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### The Legal Aspects Of Incorporation

Practically all of the legal points involved in the question of incorporation are clearly covered by a well known firm of Seattle attorneys in a letter to Gene C. Gould in response to a number of inquiries submitted by him. Nearly every point touched upon in the attorneys' letter has been brought out in the Islander before, when the question of incorporation has been under discussion, but as the legal aspects of the matter are not now fresh in the public mind it may be well to review them briefly again.

Section 3387 of Pierce's Code says: "Not more than one square mile shall be included within the corporate limits of a municipal corporation of the fourth class, nor shall more than twenty acres of unplatted land belonging to any one person be taken within the corporate limits without the consent of the owner."

Section 3374 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may strike property out of the limits proposed by the petition but shall not include any not included in the petition.

The governing power in an incorporated town of the fourth class is vested in a mayor and five councilmen. Such towns are not divided into wards, all councilmen being elected "at large." They must serve without pay and are prohibited from bidding upon or becoming financially interested in any town contract or from furnishing any supplies to the town. The compensation of the clerk, treasurer, marshal, attorney and police justice, or other employees of the town, is fixed by the council, there being no minimum or maximum limit.

The tax levy for all purposes can not exceed ten mills on the dollar for any one year.

The council may or may not grant liquor licenses. If such licenses are granted the annual fee shall not be less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, and whatever the amount ten per cent. goes to the state and ninety per cent. to the general fund of the town.

Road taxes collected upon property within the corporate limits would be paid into the town treasury for street improvements and repairs.

Towns of the fourth class are expressly exempted from the provisions of the direct primary law in the matter of the nomination of candidates for elective offices. They are chosen by political party or mass conventions called for the purpose.

A majority vote only is required to decide the question of incorporation when submitted and any qualified elector may vote. There is no property qualification for voting at any election in this state.

### Country Life Meetings

Editor Islander: I am in receipt of a letter from the Spokesman-Review, of Spokane, relative to the public meetings to be held December 5th in the school houses in rural districts over the entire United States. Editor Smith asked my opinion of this simultaneous meeting and submitted to me twenty five questions for my choice of five and asked me to give this communication as wide publicity as possible.

I heartily endorse this idea and have selected the following as my choice of topics:

Prices of farm products—Mutual buying and selling.

Farming as a business—Banking, Credit, Insurance.

Organizations for mutual improvement and social pleasure.

Legislation in behalf of the farmer. Thought as farm capital.

If the farmers of the country will rise to the occasion this country life commission will result in the greatest and most far reaching good, perhaps not directly, but certainly it is suggestive and a move in the right direction. Please publish this and call the attention of the public as far as possible to the same and urge that interest be taken by school officers, teachers, ministers, etc., and oblige, Ben E. Harrison. East Sound, Nov. 24, 1908.

White Salmon, Washington, the apple center of the "North Bank" road, holds the record for liberality in raising an advertising fund. The entire population of the village and valley of White Salmon does not exceed 600 people, and at a recent meeting they raised \$2200.

### A Unique Hotel and A. Y. P. Advertisement

Among the original advertisements gotten out in Seattle, advertising the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, there is none better or more appropriate than that being sent out by the Antlers Hotel, Corner of Fourth Ave-

ue and Union Street, a cut of which appears in this issue of the Islander. It shows the central portion of exposition grounds, machinery hall, agricultural building and fountain. In the background is shown beautiful Lake Washington, on the shores of which the exposition will be held, and snow-



gapped Mount Rainier in the distance. In the upper corners is a representation showing that commerce by land and sea meet at Seattle. An Alaska miner mashing in over the snow with his dog team and a miner washing gold from a creek with his

gold pan are typical scenes in Alaska and on the Yukon, while in the center is a cut of the Antlers Hotel and street scenes in Seattle. The catchy phrase, "I say, Hello, Bill, meet me at the Antlers Hotel," will be a by-word with many who visit Seattle and the exposition.

### County Teachers' Meeting

The teachers of the county are to meet at the court house next Friday afternoon and evening, Dec. 4, for the discussion of professional topics and for social intercourse. Following will be the program:

Benefits of teachers' meetings,

Miss Anna Trafton

How may we secure better attendance,

Miss Ruth Johnson

Ideas for busy work,

Miss Mary Kennedy

How may we have fewer classes and longer periods in the rural schools,

Miss Ericka Nordberg

School libraries,

W. R. Nichols

School yards,

C. W. Guibor

Spelling: Results to be kept in mind,

How to teach it,

Miss Lizzie Hicks

Writing: Objects and method,

Miss Julia Frita

Short intermission.

Value of dictionaries. In what grade should use of dictionaries begin?

Miss Sarah Armstrong

Drawing in rural schools,

Miss Juanita Barry

Should much time be spent upon stocks and bonds in the eighth grade and why?

Mrs. J. C. Myers

History: devices and methods,

Miss Ora Strowger and Miss Orel Haudy

Reading: aims and methods,

Miss Charlotte Andrews

Analysis as applied to grammar and arithmetic,

Miss Margaret Warren

Parent, pupil and teacher,

Miss Hilfred Davies

Athletics,

Miss Cora Scribner

Ventilation,

Mr. Charles Sudweeks

### Muscott-Rushton

Dr. Brayton Muscott and Miss Nellie Rushton were married at the Friday Harbor hospital Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. Herbert Jones officiating.

The wedding was a complete surprise even to the doctor's most intimate friends. His bride, who is a trained nurse, has been here only a short time. She came here from Denver, where she graduated from a training school for nurses. Her former home was in Cloud county, Kansas. Her hospital duties since her arrival have kept her so closely confined that she has made but few acquaintances here, but she is most highly esteemed by those who know her.

