

### PLINGENT PARAGRAPHS

—A book that is likely to "make some stir"—the cook-book.—Norristown Herald.

—Bacon—"The doctor said you had a very high fever, last week." Egbert—I guess he was right. I notice by his bill his charge was \$35."—Yonkers tatesman.

—Gilheoly—"I heard you were not expected to live." Gus De Smith—"Yes, but I don't want to die."—Yonkers tatesman.

—Miss Gushiere—"How torturing, how fearful the thought must be for a stranger to know she has lost her voice!"  
—Mr. Praciore—"It's much more torturing than she doesn't know it!"—*Harford Lampoon.*

"Sir," he said to the proprietor of a dry goods store, "I have called to notify you not to trust my wife on my account, for she—" "Don't worry, sir. It has been ten years since you had any credit in this store!"—Duncan Free Press.

—Two busy doctors meet and speak of the influenza. "You must have plenty of work," says one. "Don't speak of it," replied the other. "I am absolutely layed out. The patients are killing their doctors at present." "Revenge is sweet," the other retorts.—*Le Figaro*.

—Tit for Tat.—Mr. Younger (meeting Miss Winters on the street)—"Why do you do so?" Miss Winters (with cold stare)—"My hair evidently runs down."

—mistake. str." Mr. Younger—"I beg  
housand pardons—I mistook you for  
our mother."—Epoch.

—Grindstone—"I don't take much stock  
in the idea that a fish diet builds up the  
brain. I've lived on fish, fish, fish, for  
three straight weeks and I feel less like  
doing mental labor than I did before  
begin. Fish phosphorus is a humbug.  
—KilJordan—"You have been expending  
too much from it. Phosphorus only  
stimulates the brains. It won't create

—Manager (to young playwright): "I'm sorry we can't accept your play. It isn't quite, suit." Playwright: "That's unfortunate, sir. Will you kindly suggest wherein it may be improved?" Manager: "Sorry again, but I'm just like you in that respect. I don't know a thing about writing a good play." —Washington Star.

Well, that is surprising. I'd just like to know what in the world you feel so "about!" "Because, if you should die and die in the hot weather it is going to cost me such a lot of money to buy a new house." **COLLECTING FAD DOTS**

Chicago Man Has a New Scheme Which Works Every Time.

Away out where Blue Island Avenue intersects the prairie there lives a bad

When all other means of collecting have failed recourse is had to Smiley. Only the desperate cases are given to him, as he charges 50 per cent commission on his collection. The other day he went into a down-town office to collect a bill of \$20. His dress was unimmaculate, his face sanctimonious, his eyes beatific in their upward roll. In his hand he carried a small vial. In the other the bill which he was trying to collect.

"This is the fourth time I have called," he said he, in sepulchral tones. "I am not for man; I am desperate. It is not worth the throw of a die to me whether I live or die. My inability to collect this bill has almost driven me out of my mind. See this," holding out a visa "and see this," holding out the paper. "One is a bottle of strychnine and the other is a bill against you for \$200."

"Better take the strychnine," I suggested.

"All right, but if I take the poison I'll make it here. I have a friend outside who has my dying statement in his pocket. In that I say that I was driven to suicide because you refused to sign this bill. That will be in all the newspapers to-morrow morning. The publicity won't hurt me then, because I'll be dead; but you can judge of the effect such a statement will have upon you."

Smiley's aspect grew still more unalike as he stopped talking, and his hands fumbled nervously at the stop-

“Well, he's your son. Now get out or I didn't give it to him because I thought he would commit suicide,” explained the debtor. “but because he's got a new scheme for collecting bad debts. I'm a pretty hard man to collect from, but this chap carries too many guns for me.”  
—Chicago News.

