4 of Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 of Sw. 1/4, Sec. 25, T. 37 N. R. 1 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
G. N. Culver, Barney Vireock Fred Schmidly, of Deer Bay, Washington, and F. N. Culver, of Friday Harbor, Washington.  
EDWARD P. TREMPER, Register.  
First publication March 17, 1898.

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