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COMMITTEES CONFER

Definite Action Taken on Pass Ferry.

VISIT TO DECEPTION PASS

Joint Session of Committees on Fidalgo Island Overlooking Pass--Drop Cable Ferry Decided On--Commissioners Will be Petitioned.

As per arrangement made between the commercial club of Oak Harbor and the chamber of commerce of Anacortes, representatives from both bodies met at Deception Pass on Wednesday last for the purpose of looking over the ground and deciding upon ways and means for the construction and operation of a ferry over the eastern entry to Deception Pass.

It was an ideal day and the visit was one of much pleasure and profit. The Anacortes delegation met the Oak Harbor committee on the Whidby Island side, where the ground was looked over, and then the committees and visitors, in all about thirty, crossed over in a launch to the vicinity of Dewey where the old grade of the Anacortes-Fidalgo interurban ends. Here, on a beautiful grassy knoll overlooking the eastern approach to the Pass, a notable meeting was held which it is believed will be written on the pages of history as the initiative step in one of the most important enterprises ever undertaken on Puget Sound. Wm. Izett, of Crescent Harbor, was elected chairman of the meeting.

The conclusions arrived at and action taken were briefly as follows:

The shortest distance across is 100 rods, but to be safe from wind and tide a distance of three-quarters of a mile will have to be covered. On the Whidby Island side about one and a half miles of road will have to be built. Around Cornet Bay Mr. Blout gives free right of way, with the exception of a short strip of military reserve, permission through which will have to be obtained from the government, as will also the right to maintain a cable ferry.

On the Fidalgo side the old interurban grade furnishes an ideal road nearly to the water front and reaches two miles inland to a splendid county road. Here also Mr. Blout grants all the right of way desired.

After arguing the matter in all its phases it was unanimously decided that a drop cable ferry would be the cheapest, safest and best means of crossing, and that the cost of the entire undertaking on both sides would probably not exceed \$5000 if economically engineered.

It was moved and carried that the two joint committees here present go before their respective boards of county commissioners at the next sessions and lay before them all the information here obtained and asking that immediate action be taken in the preliminary work of securing a ferry.

It was also ordered that the secretaries of the two commercial bodies immediately correspond with Representative Humphreys asking his aid with the war department in securing right of way through the reserve and privilege for cable ferry. Lee Bradley and Wm. Izett were appointed to call on Mr. Humphrey in Seattle.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Blout for his offer of right of way, and the committees expressed their gratitude to Mr. Finsen, the Cornet merchant, for the free use of his launch.

It was altogether a most enthusiastic gathering and Island and Skagit counties clasped hands across a narrow strip of water which will not much longer separate them in business and social matters--heretofore "so near and yet so far."

Well Attended Entertainment.

The entertainment given by the Amsbury Recital Co. on Saturday evening last was greeted by a crowded house and the frequent applause which was tendered to Mr. Amsbury during his characterization of Kipling's, Riley's and his own original verses evidenced the fact that his efforts were highly appreciated. He is no doubt one of the best impersonators now before the public.

The next entertainment of the series will be by Robert Parker Miles, author and reformer, who is spoken of as one of the first lecturers of the country, and his lectures abound in wit, humor and pathos,

brilliant flashes of eloquence and inspiring illustrations. His subjects are "Tallow Dips," "Sparks" and "Dawn." Announcement of the date, which will be early in November, will be made in our next issue. The proceeds of these entertainments go toward furnishing the union high school with a piano and library, so every patriotic citizen should arrange to go.

TWO ADVENTUROUS YOUTHS

They Borrow a Boat and Go to Sea on Their Own Responsibility.

