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A Canneryman's View Of Initiative No. 11

Edward Seeley, a salmon canneryman of Blaine, has this to say about the alleged abuse of the initiative as applied to the fishing industry of this state:

"The mere fact that the proposed fisheries law, initiative measure No. 11, would drive out of this state into Oregon and British Columbia business now worth at least \$9,000,000 a year, does not in any sense adequately represent the full loss the people of Washington would sustain under this measure," said he.

"What about the boats, barges and other equipment used by the fishermen? What about the canneries and their equipment?"

"All these things would also go under the bill which proposes to tax our fishermen out of the state. And that would mean the withdrawal of millions of dollars' worth of taxable property. Hence, instead of being a measure to provide revenue, this fish bill would in truth be a measure to reduce revenue, and instead of paying into the state treasury more than is needed to defray the expenses of the fisheries bureau and our fish hatcheries, the industry would pay into the treasury less than is required for these purposes. As a fact, we probably would not need a bureau of fisheries or fish hatcheries unless we wish to enter upon the unprofitable and insane policy of propagating and conserving fish for the benefit of Oregon and British Columbia fishermen.

"Unless the people of Washington are out of their wits they will give to this bill no sort of support or sanction.

"The fishing industry of Washington pays the state a license revenue of \$94,553.76 and the question has been asked:

"But what amount of taxes does the fishing industry pay?"

"The answer is simple and conclusive.

"In addition to the \$94,553.76 the industry pays the same property tax as every other individual and corporation in the state. While the fish companies do not own the ground on which the traps are driven, they pay property taxes on these traps on a valuation based upon the catch of each trap. The land on which these traps are located thus yields an important tax revenue. The fishermen also pays taxes on his cannery site, cannery building and machinery, boats, general equipment and hoating property.

"The fishing industry now pays a higher tax than any other industry or business in Washington.

"In reaching a conclusion as to what the fishermen do pay, it would be just as difficult to get that total as it would be to go through all the various tax books to reach a conclusion. The figure quoted is simply the license paid; the fishermen pay a property tax, both personal and real, a tax on fish sites, tax on traps, tax on boats, machinery and appliances of all kinds. It is plainly apparent that it is unfair to say that all that the fish industry of the state pays in the way of taxes is \$94,553.76."

Anacortes Youth Drowns

Robert Young, seventeen-year old son of Mrs. R. W. Spencer, of Guemes island, was drowned last Monday evening shortly after eight o'clock when a skiff in which he and a companion were playing, capsized. The body was found within twenty feet of the accident on Tuesday night.

Young and a friend, Jack Tomlinson, 19 years of age, spent Monday afternoon in Anacortes. In the evening they borrowed a small skiff and rowed across the channel and landed on the beach near Dunn's store. After playing on the shore for a while, they got in the skiff and when a short distance from land they began to rock the boat with the result that it filled and sank.

Tomlinson swam to shore without difficulty Young started for the shore but turned back toward the boat. Evidently seized with cramps he sank and did not come to the surface again.

Wednesday was the longest day of the year. (to the school kids!)

MARINE STATION DESCRIBED IN UNIVERSITY BULLETIN

Dr. T. C. Frye, head of the botanical department of the state university, who is to be the director of the summer school of marine biological research here this summer, is expected early in June to superintend the work of getting the station ready for the season's work. He will be accompanied by his family. Prof. Kincaid, to whom Friday Harbor is chiefly indebted for the location of the station here and who was its first director and also the director in 1912 and 1913, will spend the summer in research work in the East.

The latest number of the University Bulletin is entirely devoted to the station and its work and contains the following description of the location:

The station is near the town of Friday Harbor, which is the county seat of San Juan County, Washington. It is between Bellingham and Victoria, about 20 miles from the former, in a picturesque archipelago known as the San Juan islands. The shores are very irregular with indentations, thus making perhaps 800 miles of shore-line within a radius of 25 miles from the station.