**The Largest Cake Ever Made.**  
The “jubilee cake” presented to Queen Victoria by the Messrs. Gunter of the famous London purveyors, in June 1887, was a triumph of the bakers' and confectioners' art. It was 9 feet 6 inches in circumference, 10 feet high, and weighed over 600 pounds without the decorations.

corations which alone were over 500 pounds. The design was that of a crown awarded by lions and surmounted by a people bearing figures of Fame and Glory, each holding trumpets in their hands, holding the jubilee to the four quarters of the world. These, again, were surmounted by temples with mingled figures of Peace. The panels of the base were embroiled in gold on white satin, bearing the royal monogram, while between them were figures in relief representing the four quarters of the world. Between the lions which guarded the crown were medallions bearing portraits of her Majesty and the Prince Consort, and the royal wedding day in 1840. Other portraits presented her Majesty at various ages, the last being from the photograph taken in May, 1887.—Notes and Queries.



# The San de Fuca.

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## TO THE PUBLIC.

We offer no apology for springing THE SAN DE FUCAN on the public. That San de Fuca exists is the reason for our existence. The two will go hand in hand forward to prosperity and usefulness. Our city has more brilliant prospects than any other on the waters of the entire Sound, and the management of the SAN DE FUCAN will labor to make its numerous advantages known, content to take its measure of success with the success of its beautiful namesake. We have no political or personal friends to reward or enemies to punish. We shall endeavor to run a free, local newspaper, making it the fit companion of the young giant which is coming so rapidly to the front to take its place among the recognized cities of the coast. We are here to stay and shall never rest until San de Fuca has fifty thousand inhabitants.

## SAN DE FUCA'S ADVANTAGES.

Unlike many other towns the growth of San de Fuca is based almost entirely upon its natural advantages. A more beautiful location does not present itself anywhere upon the Pacific Coast. Aside from the many advantages it has as a clean, clear town-site, the agricultural, lumber and other resources combine sufficiently, to say nothing of its future as a great harbor—to insure a city of considerable magnitude.

San de Fuca is not what is termed a "boom town." The syndicate controlling the destiny of the place have determined with their ample means to carry out a system of substantial public improvements, the most important of which is now under way, that of constructing a ship canal across the isthmus connecting the waters of Penn's cove with those of the Straits of Juan de Fuca. This accomplished, the weather-beaten mariner with his storm-tossed vessel will find a peaceful, land-locked harbor at the base of the city of San de Fuca.

The San de Fuca Ship Canal and Railway Company, last week put their surveyors in the field to locate a railroad from this place to the main land, which can be reached in about twenty miles, with a very desirable grade. This road with the canal will make ocean connection in a most admirable harbor at the most extreme western point on Puget Sound accessible from the eastern shore, greatly shortening the distance from the Atlantic to the Pacific by any northern or middle trans-continental railway, intersecting the Pacific ocean at San de Fuca, on Penn's cove. The project of making this place the central terminal point of railroads reaching Puget sound was first suggested by Jay Cooke when he was controlling the Northern Pacific railroad enterprise. At that time his engineers made a thorough examination of the Sound country, and drove the terminal stakes on what is now the town-site of San de Fuca, where had it not been for Cooke's financial failure, the terminus of the N. P. would be to-day. Penn's cove possesses now the same natural advantages recognized in it twenty years ago by those able engineers, and the same agency that would then have been applied, is now being used to bring them out to render them operative and powerful. This work has been undertaken by a number of well known business men, nearly all of Portland, Oregon. The San de Fuca Ship Canal and Railroad company has been incorporated by John Marshall, Theodore Wygant, H. C. Walters, F. K. Arnold, Lee Hoffman, and W. A. Bantz. This company has purchased many desirable tracts of land at various points along the

line of the proposed railroad, and being the principal owners of the town site of San de Fuca, they have commenced in a substantial manner to develop their property, and as a consequence the town is exciting an interest abroad, and investments are daily being made which is an assurance that in the not far distant future a live commercial city will overlook a delightful harbor, the waters of which will teem with the masts and smoke-stacks of vessels heretofore unknown to the oldest of fair Whidbey's highly favored inhabitants.