Two young lads, Edward Price and Earnest Knowles, aged respectively 16 and 13 years, had quite an experience last week which they will probably remember for some time to come. On Wednesday last they called at the store of the Farmers' Trading Co. and asked Mr. Myskens for the loan of a boat, stating that they desired to bring in some shingles from the mill around the bay. The boat was in a leaky condition, but they said it would do and took along a can to use in bailing. The next seen of them was off Maylor's point several miles from town, the older boy rowing and the other bailing out water which leaked in pretty freely. They were headed in the direction of Camano Island. Toward evening they were missed from home and the next day inquiries were set on foot, it being feared that the boat had been swamped. It was not until Monday of this week that Mr. Price, after much searching and anxiety, found them at Utsaladdy, where they claimed they had been on a fishing trip. It seems that they had taken a roll of blankets and other paraphernalia with them for an outing and possibly didn't realize the danger to which they were exposed on the water in a leaky boat or the anxiety caused to their parents. Had it not been excellent good weather during the entire time of their trip the chances are that both would have been drowned.

CORNET DISTRICT NOTES

Interesting Items from District No. 17. Social and Personal.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

A dance was given at Christ Weidenbach's last Saturday evening. Everybody reports a good time.

There will be a basket social for the benefit of the Cornet school at the home of Christ Weidenbach Saturday evening, October 28th. The proceeds will be used for the school library. Both old and young are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lang visited LaConner last week.

Miss Eva Olive and Mrs. J. Oldenburg went to Everett last Saturday morning and came back the same evening.

Mrs. Erickson and her sons went to Tacoma Saturday.

Mr. Coals, a new resident, has started to build his house on Monkey Hill.

Miss Herren and Miss Johnson, teachers from Clover Valley, visited with our teacher, Miss Olive, Monday evening.

There was another convict escaped from the Fidalgo state quarry on Tuesday.

A ferry was put across Deception Pass on Wednesday.

Agricultural Exhibit.

The Oak Harbor State Bank is beginning to assume the semblance of an agricultural booth at a county fair. For the past ten days the farmers of the vicinity have been bringing in samples of their products and Cashier Rogers has installed an exhibit in the vestibule of the bank which would open the eyes of some of our mainland friends. Among the exhibits are two pumpkins from Menzo DeVries weighing 49 and 50 pounds and a potato vine over seven feet long; a mangle from H. Ripperda which weighs 26 pounds; fine ripe pop corn and sweet corn from Messrs. DeVries and Ely; splendid large white potatoes from Ralph James; whooper Late Rose spuds from Gillespie's new place; carrots the largest we ever saw from O. B. Olson's garden; 8 1/2 pound turnips and fine big red apples from Holland's Bayside Poultry Farm; ripe red raspberries picked Thursday from T. Komen's Hillview Farm, and wonderful samples of wheat and alfalfa.

Mr. Meekhof, of Snohomish, was in the valley on business last Saturday.

OAK HARBOR ACORNS

Brief Happenings Which Make the News Grow.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Death of an Old Indian Character--New Building--Church and Sunday School Notes--Social and Personal Items of Interest.

Good cooking apples 35c a sack. Apply to Ed. Powers.

Arthur Howard, of the Couville Times, was among our visitors Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid will spend the day with Mrs. Benner on Thursday next.

Herbert Snowden has completed a neat home on his lots in the Ely Addition.

Wm. Izett is building a fine new residence on his farm in Crescent Harbor.

Prayer meeting next Wednesday evening at the Persons home. All invited.

Messrs. T. Strating and E. Eerkes were Seattle visitors on Monday and Tuesday last.

Mrs. Wallace Bruce Brier, of Seattle, visited between boats with Miss N. B. Smith on Friday last.

Walter Hanna went to Seattle on Tuesday to have necessary repairs made to his surveyor's transit.

Raffle for two-year old driving colt by Jas. Govan now on. Numbers go from 1 to 180. At drug store.

Dr. Wainright, veterinary surgeon of LaConner, was in Oak Harbor Thursday looking for stock for his dairy farm.

We acknowledge a pleasant call from Prosecuting Attorney James Zylstra, of Couville, on Thursday.

