

COUNTY NEWS.

For our first issue in the new year we take pleasure in announcing the publication by the proprietors of the Northwest Enterprise of a large and handsome map of Juan de Fuca sea, sometimes called Puget Sound, comprising the whole of the Fuca mediterranean in British Columbia and Washington Territory; size, 36x48 inches; scale, six inches to the mile. The map is worth \$2. We offer it as a premium to all new subscribers of the Northwest Enterprise; price, \$2 a year, payable in advance.

SKAGET INDIANS.—From Hon. Orrin Kincaid (who knows) we learn that on the whole of the Skaget river, above the Sauk and including Sauk river, there are only thirty-five male Indians. Hence the threatened Indian war in case the lands should be surveyed for the benefit of incoming settlers, is but the empty bravado of a few Siwashes, who are not numerous enough to get up anything like an Indian war. These Indians all belong to the Tulalip reservation, and are known by the name of the Sauk or Upper Skaget Indians. They are in the habit of having a grand potlatch at some point on the river once a year. From their behavior or talk on these occasions people sometimes imagine that they have gathered together for mischief, which is not the case. Johnny Campbell, of Utsalady, a half-breed son of Mr. Campbell, of that place, stands at the head of "the whole outfit," and is charged at the same time with the origination of all the devilry afloat in the tribe.

BACK ON A VISIT.—From a late number of the Courier, published at Ottumwa, Iowa, we clip the following, concerning a well known resident of the Swinomish: "Isaac Chilberg, of Laconner, W. T., is back on a visit to the scenes of his boyhood. He went west to the Pacific years ago, and is successfully engaged in farming. He says his father, J. C. Chilberg, his wife and eight boys, are now all located in Washington Territory, are doing well, and is satisfied with the country. He will remain until February.

IMPEDED BY ICE.—The large quantities of floating ice in the water in different parts of the Sound impeded the passage of the local steamboats during the week. On the Monday trip of the Idaho and City of Quincy, it became necessary at times to fasten planks in front of the steamers' bows to prevent the ice from cutting through. As it was the City of Quincy had her bow considerably barked coming down.

FELL OVERBOARD.—While ascending the Nooksack river, between Lummi and Ferndale, in company with an Indian, last week, Dr. A. A. Doherty lost his balance and fell into the river, and narrowly escaped drowning. With the Indian's assistance the doctor managed to gain the shore, where he sat down and meditated for a while upon the idiosyncrasies of tooth pulling in the Far West.

RAPID SETTLEMENT.—The country on the west side of the Nooksack river is being settled up very rapidly. From Lynden down to Ferndale the land bordering on the river is all taken, and the new settlers are busily engaged erecting houses and making improvements generally. Nearly every half mile one is impressed by the steady march forward in this part of the country.

A LIVELY TIME.—They must have had a high old time at Utsalady during the holidays, according to accounts. As a diversion from the usual routine of Christmas hilarity, a Siwash is said to have been cut into mince-meat with a butcher knife; a white man was knocked down with an ax, and a third party had his ear shaved off.

THE A. O. U. W. BALL.—The party given by the United Workmen at Laconner on New Year's night was, as anticipated, one of the most agreeable social gatherings of the season. Albeit the attendance was not so large as on some previous occasions, still there were enough present to ensure the pleasure of all and satisfy the management.

BALL EXTRACTED.—Robert Kettles, of Cottonwood Island, returned on Friday from Laconner, where he went to have the ball extracted which he had the misfortune to lodge in his shoulder while hunting some time ago. The operation was successfully performed by Dr. Calhoun, with little pain to the patient.

PROGRESSING.—The seminary recently opened at Lynden is progressing finely, under the supervision of Prof. Van Valkenberg, of Fidalgo Island. There is quite a numerous attendance of pupils from the surrounding country, and to all appearances the seminary bids fair to become a fixture.

MARRIED.—Cards received at this office during the week apprise us of the marriage on the evening of December 28th, at the Catholic Church in Seattle, by Rev. F. X. Prefontaine, of Mat McElroy, of the Samish, and Miss Mary Williamson, daughter of John R. Williamson, of Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. McElroy came down on the Idaho on Friday. They will reside on the Samish.

A GOLDEN HEN.—Some time this fall a lady living on the Skaget river, while engaged in cleaning a hen which she had killed for market, found a small specimen of gold quartz, worth about a dollar, in the chicken's craw. The land in the neighborhood of the lady's residence is believed to contain valuable mineral deposits.

Much of the success and popularity of the steamer City of Quincy on this route is attributable to the uniform courtesy and accommodating spirit shown by her officers toward travelers and shippers. This is particularly true of Geo. Coupe, the purser, who is especially qualified for his arduous position.

A town, in all probabilities, will be started at the junction of the Sauk with the Skaget river, at no distant day; a locality where there is plenty of good land, five to six feet of alluvial soil, easily cleared, and where, it is believed, a town will be built up rapidly.