It is assumed by many, and commercial interests seem to justify the assumption, that somewhere opposite the Straits of Fuca, a large city will spring up. Is it not reasonable to presume that the point where railroads and ships can cheaply and safely unite, is where the great city will be? And is it folly to predict, basing the prediction on the completion of the San de Fuca Ship canal and Railroad, that the name of the large city will be San de Fuca? We think it is not.

## FINE BEDS OF CLAY.

Something About The Wonderful Deposits in This Vicinity.

Half the advantages of Island county has never been made known to the world. Full development of our resources will result in adding thousands of inhabitants to the community and much wealth to those who develop them. Just about one-fourth of a mile east of San de Fuca rises a bluff 150 feet from the water's edge, which is one solid body of fine terra cotta clay. The supply is practically inexhaustible, and when developed will be a great source of revenue to this city. A sample has been sent to the State Geologist, George Bethune of Tacoma, for assay, and he pronounces it most excellent for pottery. It is of a smooth grain and entirely free from sand, and as susceptible of a high polish. Some experiments have been made with the clay for the purpose of utilizing it for ordinary brick, and after burning in an oven an extra fine brick has been produced.

Mr. G. H. Jennings of this city, made a trip recently to Denver and took with him nineteen samples of clay. He showed the same to Mr. E. F. Andrews, a practical clay worker of large experience who is the patentee of a number of brick making machines. One of the samples Mr. Andrews said that it was good if not better than any clay he had ever seen. He said that he had seen it in a number of places, but that he had never seen it so good as that of San de Fuca. Mr. Andrews is one of the best surveyors in the country, in Denver, and Mr. Mercer told him that he knew of clay on Whidbey island that would make better terra cotta than any in the United States.

It is only a question of time when some of these valuable deposits will be opened and worked and will prove a source of revenue to those who inaugurate the movement. The matter is being investigated by the canal and railroad company and we may look for some movement by the company as soon as the assays are heard from.

Many things have necessarily to be omitted in this issue which will be remedied in the next. We intend to make THE SAN DE FUCAN the home paper of Island county and shall arrange for correspondence from every section of the county. Our columns are always open to those sending in items from any part of the county, and all feeling an interest in the neighborhood where they reside are invited to send us in all matters of interest as they transpire.

Mr. Chadbourne has erected a fine three story building on the water front. Its location is high and slightly and can be seen for miles as the traveler comes toward San de Fuca on the boat. It is a handsome, well built structure and contains all the essentials of a hotel building. It is to be fitted with all the modern improvements, such as electric bells, etc. The hotel will soon be furnished and thrown open to the public.

Mr. L. C. Mounce, formerly of Monrovia and Chadbourne, the contractors who have built the most of the business houses of the city, is erecting a fine private residence for himself. Mr. Mounce is one of our best and most enterprising citizens and has thoroughly identified himself with San de Fuca. He is prepared to undertake all kinds of contracting and will give satisfaction in all buildings put up by him.

The SAN DE FUCAN has a fine job printing office and is prepared to do all kinds of work in that line from a visiting card to a half sheet poster. We do our work here and do not send it to Seattle or Port Townsend to have it done as has been the custom heretofore by other offices. Call and see our samples.

San de Fuca should have a good baseball nine. There is material for a fine club in this city, and one should be organized and put to work at once.

The steamer Skagit Chief is now making regular trips between Tacoma and this place.

W. D. Palmer, at THE SAN DE FUCAN office, is a Notary Public and Conveyancer.

For quick sales of property list it at the office of THE SAN DE FUCAN.

## COUPEVILLE NOTES.

If it were not for San de Fuca, the little city across the water from us would be the handsomest city in Island county. Coupeville nestles at the foot of the hills that rise timber covered beyond it, while the waters in front of it present an ever changing panorama of beauty. It is the oldest settlement in the county and the wealthiest. Many of the private residences are models of beauty and would be creditable to a village ten times its size.

