

With this issue the Islander enters upon its nineteenth year, with a steadily increasing subscription list, which is larger than ever before, and with every promise of long continued usefulness to the people of this county, whose interests it will be its constant endeavor to faithfully serve. Material improvements are contemplated which will add much to the interest and value of the paper to its readers. For years past the paper has been issued and mailed on Fridays although dated on Saturdays. This has led to some confusion at times and it has accordingly been thought best to change the published day of issue from Saturday to Friday to correspond with the actual day of publication. The paper is now published by "The Islander Company," soon to be incorporated, of which Mr. F. N. Culver will be the manager.

A single incident, that of the collision of the two great Atlantic liners Republic and Florida, which occurred on the Nantucket Shoals a few days ago and the saving of some 1,700 lives by the use of the wireless telegraph instruments on the Republic, is in itself enough to make the name of Marconi immortal. Had this happened a few years ago, before the wireless system was perfected, the loss of life would no doubt have been appalling. As it was, but six were killed, and these outright when the two great ships crashed together, and even they were saved from a watery grave. The accident occurred off the dangerous and almost ever-present fog-bank of the Nantucket Shoals, right in the path of nearly all the great Atlantic liners that ply between New York and all parts of the world. The Republic went to the bottom in some thirty-five or forty fathoms of water, but not until the wireless operator on her summoned help and received it. This should be a lesson to owners of all vessels, and just as speedily as possible wireless apparatus should be installed on every ocean going craft, and vessels on the great lakes.

The choosing of a capital for a nation of its rare occurrence but when the step becomes necessary it is by no means easy and generally causes friction. This country wrestled with the question for quite a time and nearly half a century ago Canada had the same experience. The Commonwealth of Australia has just settled upon its capital after a good deal of heart burning, and in so doing has followed the American precedent of selecting a tract of land which shall bear the same relation to the other states of the commonwealth as the District of Columbia does to the various states of the Union. It is said that in every particular the tract chosen is admirably adapted for its purpose. Now the Australians are uncertain what name to give it.

The Good Roads building at the Alaska Yukon-Pacific Exposition will contain some of the most interesting and instructive exhibits to be found in the entire fair. Everything that pertains to good road building and maintenance will be shown either by models, drawings, photographs or stereoscopic views. With the latter there will be illustrated lectures in the building every afternoon and evening, at which hundreds of views will be shown from all parts of the country. Models of ideal roads with drainage systems will be shown, and samples of all kinds of road materials used in every part of the world.

The Old Age Pension Act is now in operation in England and the first payment to successful applicants is being made this month. There are so many conditions attached that by no means everyone who reaches the age limit and applies for a pension is successful. Necessary as these conditions may be, they nevertheless cause considerable disappointment and some dissatisfaction, but on the whole the measure is popular and it will doubtless brighten the lot of many an old person who otherwise would continue in poverty. The working of the act is being watched by other countries with keen interest.

A proper observance, especially by the schools of the country, of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, should not be overlooked. It is only fitting that some appropriate program should be rendered eulogistic of our martyred president the emancipator, and his great work.

**Mr. Bugge and Local Option**

Representative Bugge is quoted in this issue of the Islander as expressing the opinion that the Anti Saloon league local option bill will pass. This opinion was expressed when he was here last Saturday and he may have had occasion to modify it since the vote was taken in the House last Monday by which the bill, which had been reported by the committee on public morals with the recommendation that it pass, was referred to the judiciary committee, over the protest of some of the members of that committee and most of the friends of the measure in the House. Mr. Bugge is recorded as having voted with the "wets" on the question of referring the bill, as did nearly all of the northwestern members. It is hoped by many of his friends here that his vote last Monday is not to be regarded as evidence that he would vote against the league bill upon a motion for its passage. He is pledged to favor a "reasonable" local option measure and the Islander has no doubt that he will keep his pledge. Before the election he declined to make a written pledge to the Anti-Saloon league to support the league bill, not knowing what other measures might be proposed and resenting the spirit of political domination displayed by the league, which endorsed the Democratic candidate for representative in this county.

