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COUPEVILLE, W. T., THURSDAY JUNE 19, 1884.

Yocub Snurstein on Vomen's Rights.

John Snyders little poy gome into mine store yesterday und handed me a note vich says:

"DEAR YOCUB-Blease send me, by bearer, a basket of cookies, a piece of cold meat und a long loaf of pred. De jury gant agree und your frow vill stay py them, 'und don't you forgot it.

figured percale dress hanging up pehind the bed-room door, und my comb und brush on de mantle py the vindow, und dot bottle of 'Dickies Crem de Lis,' und de dark golored switch vich is in de drawer, und also dot bundle of vite goods under my pillow. If de baby gets fretful give it fourteen drops of paragoric, bless his little heart. How I vould like to see him. Kiss him for me. My duties calls me to de jury room und I glose. Your KATRINE. devoted vife,"

Now I vas alvays quick to gombut upon dis occasion I vas in a quandry vedder I should shut up mine store und go up to de house und pack up all dose dings she vanted or vedder I should just let her set on de jury mitout dose luxuries as de men do. Vile I vas meditating upon de gourse I should bersue Mrs. Quick, Peter's vife, come vot shall I do, mine frow vas on de und a voman be a man. jury und she has sent for a lot of dings to make her gomfortable und presentable before dot grand body don't got time to look after it, und of you vill please go-, "No I some more sen e as to go off und sit on de jury und leave her family mens I am in de vash tub und have got a pig gake of soap in my hand, und of you don't got out of here I writer. Friends of her father admired her pluck and gave her work. She was sensible and industrious, and now has the superintendence of a dozen machines, besides being agent for their sale. Do you think, girls, that this was "look?" With right into de gourt house mit dem. ble, she never could have succeeded.

"My gracious," says de judge, "vot you pring all uv dem young vones here for?" und I says do you dink I vas going to hire a nurse to dake gare of dem vile I sit on de bench for a veek, just go ahead mit your pisness, und of my baby cries you must overlook it, for a paby is a natural apendage to a modder und of you dink I vas going to leave dem at home you vas very much P.S. Also send me dot small mistaken, und I set down und said I'm ready. De judge looked pale und said Mrs. Quick, however much ve vould like to have your prains on dis jury in dis imbortant case yet ve gant dake so many babies at vone time, und you are excused, und here I am, und I ain't going to vate on any voman vot can't get some excuse to get off a jury." I vated on Mrs. Quick mitout anoder vord, sold her a bair of dose gotton pants for Johnny, und ven she vas gone I dinks mit myself: Now here vas a voman vot had got some of de material vich makes such men ply to all de vishes of mine vife, as de Nepolians. She vould be a power in de land of she vas not only just a voman; she vas made of de right kind of stuff for a man, but unfortunately, or fortunately, it vas not quite plain vich to me yet, she vas a mudder. But mine vife vas vaiting for her dings und I must, as a self-sacrifising husband should do, go and get them for her bersue Mrs. Quick, Peter's vife, come und let the big guns und popular mind of the people determine Johnny, und I says, Mrs. Quick, whether a man should be a voman

NOT LUCK, BUT PLUCK.

The largest type-writing business und I vas busy mit my pisness und in the city of New York is carried on by a southern girl whose father was once a candidate for the goverof you vill please go—, "No I norship of North Carolina, and vont," she says, "I vont blease do during President Buchanan's adnodings vor a voman vot don't got ministration was Consul Guard in Paris. He was very wealthy and COUPEVILLE - - - - - W. T. had his daughter educated abroad, but two years ago misfortune came, und huspand to cook his own the entire property was lost and the the reputation of this Hotel as the best dings. She should do as I did ven family reduced to great straits. The dey gome after me. I said shentle-girl came to New York, rented a small room and began to earn her living by means of a single type-writer. Friends of her father ad-Johnny by de hand und marched out being hear "luck." Without being brave, patient, and capa-

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WATER SUPPLY.

Whidby Island is indeed a place that has been especially favored, but while we wish to notice everything good and pleasant connected with this beautiful place, we wish also to call the attention of residents to the drawbacks to a pleasant existence as well.

It is always remarked by those who have occasion to visit us "what poor water you have." This is not as it should be. We should have a never failing supply of pure water. for our creation, has provided in all habitable places, if not on the surface of the ground, at least so near it that in these days of artesian that the water is brackish, or from from the roofs, in which must be through a filter, and this in such an age of progress.