Coupeville is the present county seat of Island county and has a most excellent and accommodating set of officials who manage the affairs of the county to the satisfaction of the electors. The court house is small and inconvenient, but that is a matter which will be remedied very easily after next November. The most pretentious building at Coupeville is that of the Puget Sound Academy. It is 60x100 feet, of two stories and basement, with ample grounds and accommodations for a large number of students. There is a large and commodious ladies hall, in which, for the present, are the music and art rooms, the library and reading room, and in this building Miss Fannie H. Wood, the principal of the ladies' department resides. There is a boys dormitory, under the direct charge of the principal, who resides in the building. The Academy has a good working library of about one thousand volumes, thoroughly indexed, and complete apparatus for demonstration of the most important facts in physics and chemistry. The course is a year, and is divided into the classical, scientific and normal. The academy is in charge of Mr. C. E. Stewert, an educator of experience, who is assisted by Miss Fannie H. Wood, principal of the ladies' department. The musical department is under the charge of Miss Anna Whelan, with Miss Ellen M. Gaston as instructor in singing and drawing. The school is receiving a substantial patronage and is yearly growing in popularity. The present term will close on the 26th of this month with appropriate exercises.

The Hotel Hotel, under the management of Mr. Alexander, is an exceedingly handsome structure. The hotel is now receiving a coat of paint, and is being thoroughly renovated throughout. Mr. Alexander sets a good table and is a popular and accommodating host. The State is a very home-like hotel and is well patronized. Mr. Alexander's is a good hotel to stop at.

Mr. J. B. Jones is the proprietor of Central Hotel of Coupeville, situated at the head of the steamboat wharf and on the main street. The Central has a good table and is well conducted. It has a bar and billiard room, and has a good lively stable in connection with the house, where some fine rigs are kept for the accommodation of the public.

A. Highwarden & Co. have a fine store, which combines groceries, drugs, stationery, etc., under the one management. A stock of some \$6,000 in drugs is carried and about \$4,000 in groceries. Dr. Highwarden has been at the head of the establishment for the last ten years and has made hosts of friends, both as a tradesman and a physician. The doctor is a skillful physician, and has been very successful in his practice. Dr. Highwarden is a broad-minded and liberal citizen, and has done much for the upbuilding of Coupeville.

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100 Pounds Sugar Cured Hams, Per Pound.....	13
Fine Cream Cheese.....	15
One Gallon Pie Fruit.....	50
One Gallon Pie Fruit, Per Dozen.....	5 00
Five Gallons Syrup.....	2 25
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## HEADQUARTERS SALOON,

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WATER STREET SAN DE FUCA, WASH.

—THE BEST OF—

## WINE, LIQUORS AND CIGARS

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# Holbrook, Hanback & Co.,

## REAL ESTATE,

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909 Front Street, Seattle, Wash.

We are Sole Agents for the San de Fuca Land Company's Property, Among Which is the Beautiful

## CENTRAL PARK ANNEX to SAN DE FUCA,

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## HOLBROOK, HANBACK & Co

San de Fuca, Island Co., Wash., or 909 Front Seattle, Wash.

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Can be Bought at Reasonable Figures,

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CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

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## CHAS. DICKSON,

—The Leading Real Estate Broker,—

WHO HAS FOR SALE THE

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ADJOINING THE TOWN-SITE.

CHAS. DICKSON, Wall Street, San de Fuca, Wash.

## The Original San de Fuca,

## W. T. CLARK,

Sells his own Property, at his own Prices, which are Very Low, with Liberal Terms. Call on him when in San de Fuca.

## City Property, 2d Addition, East San de Fuca,

## THE MANUFACTURING CENTER.

W. T. Clark, Wall Street, San de Fuca, Washington.



WHO THEY ARE.

