



Some Prices at Sweeney's

Holly Flour, per bbl.	\$ 4 65
Best Everett, per bbls.	4 65
Harvest Queen, per bbl.	4 60
Lard, in 5-pound pails.	55c
Bran, per ton.	20 00
Shorts, per ton.	21 50
Pie Fruit, standard brands, gallon cans, including Peaches, Pears, Apricots and Plums, per can, only.	35c

These Prices in Effect Until January 1. All Kinds of Country Produce Taken in Exchange

We have an overstock of Ladies and Misses MACINTOSHES and are selling them now at JUST HALF PRICE!

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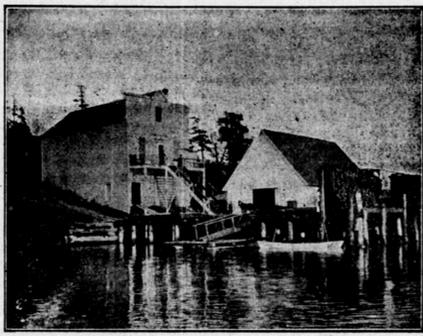
Sweeney Mercantile Company

FIRE DESTROYS RUDOW'S STORE

BUILDING, WAREHOUSE AND STOCK A TOTAL LOSS

Origin of Fire Unknown—Loss Partially Covered by Insurance—Buildings Belonged to Dr. Harrison, of Seattle.

Dr. I. M. Harrison's storebuilding and warehouse at East Sound, occupied by L. C. Rudow as a general merchandise store, were entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour Thursday morning, with all their contents. The cause of the fire is unknown. It is believed to have originated in the basement, which was used as a store room for boxes, barrels, etc., and sometimes as a shelter by people waiting for the early morning boat. The mail steamer Lydia



STOREBUILDING AND WAREHOUSE AT EAST SOUND, DESTROYED BY FIRE JAN. 5.

Thompson was at the dock about five o'clock in the morning and delivered and received the mail, and everything about the place was apparently as safe as usual then. By seven o'clock the buildings were only a mass of smoldering ruins and Mr. Rudow's fine stock of general merchandise was totally destroyed. He was engaged in the work of taking his first annual inventory and is unable to say just how much stock he had on hand, probably somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The stock was insured in the Aetna Company for a little more than one-half its value.

The buildings were erected about twelve years ago by Dr. I. M. and E. B. Harrison who conducted a general merchandise business there for a short time. They were succeeded in business by the Harper-White Company, whom F. C. Harper succeeded. Mr. Harper sold out to Temple's Fair and a short time after their removal to their new location the property was rented to Mr. Rudow, who began business about May 1, 1904. The buildings were insured in the Aetna Company for \$1,000. The wharf, recently extended and practically rebuilt, was not much damaged.

New Boat Project

The Anacortes American says that "Krasch and King may put a boat on the Island run in the near future" and the same paper says in the same issue: "If the Kipling is placed on the island run, there will be something doing in the passenger service between Anacortes and Friday Harbor. The people of the island are deserving of a good boat and mail service and if the Kipling gets on the run it will afford them a much needed accommodation."

The Kipling is a handsome gasoline pleasure yacht, built for and owned by F. H. Boynton, of Seattle, manager of the Pacific Printers Supply Company. It is perhaps the finest little vessel of its class on the Sound and affords sumptuous accommodations for a small number of passengers. Mr. Boynton and a party of friends were here in the Kipling on a pleasure trip during the summer.

Killed on Christmas Day

Geo. R. Todd, of Syracuse, N. Y., brother of Mrs. Stoliker and Mrs. Hicks, of Friday Harbor, was killed in a collision of ice-boats on Onondaga lake Christmas day. He had gone out to the lake with one or two friends to witness the Christmas sports and after the races the men were invited to take a trip on one of the "yachts." The Syracuse Herald says that the boats were skimming over the lake at the rate of about twenty miles an hour when the collision occurred. Three men were killed and several others badly injured. Mr. Todd was a wood finisher employed by a large manufacturing company and was 31 years old. He had resided in Syracuse about twelve years. His wife and one child survive him, also his parents, four sisters and two brothers. He was a member of the Baptist church, the order of Maccabees and Red Men,

PUNCTURES A BUBBLE

Robert Moran Refutes a Ridiculous Report

The editor of the ISLANDER is in receipt of the following communication from Robt. Moran, president of the Moran Bros. Company, shipbuilders, denying the ridiculous report published a few days ago in Bellingham papers that his company was making large property purchases on Orcas island with a view to moving its great plant to Newhall or Olga:

Editor ISLANDER—Dear Sir: It is reported here that my company has purchased property on Orcas island and intends moving its shipbuilding and other business down there. This of course appears to me to be almost too ridiculous a rumor to deny, though I believe it is due to the people of Orcas island to know the facts.

The facts are that up to this date no property has been purchased by any one connected with this company, though negotiations were carried on by the writer for a small piece of property on Orcas island, and if it is purchased it will be for the sole ownership and use of the writer's sister, Mrs. O. C. Pratt, of San Francisco, whose husband may conclude to operate a small sawmill and box factory at that point, though this industry, if operated at all, will probably not exceed in volume of business that which is already in operation there.