J. H. Mackie, of Maxwelton, was in attendance on the County Grange meeting in Oak Harbor Thursday.

Miss Nellie Smith and Miss Nuttal were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Persons on Monday last.

Miss Wolcott, of Colorado, who has been the house guest of Mrs. Stewart of Miller's Point, left to-day for Seattle.

A spotted white deer was killed near J. A. Neil's place on Sunday last. It is quite a curiosity and the hide will be mounted.

L. C. Munson was "laid up" during the fore part of the week with an attack of lumbago, brought on by too heavy lifting and a bad cold.

J. F. Mesman, of the "Welcome" farm on Wednesday brought to this office samples of some splendid potatoes which are on exhibition at the bank.

Miss Syrena Ely has been walking with the aid of crutches for several days past, the result of a wound above the knee from a pair of sharp scissors.

Born, in Oak Harbor, Wash., on Monday morning, October 23, 1911, to the wife of L. A. Morse, a daughter. Mother and little one are reported to be doing nicely.

The "Walallale," one of the largest freight boats on Puget Sound, called at this port on Saturday last and loaded 2,000 sacks of oats from Ed. Powers for Port Townsend.

S. S. Crosby, formerly of Skagit county, has taken charge of his brother's farm near West Beach and the latter has moved his family into their new "shackalaw" in Oak Harbor.

C. W. Hixon, engineer at the Fort Casey water works station, was a visitor at the News office one day this week. Mr. Hixon was a school mate of the News editor in Reno, Nevada, over forty years ago and since that time they had not met. It goes without saying that the visit was quite interesting.

The Sunday school of Oak Harbor will observe Rally Day one week from Sunday next. A good program is in preparation and an invitation is extended to everybody to be present. The Couville Sunday school is especially invited to send over as large a delegation as possible and aid in the exercises.

The M. E. Sunday school teachers met on Monday evening last and elected Wm. Izett as superintendent, Mrs. H. L. Bowmer assistant superintendent and Prof. Butcher as teacher of the young people's class. Rev. Waldron was appointed chorister. More thorough organization and better music was the topic discussed.

Delicatessen supper at the Halloween social Tuesday evening next.

Don't forget the candy booth at the Halloween social next Tuesday evening.

The necessity of a volunteer fire department in Oak Harbor is becoming apparent.

At the Halloween social on Tuesday evening next remember the 5c and 10c counters.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. George Izett on Friday, November 3rd, at the usual hour.

Supper from 5 to 8 p. m. at the Halloween social at M. W. A. hall on Tuesday afternoon next.

Prof. Butcher, principal of the Oak Harbor public schools, has been appointed as one of the members of the county board of education.

Wm. Izett was thrown from his stallion on Monday and sustained several severe cuts and bruises where the animal kicked and stomped him.

One double surrey, rubber tired, and double harness for sale or trade. A snap. Will sell for cash or in trade for cows. Inquire of Jas. Govan.

A good business proposition, real estate and buildings located in Puyallup offered in trade for property in Oak Harbor or vicinity. Call at News office for particulars.

J. G. Wanhope, state organizer for the Socialist party of Washington, will lecture on Socialism in the M. W. A. hall Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 8 p. m. Local Socialists will receive him with open arms, as they all say he is the best speaker they ever had here.

In the next issue of the News Mr. W. R. Parker, our enterprising real estate agent, will give a few interesting particulars of Oak Harbor's growth during the past three years and the sale and settlement of nearly 5,000 acres belonging to Calvin Phillips into the present beautiful farms and homes.

CLOVER VALLEY SOCIETY

Important Sale of Property--Personal Notes of Interest.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

S. C. DeHaan on Monday sold his 26-acre place in the valley to Mr. van Beekema, who has recently moved here from Winnipeg. The price paid was \$3500. We are always glad to welcome newcomers, but are sorry to lose our old neighbors. We wish Mr. DeHaan and his wife a pleasant and successful time in Yakima, where they expect to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nienhuis returned Monday evening from Michigan, where they have been visiting relatives and friends for the past seven weeks. They brought back with them Eldert van Lente, who will work this winter in Mr. Nienhuis' saw mill.

