

COUNCIL TO PASS BILLBOARD LAW

The council next Friday night will give the final reading to an ordinance licensing billboards in the city of Lynden.

Under the new ordinance, a fee of \$5 must be paid, and billboards in the fire district must be constructed of non-inflammable material.

MANY FRIENDS GATHER AT AXLUND FUNERAL

A host of friends and relatives gathered Saturday at the funeral services for the late A. P. Axlund at the Delta Church.

After living in this community for the past 16 years, Mr. Axlund suddenly died at his home in Delta last Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock after an illness of about 3 hours.

Mr. Axlund retired in apparently good health Tuesday evening, and was suddenly taken with violent pains in his head and neck which soon proved fatal. He was well known throughout this part of the county and was many friends.

FERNDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Shields have as their guests, their daughter, Miss Grace Shields of Bellingham.

Miss Sophie Reichert, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Rosell, has returned to her home in Blaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jackson and children of Anacortes spent the week-end as the guest of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Monroe.

Miss Alice Shields had as her week-end guest Miss Beryl James of Bellingham.

Mrs. H. Rose had as her week-end guest, Miss Thompson who is attending Normal in Bellingham.

Last Saturday evening the play entitled "The College Town" was put on by the Seniors in the high school auditorium.

A petition is being circulated by Alvin Rowe for the pavement of Second Street from Alder to the railroad track and Bridge Street from Second to Third.

Mrs. J. C. Davidson has as her guest Mrs. J. D. Kerlee of Wellington, Wn.

Miss Blanche Gawley had as Sunday guests her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Gawley of Bellingham.

Tomorrow evening the Ladies Aid of the Swedish Baptist church will hold their annual bazaar in the church parlors.

Miss Violet King is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Mosier of Everett.

J. C. Davidson took charge of the Washington Hotel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, who have been running the hotel for the past year, have moved to Custer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mackarness had as week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Hamlin of Custer.

Miss Alma Peterson is visiting friends and relatives in Bellingham.

Don't forget the meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association in the Town Hall Friday, Dec. 10 at 2 p. m.

LYNDEN TWELVE YEARS BACK

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The Citizen's Ticket was elected without an exception this week. The following are the successful candidates: Mayor, Chas. Vinup; Councilmen, 2 yrs., M. C. Wampler, C. Cavender; Councilmen, 1 yr., Guy Dyk, H. Breckenridge; Treasurer, C. Landaal. Nominations on the People's Ticket were Dr. Wilbur for mayor, P. Van Zee, D. J. Milan, N. Bame and T. J. Storver for councilmen and John Kildall for treasurer.

B. M. Van Deventer bought last week the corner on Front St. opposite the Lynden Department Store. A. Veloke and C. Bailey did a good act yesterday when they cleaned the mud off the Fichttrap bridge.

Mrs. J. B. Gale was given a pleasant surprise party Friday evening.

TO HOLD 2-DAY FARMING SCHOOL

Under direction of professors from Washington State College at Pullman, a two day agricultural school will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22 and 23 at the Northwood Grange Hall.

Subjects treated will be horticulture, poultry raising, home economics, dairying, farm crops, soil fertility and animal diseases. Sessions will be held morning, afternoon and night, and all are urged to bring their lunches and spend the entire day.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold a reception this evening at the Church for the Rev. and Mrs. Ashby. Following a program, refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

B. AND N. PLANS TO IMPROVE SERVICE

Three round trips a day out of Lynden will be the service provided by the B. and N. beginning Sunday, Dec. 12.

A gasoline coach will be put on the run, and a fast schedule to Bellingham is expected. The schedule and the rates have not yet been announced.

Owing to the fact that the tracks were under water, mail Thursday had to be taken out of Lynden on a handcar.

Everett Hawley will begin construction shortly of the third of a row of beautiful bungalows now under way on Liberty Street between Third and Fourth.

SINGLE TICKET IS ELECTED PEACEABLY

Lynden's election day Tuesday proved as calm as the peaceful campaign that had preceded it, and the Citizen's Ticket nominated at the official caucus won out with no opposition.

At various times during the day, it was rumored that a sticker fight was being made on one or another of the candidates, but the returns showed that no scratching had been done.

Ninety-three votes were cast, and Gerrit Van Leeuwen, councilman for the 1-year term, was the only candidate who got them all. D. W. Bender, mayor, captured 92 of them, and Ray Slade and W. E. Topping, 2 year term councilmen, 91 and 90 respectively. Wilder Jones, treasurer, trailed along at the end of the ticket with 89.

S. W. Worthen and H. Elenbaas each received one vote as councilmen for the 2-year term, and one vote was registered for Mr. Elenbaas as treasurer.

REV. J. G. BROUWER TO ACCEPT EASTERN CALL

The Rev. J. G. Brouwer has accepted a call from Grandville, Mich., and will preach his farewell sermon at the Reformed Church on Grover Street, January 2.