While here last Saturday Mr. Bugge spoke in the highest terms of Representative McMaisters, who has charge of the league bill in the House, and of Senator Falconer, its chief sponsor in the Senate, and he said nothing to his most intimate friends to indicate any intention on his part to oppose the bill, which, however, many good temperance people believe is more radical than it is wise to attempt to enact. It seems to the Islander that the only just ground for criticism of the bill is contained in the provision that in the event that a county goes "wet," any precinct in the county may hold a separate election and go "dry," while in the event that a county as a whole goes "dry" no precinct can hold a separate election and go "wet," if a majority of the people so desire. It is an old saying pretty generally accepted as true that "it is a poor rule that won't work both ways." No legislator can evade the real question and it is no time for quibbling over technicalities. The people of the state are very much in earnest in the matter and they demand the enactment of a local option law that will place the regulation of the liquor traffic where it belongs—in the hands of the people themselves, without excepting any city, town or hamlet from its provisions.

On the subject of tariff revision, now agitating congress and disturbing business, the Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington senators and representatives present an unbroken front in favor of the cardinal principles of protection to the country's interests in general and to the north west industries in particular. Senator Piles, of this state, is quoted as saying: "Of course I want the duties retained on lumber, coal, lead, wool and hides. The regions we northwest members represent are just beginning their development. Immense latent resources are to be brought into use. Industries are to be built. The east already has been developed until it has grown to the ability largely to be independent of the tariff. The far west is at the threshold. It is about to enter the larger social structure. I want the protection retained as now given by the Dingley law, and believe that otherwise our people on the northwest coast will suffer seriously."

The enactment of a pure food law was a recognition of the fact that the public welfare outweighs the right to private gain, and that no man may poison the people for his private profit. The employers liability bill recognized the fact that while the employer usually has at stake no more than his profit, the stake of the employee is a living for himself and his family.—President Roosevelt.

According to figures furnished by the Department of Commerce and Labor, relating to Japanese immigration and emigration during the twelve months ending November, 1908, the total number of Japanese admitted to the United States was 6,017 and the total number which left the United States was 5,583, an actual increase in the Japanese population of only 185.

**No Beer, No Hops**

A Sale J. Oregon, disunited under date of January 26, says that Representative McCue has introduced in the House of Representatives a measure designed to divide the prohibition law on the question of beer and whiskey. The bill is said to be backed by the hop growers of Oregon, who complain that since Oregon is rapidly becoming "dry," brewers in other states are blacklisting Oregon hops. This is the first time that an attempt has been made to divorce beer from whiskey in a local option law.

**Wide Differences of Opinion**

There is danger that an effective local option law may not be passed. There are wide differences of opinion as to the kind of law needed. In these differences of opinion the enemies of the law will see their opportunity. The friends of local option may be divided; its enemies will be united. It is also possible that certain lawmakers, while assuming to be friendly to local option in order to fool their constituents, will contend for certain restrictions that will make the law ineffective. Every representative should be closely watched.—Bellingham Herald.

**Let It Alone**

Senator Knickerbocker proposes that the direct primary law shall be amended so that it may not apply to the nomination of state officers. The senator argues that the people do not know enough to select men for the state office, and also that it cost candidates too much to get into the race. Neither argument is worth anything at all. The people may not know as much as the politicians about selecting candidates, but what they do know will serve the purpose. If candidates fear that it will cost too much to run for office, they need not run. There will always be enough gentlemen who will not be deterred by the expense bills that loom up. Inasmuch as it has come to stay, the direct primary law should be let alone.—Yakima Republic.

