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LIME KING AND POLITICIAN

SKETCH OF HON. J. S. McMILLIN IN PUGET SOUND AMERICAN.

Was Born on a Farm, Received a College Education and Practiced Law Several Years—Long Prominent in State Politics.

A radical change has come over the Puget Sound American in its attitude toward Hon. John S. McMillin, of this county. During the political campaign last fall it seemed to take especial delight in "roasting" the gentleman whom it now extols as "the lime king and new railway commissioner." In a recent issue it published a fine picture of him and in connection with it the following flattering article:

"Of all those who hold political preferment in Washington none is more genial and unassuming than John S. McMillin, of Roche Harbor, industrial king and member of Washington's railway commission. After a residence of twenty-one years in this state Mr. McMillin finds himself one of the wealthiest men of the commonwealth and looked upon generally as one of the self made millionaires of the west who have secured their riches from the golden pockets of the earth.

"Mr. McMillin is a genial personality who by his generosity, good will and honesty has made a host of friends who are willing to swear by him. Their confidence in his ability is based upon his business sagacity and conservative, yet liberal business views.

"From far and near Mr. McMillin is known as the lime king of the northwest. The fact is his domain in that respect reaches from the Mississippi to the Pacific ocean, for the Tacoma and Roche Harbor Lime Company, of which he is and always has been president, operates the largest lime quarry west of the Father of Waters. The daily capacity of the establishment is 1,500 barrels. Besides this the company sells much lime stone. Mr. McMillin is also president of the Staveless Barrel Company, whose plant near the quarry has a daily capacity of 4,000 barrels. In addition he is interested in mercantile and transportation business in connection with his island holdings and has investments in Alaska and British Columbia mining properties.

"From his early youth Mr. McMillin has been allied with political life and his popularity in that field is attested by the number of times he has held the chairmanship of and membership in county, state and national republican committees. Mr. McMillin's schooling in politics was received in Indiana at a time when everybody was a politician because it was second nature.

"In his college days Mr. McMillin was noted somewhat as an orator, distinguishing himself in debates in his home college, the Indiana Ashbury university, now De Pauw, and in an intercollegiate debate. In these debates and his profession of law he acquired an easy grace and convincing delivery that still clings to him.

"Mr. McMillin was born on a farm at Sugar Grove, Tippecanoe county, Indiana, October 28, 1855. He is of Scotch origin, but his father's family hailed from Virginia. Until young manhood Mr. McMillin attended the country schools and then entered Ashbury university. Here he took the classical course, graduating in 1876 with the degree of bachelor of arts. So favorably was the faculty impressed with his scholarship and oratorical attainments that he was asked to deliver the master's oration when his class received the degree of master of arts in 1879, and he accepted the invitation. In 1877 Mr. McMillin married Miss Louella Hiatt. They have two sons, Fred and Paul, and one daughter, Miss Dorothy.

"In Indiana Mr. McMillin practiced

law until April, 1884, when he came to Washington. He was admitted to the territorial bar but did not practice. He became interested in the manufacture of lime in the Puyallup valley and later acquired an interest in the Tacoma Lime Company, a Portland corporation, which operated a plant at what is now the town of McMillin.

"In his investigations of the lime business Mr. McMillin visited the Roche Harbor lime deposits and two years after arrival in the territory he took over the property, then developed in a small way by the Roche Harbor Lime Company, and reorganized and consolidated the concern into the Tacoma and Roche Harbor Lime Company.

"Mr. McMillin's political activity is shown by the fact that he has been a member of every territorial, county

and state convention of the Republican party since 1888. In 1892 he was selected as one of the presidential electors, receiving the highest vote of any man on the state ticket. In a number of state conventions he was a member of the committee on platform and resolutions and was chairman of the state convention at Everett prior to the McKinley campaign.

"He was also selected as alternate delegate to the national convention at Minneapolis in 1892, and he was a delegate to the national convention at Chicago in 1904. Also he was a delegate to the county and state conventions preceding this. As a member of the notification committee he participated in the ceremony attending the notification to Roosevelt.