During his stay in Lynden, Mr. Brouwer has made a host of friends who will be sorry to see him leave.

He received the call several weeks ago, and had it under consideration until this week when he announced his acceptance.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE

National Preparedness Main Theme of Head of Nation. Submits Definite Plan to Increase Present Standing Force of Regulars and For Four Hundred Thousand Citizen Soldiers Raised in Increments of One Hundred and Thirty-three Thousand.



Photo by American Press Association. PRESIDENT WILSON'S LATEST PICTURE. (From snapshot taken on Nov. 26.)

Declares That if Full Navy Program Is Carried Out We Will Have a Fleet For Defense That Will Be "Fitted to Our Needs and Worthy of Our Traditions." Greatest Danger to Country Comes From Within Our Borders.

FOLLOWING is the message of President Wilson delivered at a joint session of the senate and house at the beginning of the Sixty-fourth congress:

Gentlemen of the Congress—Since I last had the privilege of addressing you on the state of the Union the war of nations on the other side of the sea which had then only begun to disclose its portentous proportions, has extended its threatening and sinister scope until it has swept within its flame some portion of every quarter of the globe, not excepting our own hemisphere, has altered the whole face of international affairs, and now presents a prospect of reorganization and reconstruction such as statesmen and peoples have never been called upon to attempt before.

The president tells how this country practiced neutrality and declares that he hopes that when the time comes for readjustment and recuperation this country will be of infinite service. Referring to Central and South American problems, the president declares that we should retain unabated the spirit which has inspired us throughout the whole life of our government and which was so frankly put into words by President Monroe.

We have been put to the test in the case of Mexico, and we have stood the test. Whether we have benefited Mexico by the course we have pursued remains to be seen. Her fortunes are in her own hands. But we have at least proved that we will not take advantage of her in her distress and under take to impose upon her an order and government of our own choosing. Liberty is often a fierce and intractable thing, to which no bounds can be set and to which no bounds of a few men's choosing ought ever to be set. Every American who has drunk at the true fountains of principle and tradition must subscribe without reservation to the high doctrine of the Virginia bill of rights, which in the great days in which our government was set up was everywhere among us accepted as the creed of free men.

The Tribune prints today a summary of the President's message because it believes every citizen should read it.

Let us see no political suzerainty or selfish control.

PAN-AMERICANISM HAS NONE OF EMPIRE'S SPIRIT.

Economic Adjustments Inevitable Within the Next Generation.

The moral is that the states of America are not hostile rivals, but cooperating friends, and that their growing sense of community of interest, alike in matters political and in matters economic, is likely to give them a new significance as factors in international affairs and in the political history of the world. It presents them as in a very deep and true sense a unit in world affairs, spiritual partners, standing together because thinking together, quick with common sympathies and common ideals. Separated, they are subject to all the cross currents of the confused politics of a world of hostile rivalries; united in spirit and purpose, they cannot be disappointed of their peaceful destiny.

This is pan-Americanism. It has none of the spirit of empire in it. It is the embodiment, the effectual embodiment, of the spirit of law and independence and liberty and mutual service. The president calls attention to the meeting in Washington recently of representatives of the pan-American republics and says that economic adjustment is inevitable in the next generation. No one who really comprehends the spirit of the great people for whom we are appointed to speak can fail to perceive that their passion is for peace, their genius best displayed in the practice of the arts of peace. Great democracies are not belligerent. They do not seek or desire war. Their thought is of individual liberty and of the free labor that supports life and the uncensored thought that quickens it. Conquest and dominion are not in our reckoning or agreeable to our principles. But just because we demand unmolested development and the undisturbed government of our own lives upon our own principles of right and liberty, we resent from whatever quarter it may come, the aggression upon ourselves will not practice. We insist upon security in prosecuting our self-chosen lines of national development. We do more than that. We demand it also for others. We do not confine our

SUGGESTS BROAD PLAN FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE.

Increase Standing Regular Force—Four Hundred Thousand Citizen Soldiers.

But war has never been a mere matter of men and guns. It is a thing of disciplined might. If our citizens are ever to fight effectively upon a sudden summons, they must know how modern fighting is done, and what to do when the summons comes to render themselves immediately available and immediately effective. And the government must be their servant in this matter, must supply them with the training they need to take care of themselves and of it. The military arm of their government, which they will not allow to direct them, they may properly use to serve them and make their independence secure, and not their own independence merely, but the rights also of those with whom they have made common cause, should they also be put in jeopardy. They must be fitted to play the great role in the world, and particularly in this hemisphere, for which they are qualified by principle and by chastened ambition to play.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR GREATER NAVY.

Always Looked to It as Our First and Chief Line of Defense.