The northern islands of the group are largely of sandstone, which is rather soft and wears readily, leaving pot-holes, and peculiarly pocketed walls where the shores are vertical. In this sandstone region are occasional beds of fossils, notably on the Sucia Islands. On Waldron Island and the Sucia Islands the sandstone is being cut for paving blocks for city streets.

Some of the islands are partly limestone, notably San Juan and Orcas. At Roche Harbor, on the north end of San Juan Island and 10 or 15 miles from Friday Harbor, is one of the largest limestone quarries in the State of Washington. But comparatively little of the shore-line of the islands is limestone.

Most of the islands are composed of metamorphic rocks very resistant to weathering and therefore changing very little. This is one of the reasons for the remarkable wealth of fauna and flora. Here and there are beaches of glacial material or flats of mud. This gives opportunity for mud-inhabiting animals. There are no large streams on the islands, and therefore the water is not much affected by the

influx of river water during freshets, nor polluted by detritus from streams. Between the islands are channels through which the tides rush in and out again, filling and again draining the large body of water to the northward known as the Gulf of Georgia. This rush of water several times a day prevents stagnation, insures aerated water, and is perhaps thus another cause of the abundant animal and plant life.

Some of the channels are over 100 fathoms deep, thus affording opportunity for the study of forms of life to a considerable depth. Those who have been at the station have again and again attested to the striking abundance of fauna and flora. The highest tides are about 12 feet. There is thus exposed a wide zone when the tide recedes. This gives excellent opportunity for collecting far below the high-tide line.

In the San Juan archipelago much shrimp fishing is done. There are numerous fish traps for catching salmon; and their season comes in July. There are also summer tent-villages of purse seiners who are also after the salmon. At Friday Harbor there is a salmon cannery of large proportions. An oyster bed has been started on Lopez Island.

The site of the station is on land donated by Mr. Andrew Newhall, about a quarter of a mile southeast of the town of Friday Harbor. It is on a rather steep slope to the northeast. The site is mostly timbered with conifers. A good county road is being built from this town through the site, passing near the laboratories and tent houses. The view is fine, with the island-dotted sea in the foreground and the Cascade Mountains in the distance.

The weather is usually good. The total annual rainfall in the region is only about 25 inches; lower than that of Illinois. Along the sea it is always cool as soon as one is out of the direct sunlight. Therefore on cloudy days, mornings and evenings, on a moving boat, and specially when the air is humid, it is chilly. It rarely gets hot along the seashore; but when one gets away from the water some distance he finds certain days rather warm. The oppressive heat of the East is not met with.

High School Graduates A Class of Five

The Friday Harbor public school closed a very successful year Wednesday afternoon, the High school graduating exercises taking place last evening before an audience filling the school auditorium to its capacity. In conformity with the plan now followed in many schools and first put in practice here last year, the members of the graduating class were all excused from participation in the public exercises, which consisted only of music, the address to the class and the presentation of the diplomas. The address, delivered by Dr. Frederick E. Bolton, dean of the department of education of the state university, was a very scholarly and able discourse and was listened to with the closest attention by the large audience.

Those receiving diplomas were: Juanita Beatrice Murray, Floy Nora Larson, Adilene Roberta Nelson, Floyd Dightman Carter and Elbert William Blancett.

At the close of the commencement exercises the junior class of the High school gave a banquet to the seniors and many patrons of the school in the banquet room in the Masonic temple.

This evening Dr. Bolton will deliver the address to the graduating class of the Summer High school.

All the teachers of the Friday Harbor school have been re-elected except Principal L. J. Bowler and Mrs. Bowler, of the seventh and eighth grades, Mr. Bowler having declined a re-election to accept the position of superintendent at Ferndale at a considerably higher salary. Miss Busby, of the primary department, has also declined the offered re-election, on account of salary. The position held during the past year by Mrs. Bowler has been offered to Miss Therza North, of Crosby, Minn., who has had a number of years of successful experience in the same grades and is very highly recommended. She is a graduate of the advanced course of the State Normal school at St. Cloud, Minn.