**Profit in Poultry**

"There is no more profitable line open to agriculturists of Washington than that of poultry production," says Professor Severance, of the State Agricultural College, Pullman. Wheat, one of the best poultry foods, costs less than in the eastern states, and the price of eggs is from 50 to 100 per cent higher than in the east. It is therefore evident that Washington offers superior opportunities for poultry raising. It has been proved by the experience of successful poultry men that the climatic conditions are favorable for poultry raising and the production of eggs. No class of stock responds more promptly to differences in care and feeding than poultry, and it is therefore desirable that farmers make an attempt to in-form themselves in poultry raising.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February next, at the San Juan County Court House in the town of Friday Harbor, in San Juan Precinct No. 2, in the county of San Juan, an election will be held pursuant to an order of the County Commissioners of San Juan County, dated January 6, 1909, for the purpose of voting upon the proposed question of the incorporation of Friday Harbor as a municipal corporation. Fourth Class. Voters will be required to cast their vote for incorporation or against incorporation, and for the further purpose of voting for town officers in the event that the question of the proposed incorporation of Friday Harbor carries; the names of those to be voted for and the offices to be filled are as follows:

Mayor:—Gene C. Gould  
Councilmen:—L. B. Carter  
John Douglas  
Sam Bugge  
C. L. McKinnis  
N. E. Churchhill  
Treasurer:—C. M. Tucker

Which election will be opened at 9 o'clock in the morning and will continue until 7 o'clock in the evening of the said day.  
Dated this 16th day of January, A. D. 1909.  
J. W. FRITS, County Auditor

**Notice of Settlement of Final Account**

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

IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Fanny A. Bolton deceased.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, )  
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN )  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that L. J. Bolton, administrator of the estate of Fanny A. Bolton, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in the Superior Court of San Juan County, State of Washington, his Final Account as such administrator; and that Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 1909, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the Court Room of our said Superior court, in the town of Friday Harbor in said San Juan County, has been duly appointed by our said Superior Court, for the settlement of the Final Account, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to the said Final Account, and contest the same.

WITNESS, the HON. GEO. A. JOINER, Judge of our said Superior Court, and the seal of said Court hereunto affixed, this 14th day of January 1909.

C. E. HACKETT  
County Clerk and ex officio Clerk of our said Superior Court.

**Notice of Hearing of Application for Franchise**

Notice is hereby given that Robert Moran has made application to the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, Washington, for a franchise to use the county roads and streets on Orcas Island, outside of any incorporated town or city, for the construction and maintenance of water works and electric light lines; and that at a meeting of said Board of County Commissioners, held at the county seat on the 16th day of January, 1909, an order was made by said Board of County Commissioners, on the 16th day of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time, and the office of said Board of County Commissioners at the County Court House in the City of Friday Harbor as the place, for hearing said application; and directing the Auditor of said San Juan County to give public notice of said hearing by posting, and publication as required by law.

Notice is therefore hereby given that the matter of said application will come on for hearing at the time and place aforesaid. The roads and streets for which application is made are all the roads and streets on Orcas Island in said county outside of incorporated towns and cities.

J. W. FRITS,  
Auditor of San Juan County, Washington

**Pessimism of an Optimist**

Some people are certainly generous—with other people's money.  
Many a man wishes life were like ice cream used to taste when he was ten.  
Queer how a man's conscience aches in exact ratio to the publicity of his misdeeds.  
Some people work harder and doing work than they could possibly work if they worked.  
Many a man fails to understand love's blindness until he proposes to a girl with the utmost confidence—and she rejects him.

On the Fraser river next summer—the big year—every cannery will be in operation. It is believed that the total number of plants which will be worked will be in the neighborhood of 40. No dismantled plants are being granted licenses by the Dominion government and no new canneries are being permitted.

According to a New York dispatch under date of January 26, the visible supply of grain in the United States January 23, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, was as follows: Wheat 46 875,000 bushels; decrease, 1,819,000 bushels. Corn, 6 549,000 bushels; decrease, 66,000 bushels. Oats, 10,099,000 bushels; decrease, 25,000 bushels. Rye, 912 000 bushels; decrease, 61,000 bushels. Barley 426,000; decrease, 178,000 bushels.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF STATE LANDS.**

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 6th day of March, 1909, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, commencing at ten o'clock in the morning, in front of the main entrance door to the county court house in the city of Friday Harbor, County of San Juan, State of Washington, either by the County Auditor of said county or by a member of the Board of State Land Commissioners of the State of Washington, the following described State lands, together with the improvements situated thereon, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder therefor, to-wit:

Application No. 6091

Lot 1 of section 16, township 37 north, range 2 west W. M., containing 14.75 acres, appraised at \$15.00 per acre, or \$221.25. Improvements appraised at \$65.00.

