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TAX COMMISSION

HAVE A HARD JOB

Local Taxation of Counties and Cities Are the Biggest Problems to Deal With.

Olympia, Dec. 11, (UP)—The Advisory Tax Commission has adjourned until after the holiday season but will reconvene January 6 to continue its tax probe with a view to replacing the present patchwork tax laws with new and effective ones.

The most difficult part of the problem, in the unanimous opinion of the commissioners, is to find some way to reduce county taxes. While taxes for state purposes have actually been reduced in recent years county and district taxes have soared skyward and the commission admits it is out on a limb, so to speak, in any attempt to reduce local taxes. The people of Island county and

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her 38 sister counties must put their shoulders to the wheel if any material reduction is to come from the commission's findings, they declare. Citizens in every county want new and improved municipal facilities and do not realize at the time they approve the expenditures that it means increased taxation. The voters approve more governmental functions, increases in pay for county employees and officers purchase of airports, and so forth. These are very commendable activities but unfortunately they raise the cost of government and increase taxes, and the commission's hands are tied, they admit.

Dorsey M. Hill, chairman of the commission, has asked virtually every individual or representative of every organization that has appeared at a meeting, to suggest some means of halting this vast expenditure of money locally, but none could offer a remedy.

Hill has assured farmers and small property owners that their taxes would be materially reduced, some what may. Five of the commissioners are either directly or indirectly interested in farming and will see to it that the overburdened farmer is relieved, he said.

The five leading railroads operating in the state, through their representatives, have pledged "acceptance with loyalty" any system of railroad taxation recommended by the commission provided it was "fair and reasonable."

By "fair and reasonable" it was explained that taxes paid by the railroads should not be more than they can possibly pay. L. B. DaPonte, counsel for the Northern Pacific, explained that in recent years the N. P. has contributed one half of its entire net income to taxes and this he considered unjust.

Many people in the state attempt to minimize the expected results of the present commission, pointing out that the Hart commission in 1921 adopted a number of recommendations which were promptly killed, ignored or mutilated by the following legislature and declaring the same experience would follow again. A. R. Gardner, state director of efficiency, however, takes issue with these critics and points out that the state was never in such hot water financially, as it is now and the present crisis will force the legislature to give the recommendations fair consideration.

When the Hart commission reported its findings, there was no urgent demand for immediate tax reform such as exists now, he says.

The manner in which the 1929 legislature adopted and passed Governor Hartley's five per cent excise tax and approved appointment of the Advisory Tax Commission, is ample proof that the 1931 legislature will give the commission a just and impartial hearing.

Most Dangerous Time

Saturday is the most dangerous day for the workmen, according to findings of a survey in New York. On construction jobs it was found that more men were injured on Saturday morning than any other half day. The explanation is that the men are tired and anxious to get away for the week-end, hence their minds do not focus as clearly on their jobs as during other days.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

One out of every four of the apples eaten fresh in the United States comes from the commercial apple orchards of the state of Washington.

The five leading agricultural crops of the state of Washington and their values are as follows: wheat, \$49,000,000; apples, \$32,000,000; hay, \$29,000,000; potatoes, \$9,000,000; oats, \$5,000,000.

Friends of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Pratt, formerly of Coupeville, will be grieved to learn that their son, Robert, was stricken during the summer months with infantile paralysis and paralyzed from the waist down. He is improving, however, and the specialist who treats him holds out hope of his entire recovery. Robert is wonderfully cheerful and busy in the face of his misfortune and is taking a University extension course instead of going back to college this winter.

Please bring a small gift for the P. T. A. Christmas Grab Box, Wednesday night, Dec. 18th, at eight o'clock at the high school.

The Monday Evening Five Hundred club were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. G. S. Olsen at their last meeting. The evening's contest resulted in Mrs. White's winning high score and receiving the prize. A motion was made (and sustained by those present) that the date of meeting be changed to the second and fourth Tuesday evenings in the month. Consequently it will hereafter be known as the Tuesday Evening Five Hundred Club. On account of the stress of duties during the coming holidays, the next meeting will not be held until January 14th, of the new year. Those who played were Mrs. J. S. Berry, T. L. Coupe, Flora Engle, G. S. Olsen, J. W. Straub, Thos. White, and two Dummies.

Hotel bathrooms which have been shrinking gradually for 50 years, have rounded the circle and are growing larger again, notes The American Architect, which reports that the new Waldorf-Astoria hotel now being erected in New York, will introduce a spacious chamber, some twenty feet long, attached to each suite or bedroom and furnished as a combination bath and dressing room.

Orest Clinic

For one day, Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., at Coupeville, a specialist from the Washington Tuberculosis Association, will consult with any wishing an examination. This clinic is free and given for the purpose of finding early cases and checking the spread of tuberculosis. No children will be examined. Please make your appointment a week ahead with your local physician, or with Frances L. Marcus, Red Cross Public Health Nurse, Everett, Wn.

"Thru Different Eyes"

It is axiomatic that there are two sides to everything. This is true of every murder trial, of course, or there would be no trials. In "Thru Different Eyes," Fox murder trial melodrama, however, there are three very definite sides, the third one supplying the startling denouement that comes as a bombshell to both defense and prosecution.

Mary Duncan, Warner Baxter and Edmund Lowe, famous on stage and screen, are featured in this production which will be shown at the Circuit Theatre next Thursday, Dec. 19th.

CHURCH NOTES

Coupeville Methodist-Congregational Church
Rev. J. R. Butler, Pastor
(Phone 200)

10 A. M. Sunday School, Adult and Young People's Bible Classes.

11 A. M. The morning service will be dedicated to "Our Boys and Girls." At special address will be given by the pastor on the topic "What We Learn from a Magnet." Special music by regular choir and children.

6:30, Senior Epworth League and Christian Crusaders will meet. 7:30 P. M. Evangelistic service. Subject "The Uninvited Stranger."

Thursday 7:30 P. M. Prayer and praise service.

Thursday 8:30 P. M. Choir practice.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Published by the Students of Coupeville High School. Staff
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THE JANITOR

The janitor makes it possible for us to have clean floors, a warm building and does everything in his power to make you comfortable. He is always willing to give you a hammer or a saw or a ladder to help you out. He is practically your servant at school. It is your duty in return for his help to help him out whenever you can. The next time you throw paper on the floor or grind chalk into the floor remember it means an extra effort on the janitor's part and means no effort on your part if you put the paper in the basket and the chalk where it belongs.

Oak Harbor Play

The Oak Harbor high school Junior class presented their play at Coupeville last week and it turned out to be one of the best plays that has been staged in Coupeville for a long time. The acting was very well done and several of the participants are to be highly complimented. Prof. Pepp, the lead of the play, was played by Bernard Watson and he acted his part very well. The play staged near a college and the several scenes in the play were acted by the Oak Harbor high school girls. The play was a comedy and full of thrills, combining clock selling and football games with bombs and Russian nihilism. The duet and quartet numbers between acts were well done.