The drive well is the cheapest and best well in use in places where water can be obtained within twenty feet of the surface, and is made by simply driving a pipe into the ground, as its name would imply. The common method now is to point a piece of steel that will about fill the end of the pipe and weld it into the pipe securely, then to bore in sections about four feet long and love you better for it. driven into the ground with a maul, the pieces being screwed together as they are needed. This might not be practicable in this particular place, but probably would in some localities on the Island.

of water would fill all the require- ing to marry and so find some one useful some time in life. You may

ply of pure water.

that can be obtained at present selves. Women too often imagine painstaking. is from wells sunk so near the beach that their husbands don't care. It What estimate do we place upon life will be much happier under any

TO THE GIRLS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Girls, learn to work. Do some-

season there is always a dearth of that cannot, or will not, fill father's situation that otherwise would have water. Doubtless a well would pay place. Death or disaster of some proved a serious dilemma. All a good percentage on money in- sort may come to the kind husband along life's paths your loving helpvested, and unlike most water- or father and you be left helpless, ful hands will give courage and help works, when once the water is run- or a burden to a struggling brother to some weary, hard-pushed man, ning and the pipes are laid, there is or other male relative. While at either father, brother, or husband. no further expense. The columns home learn to do housework, not Nothing is more encouraging to a sion of the subject, and we hope it light job for extra occasions, but in his wife; if he is struggling in will not be long before some one, or learn to take the care, lighten the busy business world he knows more, will take the matter in hand mother's load, got the meals, make he has help and sympathy at home and push it forward, and give us the butter, do the washing, ironing, when he goes there and meets a what we so much need, a good sup- or any part of the work, learn to cut cheerful busy wife, who he is sure and fit all your own garments and is making the most that can be those of the other members of the made of the substance he is able to We overheard a married lady, family; don't live at the mercy of provide. If failure or loss in busiany degree of comfort. This, the attractive than I did when I was you may make yourselves useful over the inconveniences caused by allwise Power that is responsible young." She is a sensible woman and really necessary to any house the depression. He gathers courand that is a very sensible view of you may chance to be placed in. age from her hopeful busy life to life. If married women would take Don't be ashamed to work at any go on again. more pains to make themselves at- kind of work, it all must be done tractive there would be fewer divorce by some one, and anything that is useful information will be of untold wells and drive wells it is a small cases, fewer unhappy homes, and worth doing is a part of the plan of value to you. You will know by matter to reach it. The best water they would be far happier them- life, and is worth the most careful that how to order your house, your

is too much bother to change their a young man that idles away his circumstances with this knowledge, cisterns dependant on the rain dress and comb their hair, and they time doing nothing for his support, which is led to them by troughs drift into a careless habit of being making no preparation for the let us be useful and we shall be untidy. Do they think their hus- future, letting father support for happy. more or less of animal matter, and bands have lost all their taste for the present, and expecting to prothis is used without even being put the beautiful now they are married? cure a wife that can provide the A man naturally looks with pride necessary means for a future home upon a wife whom he has chosen to and family, not even making himbear his name, and how many little self capable of taking care of the things she neglects now that de- means placed in his hands? How detract from the charms she pos- many girls would be willing to link sessed when he first met her. Ladies their life with such a man? How you should by every means in your many girls are preparing themselves power try to keep the love you now for any thing higher? Girls, learn claim as yours-but which may be- any kind of work, learn any accomcome attracted in another direction plishments too, but learn to cut and through carelessness on your part. make your own clothes, the time Always have a smile, a clean face, a may come when you could dress small holes through the pipe within tidy dress and I warrant you not prettily could you only hire the a foot of the point. The pipe is cut one husband in a hundred but would garments made but can't afford to do so. Your husband, father, or brother will be proud to say you cau do so for yourself. Learn any trade, or learn all you can of any trade, though you may not have an opportunity to learn all there is to thing and try to do it well. Don't be learned of business; be assured Where it is necessary to go to a sit idly down thinking of dress, the little you can learn will stand greater depth for water, or where amusements, etc. While you are you in good stead some day and rock must be penetrated, the arte- at home and father is able he will you will be glad you learned that sian well is used. Wells can be take care of you, he takes a pride little. Look at things, see how bored and piped ready for use at a in so doing. But while he does things are made, how arranged, cost of about \$1.50 per foot. A this, be fitting yourselves for the get some idea from each person or five-inch well yielding a good stream business of life. Don't live expect- thing you meet, they will all come ments at present, and would furnish to take father's place when he fails; not wish to fashion the same garan abundant water supply for years he may fail before the husband ar- ment or make the same article; but to come. Will not some of our rives, then what infinite comfort some time, some where that knowlpublic spirited men combine to- you may be to the poor over-worked edge will come to you as an inspiratogether to do this, for in a dry father, You may get a husband tion and make you mistress of some

of this paper are open for a discus- only to bake a fancy cake or some husband than these helpful qualities about 30 years of age, make this the dressmakers; be independent ness overtake him, as it is apt to do remark: "I have more pride to-day of such if necessary; by so doing the most careful and practical of To use a common expression you than I had when I was 16, and I you need not submit to exorbitant men, he knows she is going to make cannot keep house without it with strive harder to make myself more prices or half done work, and so the best of the matter and not fret