Miss Nettie Abrahams, who has been working for some time in Couville, returned to her home last week for a short visit. A number of the valley young people called on her last Thursday evening and had a very pleasant time.

Geret van Nieuwenhizen left Saturday evening on the Fairhaven. He has gone to Seattle, where he expects to go to work on a steamboat.

Herman and Justus Faber have been busy the past week clearing land for Mr. DeWilde.

John Overway and Henry Heller are to furnish the wood for the school this year. They have been busy cutting and hauling it lately.

"Who killed that owl?" The goblins will get you if you don't watch out!

Don't forget the Shadow Social at our school house Saturday evening, the 28th. We want to make it a success and we need you to help us out.

The fishing season is about over now. The pile-driver is busy taking up the traps, and the fishermen expect to leave the last of this week.

Only Four Pages.

We are sorry that this week the News is compelled to issue with only four pages instead of eight. This is through no fault of our own. The printing firm which has been furnishing country printers with their "patent insides" for years past has discontinued that branch of the business and we are compelled to publish in the present form until arrangements can be made with some eastern firm.

POULTRY INDUSTRY

Many are Engaging In the Business Here.

FINE PENNS AND RANGES

Our Eggs at a Premium in the Seattle Market--3500 Dozen Shipped Each Week--An Ideal Place for the Chicken Fancier.

One of the industries which is rapidly becoming of first importance on this part of Whidby Island is the raising of pure-bred poultry. Quite a number of our people have only recently become interested in the business and within a radius of two miles of Oak Harbor are quite a number of neat and prosperous looking poultry farms with modern houses and equipments, and the shipment of eggs, as already stated in this paper, amount to over 3500 dozen eggs per week. The kind of chickens which seem to do the best here are the White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rocks, and lately the Anconas are being introduced.

Just to the west of town about half a mile, on an elevated plateau which is an ideal place for poultry, there are six or seven fine chicken ranches, all kept in ship-shape order and which would delight the eye of any poultry fancier. Here are the homes and coops of Messrs. Judson, Grasshouse, Neinhause, J. B. Smith, VanGoor and Ben Loers. These gentlemen have from five to seven hundred pure White Leghorns and it is certainly an interesting sight to view these birds as they bunch together at feed time. It is claimed that the White Leghorns are better layers in this climate than other chickens, although there are those who differ on this matter; but they are the chickens which seem to have the preference here. We believe that the Anconas, as soon as given a fair trial, will be found to rival the Leghorns.

There is no doubt that this part of Island county is one of the ideal spots in the world for the poultry industry and it will soon become a noted fact, as many are commencing to give it special attention. In Seattle Oak Harbor eggs are always at a premium in the public market. This industry has an annual value in the United States amounting to more than that of the silver, gold and pig iron produced according to statistics at hand. There is millions of money in poultry and but small capital required. It is also an industry in which the demand is greater than the home supply. And here on Whidby Island it is a sure way to prosperity if intelligently carried on.

Halloween Social.

On Tuesday evening next, October 31, at M. W. A. hall, the Ladies' Aid of Oak Harbor will give a Halloween Social and serve delicatessen supper. A good program will be rendered and a good sociable time is promised. The program is as follows:

Violin and Piano Duet--Nick Zylstra and Ralph Freund.
Recitation, "The Wind"--Willie Benner.
Pumpkin Song--Willie Hodges.
Recitation, "Orphan Annie"--Mural Maylor.

Solo--Mrs. Pettett.
Recitation, "Seein' Things at Night"--John Bowmer.

Mixed Quartet--Mrs. Bantz, Mrs. Pettett, Mr. Waldron, Mr. Franklyn.
Recitation, "How I Saved St. Michael's"--Sadie Crosby.