The school board reports an unusual number of applications this year for all positions.

OUR SOLDIERS MEMORIAL DAY, 1914.

By ARTHUR J. BURDICK

Not now the firm, elastic tread
As when to war they marched away;
They're battling time, are warring years,
In bloodless battles of today.

The whitened hairs above their brows,
The wrinkles and the bended forms—
These are the scores they now receive,
The wounds that fall in silent storms.

Ah, once they faced the deadly fire
And stood where shot and shell fell fast!
They fight time's battles bravely now
As fought they battles of the past.

And, though no fields of carnage now
Spread horrors to the shrinking eye,
Upon time's field each passing day
The victims of the battle lie.

So now we pluck the fragrant flower
And weave the laurel wreath today
To lay beside the silent forms
Of those who fell beside the way.

day Capt. Heater declared that he was at least ten miles outside of the limit at the time he was seized.

When the Jessie came alongside the dock Sunday morning Mr. McKenry recognized the jolly face of Capt. Heater looking over the wheel, though he had not seen him for nearly eighteen years. The captain also recognized Mr. McKenry and the two men shook hands most cordially on the dock and had a pleasant visit together.

The world is not so very wide, after all, and they who "go down to the sea in ships" meet with many adventures.

A Record to be Proud Of

Ferndale boasts of a girl student who has neither been absent nor tardy in eleven years' attendance at their schools.

Friday Harbor Loses Twelve Inning Game

The Friday Harbor Tigers had to be content with the smaller end of a 5 to 6 score here last Sunday when they tangled with the Fort Worden Moose lodge team in a twelve inning game.

Staggs opened as the slab artist for the home team but was yanked in the fourth on account of a sore arm and Laurence McKay tried his luck at shooting curves.

Much to our delight, although Davis, the umpire and manager of the visiting team, gave some shady decisions, he allowed McKay's throw to first to pass unmolested although his teammates were caught napping off first.

In the 11 inning the Tigers started a batting rally and with one out Blancett singled and Bud Larson missed the third strike but the catcher dropped the ball and pegged to second where Blancett was declared out and Bud was called out for neglecting to connect with the pill on his last strike with first base occupied. If that rule had applied in this case Blancett would have been safe but it does not apply when third is not occupied and it was made especially to prevent triple and double plays, which the umpire allowed here.

In the next frame the home squad found the ball waiting for them whenever they reached a bag.

Score by innings:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Vis. 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 6
F.H. 1 1 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5

The Tigers will cross bats with the fast Edison team here next Sunday.

Two Mariners Meet After Eighteen Years

A chance meeting here Sunday, May 24, between two bronzed and sinewy seafaring men brought vividly to the minds of both an incident of the seal "poaching" days in Bering sea eighteen years ago this summer in which both were participants. The two men are Capt. George Heater, of the Victoria halibut schooner Jessie, and First Officer Michael McKenry, of the revenue launch Guard, ranking as gunner in the revenue cutter service. At the time of the incident in question Capt. Heater was master of the sealing schooner Ainoko, and Mr. McKenry was boatswain of the U. S. Revenue cutter Perry, then one of the cutter fleet patrolling Bering sea to enforce the regulations against pelagic sealing within sixty miles of the of the Pribiloff islands.

Early one thick, foggy morning, as the Ainoko was cruising peacefully about with her men keeping a sharp lookout for seals, the Perry bore down upon her and Capt. Smith sent Lieut. Ross, late captain commandant of the revenue cutter service and now retired, and Mr. McKenry to board the schooner and seize her for alleged violation of the regulations in fishing within the sixty-miles limit, which they did. The Ainoko was required to proceed to Unalaska where a hearing was had before a United States Court Commission empowered to try such cases and who fined the vessel and her master \$2,000. Relating the incident here last Sunday.