"Mr. McMillin plans to take up his residence soon in Seattle, where he will be in closer touch with commission affairs."

San Juan

Area 52 Sq. Miles



Island

Pop. 1550

Mrs. Morse has the lumber ordered for a neat addition to her cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smoots returned Monday from a trip to Bellingham.

The students and teachers of the University Summer School of Biology made the ascent of Mount Constitution yesterday.

Mrs. Mosher, from Manitoba, is the guest of Mrs. Jas. Fleming at Kanaka bay. She visited the Portland fair before coming here.

Samuel Todd expects to begin work in a few days on a four room addition to Mrs. Hicks' cottage on upper Spring street.

Leon Little has plans made and lumber ordered for a pretty cottage to be erected on Spring street, next to the Presbyterian church lot.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Martin came down from Seattle Monday, intending to spend the remainder of the summer here and perhaps longer. Mr. Martin will assist P. A. Jensen in his store.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Templin, John Templin and wife and E. F. Templin have deeded their individual real estate holdings in and about East Sound to the Templins' Fair Company.

Miss Ola B. Capron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Capron, and sister of Dr. Capron, of Roche Harbor, arrived in Seattle from New York City Thursday night, enroute to Roche Harbor to spend a few weeks. She is one of the prominent teachers in the New York schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Derrinberg came over from Vancouver island to spend the Fourth, accompanied by a party of friends consisting of F. Turgose and two sisters, Mrs. Harrison, Thos. Ludgate, Wm. Walker, J. Holden and T. Holden. They made the trip on the steam launch Alice, formerly of Friday Harbor.

Most of Judge Joiner's time Thursday and Friday was occupied in hearing the evidence and arguments in the case of E. L. McReavy, of Mason county, against the Haines Oyster Company for merchandise alleged to have been furnished to the crew of the steamer Zebetka, when engaged in shrimp fishing in Hood's canal.

The Fourth of July was celebrated here and at the Corners in a manner that seemed to be generally enjoyed by all present. The attendance at both places was good and much interest was manifested in the sports. The small boy was very much in evidence with firecrackers, and giant crackers and anvil discharges rent the atmosphere at frequent intervals. There were no accidents or fights and only one man was placed in limbo as a result of too much indulgence in booze. The ball game between the East Sound and Friday Harbor nines was one of the best ever seen here, though the score on both sides was large—23 to 20 in favor of Friday Harbor. In the evening there was a very pretty display of fireworks and enjoyable balls at Odd Fellows' and Woodmen halls.

John Broder moved a portion of his creamery plant to Anacortes Monday.

L. B. Carter has bought the Asael Larson place, near Friday Harbor, 40 acres, for \$1,250.

A large retort for the Island Packing Company arrived on the steamer Islander from Bellingham Monday.

H. F. Norton, head of the wool, hide and fur firm of H. F. Norton & Co., of Seattle, was here the first of the week in his fine pleasure yacht, with a party of friends.

Miss Sharp came down from Kent Wednesday for a few days' visit with her brother and friends here, accompanied by her friend Miss Nellie Brenner, of Canton, South Dakota.

L. M. Harper, bookkeeper for the Roche Harbor Lime Company and deputy collector of customs at that port, left Thursday with his family for a two weeks' vacation. They will visit relatives in Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Harper will attend the Portland fair.

Dr. Wright and family, Miss Phebe Watson, Norman Driggs and Cecil Carter left Wednesday for Portland to attend the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The doctor will attend the sessions of the American Medical Association which meets in Portland next week.

The death of Alfred Lawson's fine Percheron stallion "Brigand" is quite a loss not only to him but to the general farming interests of the county. There are few, if any, counties in the state that in proportion to their area have more fine horses than San Juan and thoroughbred blood is needed to keep up the grade.