Solo--Mrs. Bantz.
Recitation, "Socrates Snooks"--Syrena Ely.

Instrumental Solo--Miss Gray.
Selection--Miss N. B. Smith.

An admission fee of 10c will be charged. Children 5c.

Lo, the Poor Siwash!

Charles Billy, an Indian quite well known here, came over from LaConner on Monday to attend to the estate of "Mayor" Tom Martin, another Indian who recently died near LaConner of old age, being past the 100-year mark. It was found that some one had broke into the old Indian's box of goods and taken away everything of any value. "Mayor" Martin was quite a character in Oak Harbor and vicinity in early days and his death will be mourned by a number who knew him best. He never wore shoes, wore long hair and could not speak a word of English, but in his way he made friends with those who could talk "Chinook." He left here for the Swinomish reservation last July.

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THE SCHOOL LAW.

There are no doubt many parents who are not thoroughly informed as to the requirements of the school law in this state and that there are certain rules that must govern both teacher and pupil, to which penalties are attached for the violation thereof. The teacher and directors are by no means guided by their own pleasure or sense of duty in the conduct of our public schools, but must be guided and abide by the law or suffer the penalty. For this reason and because County Superintendent Kohne and our directors and teachers have taken an oath to abide by these rules, and because it is desired that parents and pupils alike should understand that the law will be thoroughly enforced hereafter, the News has been requested to publish those portions of the law which most nearly affect the local situation.

Regarding pupils complying with regulations, Sec. 6, Title 3, says: "All pupils who may attend the public schools shall comply with the regulations established in pursuance of the law for the government of the schools, shall pursue the required course of studies, and shall submit to the authority of the teachers of such schools. Continued and wilful disobedience or open defiance of authority of the teacher shall constitute good cause for expulsion from school."

Article 2 provides that the board of directors shall have power and it is their duty to suspend or expel pupils from school who refuse to obey the rules thereof, and they shall exclude all children under six years of age.

Article 7 requires that teachers shall faithfully report all information asked for to the county superintendent and enforce rules and course of study; failure to do this will result in forfeiture of certificate. Every teacher shall have the power to hold every pupil to a strict accountability for disorderly conduct on the way to and from school or on the grounds of the school, or during recess; to suspend from school any pupil for good cause, and that such suspension shall be reported to the directors.

Chapter 14 provides that any teacher who wilfully refuses or neglects to enforce the course of study or the rules and regulations required by the state board of education, or by any other lawful authority, shall not be allowed by the board of directors any warrant for salary due until said teacher shall have complied with said requirements. In the same chapter it is provided that any parent, guardian or other person who shall abuse or insult a teacher in the presence of the school shall be liable to a fine of ten to one hundred dollars; and also that any person who shall wilfully disturb a school or school meeting shall be fined not more than fifty dollars. For injuring school property by pupils the parent or guardian is made liable for damages.

Chapter 16 is one of the most important provisions in the law, and provides as follows: "All parents, guardians and other persons in this state having or who may hereafter have immediate custody of any child between eight and fifteen years of age or of any child between fifteen and sixteen years of age not regularly and lawfully engaged in some useful and remunerative occupation, shall cause such child to attend the public school of the district in which the child resides for the full time when such school may be in session or to attend a private school for the same time, unless the superintendent of the schools of the county in which the child resides shall have excused such child from such attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school or has already attained a reasonable proficiency in the branches required by law to be taught in the first eight grades of the public schools of this state as provided in the course of study, or for some other sufficient reason. Proof of absence from public schools or approved private schools shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section."