One funny and strange incident of the play was the fact that after Oak Harbor had won their big college game, Johnny Lemkuhl, the hero, came on the stage wearing Allen Fisher's football jersey. Miss Packwood, director of the play, is to be congratulated in putting over this play with such success.

Debate

Coupeville debates Friday Harbor, Friday evening, December 13, at 8 o'clock at the high school. We hope that everyone will turn out and support the team. Upholding the affirmative are Hollis Stoddard, Robert Pratt and Jack Engstrom.

The question is Resolved, that interscholastic and intercollegiate athletics, as at present conducted, are detrimental.

New Shrubbery

The newest and largest shrub in the high school yard was presented on Monday to the high school by Mrs. Bert Nuttall in memory of her son, Hayworth who died while attending

Friendship Circle

There were about sixty, big and little, old and young, entertained at the home of Mrs. F. A. LeSourd, last Tuesday afternoon, when the Friendship Circle held a delightful pre-Christmas meeting. A short program was enjoyed, the spiciest part of which consisted of two recitations given by Robert Bruce and Little Edward LeSourd. An abundance of sandwiches and cake, with hot tea and coffee, was served at four o'clock after which Christmas presents were in order. The first tree of the season was set up in a bedroom and from it a picture book and candy cane was handed to each child. Next a decorated box was passed around and from it each lady took a Christmas folder containing a pretty handkerchief presented by the hostess. Then another box, red-and-green trimmed, was circulated: from it each lady in the room drew a souvenir from Santa Claus. And then was general satisfaction expressed as the various packages were opened and inspected. Last of all the lady of the house was presented with Tarbell's Teacher's Guide to the Intermediate Sunday School Lessons, from the club. As the recipient voiced her thanks she said she was delighted with the gift, it being "just what she wanted."

1930 Auto Licenses

About 1700 auto owners have made application for their auto license for 1930, the remaining 1700 have 29

Coupeville high school in 1930.

Girls' Basketball

The girls started practicing basketball last Friday. There are about nine girls turning out. Mr. Fish is to be the coach.

Red Cross Clinic

The Red Cross has given out health questionnaires to the high school students so that those who need medical attention may be examined at the clinic to be held soon.

Christmas Vacation

The students will have an unusually long Christmas vacation this year. School will be out on Friday, December 20, and every one will return on January 6, 1930. What more could be desired?

Freshman Party

The Freshmen gave a party to the Sophomores Friday, December 6. Everyone had to dress as "kids." "Sara" Benson took his part very well.

A few games were played, including the Farmer in the Dell, In and Out the Window and Lucky Flight to Paris which consisted of three sides. Mr. Fish was the captain for Oil, Mr. Vane was captain for Gas and Mr. Spencer was captain for Water. At the end of the game Oil was ahead, then came Gas and last Water.

At the close of the evening the Freshmen girls served a very nice lunch, which consisted of lemonade, sandwiches and cookies.

The parents that attended were Mr. and Mrs. Vane, Mrs. Ed Smith and Mrs. Morris. Our county superintendent, Mrs. Spencer, was present.

Scholastic Echoes

Mr. Fish wishing—well, anyway, he was looking out the window watching the grade school kids play in the snow—so make your own conclusions.

Football boys admiringly looking at their football pictures that just arrived.

After seeing all the dignified seniors playing in the snow we wonder if after all they really take life so seriously.

Allen Fisher, three minutes before class, "Oh! my word, we have English today, don't we?"

Santa Claus presenting the basketball boys with the cooking girls' mirror.

Everyone going "Bumski."

BANKS BRING SUIT

Friendly Action to Settle Taxes to Be Paid By Them

At the last session of the board of county commissioners, the board agreed to accept from the three county banks taxes amounting to something over a third of that which they had been assessed. This agreement was reached because of the decision of the supreme court in a case brought by Spokane banks, in which it was held that the tax levied upon the capital stock of banks was valid. The offer which the banks made was to pay taxes on the basis established by the new law, which passed the legislature this year.

However, the treasurer has no authority to accept less than one-half the amount of the tax levied when any such compromise is reached. The offer of the banks does not amount to one-half the tax levied. Therefore the banks have brought suit, although the papers have not yet been filed, to set aside the entire levy made against them for 1923 taxes, by enjoining the treasurer from any attempt to collect such taxes. If the Spokane case is followed, the court may hold the levy invalid. In that case the banks will pay the amount which they have already offered to pay to the county. It is what is known as a friendly suit.

By agreement of counsel, the case is to be heard by Judge Allison in a special session of the superior court which meets here on Saturday of this week. In the meantime there is no record of the case in the office of the county clerk.

Ladies' Aid Bazaar

The bazaar, cafeteria supper and entertainment, under the auspices of the Methodist circle of the United church, was well patronized by the residents of the community last Friday. Ready buyers were found for the large assortment of fancywork displayed on the tables, while the home food counter, ice cream and afternoon tea, coffee and cake table were bee-hives of industry. The evening program consisting of musical numbers, pantomimes and readings were well received by the large number present. The Womans' Wedding, staged by about fifteen of our local men, most of whom donned feminine apparel for the occasion kept the audience in suspense as to their real identity, while the ceremony and the antics of the bride and groom and the entire wedding party were provocative of much merriment. A two act play, "His Only Sin," was presented by the Messrs. and Mesdames Weidenbach of Oak Harbor. The play was written by one of the players. The proceeds netted about two hundred and sixty dollars. The thanks of the ladies is extended to all who contributed towards its success.

Oregon Marriages Illegal

Marriages performed in Oregon with licenses secured in Washington are illegal, according to a formal opinion of E. W. Anderson, assistant attorney general of this state.

Thus, many couples who thought they were married are found to have been wed only by common law and will have to be remarried to make it lawful.

Road Overdraft

The overdraft in the motor vehicle fund was reported to be \$449,620.47 last week by Charles W. Hinton, state treasurer. The amount of the overdraft was somewhat reduced since last week by the inclusion of advance collections of 1930 motor vehicle license fees in the 1929 balance. The overdraft was caused by heavy highway expenditures.

The high schools of the county are engaged in a month by month spelling contest. At the close of the school year a picture will be awarded to the high school making the highest average per cent. Langley has the highest score for the first month of the contest.

The Atalanta has been presenting a Christmas appearance for the past two weeks, every available bit of space aboard her being crowded with bundles of young fir trees on every trip. She spent a considerable length of time loading here on Sunday morning before going over to Oak Harbor, to return on her regular trip to Seattle in the afternoon.

OIL MEETING IS HELD

SOUND ADVICE FROM

AN OIL EXPERT

Fifty Meet at Starwana and Discuss The Steps to be Taken to Drill A Well.