Neither myself nor any other member of my family, nor Moran Bros. Company, have any business proposition in contemplation other than the business which is now being operated in this city, and I would be pleased to have you publish this statement of facts, so that the people of Orcas and other islands may be truly advised. Respectfully,

ROBT. MORAN.
Seattle, Jan. 4, 1905.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Treasurer's statement of general account for quarter ending December 31, 1904:

DEBITS	
To cash balance in funds, Oct. 1, 1904	\$10,302 99
Fees, county officers	619 50
Fees, delinquency certificates	11 00
Fees, teachers' examination	8 00
Road poll tax collected	188 00
State school warrant	738 72
Fines from justices of peace	57 50
Liquor license	300 00
Deposit for purchase of land	40 00
Cash, Mrs. C. W. Hammond, School District No. 10	4 00
Tax, 1903	3,648 75
Interest	85 40
Tax, 1902	56 66
Interest	7 67
Tax, 1901	56 74
Interest	14 88
Tax, 1900	35 28
Interest	12 14
Tax, 1899	39 05
Interest	13 97
Tax, 1898	38 38
Interest	37 77
Tax, 1897	26 38
Interest	22 11
Tax, 1896	28 92
Interest	57 86
Total	\$16,419 57

CREDITS	
State Treasurer's Receipts—	
General fund	\$ 289 01
Military fund	2 17
Interest fund	1 05
School fund	664 86
Paid warrants, road district fund	957 39
Paid certificates, road district fund	27 82
Paid warrants, road and bridge fund	1 00
Paid bond interest coupons (6)	350 00
Paid warrants, county current fund	1,669 49
Paid warrants, game protection	30 66
Paid warrants, School Dist. Special fund	337 56
Paid warrants, School Dist. General fund	2,486 84
Balance cash in funds	9,561 78
Total	\$16,419 57

I, Clarence M. Tucker, County Treasurer for San Juan County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement of the collections and disbursements for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1904.

CLARENCE M. TUCKER,
County Treasurer.

"Out in the Streets"

"Out in the Streets," which is to be presented at Odd Fellows' hall next Friday evening by the Baker family, of East Sound—five brothers, three ladies and one little girl, is a melodrama in three acts, in which laughable and pathetic scenes are mingled in a manner well calculated to entertain an audience. "Pete," the negro servant of the Wayne family, is the most amusing character in the play, the scenes of which are all domestic and sufficiently varied to keep the interest of the audience from waning. There is the usual "villain," and Cupid, ever active everywhere, plays his always charming part. There will be a dance after the play.

Chas. Brown has one of T. P. Hodgson's brilliant gasoline lights burning at night outside of his saloon. The Hodgson's are as bright and steady as electricity, or more so, and are giving the very best satisfaction to all who are using them here.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATION

The second 8th grade examination of the year will occur on Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20. Examinations will be held in District No. 2 on San Juan island, and at Richardson and Deer Harbor. The following new regulations should be noted:

"Pupils are expected to show to county superintendents that they have completed the subject in which they take the examination. For this and other purposes county superintendents will require from the teachers of the county a statement of the pupil's work in all subjects covered by the 8th grade examination.

"Pupils will be permitted to retain all grades of 80 per cent, or above, that they make at three consecutive examinations.

"The pupil must show conclusively that at least one of the pupils' reading circle books has been read.

"For the January and May, 1905, examinations selections must be from the following list, adopted by the State Board of Education, June, 1904:

"Agriculture for Beginners," Burkett.

"Louisiana Purchase," Hitchcock.

"The True Citizen," Marwick & Smith.

"Geographical Reader—Our Colonies," Carpenter.

"The Tale of Two Cities," Dickens, Moore Edition.

Teachers are hereby requested to furnish to the county superintendent a list of those of their pupils whom they recommend as having satisfactorily completed the work in all subjects in which the pupil is to take examination, and a statement to the effect that the pupil has properly completed the reading of at least one of the pupils' reading circle books, the teacher having first ascertained that fact to his full satisfaction.

MRS. C. B. BUXTON,
County Superintendent.

Death of Mrs. C. S. Rice

Mrs. C. S. Rice, well known to many people on Orcas island, where she resided a number of years, near Doe Bay and Olga, died at St. Joseph's hospital, at Bellingham, last Sunday morning. She had been ill for a considerable time and had submitted to two operations. Besides her husband and little daughter, her parents and two sisters survive her. Mr. Rice has long been identified with various Bellingham newspapers and has a large acquaintance in business circles. He owns considerable property at Olga.

Lieut. Cutter, expects to be ordered east soon, having served longer on the Puget Sound station than any other officer of his grade in the service.

Jewelry Sale!

My stock of JEWELRY will be offered, at a discount of **33 1-3 Per Cent** for this month only. This is just your chance to make Holiday money go a long ways.

A nice assortment of Fancy Glassware and Decorated China suitable for Christmas gifts.

New Suits, New Hats, New Shoes and everything that is **NICE, NEW AND NOBBY**

G. B. DRIGGS

PRE-INVENTORY Discount Sale!

Now On At **JENSEN'S**

Big Discount For Cash Only

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LEADING HOTEL OF SAN JUAN COUNTY

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ONLY SAMPLE-ROOM IN TOWN

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Largest Hotel in San Juan County

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Fresh Meats

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All Meat Delivered, via Stage, Between Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor

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