Any person violating the provisions of the above section shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars. Attendance officer shall make complaint for violation of the law. The county superintendent shall act as attendance officer and shall appoint needed assistants. No warrant is needed for such arrest. Any superintendent, teacher or attendance officer who shall fail to perform the duties prescribed by this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or less than twenty dollars.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the state board of education: Teachers shall exercise watchful care over the conduct and habits of the pupils while under their jurisdiction. Teachers shall maintain strict order and discipline in their schools at all times. Any neglect of this requirement shall be considered good cause for dismissal. Corporal punishment may be resorted to when it becomes necessary to the preservation of proper discipline. No cruel punishment shall be inflicted; and no teacher shall administer punishment on or about the head of any pupil. Teachers shall require excuses from the parents or guardians of pupils, either in person or by written note, in all cases of absence, tardiness or dismissal before the close of school, and no excuse shall be deemed valid except that of sickness. Excuses for absence shall be placed in the hands of the attendance officer, and it shall be the duty of said attendance officer to thoroughly investigate each case and enforce the provisions of the law relating thereto.

Every pupil shall be punctual and regular in attendance, obedient to all rules of the school, diligent in study, respectful and obedient to teachers and kind and obliging to schoolmates. Wilful disobedience, habitual truancy, vulgarity or profanity, the use of tobacco on or about the school premises, stealing, the carrying of deadly weapons, the carrying or using of dangerous playthings, shall constitute good cause for suspension or expulsion from school.

Pupils shall give attention to personal neatness and cleanliness, and any who repeatedly fail in this respect may be sent home to be prepared properly for school.

Return of Dr. Persons.

From personal advices we learn that Dr. J. R. Persons, of Oak Harbor, will return from his eastern visit on or before November 5th. Dr. Persons has been in Chicago some weeks devoting himself to the advanced points of his profession. He will resume practice at his office from the above date on.

The News only \$1 per year.

FAVORABLE COMMENT.

We acknowledge receipt of the following bouquets from our brethren of the press in this and neighboring counties:

[From the Edison Eye.]

We have received the first copy of the Oak Harbor News, a well gotten-up paper, edited by H. L. Bowmer, formerly of Edison. Success to the News, to the Bowmers and to the town of their choice.

[From the Friday Harbor Journal.]

The Oak Harbor News is a new paper just come to life at Oak Harbor, Island county. H. L. Bowmer, a well known newspaper man, who has been in the business in most of the towns of Whatcom and Skagit counties, is the man at the helm. It is a very creditable looking paper.

[Anacortes Citizen.]

The Oak Harbor News, No. 1, has reached our exchange table and we hasten to congratulate Editor Bowmer on its bright, newsy and substantial appearance. Both Oak Harbor and Brother Bowmer have made a "find," and we are certain that the solid business and agricultural community on Whidby will more than show their appreciation of the experienced efforts of the new publisher of the News.

[Couville Times.]

With the coming of the Oak Harbor News, which made its initial bow to the public last week, the third newspaper has been launched upon Island county's troubled sea of journalism. The News is a handsome five-column eight page paper, four pages of which is ready print, is backed by the business men of Oak Harbor, and edited and managed by H. L. Bowmer, a newspaper man of some thirty years experience. It ought to live and grow, and be of great help in the up-building of Oak Harbor. Here's our hand Brother Bowmer. May the News live long and prosper.

[Mt. Vernon News Herald.]

The Oak Harbor News is the latest paper to court public favor from the citizens of that section, and it will prove a boon to the exploitation of the resources of Island county and that particular community, H. L. Bowmer, who was at one time the owner of the Argus at this place, is the editor and proprietor and promises all sorts of good things to the people of that place. The paper is a stroke of art and presents a neat typographical appearance, well filled with ads. and reading matter. We congratulate Bro. Bowmer on his stroke of enterprise and hope he will make a big winning.

Doings at West Beach.

Miss Myrtle Oleson has started to school in Oak Harbor after thoroughly considering between here and Mt. Vernon. Her father has purchased a pretty bay pony for her to drive and she goes into town in great style.

The Coast Fish Co.'s trap No. 1 on Whidby Island is still running and is paying very well for this late in the season, as they had a catch of nearly two hundred silvers yesterday.