If riches fall to your lot all the servants, and your children. Your and as happiness is the aim of life

SETTING HER CAP.

The little brother quietly came in the room where Mr. Foster was making an evening call, and looking eagerly around, remarked to his

"Aunt Jane is mistaken."

"What is it?" his sister asked as she tenderly patted the dear little fellow on the head, while Mr. F. gazed at the two in rapt admira-

"I don't see any cap. Aunt Jane said you were in the parlor setting your cap for Mr. Foster."

As ships meet at sea a moment together, and then away into the deep, so men meet in this world .-Henry Ward Beecher. But it's different with women, Henry. They always kiss, indulge in a good deal of small talk, and when they part. look back to see how the other's dress is trimmed behind.

Rural Hospitality-"De take some more of the vegetables, Mr. Jones, for they go to the pigs any-way."

When a bevy of "schoolmarms" go a boat riding, may they not with propriety be called a whaling fleet.

To be certain of getting a bite when you go fishing, take it along

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THURSDAY JUNE 19. 1884.

LOCALS.

These long days will give you more time to mind your own busi-

Court adjourned at Laconner on Wednesday last. The legal fraternity returned home on Thursday's you success, Captain.

There will be religious services at Coupeville next Sunday morning at 11, and in the evening at 7 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Mr. T. Richards is building a new barn on his property in Coupeville. It is a substantial structure and will be quite a convenience to him.

The rain of yesterday and to-day eame in good time. Wheat and other grain was suffering for the shower which will make all nature

Seattle. The steamer Idaho has be soon built by him, will make a joy, Capt. L. C. Kineth, W. J. For-numerate preachers and lecturers returned to her route, between Seat-much better appearance from the ter. tle and New Westminster.

Mr. C. T. Terry has begun the building of a new residence on his property. It will be 22x30, two stories high, with a large wing. Mr. H. S. Hull is doing the work.

Mr. John Doser, representing the Gordon Hardware Company of Seattle, was in town to-day. He is on his way home after an extended tour of the lower Sound.

One of Tom Richards' horses sustained quite an injury last Saturday in attempting to jump a picket fence. One of the pickets ran into its shoulder cutting a deep gash about four inches in length.

A grand ball will be given at Utsalady on this (Friday) evening. A good time is expected and every-The steamer Helen will take all who setting up of a reaper. wish to attend, free of charge.

This would be a good location for some enterprising man to start a meat market. As it is, the times when fresh meat can be procured short of Port Townsend or Seattle are few and far between like angels

send, made us a pleasant call on Tuesday last. He is the architect to Portland and San Francisco to and builder of Mr. Freund's immense barn at Oak Harbor, and thinks of locating permanently at there are completed.

around with his road list, warning is to be hoped that a large number stay here. his less fortunate fellow beings out will take skates for it is a very on the road to work, while he exacts every minute of time, and the thermometer at 90 degrees in the shade. Wait "Charlie" until we are Supervisor and we will have you taxed as much as sixteen cents, and make you work it out if it takes you two Help on the good work.

Subscribers growing daily, but there turned from cast of the mountains this week. Mr. Ely thinks there is weeks.

Capt. Kinney returned Thursday morning from Seattle where he has been engaged for several months in building a fine residence on his lots near Lake Union, but as times are getting dull he concluded to return to Coupeville where times are lively and not dependant on the N. P. R. R. boom. We understand that he is engaged to erect a fine residence here for Mr. T. Griffith. We wish

The steamer on Tuesday morning took from Blowers & Kineth's warehouse about fourteen tons of oats belonging to W. H. Kaehler. From the time she made fast to the wharf until she let go the lines was thirty-two minutes. With the small crew she has we think she made very quick work.

provements all the time. A new white fence will soon add to the beauty of his place. He will also weatherboard and paint the build-

Mr. T. Calhoun has completed his hop house. It is 24 feet square, with a cupola, and 40 feet high. With the addition it is one of the largest houses of its kind in the Territory. From a short distance it looks like a good sized church, and is certainly a credit as well as an ornament to the place.