An interesting meeting was held at the Starwana Tavern on Monday evening, at the invitation of the Coupeville Improvement Club, which was attended by a good sized crowd from Coupeville, Prairie Center and San de Fuca. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the oil situation here and the proper method of procedure.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Brace of the National Refining company, which has a plant in Seattle. He has been investigating conditions here. In the first place he explained that his company has a deep interest in the opening of some commercial oil field in this state, or the reason that if productive oil wells were opened, it would be in the market for such oil and refine it here. Millions of dollars, now going out of the state for gasoline and lubricating oils, might just as well be obtained at home providing the supply of raw material can be discovered.

As a practical oil man, he gave it his opinion that such oil deposits do exist in Western Washington and soon or late will be opened. Only exploration will determine, however whether such seepages as are found are come from oil pools of commercial value. The oil itself is undoubtedly of a high quality, as his brief analysis has shown, but the question remains where it is and how much there is of it. His suggestion was that instead of starting hurriedly to drive wells at different places, the available capital should be centered in one spot and drilling continued until oil was struck.

However, he urged that no undue haste should be made. As a first step he recommended that a sum be raised and a competent geologist and oil engineer be retained to make a thorough examination of the field and to learn from all available sources the geological formation. If he decides that the prospects would warrant drilling a well, then have him select the site and go to it. In that event, however, a competent oil engineer should be put in charge of the work.

In suggesting that no haste be made, he showed that oil wells are being sunk at Samish Island and Bellingham. The logs kept in sinking those wells would give something of a line on the stratification here and if they do strike oil, will give some grounds upon which to base an opinion as to the depth at which it might be struck here. With the knowledge thus acquired, a fair estimate of the cost could be had and fewer chances would have to be taken. Full study of the ground, the experience in the other neighboring field and competent management, would give the best equipment for going about the development of an oil well intelligently.

There were some fifty persons present at the meeting and Mr. Brace was followed with keen interest. A movement is already on foot to raise a fund sufficient to employ such an expert as Mr. Brace suggests should be employed. Further action will depend upon the report made by such an expert.

Singularly enough another small seepage, similar to that found in the Espaan-Parker well, was found on Saturday last. The colored stake, near the corner of Mathews garage, was pulled up for the purpose of repainting. When the stake was being replaced it was found that the hole which it formerly occupied had been filled with water, on the surface of which was found nearly half a pint of oil, strikingly similar to the other seepage.

Harry Starks has struck a soft job, which will keep him out of the bad weather for some time this winter. He has been called to serve on the federal grand jury in Seattle. With the number of booze and narcotic cases and the rumors of development and confessions, which involve considerable number of people, charged with overlooking law violations, the jury may remain in session for quite a while.

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TO "REDUCE" TAXES

The committee of unpaid business men, who are now trying to handle the tax problem doing the work for which the legislature provided a tax commission, drawing handsome salaries, is making some progress. It has reached the conclusion that the first step to be taken is to do away with direct taxes for the state and to secure enough income from some other source, with which to meet the \$14,000,000 which is now collected from direct property tax.

Some may remember that a start was made in that direction when, under the administration of the late Governor Hart, the entire expenses of the state government proper were met, without calling upon the direct tax payers to put up a cent. When he left office, there was \$5,000,000 in the general fund of the state and no direct tax was necessary for that fund. The general fund is that from which all of the expenses of the state offices, the legislature, the supreme court, one half the salaries of all of the superior court judges, and all of the penal reformatory and insane hospitals of the state are supported.

The state has already a very large revenue for this fund outside of direct taxation. Many of the state departments collect and turn in sums out of all proportion to their cost of operation, the secretary of state and the insurance commission for example. Others, through fees, such as those collected by the department of agriculture, are nearly or quite self supporting.

As a matter of fact this general fund, is practically the only one which the state really collects and expends for state purposes. The school fund, which accounts for rather more than half of the state's direct tax collections, goes back to the different school districts; so with the funds collected for the institutions of the so-called higher education. The highway and military funds amount to less than one-quarter of a mill and the veteran's compensation and bond retirement fund to less than another mill.

Of course, these economies in the administration of the affairs of the state which were directly under the governor, which were in effect during the Hart administration are no longer there. Practically every department which is filled by appointees of Gov. Hartley is spending more money than the same department spent under the Hart administration. As a result it is necessary this year to collect 1.1916 mills for the general fund, when no taxes were collected for that fund at the end of the Hart term, and there was \$5,000,000 to its credit in the treasury.

The committee may find some way to take the entire state tax off the shoulders of property owners, which by some one else. Of course, they cannot put into effect, although it is true they might advise it, if they care to take the abuse which will be thrown upon them if they do so that a good many millions might be saved, by conducting the departments under Gov. Hartley, and his own office as well, at the same cost with which they were conducted before he took them over and filled them with his friends.

THE WORLD COURT

The action of President Hoover in signing the protocol for American acceptance of the jurisdiction of the world court, if it is followed by senate approval, as it should, finishes work which has excited the attention of the heads of the American government for more than a generation. In the desire to see an end to all wars, two things have been foremost in the minds of all those who are the handling of our foreign relations; one thing being a codification of the laws of nations, the other a tribunal to which all cases arising under the laws of nations could be referred.

This country was heartily enlisted on behalf of arbitration instead of war, when disputes arose between nations. It was of course, much more desirable than war; but the trouble with arbitration was the almost uniform tendency of arbitrators to compromise, to split the difference between the two, never really giving the one entitled to it decision all to which it was entitled. It has been felt for many years by all those who have given the matter intelligent study and who, moreover, were familiar with international law, that an independent judicial tribunal, occupying towards the nations collectively the same relation as that of the supreme court of the United States to the states of this union, should be established to decide all such disputes on the law and "the fact," instead of by arbiters' finding, unsatisfactory to both parties.

The codification of international law has been looked upon as a necessary corollary to the creation of such a tribunal, but whether it came in advance or follows necessarily from the decisions of the world court, international law must be lifted out of its present submerged condition and clarified.

The entrance of the United States into the world court is necessary, indeed, practically inevitable, if the Kellogg peace treaties are to have force and effect. The nations that sign such treaties agree, in practical effect, to submit their disputes to judicial decision, instead of to the force of arms. There is a tribunal established for just that purpose. There is no other tribunal armed with such powers. The United States government, father of the whole idea of judicial determination of disputes between nations and which put forward and had accepted a series of treaties by which all of the great nations of the world have agreed to the judicial determination of their disputes, rather than the arbitration of arms, could hardly now, in decency, refuse itself to agree to accept the decisions of such a tribunal, which would have come into existence at all had it not been for American initiative.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD

What It Is Doing and What It Will Do

County agents can perform a great service to agriculture by carrying to the country schoolhouse meetings and the farm firesides the correct interpretation of what the Federal Farm Board is seeking to do under the Agricultural Marketing Act, C. 3. Denman, member, Federal Farm Board, said in an address prepared for delivery to-day (December 5) before the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agents in Chicago.