The program which will be laid before you by the secretary of the navy is similarly conceived. It involves only a shortening of the time within which plans long matured shall be carried out, but it does make definite and explicit a program which has heretofore been only implicit, held in the minds of the committees on naval affairs and disclosed in the debates of the two houses, but nowhere formulated or formally adopted. It seems to me very clear that it will be to the advantage of the country for the congress to adopt a comprehensive plan for putting the navy upon a final footing of strength and efficiency and to press that plan to completion within the next five years. We have always looked to the navy of the country as our first and chief line of defense; we have always seen it to be our manifest course of prudence to be strong on the sea. Year by year we have been creating a navy which now ranks very high indeed among the navies of the maritime nations. We should now definitely determine how we shall complete what we have begun and how soon.

The program to be laid before you contemplates the construction within five years of ten battleships, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, fifty destroyers, fifteen fleet submarines, eighty-five coast submarines, four gunboats, one hospital ship, two ammunition ships, two fuel oil ships and one repair ship. It is proposed that of this number we shall the first year provide for the construction of two battleships, two battle cruisers, three scout cruisers, fifteen destroyers, five fleet submarines, twenty-five coast submarines, two gunboats and one hospital ship; the second year two battleships, one scout cruiser, ten destroyers, four fleet submarines, fifteen coast submarines, one gunboat and one fuel oil ship; the third year two battleships, one battle cruiser, two scout cruisers, five destroyers, two fleet submarines and fifteen coast submarines; the fourth year two battleships, two battle cruisers, two scout cruisers, ten destroyers, two fleet submarines, fifteen coast submarines, one ammunition ship and one fuel oil ship, and the fifth year two battleships, one battle cruiser, two scout cruisers, ten destroyers, two fleet submarines, two coast submarines, fifteen coast submarines, one gunboat, one ammunition ship and one fuel oil ship.

The secretary of the navy is asking also for the immediate addition to the personnel of the navy of 7,500 sailors, 2,500 apprentice seamen and 1,500 marines. This increase would be sufficient to care for the ships which are to be completed within the fiscal year 1917 and also for the number of men which must be put in training to man the ships which will be completed early in 1918. It is also necessary that the number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy at Annapolis should be increased by at least 300 in order that the force of officers should be more rapidly added to, and authority is asked to appoint, for engineering duties only, approved graduates of engineering colleges, and for service in the aviation corps a certain number of men taken from civil life.

If this full program should be carried out we should have built or building in 1921, according to the estimates of survival and standards of classification followed by the general board of the department, an effective navy consisting of 27 battleships of the first line, 6 battle cruisers, 25 battleships of the second line, 10 armed cruisers, 13 scout cruisers, 5 first class cruisers, 3 second class cruisers, 10 third class

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J. E. McSorley was slightly bruised when his horse ran away Friday morning. The mail wagon was damaged considerably.

LAUREL AND WISER LAKE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Beerman, December 2, a daughter.

The B. Y. P. U. met at N.P. Sorensen's home Sunday evening.

Prof. H. O. Burton who has been unable to fill his place teacher of Laurel high school, thinks he will be able to resume his work next week.

I. M. Burgess had his leg badly fractured in sawing lumber at the mill.

Miss Susie Hickey, chairman of the Epworth League, is preparing a fine program for the Christmas entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and family who have been living on the W. L. Herington place, have moved to their new home near Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reed's baby, Claude, fell and broke his collar bone on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ecker of Alberta, Canada, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Heaton at Lyndhurst.

The Epworth League were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Giles Constant Friday evening. After a business and social meeting, cake and cider was served.

Mrs. Amos of Thorp, Wash., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott.

Mrs. Abbott entertained the Be-Of-Service Club Thursday. Two tables heavy laden with good things to eat, awaited the guests. The afternoon was spent in needlework.

Mr. Abbott served to cider and candy. The visitors were Mesdames Dorr, Kunal, and Ames of Thorp, Wash., and Messrs. Dolph Holcomb, Winton and Abbott.

Mrs. Grace Beard and son Leonard of Baker, Wash., were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Beard.

Two auto loads surprised Norman Hickey at his home Tuesday evening with a Joy Ride Dinner. The tables were decorated with autos laden with sweets guided by sign post place cards. Plates were laid for Misses Edith and Mabel Marr, Maud Leach, Ida Oltman, Susie Hickey, and Mrs. Hickey, and Messrs. Norman and Arthur Hickey, Albert Jensen, Dick Decker, Rudie Oltman and M. A. Hickey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Campbell were dinner guests at the Parker home Sunday.

The Junior class will give an entertainment Saturday, Dec. 11. Admission 15 cents.

A meeting of the Whatcom County Dairymen's association will be held at Laurel Saturday, December 11. A program of unusual interest has been arranged. Among the speakers will be Prof. A. P. Nyström, dairy husbandman of the State College. Dairymen are urged to attend this meeting.

An eleven pound daughter was born Dec. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. A. Verbrugge.