The Fidalgo Traveler, we learn, has been picked up by a party living on Saddlebag Island, called "Jackacrew." He will use the hull as a receptacle for fish.

THERE was a pleasant gathering of young folks at the New Year's dance in Munk's Hall, and we learn that the affair was, socially and financially, very satisfactory.

PARTIES recently from the Skaget coal mine report that a six-foot vein of coal has just been opened at the mine.

Two acres of Chas. Beale's place were sold to John McIntosh last week at \$40 an acre.

LAACONNER NEWS.

One night last week, the store of Clothier & English, at Mt. Vernon, was broken into by an Indian and robbed of some clothes and a small amount of money. They telegraphed to the sheriff to be on the watch for him, and he finding an Indian here with a new suit on arrested him upon suspicion. The next day (Saturday) Mr. English came down, and found that the Indian arrested was not the one wanted. A dollar was given to the imprisoned Siwash and he went off with an arrest me-every-day look plainly imprinted upon his expressive countenance.

The Christmas tree, at this place, was literally loaded down with presents, and in every way was a decided success. It reflected great credit upon the managers. The bright and joyous faces of the children as the presents were being distributed and the eagerness with which they waited the calling of their names, was a sight that would bring pleasure to the most morose.

Sunday night, at Seattle, I attended a lecture delivered by Mr. White before the Society of Free Thinkers. This society has adopted a constitution made bylaws, and invite all "who are in search of truth," to become members. Mr. White began by saying that, if he appeared before them through a mere desire for change or controversy, he would be false to himself and false to his early education. He would not raise his voice against the Christian religion except for the sake of and in aid of truth, for he well knew that a by no means merciful order of priests could bring to bear an influence, which would crush politically and socially, any one who presumed to differ from them. He then quoted at great length from an eminent divine to the effect that the Bible in all its parts—in its history, its songs, its prophecies, and its epistles—was the inspired word of God, given at various times and in divers manners for the instruction, delectation and benefit of mankind; that it was the touchstone of truth, the oracle to which we were all in duty bound to resort. He then pointed out what he deemed a great many falsehoods and inconsistencies in the Bible, especially in the first chapter of Genesis, and applied the maxim falsus in uno falsus in omnibus. He would reject the Bible, not as a book that contained many truths and noble thoughts, but as the inspired word of God. In the same way he would reject Christ, not as a man who lived a pure, upright and noble consistent life, but as a God. It might be difficult for one who accepted his premises to escape his conclusion. Mr. White fully sustained his reputation as an eloquent speaker, and his audience which was quite large, showed its approval by frequent applause.

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LARGE GROWTH.—People living in the Eastern States will hardly credit some of the stories told concerning the remarkable growth of timber, vegetables, etc., in Washington Territory. To the people living on the Sound stories of this kind have become quite common. The latest instance of the unusually large growth of small timber is that reported to us by a resident of the Nooksack river. A hazel bush or tree was measured there recently and found to be eighteen inches in diameter, and many others measure twelve and fourteen inches. Eastern people will the more readily appreciate this remarkable growth, from the fact that the hazel in the East is little more than a mere bush, rarely growing more than an inch in diameter.

What Causes the Blood to Circulate? To what degree the heart is aided by other forces is not a matter of investigation. Probably there are several forces assisting. The elasticity of the arteries increases their carrying capacity. They are firm, elastic tubes, which expand under the pressure from each heart-contraction, and then by their own elasticity contract and help the onward flow of the blood. In the smaller arteries the flow loses the intermittent character it possesses in the larger arteries, and becomes a steady stream. The elasticity of the arteries serves precisely the same purpose as the air chamber of any force-pump, that of equalizing the flow, and so increasing the amount delivered. The whole force is derived from the heart; the arteries cause the force to act continuously.

The veins are lax tubes somewhat larger than the arteries, and capable of holding all the blood of the body. They convey the same amount of blood as the arteries, but more slowly. In the larger veins, however, near the heart, the velocity may be 200 millimetres per second. They are provided with valves which effectually prevent the blood from flowing backward toward the heart. Any compression, produced by muscular contraction or otherwise, will therefore assist the forward flow of venous blood. This is one explanation why exercise hastens the circulation. The movement of the chest in breathing probably aids the pulmonary circulation, the blood, as well as the atmosphere, tending to fill the vacuum during inspiration.

Physical capillary force is not generally regarded as an active force in the circulation. But there is an admitted force in the capillaries, resulting from the attraction of the tissues for the arterial blood, containing the required oxygen and nutriment. "The vital condition of the tissue becomes a factor in the maintenance of the circulation." It is this force, primarily, which adapts the amount of blood to the varying needs of any organ; the nervous system regulates the supply by varying the caliber of the vessels.

The force in the capillaries, or some other force, carries the blood after death, from the arteries, where the heart leaves it, into the veins. Finding the arteries empty after death gave rise to the idea that they conveyed air; whence the name. It was this belief which Harvey overthrew in 1620.—Popular Science Monthly.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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