The Agricultural Marketing Act, Mr. Denman said, proposes to put the farmers in the same position enjoyed now by other industries which is to determine their profits through control of production and marketing of their products. Success of the farm board's program, he added, will depend upon the understanding the farmers have of the possibilities of the law and their willingness to help themselves to its benefits.

Mr. Denman told of what is being done to set up national commodity sales organizations by the amalgamation or federation of existing cooperative associations of the particular commodity.

"When a commodity has been designated and a national marketing association set up to handle that commodity, when its management has been approved by the Federal Farm Board and its financial position in the industry made secure and to the farmer dependably assuring," Mr. Denman said, "then that association should attract the rank and file of farmers who produce that commodity wherever located. You can without reservation tell your farmers to put the marketing of their crop into whatever local unit that will have the sale of that crop made under control of the national agency."

Mr. Denman said the consumer has nothing to fear from the Farm Board's program, explaining that the consumer as well as the producer is offered much hope in the program of orderly and efficient marketing through farmer owned and controlled organizations.

"To help the farmers produce efficiently and economically; to market as, when, and where needed throughout the whole of a market season; to free him from any and all bonds that have compelled his products to be offered in the world's markets as soon as it is harvested; to match demand with proper supply, is the plan and purpose of the Farm Board," Mr. Denman continued. "The law seems to vest us with power and funds ample for such a program. Many crops are not marketed by the farmer with any thought of the market demand but because of economic pressure. Mortgage due dates can be given as the best reason why cotton and other crops are sold in a short period. Certainly mills run all the year and cloth is sold throughout the year. We hope to change the calendar of marketing for the farmer so it will keep apace. Storage must be provided for non-perishables so seasonal surpluses may be kept out of our great show windows of trade and not cause glutted markets. For surpluses of perishables, ways and means must be provided for making by-products at the source of production rather than paying transportation to great centers and see a product bring less than its carrying costs."

Mr. Denman said his vision of agriculture in the future is "each agricultural commodity under control of marketing by the farmers themselves, prices stabilized and production based on demand at a price fair to the producer and yet attractive to the consumer."

BEAUTIES ARE SCARCE

Artist Claims to Have Seen But Two Out of Many

Was he right, that eminent artist, who said, "I have seen and studied 10,000 women, but only three were beautiful?"

He was, if you want the opinion of Ada Patterson, author and playwright who has made a particular study of the most charming women of the stage and society.

"True beauty—the classic perfection of facial features, stature and color—is so rare as to be nearly unobtainable," she asserts in the current issue of Harper's Bazaar. Most so-called beauties, both on and off the stage, are not beautiful in that sense, Miss Patterson insists. That is, if one of them were perfectly cast in plaster, her physical defects would be obvious immediately to the observer of the statue—because the plaster figure would lack the graciousness, poise and attractive mannerisms that make a living model charming.

The secret of the quality that the world ordinarily designates as beauty, then, is personal charm more than physical perfection, observes the writer. It is the lack of that charming quality—which she designates as "loveliness"—that has left some otherwise perfect beauties without the power to hold attention and admiration. Possession of it, on the other hand, has made "famous beauties" of women whose physical defects were apparent to the student.

Lillian Russell was both beautiful and lovely," she says, "and consequently reigned long as the greatest American beauty. Maxine Elliott, too, was beautiful, but she possessed a Himalayan, reserved quality which precluded the quality of universal appeal, loveliness.

Of today's actresses, the Harper's Bazaar writer chooses Clara Bow as a possessor of both beauty and loveliness, and Violet Heming as a beauty whose "Himalayan quality" withholds from her the term "lovely."

"I have never known a lovely woman who is not in habit amiable," she says. "We never see the lovely woman in mental undress. For her here is no indecent exposure of the emotions. She conceals her petty impulses, her vexations, her frustrations. She exhibits only her pleasing moods. The core of loveliness is graciousness; its heart is kindness. A quality that seldom has been successfully assumed."

Colored Telephones

The next dully utilitarian object to disappear from the American home before the invasion of color probably will be the telephone. The American Architect notes in its current issue the introduction in Paris of continental-type telephones finished in blue, green, red, brown and other decorative tones, and advocates their use in modern interior decoration.

Fur Trapping in Chicago

When an opossum is discovered in a New York subway, as recently happened, or some other forest denizen is found walking blandly down the main street of any of our cities, the newspapers make a "break" story of the incident; and there is puzzled speculation as to how the creature got there. But, according to George J. Thiessen, the mystery isn't as deep as we usually suppose.

America even in the region of great cities, isn't nearly as devoid of wild life as we believe, says Mr. Thiessen, veteran trapper, in the current issue of The Farm Journal. "Each year even such sly fur-bear-

ers as the mink are taken right in our largest cities," he asserts. "I know personally of one bridge-tender in Chicago who had his trap line almost in the business section. He marketed a good many dollars' worth of fur each season, and because no one less suspected there was game near and he wasn't bothered by competition, he actually believed he had a good trapping ground."

There is hardly any part of rural America where profitable trapping can not be done, in spite of the general belief to the contrary, says the veteran.

"You don't have to go to Canada or the very primitive sections," he tells the amateur woodsmen. "Every month I get many letters from trappers asking about conditions hundreds of miles away. And the funny part of it is that I also get letters from those remote sections asking about furs in the regions where the first letters come from."

The smaller fur-bearers may have—and probably have—become more elusive since civilization invaded their territories, but such animals as minks, skunks, muskrats, raccoons, weasels and opossums can still be traced by the expert trapper almost anywhere, although the average farmer passing close by them every day may be unaware of their existence.

The principal point to bear in mind in searching for these small fur-bearers is their affinity for water, which is even more pronounced than the layman supposes. The tracks of mink, raccoon and muskrat are frequently to be found following the banks of a stream, but two or three inches under water. The muskrat particularly uses water as a cover and the entrance to his burrow will often be found in water a foot deep.

Weasels and minks particularly are found near inhabited spots,

where their favorite hiding places are hollow logs, tile drains and culverts, low set bridges and stone and board piles.

Absent Minded Students

University of Washington.—There must be nearly seven hundred babies from five to seven months of age wandering about the University of Washington campus in their swaddling clothes—smoking cigarettes, using lipstick and lipping their way through classes in metaphysics and advanced trigonometry—if figures are to be believed.

Anyone doubting this should read the birth dates that one out of every ten students has given himself on the official files. Either from absent mindedness through worry over studies or from an inverted sense of humor, just about one student in every ten, the records in the personnel office show, wrote down 1929 as his or her birthdate. Reason unknown. The prize for this forgetfulness goes to the graduate student who declared he was born in December of the present year.

A Gaudy New Fish

Fish stories about big fish are the usual thing. Now listen to one about a mud-minnow—and a Washington raised competition for the famous gold fish.

Gaudy little two-inch minnows, sent by John H. Winslow, Grays Harbor game warden, to Professor Leonard P. Schultz, head of the college of fisheries at the University of Washington have been discovered to be a new family and genus, never before described by any scientist.

