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ELLISPORT

Mrs. Ada Gowan is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Pearson.

Miss Hattie Pomeroy was a recent visitor at the home of Mrs. C. Harris.

Miss Blackstone and friend of Seattle were Sunday guests at Hotel Ellisport.

Mrs. C. H. Pyle went to Seattle Friday to spend a few days visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones are over from Seattle looking after interests here.

Miss Ruppert, who has been spending some weeks here, left for the south last week.

Mrs. Hazelhurst and son were Friday guests at Hotel Shamrock; Mrs. Christie was a Sunday guest.

Mr. Maurice Dunsford spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. McClanahan. His cousin, Francis Moore, accompanied him.

Mrs. W. C. Cliff spent a few days in Seattle visiting the "children." Mrs. Will Huston and family and Arthur Cliff and wife.

Some work is being done on the Carpenter cottage, which is an improvement. The work consists of new steps on the outside and slight alterations inside.

Mrs. Strom, who has been seriously ill, is getting along nicely and was able to see her friends Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. Hood, has returned to her home in Seattle.

Miss Beatrice Rogers arrived Sunday to accept the position as bookkeeper at the Electric light plant. Miss Rogers has been for some time employed with this company at Tacoma. She will make her home at Hotel Ellisport.

A delightful day was spent at the Cliff home Wednesday when the Ellisport ladies gathered for a sociable time. The day was spent with sewing, music—and not forgetting the fine luncheon served at 12:30. Next Thursday they will meet at the home of Misses Bigham and Straight, after which they will meet twice a month.

This is the day of the looked forward to celebration when the ferry, "Vashon Island," shows us how fine it is to live on the Island, and when we hunger for city excitement just board our car at home and soon be carried to the mainland, thence to the city in quick time. The writer is not taking part in the activities today, so will know more about the "parade," etc., by next week. However, we do know that the Ellisport Improvement Club is representing our town today, being driven over by Arthur Furbush in his machine.

COVE COMMENTS

Happenings around Cove are of a necessity not numerous, that is, incidents worth recording, and while ready at all times to toot the Cove horn, I do not want to nauseate the Island folks in that particular, and so with the kind forbearance of the editor and the public will from time to time comment on matters pertaining to county, state, nation and the world in general, on things as I see them. Not that I am egotistical enough to suppose that I know it all, or that my opinions will coincide with the readers of Cove Comments, but merely to discuss matters of interest as they appear on the local, economic or political horizon. I thank you.

With great regret we hear of the sad ending of Mr. Albert Machon (by drowning), brother of Mr. Walter Machon, with whom we are well acquainted. Mr. Machon was a native of the Island of Jersey, which also is our native land. We desire to convey our sincere sympathy to Mr. Walter Machon and Mr. and Mrs. Mathiason on their sad bereavement.

Cove also had a near tragedy Saturday about 5 p. m. Mr. Simmons with his two children, a boy and girl four and five years old, were driving down the Cove hill when the horse bolted and plunged into the bay straight off the end of the dock. Luckily Messrs. Petersen and Sundberg, who were in

the store, heard them and launched a boat and in the nick of time rescued them all. A few minutes more would have sealed the fate of the party. Misfortune seems to never come singly, as Mr. Simmon's wife is seriously ill in a hospital at this time. However, thanks to the prompt action of the rescuers, the rescued have not suffered any ill effects from their immersion in the cold waters of the Sound. A number of light rigs have no brake, and it's taking a chance to be without one, especially when going down a steep hill with only a dock at the end of it.

That culvert just placed above the slide on Cove hill is a stitch in time, also some new planks on the Cove dock are where they were badly wanted. (It was beginning to look like a gridiron.) But if this meets your eye, Mr. Commissioner, don't forget that the dock was condemned a year ago, and while a few planks as a temporary remedy are acceptable, a reconstructed, also larger, dock is a necessity, owing to the increased traffic at this point.

A little attention to our roads also at this time would be acceptable, as they are developing an attack of rutitis, and a little gravel judiciously applied to the bad spots would effect a cure.

Hurrah! at last we are connected with the main land by a real, up-to-date Ferry! Rejoice, all ye Vashon-Maury Islanders! You can get to Seattle for ten cents! All you have to do is to walk to Portage, pay your dime, and presto! you are wafted over to Des Moines, from whence you can walk into Seattle or Tacoma, just as suits your fancy. You can also return the same way if you are not too tired.

Congratulations, Vashon Heights, on your acquirement of Messrs. Mathiason and Scales as judge and constable Billy

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Thanksgiving

By Robt. Bridges

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for armed legions, marching in their might,
Not for the glory of the well-earned fight
Where brave men slay their brothers also brave;
But for the millions of Thy sons who work---
And do Thy tasks with joy---and never shirk,
And deem the idle man a burden slave---
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the turrets of our men-of-war---
The monstrous guns, and deadly steel they pour
To crush our foes and make them bow the knee;
But for the homely sailors of Thy deep,
The tireless fisher folk who banish sleep
And lure a living from the miser sea---
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the mighty men who pile up gold,
Not for the phantom millions, bought and sold,
And all the arrogance of pomp and greed;
But for the pioneers who plough the field,
Make deserts blossom, and the mountain yield
Its hidden treasures for man's daily need---
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the palaces that wealth has grown,
Where ease is worshipped---duty dimly known,
And Pleasure leads her dance the flowery way;
But for the quiet homes where love is queen
And life is more than baubles, touched and seen,
And old folks bless us, and dear children play---
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

