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The Government's Vast Donations of Land

A writer in the current issue of Farm and Fireside, urging the importance of owning land and pointing out the certainty of the rapid increase in values, says:

"It will not be long until land prices will be so high that millions who might buy a small farm now will not be able to secure a farm of any size in the future.

"The time when Uncle Sam was rich enough to give us all a farm is about passed. Not because our venerable uncle is less generous, but because his domain is about exhausted. Since 1863 he has given away to actual settlers 1,456,525 farms of one hundred and sixty acres each, a body of land embracing 28,344,000 acres, or twenty-eighth percent of all land classified as farms in the United States. Besides this vast empire of land, Congress has passed laws granting to railroad corporations nearly as much of the public domain as that claimed by actual settlers. During the last ten or fifteen years there has been unusual activity among farmers and people in general to acquire land. From 1900 to 1904, a period of four years, fifty-three million acres of government land have gone into private hands, besides what has been practically stolen by land sharks and other favorites of those entrusted with its safe keeping for legitimate settlers.

"The prodigality of donating public lands to corporations and moneyed syndicates in the past forty or fifty years is now beginning to be realized when fifty thousand American farmers crossed the line into Canada in search of homesteads, and became identified in the great work of developing the resources of a foreign country. But aside from these conditions there is no better investment offered for safety and continuous enhancement in value than land.

"When government land is exhausted, when no more free homesteads are available, for settlement, what will be the result? Land will be come like any other commodity which is limited and for which there is an unlimited demand—it is bound to increase in value when the supply is no longer equal to the demand. That is one of the rigid laws of trade and traffic throughout the world. Land will be no exception to this general rule. With an ever-increasing population demanding more land for occupation and for maintenance in all the necessities of life each year, the price of land will increase as the population of this country increases and gains ascendancy and the per capita share of land will grow less.

Agricultural News-Notes

The three principal egg-receiving centers are New York, Chicago, and Boston.

The walnut crop of California is likely to be one fourth larger than that of last year.

The 1908 fruit crop in Maine is said to be the largest of any during the past twenty years.

A two-hundred-acre guinea pig and turtle farm has been started at Barrington, near Chicago.

The pecan crop of Mexico is about one hundred carloads each year. The nuts are larger, but have a thicker shell than those grown in Texas.

The first beet sugar factory was established in 1795 (one hundred and thirteen years ago) by the chemist Achard. It was located near Berlin, Germany.

The people of the United States are consuming each year three million and fifty thousand sacks of coffee. This is over two fifths of the total world production.

Statistics go to show that the hens of the United States produce as much wealth in six months as is yielded by our iron mines in the entire year.

Georgia was the first state to enact laws relating to the purity of foods.

In 1907 forty legislatures in this country enacted laws based on those of the general government.

The apple industry in Tasmania (south of Australia) is assuming greater proportions. The shipments made to Great Britain require twenty-seven large steamers. The estimated value of the crop is \$1,125,000.

PETITION FOR INCORPORATION

To Be Considered at a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday, December 8, 1908

Notice is hereby given that the following petition for the incorporation of the Town of Friday Harbor, Washington, will be presented at a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, Washington, to be held in their office in the county court house at Friday Harbor, in said county and state, on Tuesday, December 8th, 1908.

Friday Harbor, Washington, November, 18, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, State of Washington.

Gentlemen:—

WHEREAS, it appearing that the best interests of the people and the town of Friday Harbor can be conserved by incorporating said town, and

WHEREAS, there are not less than three hundred inhabitants living within the proposed limits of the corporation; and,

WHEREAS, the limits of the proposed corporation are particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point where the Sec. line between Sec's 11 and 12, Twp. 35 N. R. 3 W. W. M., intersects meander line, thence in a Northwesterly direction along meander line to a point where said meander line is intersected by the line bounding the U. S. Military Reserve; thence following said boundary line to a point where it intersects the 1-16 Sec line between Lots 6 and 7 Sec. 11, Twp. 35 N. R. 3 W., thence West on said 1-16 Sec. line to a point 40 rods West of the 1-16 Sec. line between Lot 7 and the S.W. ¼ of the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 11, Twp. 35 N. R. 3 W. thence South on true line 160 rods to 1-16 Sec. line between the N.W. and S.W. ¼'s of N.E. ¼ Sec. 14 Twp. 35 N. R. 3 W.; thence West 40 rods on said 1-16 Sec. line; thence South 80 rods to center of Sec. 14.; thence East on ¼ Sec. line 249.1 rods to a point 9.1 rods East of the 1-16 Sec. line between Lot 3 and the S.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼ Sec. 13 Twp. 35 N. R. 3 W.; thence North on true line to a point where said true line intersects the meander line; thence following said meander line in a Northwesterly direction to the place of beginning.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the undersigned qualified electors of San Juan County, Washington, and residents within the limits of the proposed corporation, most respectfully request your Honorable Board that the land within the limits above described be incorporated under the provisions of an act enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington, entitled "an act providing for the organization, classification, incorporation and government of municipal corporations," etc., approved March 27th, 1890.

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A. Y. P. Exposition Will Be Ready on Time

Seattle, Nov. 18.—From the present indications it is practically certain that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition to be held in Seattle from June 1 to October 15, of next year, will have the distinction of being the first world's fair to be completed in every detail by the opening date. According to official figures just given out the construction of the buildings and grounds is now seventy-five per cent complete. Three of the permanent buildings, to become the property of the University of Washington at the close of the fair, the auditorium, fine arts and machinery hall, are entirely completed. The plans for the federal buildings have been approved and contracts for the construction will be awarded within the next thirty days, with a time limit for completion set for March 1, of next year.