Gold fish will have competition, it is thought, if the test shows the adaptability of this new little water peacock to aquarium conditions. The new family lives on the bottom

of small ponds and is found only in Western Washington. Shaped like a salmon, it is resplendent with stripes of brown and patches of iridescent gold, green and red. It has all the requisites for a new and highly successful aquarium inhabitant and will be exploited in that way, college of fisheries authorities say, if it can only survive tests now being given it to determine its adaptability and the restrictions of aquarium life.

The Legal Niagara

During this year, according to the Berkeley, California, Gazette, the State legislatures of 43 of our states passed 16,921 new laws, an average of 46 for every day of the year. The total of measures proposed was well over 50,000.

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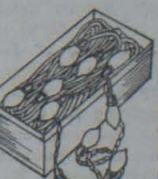
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COUPEVILLE

NATIVE FRUITS AND FLOWERS

By a Native Daughter

(Continued from Dec. 6)

There is no doubt that these early women brought all the common herbs with them. Dr. Kellogg's son writes: "As far back as I can remember, Mother had sage, horseradish, catnip etc., in her garden." Mrs. Hastie, grandmother of Dick Hastie, brought the first wallflowers. She was an English woman, so she may have brought the English plantain. She had hollyhocks in her garden, which was the old Grant place north of the Swift place or Spring Valley Farm, and some varieties spread and grew wild along the Oak Harbor road. Mrs. Power, her neighbor, had a garden, and I remember, as a child, seeing, always everlasting flowers and grasses in her vases. Her yard had many fine old shrubs. In thinking of gardens one comes most frequently to mind, as I look from my window across the bay to the point which was formerly the home of Major John Y. Sewell, pompous, old-school southern gentleman. He had been in the Mexican War, and maybe, for that reason, named his point Buena Vista. He lived in a small white cottage near the bluff surrounded by a large rambling garden, with a path leading to the beach below. The Scotch broom you notice on the bank over there, and which is scattered all through the woods on that side of the Island, stands for the Major's monument. He had fine lilacs, snowballs, roses, etc., and a bed of small flowers. He had, also, a bed of peonies, the first I remember ever to have seen. They came from Olympia and cost him \$5.00 for each bulb. When a small child, used to call there with my father, and the garden was my idea of the Garden of Eden! He had an Indian wife, the mother of his children, a very good woman. He always spoke of his native consort as "my servant." After I had wandered all around his garden, and perhaps had strolled down the path to the beach and back again, he would say, "I will have my servant bring you some cookies now."

She made very excellent cookies and always had a supply on hand. Captain Roeder owned the farm, now known as the Grasser place, near the head of the Cove. It first belonged to Dr. Lansdale, after whom Mr. Abram Alexander was given his middle name. When Captain Roeder bought the place, he shipped some cattle from Bellingham, and just before he left he cut a cane from a poplar-tree, thinking it might aid him in driving the cattle. He landed at the head of Penn's Cove and had dinner with his old friend and neighbor, Mrs. Libbey, mother of our late J. B. George Libbey. He stuck the cane into the ground, and said: "Mrs. Libbey, this will grow, for I have put it near the eaves of your house."

Sure enough it did grow, and it remains there to this day, a wonderful monument to his memory, as is also the beautiful elm-tree he planted on his farm. Mrs. Holbrook, wife of an early pioneer, Captain Richard B. Holbrook, had a dear old garden, and they planted a row of fine poplar trees that still stand in front of the Standard Oil plant on what was formerly the old Holbrook farm at the edge of the bay. On the old Swift place there used to be a fine cottonwood-tree, which Captain Holbrook brought to Captain Swift from the Skagit river. Captain Holbrook was acting Indian Agent at the time. The tree was cut down some years ago, to our regret.

There was a tall fir tree near the Old County House upon which an Indian was hung for murdering a white settler, a Captain Church from whom he stole a quantity of brass jewelry. The old "Witness Trees" were extremely interesting. They were used for surveyors' records. A piece of bark would be taken off and the record written on the tree. As the years passed the bark grew over the spot, which upon removal as thirty years afterwards, the record would be there clear and plain. One stood for many years on Barstow Point near the present location of Whidley Inn. It is very regrettable that these old trees should have been so ruthlessly cut down!

On the point projecting into the salt-water pond or lagoon just opposite to the road leading to the Power Farm, stands a historic fir tree, with a curious worm-fossil formation at its roots. This is the story: In 1865 a Captain Morse, of Georgetown, near Seattle, and a captain from Victoria, were joint owners in the stern-wheeler steamer, "Alexander." The two men had

some trouble and they both refused to pay the crew, in consequence of which the steamer was tied up at Utsalady for wages. The sheriff, Captain Hathaway, who lived on and owned what is now the Monroe place, would have liked nothing better than to have taken a hand in the scrimmage, as he was a militant, terrible old man, but the Victorian owner found that the sheriff had no jurisdiction over a partly owned Canadian boat, so he had the U. S. Marshall called into the case, who brought the steamer into Penn's Cove, and grounded her on the beach under the old fir-tree. Our pioneer friends, the late Sabine Abbott, and his brother the late Linum Abbott, came to the Island about this time, looking for any work they could find to do. Sabine met Hill Harmon, a prominent early settler on Ebey's Prairie, and the owner of the farm now in the possession of our Ralph Engle. He was introduced to the U. S. Marshall who at once swore Mr. Abbott in to take charge of the Alexander, giving him orders to allow no one to step aboard, and to shoot if necessary. The Abbotts moved into the old Barstow House, Mrs. Libbey lived at that time in a house near West Beach, on the farm now run by her grandson, Elwell. After a few weeks the deputy marshall from Port Townsend came over to visit the steamer. One dark night he and Mr. Abbott heard the sound of paddles coming nearer. The latter said, "You are my superior officer, it's up to you to shoot." The deputy allowed some of the men to come aboard, but would not let the ladder be lowered. In the general confusion the piston-heads of the engine were stolen. It was the Morse crowd that had planned to steal the boat and take her to Japan, a fact afterwards revealed by Mr. Abbott. They stayed around and cut wood and piled it up on the bank. Mr. Abbott knew something was afoot, so he took out the tubes and laid them in his loft. In due time the U. S. Court convened at Port Townsend and the Victorian captain was there. He paid off the crew in gold coin and came across to the Island. On his way he met Captain Morse, who employed Captain Kinney in the same capacity in which Mr. Abbott was employed by the Victorian who brought papers from Port Townsend clearing the steamer. He and Mr. Abbott's brother loaded the steamer with the wood that had been cut by the opposing faction, while Captain Holbrook, standing on the bank, was an interested spectator. That night they got up steam with the fuel they had appropriated, using the hidden tubes and some new piston-heads that the Victorian Captain had obtained. He headed for His Majesty's town toward the mouth of the Straits. They had planned to take on coal at Deception Pass, but seeing a boat put out from Utsalady in full chase, they abandoned their plans and steamed ahead in an exciting race, using everything in sight, even their store of bacon, for fuel, and reached Victoria in time to rip out the machinery (the portion of the boat claimed by the Victorian captain.) before Capt. Morse landed from his boat. Mr. Abbott was well paid in gold, a coin very scarce in the East in '65.