Last Friday a very fine buggy arrived on the Island for Mr. Bruce. It is a fine make, light and strong, and just the thing for this country This is not the only fine carriage in this vicinity, several other persons having received new ones, and we understand there are one or two more on the way.

The principal attraction on the body is invited to participate in it. street for the past two days is the The gentleman who is agent for them is doing the work, and when we know more about it we will tell it. We understand Dr. Highwarden received an Empire mower from the same party last Tuesday.

SKATING CLUB.—A project is on Mr. A. T. Collier, of Port Town- foot to organize a skating club in Coupeville, and parties have written get prices of skates. When prices there this week. have been ascertained a meeting pleasant and healthful exercise, and

> We are pleased to see the list of Help on the good work.

SOCIAL HOP.

Last Friday evening there was a social dance in Good Templars EDITOR ISLAND NEWS: Hall, and "fair women and brave men" danced until the wee sma' open for the discussion of matters hours. The music present certainly of public interest, it seems to me left something to be desired, but, that it would be well to ventilate a as it was not to be had, every one little matter connected with the "made believe" that which was fur- town hall. It is known to some, nished was first-rate. The floor but perhaps not to all those interbeing newly waxed (?) furnished ested, that the same amount is evidence of the fact that "the wicked charged for the use of the hall for a stand on slippery places," but there religious service or a lecture as for were some notable exceptions to the a minstrel troupe or dramatic enterrule. However, all were inclined to tainment. be pleased, and if one slipped he, Probably there is not another vilor she as it might be, soon got into lage in the Territory where this Mr. John Robertson, our enter- place again. Quite a number came would be done, unless there was a prising townsman, is making im- from Utsalady, among whom were church in the place. We are not a C. F. Johnson, Julia E. Kinney, community of infidels, and we do Albert Dougherty, Jennie L. Noyes, believe, passively perhaps, that the W. P. Sanderson, H. B. Hall, T. public lecture is a good means of ing occupied by Blowers & Kineth, M. Crowe, J. E. Moore, J. G. Gross, education to the people, and also The steamer Welcome is again on ling occupied by Blowers & Khieth, in the route between Coupeville and which, with the new warehouse to F. Empie, C. B. Noyes, Nellie Lovethat we ought to be allowed to return the route between Coupeville and which, with the new warehouse to F. Empie, C. B. Noyes, Nellie Lovethat we ought to be allowed to return the route between Coupeville and which, with the new warehouse to F. Empie, C. B. Noyes, Nellie Lovethat we ought to be allowed to return the route between Coupeville and which, with the new warehouse to F. Empie, C. B. Noyes, Nellie Lovethat we ought to be allowed to return the route between Coupeville and the r

PERSONAL.

Seattle on Monday last.

Mrs. Garret, of Oak Harbor, was in town last Monday.

Mr. T. W. Calhoun left Wednesday for a business trip to Laconner.

Mrs. H. Holbrook made us a pleasant call this week.

James Lund, from Young's camp at Stanwood, is in town under the

Mr. Ad. Spangenberger, of Whatcom, is sojourning a few days with his friends at Coupeville.

Mr. Race returned Tuesday from a month's cruise around the Sound for his health.

Mrs. Carlin, of Oak Harbor, was in town Tuesday, on a visit to Mrs.

Messrs. Gregory and Battzell, of Tacoma, were in town Wednesday looking up some land matters.

Miss Emma G. Case and Nellie B. Hovey, of Seattle, are visiting Mrs. Race.

Mrs. S. Young, of Stanwood, who this place as soon as his labors will be called of those interested to has been staying in this place for be few, and she would welcome the talk the matter over and find out the past two weeks for her health, end of them. Ladies, by all means returns to her home to-morrow ascertain if the man of your choice

Mr. J. Gillespie returned from a trip to Port Townsend on Wednesis good amusement for both sexes. day afternoon. We are indelted of comfort in them, do not marry a to him for a number of subscribers.

> Mr. J. Ely, of Oak Harbor, reno place like home.

THAT HALL.

COUPEVILLE, June 18, 1884.

Dear Sir:-If your columns are

obliged to pay the county a bonus of three dollars for the privilege of taking up a collection in. the hall. Mrs, Robertson returned from Why is this so? Will somebody explain. CITIZEN.