A few words about the future Millionaires of San de Fucan.

A better class of boys never got together than those who are the present business men of San de Fucan. They have come here with faith in the future of this city and are all joined in hand to work for success. Our space is limited in this issue but we propose to say a few words about the "boys" and will agree to not "give away" any state secrets.

P. N. McClure & Co., real estate agents and abstractors have a fine list of property for sale. They claim to have the best list of acreage property in the county and are willing to try and satisfy intending purchasers as to price and location. Mr. McClure was the first hotel keeper in San de Fucan and has stayed by the town when himself, the senior editor of THE SAN DE FUCAN and Mr. C. W. Hullin were the only ones in the place. His faith in the outcome has never faltered and he is confident that he will live to see property on Crescent Avenue selling for \$500 per front foot.

The pioneer cash grocery store was the first one started here and is an establishment that would carry a much larger business than it does at present. It is a very reasonable store. The resident Mr. Murt, is one of our best regular young men and is building up a good trade.

Mr. George Newell has a large general merchandise store here which is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Bobt. Howard, who is very courteous and popular. Mr. Newell is a man of extensive affairs, and has a handsome farm at Crescent Harbor to which he gives much of his personal attention. In his store here he carries dry goods, boots and shoes, toilet and fancy articles, drugs and patent medicines, as well as a good stock of groceries and farm produce. He has a large trade which is rapidly growing.

The popular landlord of the hotel here is Mr. D. W. Holbrook. His house is well-fitted and he has a number of outside rooms, "corrals," etc. where he manages to stow the overflow, and contrives to make all visitors comfortable. He has a good table and the attaches of the house are pleasant and accommodating. Mr. Holbrook's hotel is a good place to stop. It is generally regretted that he did not conclude to lease the new hotel just finished, but he will be able to retain his patronage against all comers. His house is the principal place in the city at present where the general public is accommodated.

Charles Dickson has an advertisement in this issue to which we invite attention of the public. He is located on Wall street—the prototype of New York—and he hopes he will make a name for himself in San de Fucan. He is a native of the city, and has been in the city for some time. He is a very pleasant gentleman and is writing a large number of policies.

Mr. H. T. Burntrager is one of our bright, wide-awake real estate men here and is the resident partner of L. T. Keene of Tacoma. Mr. Burntrager has a large amount of inside property for sale at very reasonable figures and on terms to suit. He makes headquarters at W. T. Clark's building and is always glad to show strangers where they can put in a small amount of money and take out big dividends. He is also agent for some reliable fire insurance companies and is writing a large number of policies.

Mr. J. C. Eaton wants his customers to "get in on a shoeing and come out rich," on San de Fucan property. Mr. Eaton is in the real estate business here to stay and will become one of our best known dealers in time. He understands the art of advertising to perfection and enjoys making a sensation. He has a good list of property and can offer some fine bargains.

W. M. Ginty, & Co. on Oak Harbor Avenue have a fine hardware store. They carry a large line of shelf and heavy hardware, tinware, carpenter's tools, fishing tackle, ammunition, etc. They have a handsome store and are prepared to fill orders for anything in the hardware line. Mr. Kilham is the resident partner, and is a very pleasant gentleman and obliging.

Capt. E. V. Rogers is the popular proprietor of "wet groceries" at the "headquarters" saloon. He is an old revenue officer of the days of Beecher, and has lots of friends all over the sound. He is constructing a fine two-story building next to McClure & Co's real estate office which he will move into in about two weeks. Mr. Thos. Rockwell is the "indivologist" at the "headquarters" and is an artist in his line.

Mr. W. T. Clark is the oldest real estate agent in San de Fucan. He sells his own property and as he has a large quantity of it to dispose of he is willing to offer rare bargains to those seeking investments. Mr. Clark has planned an addition called East San de Fucan and placed it on the market and it is his intention to make that a great manufacturing center. Already one fine saw mill has been established and Mr. Clark is negotiating for a number of other manufacturing plants to locate on his addition. It is easily accessible from the water front and possesses many natural advantages which will no doubt be utilized in the near future. Parties seeking eligible manufacturing locations should correspond with Mr. Clark.