The grounds are in excellent shape, even at this early date. A large section of the green lawns has already been laid out and a number of the winding paths have been completed. There are more than a million plants now in the green house ready for transplanting and the mild climate of Puget Sound makes it possible to set out the more hardy of these during the winter months. The floral display will be the greatest ever shown at a world's fair.

The ship Gjoes, in which Amundsen sailed the Northwest Passage, is to be outfitted just as it was for the Arctic voyage and placed on Lake Washington during the exposition.

All exhibits shipped to Seattle for the exposition from foreign countries will be admitted to the United States free of duty.

The oldest building in Alaska, the old Russian prison on Chirikof Island, will be reproduced on the grounds.

The paving of eleven miles of streets and walks on the grounds is now under way.

Should Name of Town Be Changed

The suggestion that the name of Friday Harbor be changed to "Corbell," the maiden name of the wife of Gen. Geo. E. Pickett, seems to be generally regarded as little short of ridiculous. There is nothing particularly attractive or suggestive about the present name, but it signifies as much as most names, is distinctive through its oddity, if nothing more, and has the merit of age to commend it. The first charts of the waters of San Juan archipelago were issued by the British Admiralty and the name of Friday Harbor appeared upon the first one so issued, nearly fifty years ago. Some more euphonious and high sounding name might be chosen, but what possible good could come now from discarding a name widely known through nearly half a century of use? And if any substantial advantage could be derived from a change, what argument could be advanced in favor of the name of a lady who has never set foot in the state and whose husband before his marriage, when in command of a company of United States infantry lived for a few months on the island with an Indian woman who bore him a son who was a wanderer for many years in the northwest after his father angrily broke his sword across his knee and left the island and the Pacific coast to join the Confederate army and fight with the forces of secession, under the stars and bars, against the loyal soldiers of the north waving "old glory" and shouting the "battle-cry of freedom." If we must have a change, for which there is no apparent reason and which would result in almost endless confusion, let us honor some sturdy pioneer who has ever been loyal to the county and to the flag which Chas. McKay first hoisted near the site of Fort San Juan nearly fifty years ago.

One month from today will be the shortest day in the year.

Local Option Issue Divides Legislators

The King County delegation to the state legislature cannot come to an understanding as to which member it wishes to endorse for speaker, with the result that if a King county man lands the place it will be without the united support of his delegation. The local option issue is the one over which the members cannot agree. The Anti-Saloon League, which has framed up what is generally conceded to be a clinch local option measure for consideration at the hands of the coming legislature, has a lot of influence with some of the members of the King county body and it does not want any man supported for speaker of the House who is not in thorough sympathy with its rigid bill. E. B. Palmer, who wants to be speaker, voted for a local option bill when McBride was governor and says he strongly favors one now. But he refused to tell the Anti Saloon League that he favored its particular measure. Hence the League threw its influence against him and that split the delegation. Palmer says that he does not want to vote for a bill that will injure the commercial interests of the city. He does not, for instance, want to support a measure that would give the local optionists a chance to put the New Washington Hotel of Seattle, the Tacoma Hotel of Tacoma, or the Spokane Hotel of Spokane out of business. The fight for the speakership will probably be continued by Palmer despite the fact that he is not the united choice of King's delegation.

Death of Hughy Ross

Hughy Ross, youngest son of Mrs. Lottie Ross, died at the family home in Bellingham Wednesday, of typhoid pneumonia. The body was brought here on the steamer Rosalie Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. Ross, her son William and daughter Edythe. Graham and Miss Ruby were already here. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. J. Mitchell officiating. The interment was at the valley cemetery where his father is buried.

Hughy was born here fourteen years ago and most of his short life was spent here. He is well remembered by most of the people of Friday Harbor as a bright, handsome little fellow, active and wide awake, quick to learn and popular with his playmates. His mother brothers and sisters have the sincerest sympathy of many friends.

Captain Basford Escapes Arrest

Capt. Chas. Basford, of the steamer Islander, is still running at large with the full consent and apparently the connivance of the officers of the law, notwithstanding his theft, on the day after election, of two brooms which had been triumphantly hoisted upon conspicuous flagstuffs as emblems of the "clean sweep" made by the Republican ticket. John Bugge had jubilantly hoisted one of them over the Friday Harbor Creamery and Gene Gould had the other one up over the San Juan county bank. Cap. Basford caught sight of them when the Islander came into port Wednesday afternoon and tied up at the Bugge wharf. He is a Democrat, or used to be before he virtually disfranchised himself by becoming a steamboat man, and he may have had a little grudge when he came ashore. However that may have been, he saw a chance for a little fun and when the jubilant John was busy in the warehouse he slipped around to the creamery flagstaff and hauled down the broom and carried it aboard the steamer. Encouraged by his success he then went to the bank building, got the ladder, used it to reach the manhole in the upper hall and climbed up to the roof and feloniously appropriated the broom belonging to the chairman of the Republican County Committee. When he got back to the manhole, however, he found his triumphant progress checked, the ladder having been removed by Dr. Muscott. The doctor relented after a time, however, and permitted the frisky skipper to "come off the roof." With the broom over his shoulder he coolly walked down the stairs and past Mr. Gould, who stood at the bank entrance, and who didn't miss the broom or learn of the diabolical outrage for several days.

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