(To be continued)

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NOTICE OF SALE OF STATE TIDE LANDS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1930, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in front of the main entrance door to the County Court House in the city of Coupeville, county of Island, State of Washington, by the County Auditor of said county, the following described state tide lands, together with the improvements situated thereon, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder therefor, to-wit:

NOTE.—No one except citizens of the United States, or persons who have declared their intention to become such, can purchase state lands.

Application No. 9029

All tide lands of the second class, owned by the State of Washington, situate in front of, adjacent to or abutting upon lot 3, section 36, township 32 north, range 1 east, W. M., with a frontage of 9.25 lineal chains, more or less, measured along the government meander line, appraised at \$16.00 per lineal chain, or \$148.00.

Application No. 9030

All tide lands of the second class, owned by the State of Washington, situate in front of, adjacent to or abutting upon that part of the Eli Hathaway Donation Claim in section 21, township 32 north, range 1 east,

W. M., measured along the government meander line as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of said donation claim and running thence N 57 degrees E 13.88 chains and S 85 1/2 degrees E 9.23 chains to the terminal point of this description, with a frontage of 23.11 lineal chains measured along the government meander line, appraised at \$18.00 per lineal chain, or \$415.98.

Application No. 9035

All tide lands of the second class, owned by the State of Washington, situate in front of, adjacent to or abutting upon those portions of the Benjamin Welcher Donation Claim in section 7, township 31 north, range 2 east, W. M., measured along the meander line as follows:

Beginning at the meander corner on the east line of said section 7 and running thence N 39 degrees 30' W 6.85 chains and N 47 degrees 45' W .75 chain to the terminal point of this description, with a frontage of 7.60 lineal chains, appraised at \$16.00 per lineal chain, or \$121.60; also

Beginning at the meander corner on the east line of said section 7 and running thence N 39 degrees 30' W 6.85 chains and N 47 degrees 45' W 2.75 chains to the true point of beginning of this description; thence N 47 degrees 45' W 5.54 chains, N 54 degrees 30' W 5.55 chains, and N 47 degrees W 4.00 chains to the terminal point of this description, with a frontage of 15.09 lineal chains, appraised at \$16.00 per lineal chain, or \$241.44; also

Beginning at the meander corner on the north line of said section 7 and running thence S 57 degrees E 2.15 chains and S 1 degrees E 7.06 chains to the terminal point of this description with a frontage of 9.23 lineal chains, appraised at \$16.00 per lineal chain, or \$147.38.

All as measured along the government meander line.

Application No. 9045

All tide lands of the second class, owned by the State of Washington situate in front of, adjacent to or abutting upon the south 9.70 chain of lot 1, section 18, township 30 north, range 3 east, W. M., with a frontage of 16.00 lineal chains, more or less, appraised at \$14.00 per lineal chain, or \$224.00.

Application No. 9059

All tide lands of the second class, owned by the State of Washington situate in front of, adjacent to or abutting upon lot 1, section 19 township 30 north, range 3 east, W. M., with a frontage of 20.10 lineal chains, more or less, appraised at \$14.00 per lineal chain, or \$281.40.

Not less than one-tenth of the purchase price must be paid at the time of sale. The purchaser, if he be the owner of the improvements, must forthwith pay to the officer making the sale the full amount of the appraised value of the improvements as above stated. One-tenth of the purchase price must be paid annually thereafter with interest on all deferred payments at the rate of six per centum per annum: Provided That any purchaser may make full payment of principal, interest and statutory fees at any time and obtain deed. The purchaser of land containing timber or other valuable materials is prohibited by law from cutting or removing any such timber or materials without first obtaining consent of the Commissioner of Public Lands, until the full amount of the purchase price has been paid or deed issued.

All sales of state lands are made subject to the reservation of oil, gases, coal, ores, minerals and fossil of every name, kind and description, and to the additional terms and conditions prescribed in section 3 of chapter 256 of the Laws of 1907.

Said land will be sold subject to the terms, conditions and reservations of chapter 109 of the Session Laws of 1911, relating to easement for rights-of-way and the carrying of timber, stone, minerals and other products over the same.

Clark V. Savidge
Commissioner of Public Lands

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, FOR ISLAND COUNTY.

No. 1975.

SUMMONS.

T. A. GRANT, Plaintiff, VS The unknown heirs of Lewis Heary, deceased, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, to or on the real estate described in the complaint herein. Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO the said unknown heirs of Lewis Heary, deceased, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, to or on the real estate described in the complaint herein,

Defendants: You and each of you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within sixty days after the 6th day of December, A. D. 1929, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned, attorney for plaintiff, at his office below stated, and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

The object of this action is to foreclose a certain mortgage, dated October 1, 1925, made, executed and delivered by Lewis Henry to T. A. Grant, and is now owned and held by the above named plaintiff, to secure the payment of one certain promissory note of even date therewith for the sum of One Hundred Dollars, with interest, costs and disbursements; said mortgage being upon real property situated in Island County, State of Washington, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, Section 4, Township 29 N. Range three East W. M., thence extending North to the Northeast corner of above described land with a variation of S. 5 degrees 33'E; thence West 147.7 feet; thence South to a point 193.94 feet West of the point of beginning; thence East to point of beginning, being a strip of land along the East side of above described land, and containing 4.56 acres; and to forever bar and foreclose all the right, title, estate, interest, claim, lien and equity of redemption of each and all of the defendants aforesaid, in or on the real estate above described.

JAMES ZYLSTRA
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Office and Postoffice address:
Coupeville, Washington.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR ISLAND COUNTY.

No. 1973.

NOTICE AND SUMMONS

In Foreclosure of Tax Lien A. M. ANDERSON, Plaintiff, Vs. ELMER E. GROSS, and all persons unknown, if any, having or claiming an interest or estate in and to the hereinafter described real property, Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

To the owner of or reputed owner of, and all persons having or claiming an interest or estate in and to the real estate hereinafter described.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the above named plaintiff is the owner and holder of Certificate of Delinquency Numbered 1839 issued on the 24th day of September A. D. 1929, by the County Treasurer of Island County, State of Washington, for the amount of \$224.16 the same being the amount due and delinquent for the years 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 together with penalties, costs and interest on the said amounts at the rate of 15 per centum per annum on all amounts paid prior to June 6th, A. D. 1917, and 12 per centum per annum on all amounts paid on and after said last named date, said Certificate of Delinquency being for delinquent taxes upon the tracts or parcels of land situated in Island County, State of Washington, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, in Township 33 North of Range 2 East W. M.; and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 3, in Township 33 North of Range 2 East W. M.;

And you are further notified that said plaintiff will apply to the above entitled Court for judgment foreclosing his lien against said property.