Ferry Service Is Established

EVENT CELEBRATED IN MANNER BEFITTING OCCASION

Regular Schedule On the Portage-Des Moines Route

Monday was truly a gala day for residents of Vashon and Maury Islands when the new county ferry, "Vashon Island," was boarded at the Island terminal by a throng of passengers with twenty automobiles on a trip to Seattle via Des Moines. All the appointments of the boat were thoroughly inspected by the happy throng and pronounced satisfactory. At Des Moines the citizens extended a glad hand and swelled the procession to double the number from the Islands. With the blowing of horns, waving of hats, and a din that must have put the "Seattle spirit" to shame, the crowd drew up to the "Good Eats" cafe where the celebration was prolonged until the inner man was satisfied. Then "a feast of reason and flow of soul" occupied the time until the hour arrived for the return trip. The guests of honor were the county commissioners, each of whom, together with a number of prominent residents of the Islands,

gave talks that were brimful of optimism as to the future development of the Islands and the part a good ferry to the mainland would have in that development. Altogether it was a successful event and one long to be remembered as an epoch in the history of the Islands.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club held at Burton last Friday evening, tentative plans were made to properly celebrate the inauguration of the new county ferry service on Monday. A committee was also appointed to confer with the Horticultural society with the view of securing a display of Island fruit to exhibit in the space allotted at the commercial club rooms, Tacoma.

On invitation of the Tacoma Commercial Club residents of the Islands will be guests at a luncheon given in that city tomorrow (Friday), the plan being to continue the ferry celebration which was started Monday via Seattle. About twenty-five automobiles it is reported will be pressed into service for the run, leaving Portage on the 10:00 A. M. boat and returning at 5:00 P. M.

LISABEULA

Miss Nina Young of Portland is visiting at the home of Mrs. Henry Shain.

Mrs. Dansforth of Portland is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Steinforth.

Messrs. Bateson and Baisden and Mrs. Bender spent Sunday with their respective families.

Mr. Larson has returned from Canada. He says he purchased 640 acres of land and will leave for his new home in the spring.

Mr. Ingalls of Lincoln, Neb., visited

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VASHON HEIGHTS

Be cheerful. Be hopeful.

When the Improvement club or Horticultural society take up unfinished business we desire to call their attention to the county road at the north end.

Dolphin precinct will have only sixty voters at the Port Commissioner election. There were 100 registered, but forty failed to vote at the general election and were marked off the list.

Charley and Austin Taylor began this week to plant the trees for the orchard on Mr. West's place. They expect to use eighteen hundred trees and will average about one hundred and eight to the acre. Sour cherries and winter pears are the varieties used.

On the 30th of this month taxes become delinquent with a heavy penalty for nonpayment. It is fortunate that most of the taxpayers on the island are able to meet this burden before the time limit. But there isn't any penalty for delays in repairing unsafe docks. The narrow escape from death of Mrs. Wart last Thursday is an evidence of what can happen at the Heights dock.

The greatest asset Vashon Island has is the Cannery. From lack of business should they be compelled to move it would take ten years' time to replace it with the same capacity. The next greatest asset is the Vashon Bank. The convenience of such an institution is hard to estimate—it is an uplifter. The next greatest asset is the Vashon Record. We need the three in preference to anything else. The next greatest is something we haven't. It is a community "for sale or exchange" yard—a place where we can assemble our stock for the convenience of buyers.

Be thankful.

Miss Campbell visited in Seattle this week.

Clifford Corbin cut his hand badly Tuesday.

A party of five attended church at Vashon Sunday.

Elmer Harmeling is building an addition to his barn.

Conrad Tjomsland went to the city on business Wednesday.

Naoma Tjomsland is detained from school on account of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkham are visiting with relatives in Seattle this week.

Mrs. Conrad Tjomsland spent Tuesday at Vashon visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Brebner and her grandchildren spent the week end at their summer home at the Heights.

Mrs. F. W. Willard, of Seattle, has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coryell, since Friday.

Paul Kokey, manager of Northold farm, expects to exhibit his Cornish and Rhode Island reds at the poultry show in the city week of December 11.

Miss Reah Cowan spent Thursday with Miss Ruth Coryell and her school and assisted in the Thanksgiving program, it being the first meeting of the parents and teacher.

C. A. Pinkham, of Seattle, came to the island via the ferry this week. He was greatly enthused over the ferry and has decided to make his summer home a permanent one.

Mr. N. West, of Wenatchee, is visiting with his uncle, F. W. West.

Mrs. Chadwick Ayres, Seattle, is visiting with Mrs. A. D. Cowan this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dardzt, from the west side, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mathiason this week.

Mr. and Mrs. West had as their guests last Sunday Mr. Wheeler of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnell.

You may tide over a crisis in the life of your boy or girl simply by getting him or her a few nice books for Christmas.

Night classes in Chinese are being offered this semester at the U of W.