There was quite a turnout from West Beach on the evening of the 21st at the show in Oak Harbor. Four of the Millers and a friend went in the school wagon, and Mr. Oleson's folks were there.

Our Oak Harbor artist, Mr. Cloe Ferris, made a trip to West Beach last week; of course we don't know what for.

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THE FARMERS' TRADING COMPANY

CONSERVATION OF LAND

A Few Interesting Items from the President's Recent Address.

[Published by Request.]

The following interesting facts are taken from a recent address by President Taft before the National Conservation Congress of Kansas City:

We have in continental United States about 1,900,000,000 acres. Of this, the agricultural department, through its correspondents, estimates that 950,000,000 acres are capable of cultivation. Of this, 873,729,000 acres are now in farms. The remainder, about 1,000,000,000 acres, is land which is untillable. It is reasonably certain that substantially all the virgin soil of a character to produce crops has been taken up. It is doubtful how much of the part not included in farms can be brought into a condition in which tillage will be profitable.

The total acreage of farms in the last ten years, although the pressure for increased acreage by reason of high farm prices was great, was increased only about 4 per cent, or about 35,000,000 acres. There are upwards of 25,000,000 acres that will be brought in under our irrigation system, and perhaps more, and the amount of lands which can be drained and made useful for agriculture will amount to about 70,000,000 acres.

The total improved farm lands in the United States amount to 477,448,000 acres, which is an increase in the last 10 years of 62,949,000 or 15.2 per cent. The product per acre actually cultivated increased in the last 10 years 1 per cent a year, or 10 per cent. The total product increased in 10 years nearly 20 per cent.

The population in this same time increased 21 per cent. If the population continues to increase at its present rate, we shall have in 50 years double the number of people we now have. It is necessary, then, that not only our acreage but also our product per acre must increase proportionately so that our people may be fed. We must realize that the best land and the land easiest to cultivate has been taken up and cultivated, and that the additions to improved lands and to total acreage in the future must be of land much more expensive to prepare for tillage. When we consider that

in Germany and Great Britain crops are raised from land which has been in cultivation for 1,000 years, and that these lands are made to produce more than two and three times per acre what the comparatively fresh lands in this country produce in the best states, it becomes very apparent that we shall be able to meet the exigency by better systems of farming and more intense and careful and industrious cultivation.

One of the great reasons for discouragement felt by many who have written on this subject is found in the movement of the population from farm to city. This has reached such a point that the urban population is now 46 per cent of the total, while the rural population is but 54 per cent, counting as urban all who live in cities exceeding 2,500 inhabitants. This movement has been persistent, and has made it very difficult for the farmers to secure adequate agricultural labor, with an increase in the price of labor which naturally follows such a condition. Still we ought to realize that enormous advance in the machinery used on the farm has reduced the necessity for a great number of farm hands on each farm. Farm prices are increasing rapidly, and the profits of farming are becoming apparently much more certain and substantial. While the acreage of the improved land only increased 65,000,000, or 15 per cent, and the total acreage only 4 per cent, the value of the farms in money increased from \$17,000,000,000 to \$35,000,000,000, in ten years, an enormous advance.

The land-grant colleges established by the Federal government have vindicated the policy in making the grant. Now the department employs 11,000 persons, many of whom are engaged in conducting experiment stations and spreading information all over the country. The co-operation between the state agricultural school system and the Federal Government's publicity bureau and experimental work is as close and fine as we could ask.

It is now proposed to organize a force of 3,000 men, one to every county in the United States, who shall conduct experiments within the county for the edification and education of the present farmers and of the embryo farmers who are being educated. It is proposed that these men shall be paid partly by the county, partly by the state, and partly by the federal government, and it is hoped

that the actual demonstration on farms in the county—not at agricultural stations or schools somewhere in the state, but in the country itself—will bring home to the farmers what it is possible to do with the very soil that they themselves are cultivating.