Now, Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this Notice and Summons, to-wit: within sixty days after the 15th day of November A. D. 1929, exclusive of the day of such first publication, and defend this action in the above entitled Court or pay the amount due, and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered foreclosing said tax lien for such taxes, penalties, costs and interest against said lands and premises hereinafter mentioned.

Any pleading or process may be served upon the undersigned at the address below stated.

JAMES ZYLSTRA,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Office and P. O. Address:
Coupeville, Washington.

SAN DE FUCA NOTES

(Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Armstrong and children went to Sultan to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Armstrong's parents.

Nora and Sarah Olsen from Seattle and Olive Olsen from Everett, visited with their parents on Thanksgiving, all taking dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Olson at Coupeville.

Roy Armstrong spent Saturday visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong.

Mrs. Ed Kennedy and baby, Sally Mrs. R. F. Maxwell and Mrs. Geo. Loeb, who have spent the past three weeks here, have returned to California.

There was an old time dance at the hall on Thursday evening with a fine attendance. Music was furnished by Mr. Gordon, violinist, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Martin, piano and Lester Nell, accordion.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Smith entertained Coupeville guests at Thanksgiving evening.

A number from here attended the funeral of our pioneer friend, Mrs. Wm. James, who was laid to rest Tuesday in Maple Leaf cemetery at Oak Harbor. Rev. Mr. Galbraith conducted the service which was a well-deserved eulogy.

Miss Margaret Hingston spent Thanksgiving with her parents, returning to Seattle on Sunday.

Mrs. C. A. Power is visiting in Seattle with her son, Sydney Barrington.

and Mrs. John Armstrong spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong at Lake View farm.

(This Week)

Our ill ones are home from the hospital and recovering. Mrs. Val Weiringer has been home a week; Mr. Sloth came during the week and Mrs. Damgaard returned on Saturday.

Bernard Hingston had the misfortune to have his leg broken while practicing football. Dr. McCartney took him to Everett on Saturday for an X-ray picture of the fractured bones, finding a bad break but set properly. Everyone here joins in

good wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Liberal League held their regular meeting on Saturday evening with Gilbert S. Olsen and Mrs. John van Dam host and hostess for the card party following the business session. Eleven tables of whist played. A. D. Smith and Mrs. S. Martin were first prize winners and Harold Olsen and Mrs. Bertha Olson, second.

The Thimble club were entertained at the home of Mrs. C. A. Mitchell on Wednesday afternoon. A luncheon of hot biscuits, salad and coffee was served at four o'clock.

The American Legion Auxiliary had initiation on Monday evening. The new members were Tina Kay, Jose Karr, Mary Morris and Jess Davis. The Auxiliary were honored in having our Gold Star mother, Mrs. Morris, present at the meeting. Mrs. Morris is the mother of the war hero, George Morris for whom this post is named.

GREENBANK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Willis McDonald and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Burnett Jr., were Webb Center visitors over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foster and son Arnie, spent Friday in Everett.

Mr. Emil Larsen spent Thursday a town.

Miss Helme Wainio, who has been working in Seattle, came home on Thursday to visit over the holidays.

The next meeting of the P. T. A. will be held Friday afternoon, on 10th, at the school.

The next meeting of the Ladies Grift Club will be at the home of Mrs. C. Gartner.

The Christmas vacation for the Greenbank grade school begins on Monday, December 23rd. The school is giving a Christmas program on Friday evening, December 20th, to which everyone is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Blomberg of Bellevue were over night guests of the Ingstroms last Tuesday.

MABANA NOTES

Mr. J. McHaffee is recovering under his physician's care in Seattle where he went for treatment.

At Mr. Nils Anderson's home it was something like Ye Olden Times

as through the past holidays Miss Helen entertained her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wanamaker of Coupeville and Mr. and Mrs. Mase-man and children of Seattle over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, their son and three daughters, spent several days at their summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Ecklund entertained Mr. and Mrs. Karl Seabrook, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Oporton, Mr. Oliver Rehnloom and daughter, Anna, all of Seattle and Mrs. Castle Varis, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Among the many to enjoy a week end at their several summer homes were Mr. and Mrs. Grubb, owners of Sunnyside Acres, Mr. and Mrs. Barkhuff, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swenson and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent and friends. They make it a rule to come every week end to enjoy a few days of rest in Nature's garden.

W. L. Finn received a letter from his grandson, Eldon Thompson, of Bay City, Mich., stating that he was going skating on Saginaw Bay and they were enjoying snow with sleigh rides, of course, but we would rather be able to pick roses and other flowers from our garden, although the writer loved skating in days gone by.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vogel drove to Seattle last week with a party of friends and enjoyed making several calls on relatives and friends in the city. Returning, Mr. Vogel was obliged to draw to the side of the road and rest his eyes from the staring into the foggy night and all were glad when they got safely back to their homes.

Mr. O. Wisener, the Deputy State Master, is in Mabana in the interests of the Washington Grange. He hopes to secure working members to organize a real live Grange. Mr. Wisener is accompanied by his wife.

CAPITAL NEWS NOTES

(Special to Island County Times)
Olympia, Dec. 11.—Workmen employed in hazardous industries in Island county received \$114,832 during the first nine months of 1929 as compared with \$107,830 in the same months of 1928, according to a report from Claire Bowman, state director of labor and industries.

The average number of days worked in Island county amounted to 26.601 in 1929 and 26.238 in 1928, the

report showed.

The state payroll and the average daily wage earned by workmen in Washington showed a healthy increase over last year. The total state payroll increased from \$203,753,481 in 1928 to \$215,436,516 in 1929, the average daily wage mounted from \$5.24 to \$5.28, and the number of working days increased from 38,881,416 to 40,787,795.

Fifteen eastern and 13 western Washington counties showed increases. King county had 33.2 per cent of the industrial payroll of the state, Pierce 12 per cent, Grays Harbor 8.3 per cent, Spokane 6.9 per cent and Snohomish 5.6 per cent.

Sill's Federated Store Specials for Sat'day

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| Federated Butter | 48c |
| Xmas Mixed Candy, 2 lb, | 29c |
| Cream Mixed Candy, 2 lb, | 39c |
| Extra Fancy Cream Mix Candy, 2 lb, | 69c |
| New Crop Walnuts, 2 lb, | 49c |
| 1 lb Boxes Fancy Box Chocolates, | 39c |
| Dates, 2 pkgs., | 29c |
| 1 lb Federated Coffee | 44c |
| 1 lb Manning's Blue Label Coffee | 94c |
| 10 Cans Libby's Milk, | 95c |
| 2 Cans South American Corned Beef | 45c |
| All Rain Coats for Women, Girls and Boys, 20 per cent. off. | |

Not a Letter From Home but a new way to enjoy the thrill of anticipated Christmas giving

Give your old radio set to some unfortunate shut-in! Have you ever seen tears of joy and happiness welling up in the eyes of a sadly crippled child upon receiving an unexpected

kindness? Then you know what such a gift will mean.