The doctor's numerous friends here and throughout the county extend to him and to his bride their most cordial congratulations and best-wishes.

The local teachers are spending their Thanksgiving vacation at their homes. Mr. Nichols left Wednesday afternoon to go to the home of his parents at Van Buren, Whatcom county, and Miss Barry and Miss Kennedy went to Seattle.

### A Hospital Suggestion

Editor Islander: In my work among the people of the islands I have been told that there is an effort being made to establish a hospital at Friday Harbor and believing this is something we need I should like to assist in the establishment of a hospital where any of our physicians may wait upon their patients or perform an operation without the necessity of taking them to Seattle or Bellingham.

If those having the matter in hand will give assurance that the hospital will be open to all patients and physicians on the same terms, and some of our papers will print the tags free, I believe we can have a tag day throughout the county that would materially help. By sending the tags to several postoffices and schools throughout the county, I believe the people will all help. The steamer Islander will carry any donations of fruit or anything that is for the hospital free.

I think the people of Friday Harbor will see the need and will respond.

I will be glad to hear from other ministers of the Gospel who are interested in caring for the sick.

Rev. James D. Hudson, Beach, Wash.

In connection with the above excellent suggestion of Mr. Hudson's, it may be well to say that the Friday Harbor hospital, established by Dr. Muscott, is open to all physicians and their patients. All hospitals have a "house physician" in general charge, who attends to patients unless a preference is expressed for other attendance, but all reputable doctors and their patients are welcome. Mrs. Muscott is a skilled nurse, a graduate of a Denver training school for nurses, and all patients have her watchful care and attention.

### What Whatcom Hunters Want!

Sportsmen over in Whatcom county have declared themselves in favor of changes in the game law as follows:

"Opening the season for ducks, Chinese pheasants, native pheasants, quail and grouse at the same time—October 1; limiting the bag to five birds of each kind or ten all told; letting the law permitting the bounding of deer stand; forbidding the killing of deer in water; protecting Golden, Hungarian and Reeves pheasants for five years; changing the trout fishing season in lakes from April to November to from May to December and the placing of the protection of game under state instead of county jurisdiction and the placing of the hunting license to be good in all parts of the state at \$2."

The Whatcom sports can count upon active and earnest opposition in this county to the hunting of deer with dogs and to a state license fee of \$2.00.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tucker, Mrs. Martin and Miss Nella Jensen were Thanksgiving guests of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Jensen.

### Origin of Name Of Friday Harbor

The Bellingham American-Review, of last Sunday, declares in large type that "Friday Harbor Wants to Change Its Name." The head used is not justified by the tale that is told beneath it. As a matter of fact Friday Harbor does not want to change its name. There is practically no sentiment here in favor of such a proposition and if the question of a change to "Corbell," or any other name, were to be submitted to a vote it is doubtful if it would have a dozen supporters at the polls. The Islander has interviewed a considerable number of people on the question during the week and finds that public opinion is practically unanimous against any change. In its article touching upon the question of incorporation, as well as name, our esteemed Bellingham contemporary says:

"A pioneer of San Juan County says the name Friday Harbor was given by the Hudson Bay Company. According to his version, one of the company's vessels landed in the bay at that point and found one of the company's sheep herders, a Kanaka, who was imported from the Sandwich Islands, as caretaker of the sheep. One of the officers on the boat asked the Kanaka to tell his name. His reply was a word that sounded like "Friday", and thereupon the ship's crew designated the landing place as Friday Harbor, the name that it has borne more than fifty years."

While the above story is substantially true it is incorrect in some details. The vessel referred to as having visited the harbor some fifty years ago was a British gunboat and not a vessel belonging to the Hudson Bay Company. The officer in command asked a Kanaka known as John Friday, who was the only man here, the name of the harbor. John didn't understand English very well and thinking that the officer inquired his name he told him. Many soundings along the various island channels and in the harbors were taken by the British naval officers and upon the first chart of the archipelago, issued by the British admiral, the name of Friday Harbor appeared. When the boundary controversy was settled and county government established, Friday Harbor was chosen by the pioneers, at the instance of Captain Warbass, as the county seat, by reason of its central and convenient location and fine harbor. Captain Warbass, as the first auditor of the county, took advantage of a Federal law which permitted counties to locate and obtain title to 160 acres of government land for county seat purposes and filed, in the name of the county, upon the quarter section upon which the greater part of the town is built. A few years later his successor as auditor, Judge Bowman, purchased from the county commissioners for \$100 forty acres of the best land including what is now the Nichols addition and the property along Aryle Avenue, paying for it in installments out of his fees as auditor. Capt. Warbass was incensed at the commissioners for making the sale and once told the writer that was the reason he never acquired so much as a single lot in the townsite, although he filed upon 160 acres of land adjoining it on the east, the greater part of which he retained up to a short time before his death, when he sold it to Andrew Newhall, whose elegant house now stands upon the site occupied for a third of a century by the historic home of the old pioneer.

State Lands Under Contract  
October 1, 1908, which is the date of the biennial report now being prepared by Commissioner Ross, there were 214,355 acres of state lands held under contracts of sale. These lands were sold during past years at public auction for gross considerations of \$4,776,108. Most of the land was sold under the ten-year payment plan. So that now there is due \$3,733,217 on the purchase price, on which deferred payments the state is drawing 6 per cent. per annum interest.

October 1, 1906, the aggregate of state lands under contract of sale was but 90,466 acres. In 1904 it was 68,368 acres; in 1902 it was but 45,353 acres. These figures are exclusive of the large area sold under contracts where final payments have been made and deeds have been issued.