Mr. Ethel Carpenter is a contractor and jobber. He makes a specialty of painting and decorating. Mr. Carpenter is a most excellent paper hanger and is prepared to take any contract in that line. He is a most excellent workman and part-time trust jobs to him will be sure of having satisfaction given them. His office is at the Bee Bee house.

Mr. A. Patterson is San de Fucan's jeweler. He is a practical workman and is prepared to repair everything in his line at reasonable rates. He will carry a full line of watches, clocks, and jewelry of all kinds and will sell at Seattle prices.

Mrs. Dr. J. S. Clapp, is our resident physician, and though here but a few days is making many friends. She is a physician of experience and skill and is bound to build up a lucrative practice. She is a most estimable lady and THE SAN DE FUCAN wishes her success in her new home. Her advertisement appears in another place.

Mr. R. H. Waterman, contractor and builder, has a card in this issue of a paper. He is a good workman and will take contracts for any kind of building and will push them speedily to completion. Mr. Waterman expects a good deal of business this season.

Mr. G. A. Bush, the real estate broker on Forest street, has some good bargains for those desiring to dabble in San de Fucan realty. He is a reliable dealer and a valued citizen.

Mr. John Armstrong and engineer, charge Mason have returned from a trip to Seattle.

Miss Ida Allen of this city has just returned from a short visit to Portland bringing with her Miss Lulu Giebe who will be her guest for a few weeks.

Among the callers to THE SAN DE FUCAN office this week were Messrs. Armstrong, McKay and Bantz. Office latch string always hangs out to them and their friends.

Capt. Green and the officers of the St. Idaho have made many friends among the citizens of San de Fucan by their courteous treatment of our people. Capt. Green is always ready to run his boat into this port whenever there are any passengers, and is always very accommodating.

Mr. Isaac N. Conway, one of the most successful real estate men that San de Fucan has ever had, has gone to St. Paul, Minn., to spend the summer, where he will make Whidbey's advantages known to those who are looking for homes in the west. He will devote his attention mostly to farm and fruit lands, showing up the county's advantages in that respect. Mr. Conway is an earnest worker and will do much good missionary work among the Minnesotians.

The San de Fucan Postoffice. At last we are in a fair way to have a postoffice. Our fellow townsman Mr. H. C. Powers has received notification of his appointment as postmaster of San de Fucan, and his bonds, with Messrs. J. C. Eaton and L. T. Keene as guarantors, have been forwarded to the department at Washington for approval. As soon as the authorities can act upon them we shall have a full-fledged postoffice. Mr. Powers is a brother of Sheriff Powers of this county. Our new postmaster is a large landholder in this city and immediate vicinity, and like his brother, the sheriff, is very popular. San de Fucan is starting out right. We are getting good men at the head of affairs and success and progress is thereby assured.

One of the Pioneers. Mr. A. W. Arnold enjoys the honor of having erected the first store building on the site of where San de Fucan now stands. It is now used as a general merchandise store by Mr. Newell. Mr. Arnold is one of the oldest settlers of Whidbey Island. He is one of our most substantial farmers, and is a man of push and energy. He possesses the pen of a ready writer and has contributed many articles to the press descriptive of our beautiful surroundings, which has done much to make this section favorably known to the outside world. Mr. Arnold is one of our most progressive citizens and we hope he may live to see San de Fucan a city of 50,000 inhabitants.

The Company's Agents. Messrs. Holbrook Hanback & Co. are the townsites company's agents here, and have an office on Wall street. Mr. Hanback is the representative of the company here and its affairs are well cared for by him. The firm has some very desirable property in their hands for sale running in price from \$25 to \$800 per lot, on terms of payment which are very easy. Mr. Hanback is prepared to show property to those who are seeking investments, and will cheerfully answer any correspondence from seekers after information.