And after donating your old set to such a worthy cause, you then have the opportunity of presenting your own family with a modern, new screen-grid set, with all the marvelous new improvements.

Let us suggest that you call at our store and hear four of the leading makes demonstrated side by side. Prices range from \$79.50 to \$162.00 for beautiful furniture models—complete with tubes, ready to plug in. Easy terms.

If this new Christmas-giving idea appeals to you, we will be glad to assist you in making the exchange. In fact we can even supply you with the names of some really deserving cases, if necessary.

Just telephone 23F4 and ask for Dick Snyder or Carl Dean.

And remember, we are equipped to give Service after we Sell.

Dean Motor Co.—Coupeville.

TIMES SPECIALS

FOR SALE—Apples, \$1.00 a box bring your own containers. Also turkeys. Mrs. John Mulder. 6-11

FOR SALE—Bellflower apples, \$1.25 a box, also a few turkeys. Jack Sullivan. 6-11

GEESSE AND TURKEYS—For Christmas or New Year. See Geo. Hammons, Smith's Prairie. 6-2tc

SAVE \$200. TO \$500.—On the price of any model Dodge Bros. car you select. This sale lasts only until Dec. 24th. See us for details at once. Several Island people have already availed themselves of this opportunity to own a superb Dodge car at this special sale price. Call 23F4 for demonstration today. Dean Motor Co., Coupeville. 6-2t

EVERY ONE OF OUR RECONDITIONED CARS—Carry in writing a "Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Back" bond. A new plan that makes a used car an absolutely safe investment. We have a nice stock of closed cars. Phone 2. Dean Motor Co., Coupeville. 6-2t

FOR SALE—Martin Ditcher, 6 ft. blade. Used one day, \$50. Carl Jensen, Langley. 5-6t

STANDARD—Repair shop. C. H. Kirk, owner. Auto repairing, upholstery. We repair sewing machines, typewriters, locks—in fact anything except a Broken Heart. Coupeville, Wn. 4-1f

FOR SALE—Reasonable. House and lot 169X410 feet. Just North of Methodist church, Coupeville. Cash or terms, or will trade for property in Everett. E. S. Bryan, 2211 Rockefeller, Everett, Wash. 3-1f

BABY CHICKS—From carefully selected hens, mated to cockerels of 250-310 egg trap record dams. All breeders have 90 days complete rest which insures you strong husky chicks. Grant's Poultry Farm, Bay View. Phone 1015A Langley. 50-1f

FOR RENT—The Congregational parsonage. See Mrs. Julia Trott. 49-1f

WIKINSON POULTRY RANCH—Husky White Leghorn baby chicks with a reputation for livability, large number of pullets raised per thousand chicks, and heavy lay of large eggs. No lights. Wilkinson Poultry Ranch, Langley, Wash. 9-1f

AUTO TRIMMING—We trim the car not the customer. Upholstering. Standard repair shop. First house west of Smith Prairie school. 51-1f

MILK & CREAM—Delivered daily. Crockett Prairie Dairy, Phone 14F14. 49-1f

FOR SALE—Registered Karakul Fur Sheep also some % and % bloods, excellent types. Prices reasonable. Elkins' Fur Ranch, Route No. 1, Redmond, Wash. 35-25tp

FOR MARCELLING—Shampooing, Finger Waving, Water Waving, Facials, Manicuring, Phone 434, Starwanna Tavern. Mrs. Palmer will be there every Tuesday. Please make your appointments early. 29-1f

FOR SALE—A first class chicken ranch, 11.43 acres, self drainage, one mile south of Coupeville. Cash or terms. N. H. James. 24-1f

FIRST CLASS SHOE REPAIRING—Boots and shoes made to order. Prices reasonable. Leave work at Pat's Place, Prairie Center. J. Em. Barton, Oak Harbor, Wash. 22-1f

Big Christmas TURKEY SHOOT

AND THIRD ANNUAL BARGAIN DAY

Prairie Center, Saturday, Dec. 14

Turkey Shoot Conducted by Harry Smith. Ammunition Available on the Grounds. Santa Claus Will Give Presents to the Kiddies all Day

Prairie Center Mercantile Co. Given away Free

—\$65 worth of Merchandise, including 8 sacks of Centennial BEST FLOUR, ELECTRIC PERCOLATOR, and many more articles. See them display in our store. Chance to be given with every \$2.00 purchase. Prizes to be drawn at 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00. EXTRA SPECIAL GRAND PRIZE at 5:00 p. m.

Grocery Specials FOR THIS DAY ONLY

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| Best Cane Sugar, sk. | \$5.59 |
| 4 Large Cans Pineapple | 89c |
| 3-4 lb. Pkg. Raisins | 89c |
| Search Light Matches, | |
| Per Carton | 25c |
| 5 Bottles Van Camps Catsup | 98c |
| 4 Cans Del Monte Pumpkin | 63c |
| 5 Cans Extra Fancy Yellow Corn | 89c |
| 4 Cans Best Quality Shrimps | 69c |
| 4 Cans Van Camps Hominy | 49c |
| 6 Cans Campbell's Tomato Soup | 59c |

Special Prices on B & M BEANS AND BROWN BREAD also on

Centennial Best Flour

SHAW'S COFFEE
and TRU-BAKE Cookies will be served FREE all day.
—With each pound of SHAW'S or CORONA COFFEE, a Piece of LUSTERWARE will be given FREE.
—Demonstrations and Special Prices will be given by TRU-BLU Biscuit Co., ARMOUR & CO., SPERRY FLOUR CO., and KELLOGG'S.

Big Display of Holiday Goods a Special Prices

We Have Presents for the Whole Family

Special Prices on This Day on Fresh FRUITS and VEGETABLES. SEE THE CARRIER PIGEONS—Sperry's Carrier Pigeons will be released at 2:30 p. m. How fast can a pigeon fly to Everett? The three guessing the nearest to the correct time will receive a prize. 6

Make Your Christmas Selections at DEAN MOTOR CO.

Low Sale Prices on Dec 14 on Radios and Radio and Automobile Supplies and Accessories

Save \$250 to \$500 on the purchase Price of any new Dodge Car

This offer good Until Christmas Day

Special Display and Demonstration of the New Dodge Six

Free Gifts for all the children. Also a gift for the grown-ups. And large service calendars and art calendars will be given away. Be sure to visit us on December 14th.

Auction Sale

A chance of a lifetime

To Buy new and used Furniture and household goods under the auctioneer's gavel. All goods to be sold at auction are now on display. W. A. Hurlburt will be auctioneer; sale starts at 1 p. m.

Island Furniture Co.