Application No. 6283

N. W. 1/4 of Sw. 1/4 of section 36, township 36 north, range 4 west W. M., containing 40 acres, appraised at \$12.00 per acre, or \$480.00. Improvements appraised at \$200.00.

Se. 1/4 of Sw. 1/4 of section 36, township 36 north, range 4 west W. M., containing 40 acres, appraised at \$12.00 per acre, or \$480.00, subject to right-of-way for county road. Improvements appraised at \$80.00.

Said lands will be sold for not less than the appraised value above stated and upon the terms and conditions following:—Not less than one-tenth of the purchase price must be paid at the time of sale of the officer making the sale. The purchaser, if he be not the owner of the improvements, must forthwith pay to the officer making the sale the full amount of the appraised value of the improvements as above stated. One-tenth of the purchase price must be paid annually thereafter on the first day of March of each year, with interest on all deferred payments at the rate of six per centum per annum, together with accrued interest on any balance at the same rate. Provided, that any purchaser may make full payment of principal, interest and statutory fees at any time and obtain deed or state patent.

All sales of State lands are made, subject to the reservations of oils, gases, coal, ores, minerals and fossils of every name, kind and description, and to the additional terms and conditions prescribed in the Act of the Legislature approved March 20, 1907, being Sec. 3 of Chapter 256 of the Laws of 1907.

The above described lands are offered for sale in pursuance of an order of the Board of State Land Commissioners made on the 18th day of December, 1908, and an order of sale duly issued and certified by the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of Washington now on file in the office of the County Auditor of said county.

J. W. FRITS,  
County Auditor.  
Dated at Friday Harbor, Washington, this 25th day of January, 1909.  
First publication January 29, 1909. 7t

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

Notice is hereby given that the tax rolls of San Juan County, Washington, for the year 1908 have been turned over to the county treasurer for the collection of taxes thereon, on a day after the first Monday of February, 1909. Three per cent rebate will be allowed upon all real property taxes paid in full on or before March 15. Taxpayers are required to furnish the treasurer with accurate description of the property upon which they desire to pay.

Dated at Friday Harbor, Washington, this 8th day of January, 1909. E. H. NASH,  
Treasurer of San Juan County, Washington.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
U. S. LAND OFFICE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,  
November 20, 1908

Notice is hereby given that Maurice Johnson of West Sound, Washington, who, on Nov. 20, 1908, made Timber Land Application No. 693, for N. 1/2 of Sec. 14 and Sec. 14 N. E. 1/4 of Section 29, Township 37, North, Range 2, West, Williamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Seattle, Washington, on the 9th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Guss Smedberg, of West Sound, Washington; Charles Freeland, of West Sound, Washington; C. B. Merrill, of Seattle, Washington; George B. Chapin, of Seattle, Washington.

J. HENRY SMITH  
Register.  
First publication Nov. 25, 1908. 9t

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Harriet Brusha Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the above entitled estate to all persons having claims against said deceased or against her estate, to present them with the necessary vouchers, within one year from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: within one year from the 23rd of January, 1909, to the undersigned administratrix, at Friday Harbor, San Juan County, Washington, or to Frank P. Christensen, attorney for said administratrix, at his offices in Friday Harbor, San Juan County, Washington, the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate.

CORA B. LEE  
Administratrix of the Estate of Harriet Brusha, Deceased.  
FRANK P. CHRISTENSEN, Attorney for Administratrix, Friday Harbor, Washington.  
Date of first publication, Jan. 23, 1909.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,  
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 11, 1909

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Land Company, whose postoffice address is Saint Paul, Minnesota, has this 11th day of January 1909 filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1908 (30 Stat. 597, 600) Lots 2, 3, 4, Sec. 28, Lot 1 Sec. 33, Tp 37 N., R. 1 W. N. W.

And all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of said lands, shall file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 27th day of February 1909.

J. HENRY SMITH, Register.

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