Our Whidbey Island Post. We publish in another place some charming verses which tell how the boom came to "Sweet Whidbey." They were written by Miss Mollie Holbrook, one of our brightest Island county young ladies. She has undoubted talent, and we hope to be able to publish many more of the productions of her pen in the future. The columns of THE SAN DE FUCAN are always open to the talented young poet.

New Furniture Store. Mr. Allen is putting in a fine stock of furniture in his new building on Crescent Avenue. It is his intention to supply a long felt want in the line and will no doubt meet with substantial encouragement. He is a pleasant gentleman to deal with and we can recommend him to the readers of our paper.

Mr. George H. Jennings is putting the finishing touches to a handsome two-story frame building on Wall street, which is for rent to any person desiring to start in business. The building is handsome and commodious and will not be permitted to remain very long idle.

Railroad company recently arrived in Portland, is arranging the details necessary to thorough work. Information received from Laconner and Monnon indicate that the people in the Skagit region are heartily in sympathy with the company's undertaking to build a railroad to the main land, and substantial encouragement is fully assured. The Portland syndicate having acquired control of nearly four miles of unbroken water front at a cost of some \$150,000, have a double incentive to earnest, substantial work. By developing the rich immediate natural surroundings of San de Fucan and concentrating the business there a prosperous growing city will speedily result, while the day that water first passes through the canal, the value of their real estate will be incalculably increased. As a place of resort and pleasant homes San de Fucan is destined to become famous. For the special gratification of wealthy people, who can live where they like, inhale the pure climate benefits of such a locality and those who wish to live away from the summer hours, the syndicate are making special provisions in the shape of charming residence tracts, each embracing several acres, and will maintain well kept hotels, with boats, driving hunting and fishing equipage, etc.

At present, owing to the immense demand for steamboat facilities along the older routes, San de Fucan is only reached by the regular daily mail boats, but when the season has advanced so that river vessels may be safely taken outside, one or more boats owned in Portland will be taken into the San de Fucan trade.—Daily Oregonian, April 10.

OUR MANY ADVANTAGES.

A Stirring Article from the Burlington News.

In Island county will be found thousands of acres of rich lands that may be purchased on easy terms, in tracts from 5 to 100 acres, at \$15 to \$150 per acre. Timber and prairie lands alternate. One is as productive as the other. The soil is rich, black, sandy loam, no need of it, and no irrigation required. There has been a crop failure since 1853. This applies equally to grain and fruits. Feed being green the year through, and the climate so moderate, fine-bred cattle, horses and sheep are grown to maturity without being in a de-roofed inclosure. Dairying and stock breeding can be conducted with splendid results. A high-priced cash market may be reached, with cheapest freight rates, in any one of a half dozen ways every day. San de Fucan being midway between the coast and Puget Sound, is a great advantage. A great many first class business opportunities are afforded at San de Fucan. This place is rapidly becoming the commercial center of Island county. Until this time none of the usual business accommodations have been afforded the people. Notwithstanding the average individual wealth of the citizens of Island county, which is much in excess of that ordinarily possessed by agricultural communities, there is neither a bank or postal money order office, and as yet there is very little competition in general lines. Whidbey Island is certainly one of the healthiest localities in the world. A single glance at the bright ruddy countenances of the oldest inhabitants most unmistakably the absence of any approaching malaria in the air. Indeed it is hard to understand how any other than the best health should prevail, where all the advantages of seaside residence are so happily blended with the bracing influences of the snow-capped mountains paralleling the Sound adjacent the east shore. From this time forward it will be the prevailing fashion to have at least a summer residence at San de Fucan.