Rev. O. M. Gillette, of Seattle, has been assigned by the Presbyterian board to the pastorate of the church here made vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. J. Sharp. The new pastor and his wife and three children are expected here next week. He is already somewhat acquainted here, having preached two Sundays when Mr. Sharp was absent a short time ago.

Judge Bowman, who recently returned from a trip to Seward, Alaska, says that the townsite is the best on the Alaskan coast and in fact is the only place for a long distance in either direction where there is room for more than a very small town. For hundreds of miles the mountains rise precipitously from the sea. Mr. Bowman says that construction work is progressing rapidly on the Alaska Central railway which is to connect Seward with the Tanana country and ultimately reach the Yukon at Rampart City. There are many vacant houses in Valdez, Mr. Bowman says, and Sitka is pretty nearly deserted. It is still the nominal capital and the governor lives there but there is no territorial legislature or general council, the government being almost entirely administered from Washington. The trip to Seward is one of the finest in the world from a scenic standpoint. It is a long journey, requiring ten days each way.

FRIENDLY MENTION OF THIS COUNTY

IN PAMPHLET OF BELLINGHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Seattle and San Juan Weather in June Compared—More Land Purchased for School Purposes in Friday Harbor.

The ISLANDER acknowledges receipt of a copy of a handsome folder descriptive of "Bellingham and Northwest Washington," issued by the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce and compiled by its efficient secretary, Frank C. Teck. This county is indebted to the chamber and Mr. Teck for the following favorable mention:

"San Juan county, west of Bellingham bay, is composed entirely of islands, the farthest and largest of which is 25 miles from Bellingham. Land area embraces 172 square miles, or 110,553 acres. Practically all the merchantable timber has been removed, and the chief industry is farming and fruit growing. There is less rainfall here than anywhere else in the Puget Sound region. It is a rich fruit and vegetable region, having about 12,000 acres under cultivation. There are vast deposits of limestone on San Juan and Orcas islands and at Roche Harbor are the most extensive lime quarries and kilns on the Pacific coast. There are 23 school districts employing 30 teachers. The fisheries of San Juan county are among the most important on the Pacific coast. Communication with Bellingham is by competing steamboat lines and by telephone. The population of the county is approximately 3,600. Financially the county is on a cash basis, having no warrant debt, while the bond debt is only \$7,000. Friday Harbor, the county seat, has a population of about 600.

[One-half of the bonded indebtedness will be paid in a few weeks, leaving the total county debt only \$3,500.—Ed.]

Seattle and San Juan Weather

A good illustration of the climatic differences between up-Sound points and the favored islands of this county is furnished by the meteorological summaries of the Seattle and Olga (Obstruction pass) stations for the month of June. At Seattle the rainfall was 3.03 inches, while at Olga it was only 1.56 inches, which was .45 above the June average for thirteen years. The mean temperature of the month at Seattle was 2.4 above the Olga mean, the maximum being ten degrees higher and the minimum four degrees higher. At Seattle .01 of an inch or more of rain fell on each of fourteen days during the month, while in this county there were only six rainy days, and there were nearly twice as many clear days here as there were there. Seattle is all right in its way and even in the matter of weather it can boast of great advantages over scores of other cities, but when it comes to climate twelve months in the year the up-Sound counties are simply "not in it" with San Juan, and it is questionable if there is any other locality on the Pacific coast where the climate is so generally equable, enjoyable and healthful.

School Grounds Enlarged

The directors of the Friday Harbor school district have secured from J. A. Gould at a moderate price enough land adjoining the triangular lot upon which the school house stands to make a block 200 feet square, with streets sixty feet wide on all sides. For a number of years the directors of the district have been quite desirous of acquiring this property in order to provide a suitable playground, afford an opportunity for an experimental garden to teach some simple and practical lessons in agriculture, and admit of beautifying the now rough and unattractive grounds, but the former owner, a wealthy Seattle Chinaman, would not sell without selling the entire ranch, of which it is a part. The block will be surveyed and corners established in a few days and as soon as funds are available it will be fenced and otherwise improved.