A TERROR.—There is a gentleman visiting this Island from down the Sound who is in the babit of shoring so loud that it must cartainly be a relief to his folks at home to get rid of him, even for a short time. We have often heard medical treatment of Dr. Harrison. of men addicted to that habit, but never before realized what snoring was. One night we were late in retiring, and, as nothing but a rough partition separated us from the object of our discontent, we could hear more plainly than we wished the mournful sound, and on trying to find from whence came the noise we looked at the wall, and to our horror found all the bedbugs and fleas congregated there, perfectly paralyzed with terror, the vibration of the wall obliging them to hang on for dear life. We stole back to bed and pulled the bed-clothes tightly over our head to shut out Mrs. F. A. P. Engel left on the the dismal sound, but it would not steamer Washington Tuesday, for be suppressed by any such means. Scattle. She went to attend the We imagined what would be the temperance convention which meets life of a woman obliged to lie beside of such a noise all the nights of her life. Doubtless they would morning, greatly benefited by her snores before you trust your happiness in his keeping, If you would that your days should be long in the land, and have a fair measure man who snores.

THORP-At Oak Harbor, June 13th, to the wife of Z. Thorp, a son.

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HYGIENE FOR SCHOOLS.

Any one who has given this subject attention knows that in the said the lady patron; "and Annie's list of studies in our schools that of hair must be cut; but I should list of studies in our schools that of hygiene is left almost entirely out. Why is this permitted to remain Why is this permitted to remain body outside to say that you are so? We believe that we might be engaged, we will get ready." a healthier and happier race if matters pertaining to the public health and welfare were brought before the minds of our young people.

The barber reassured them and began at once to "shingle" Annie. A woman stood on each side of him, and from the number of questions. with an entire outfit of new furni- a healthier and happier race if matters pertaining to the public health the minds of our young people tions asked it would not have been more thoroughly than they are at surprising had he taken off one of present. A very slight knowledge Annie's ears in the operation.
"Now do be careful and cut it of physiology would enable the youngest child to place his thumb on a bleeding artery, instead of Try and leave enough to bang, if covering it up by winding a rag you can. Hasn't the child fine about it and allowing it to bleed, hair? What do you do with the while he, with the rest ran for the hair you cut?" were but a few of while he, with the rest ran for the the interrogations with which he doctor. But it is not only a few was plied. facts in physiology which are need-ed. The art of preserving health. factorily arranged, the younger of Hygiene, taken in its fullest sense, in our opinion, might, with profit, be made a regular school study. Surely the saving of a life is of Surely the saving of a life is of ty in taking down the Langtry knot, more importance than the conjuga-but succeeded after dropping most tions of a Greek verb. Science has done much of lets in clucidating had brought her own comb, brush, done much of late in elucidating error and educating the public in these matters, and the state of affairs is better than it once was.

had brought her own comb, brush, towel, sponge and soap, although she had no objections to the colognes and toilet waters on the stand, which she helped herself to. But there is still room for improvement, and let us hope that matters of such great moment may not always be considered of less consequence than the languages of ex-

He was a young lawyer and was delivering his maiden speech. Like most young lawyers he was florid, the morning sheet was creased into sat down and the silence was long and oppressive.

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"I want my head shampooed," die if a man came in. Now, if you can lock the door and put some-

even. Don't you think you are cut-ting off too much from the side?

the women sprung into the seat, piled her arties up on the highest rest, and prepared to be washed. The razor-wielder had some difficul-

"I have heard that you barbers clean the head beautifully, but the scalp is perfectly awful two days later. Now, I don't want any such work, so look to your laurels."

When the hair was washed and

tinct nations or the unimportant facts of a dead history.

When the hair was washed and dried as well as towel, bay-rum and a big strong pair of hands could dry it, she called for a fan, which of

rhetorical, scattering and windy. fan and handed to the astonished tonsorial artist with which to "dry the court and the jury, until every-fan" her hair. While this operabody felt like lynching him. When tion was in progress the man of the he got through, his opponant, a razor was asked how much money grizzied old professional, arose, his business yielded, the "price of looked sweetly at the judge, and said: "Your honor, I will follow talked about when they were getting shared in the strop was looked such a just finished and submit the has just finished, and submit the good for, and who got the green case without argument." Then he tickets.

> Over-confidence in human nature is as much to be avoided as is the habit of living beyond one's income. It is a duty, then, to teach a child to be on the watch for the signs of good and bad character and teach him what these signs are. Too much confidence in human nature is productive of more bad than too little confidence. It is not a bad rule in this age to believe only half you see and less than half of what you hear. Yet this world is full of honest, upright, moral men and women, and by the care and exercise of our better judgment we are enabled to pick them out. The person who has an over-confidence in human nature is the one on whom the fraud is practiced.