What They Saw at Seattle. Port Townsend and San de Fucan. Among the numerous Portlanders recently on the Sound were Messrs. John Marshall, A. Beck and W. A. Bantz. During their stay these gentlemen visited Seattle, Port Townsend and San de Fucan. All express great surprise and satisfaction at the rapid substantial growth of the older Sound cities. At San de Fucan the scene of pleasure was attained by the tourists. "A fairer natural scene never greeted the eye. The town-site, which occupies a rich prairie tract sloping gradually down to the beach, is the native home of diversified wild flowers, whose swelling blossoms will soon cover the entire tract with a wealth of fragrant beauty. In the fir, cedar and alder wood-lands veritable thickets of rhododendrons and other rich wild flowers abound. Wild berries of every variety and old-fashioned plums are at home. As though they knew the game law was 'on' great coveys of quail fly up from the pedestrian's very feet with bewildering frequency. A little later the harbor at San de Fucan will be alive with salmon leaping clear of the water in pursuit of smelt and other lesser fishes." Our visitors were too early for trolling season, but none too late to interview the succulent San de Fucan clam.

If a noticeable gain of avoidupois be possessed by either of the gentlemen, to the famous San de Fucan "little necks" ascribe the praise. There is a female seminary across the bay, at Coupeville, and jolly clam-bakes on the beach are regular events of each succeeding two weeks. So plentiful are the seductive shellfish that a few rows with a potato yield up an ample supply.

The land and water scenic surroundings are simply indescribable. Rich, green-clad prairies, broken here and there by furrowed fields of coal black loam, are skirted by the finer foliaged evergreens, intermixed with light-leaved alders and willows. At the base, and stretching away in full view for twelve or fifteen miles to the east and south from San de Fucan are the sparkling waters of the Saratoga passage. From the west beach, only a mile distant, one's vision embraces the rougher waters of the straits, relieved by the distant islands and passing ocean craft. It is difficult to imagine a finer bit of marine scenery than that afforded on the west beach of San de Fucan, when the City of Kingston, Olympia, Unalaska, or some of the large ocean going steamships are passing, like things of life, within easy sight. In the immediate distance to the east of San de Fucan are seen the serenely dignified snow-peaked Cascades, as regular in their clear-cut irregularity as though carved out by hand. To the west are seen the "rough and tumble" Olympics, looking like a great group of burly, grizzly and white polar bears writhing in the throes of a bewildering writhing, consisting of one interminable bout, towering over all with a far away look that lends charm to their stateliness, are seen, in opposite directions, Mounts Rainier and Baker, incomparably beautiful, as is the intervening water, field, forest and mineral unapproachably rich in commercial probabilities. Says one of our enthusiastic tourists:

"In Western Washington Dame Nature has blended a great profusion of pleasurable, health-inspiring conditions with the diversified wealth of a half dozen of the greatest producing, manufacturing and shipping states, and San de Fucan is in the gate-way—Why shouldn't San de Fucan become great?"

Already great activity prevails in San de Fucan. New buildings are being erected on every hand. As the result of preliminary surveys, the proposed ship canal is pronounced highly practicable and the San de Fucan Ship Canal and

one of the finest bodies of fresh water on Whidbey Island. A curious fresh water lake exists at the upper end of Whidbey Island. This body of water is a mile long by one and one-half miles in width, and is separated from the salt water by scarcely 100 yards of sand beach. The locality is a most delightful one and the changing view unsurpassed, at one's feet lie the whirling waters of Deception Pass, where the great tidal currents run through a narrow, rock-bound channel at the rate of fifteen miles per hour. In looking out to sea the numerous islands and snow-capped mountains beyond the expanse of water afford a most charming sight. This lake is situated upon the military reserve, and will be a most delightful resort for people spending the summer at San de Fucan. In point of fine drives, Whidbey Island really stands pre-eminent in Western Washington, and it is the intention of the San de Fucan Land Company to improve their natural condition to such an extent that the acme of pleasure will be attained in speeding over the island road-ways behind a spirited team.

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