OUR LEADING INDUSTRY

Crescent Harbor Butter Factory Operated by George Izett.

One of the first industries started on this part of Whidby Island, which has since been the means of creating wealth and employing labor, is the Crescent Harbor creamery, owned and operated by George Izett. At one time, before the milk condenser company built their plant in Oak Harbor, this creamery used the product of about 2,000 cows in this neighborhood. At the present time 300 to 400 pounds of butter per day is manufactured and about 500 cows furnish milk for the institution, which employs three to four men. The money which this brings into circulation is no small consideration in the upbuilding of our community and as population increases the creamery is prepared to handle all the milk that can be furnished.

It is a pleasure to visit this creamery, where everything is neat, clean and in apple-pie order. Mr. Izett takes pleasure in showing the visitor about the premises, and what struck the News reporter as most interesting was a big can of rich buttermilk, to which he was introduced in a most cordial manner, and also brought away a big can for the News family. Mr. Izett has a beautiful home place and farm, besides his large creamery plant, which is the reward of industry, honest dealing and close attention to business.

Rally Day at Coupeville.

A number of the teachers and pupils of the Oak Harbor Sunday school visited the Coupeville Sunday school on Sunday morning last upon invitation, it being Rally Day at the county seat. They all report a good and instructive time and came home determined to do the honors to their Coupeville friends in the same manner one week from Sunday next. One of the features of the entertainment was a

very interesting address by George C. Platt, general secretary of the Western Washington Sunday School Association. Wm. Izett, of the Oak Harbor Sunday school, made a brief speech touching upon school work. The choir and orchestra of the Coupeville Sunday school rendered a number of very fine selections which were highly appreciated by the visitors.

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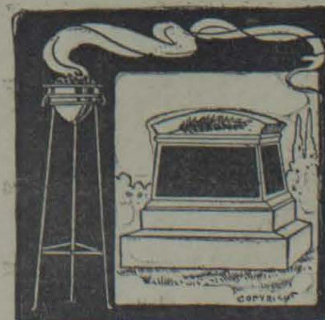
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OAK HARBOR'S HISTORY

A Continuation of the Early Settlement of this Locality Up to the Present Time.

The first issue of the News contained a history of the early settlement of Oak Harbor and neighborhood from the pen of Mr. J. Ely. Since that issue several subscribers have asked if it were not possible that the history be continued up to date, and Mr. Ely has kindly consented to furnish the article as near as his memory and the aid of other pioneers will permit, which will be continued in the columns of the News until completed.—[Ed.]

Oak Harbor, Wash., Oct. 23, 1911

To the Editor of the News:

In response to the request of a number of your subscribers I will endeavor to carry the historical tale of Oak Harbor and vicinity down to the present time as near as possible. It will not be very difficult to give a fairly correct history of nearly all the settlers on this north-end of old Whidby Island until about 1890, when the present rapid settlement has brought in homeseekers too thick and fast for a correct naming of each one that would do justice to each pioneer, for I consider every one a pioneer who goes into the woods to hew out a home for the loved ones, for although now they may be in touch with neighbors and in reach of needed supplies, yet hardships even now must be endured and privations cheerfully endured, while the brush, logs and stumps, by hand and continuous work are being given way to the clovers, grasses and vegetables that go to make the good living of both man and beast; and this kind of pioneering is taking place today probably more rapidly than at any other period of time in our history. In the last two years there has been more of the truly wild land tributary to Oak Harbor disposed of to actual settlers than at any other like period in our history. Those that came first after the syndicate broke up chose those pieces easiest cleared and richest soil, yet nearly all of the lands being sold even now have more or less of the black rich bottom land on them. Much of the land passed over by the earliest settlers as being nearly worthless has since proved to be far superior under cultivation to much that was eagerly sought for and grabbed at an earlier date. Oh, how easy it is for us all to say, "mis-taken. Way back in '74 I heard one man say (and he was a shrewd business man of good judgment) that this island, or this part of it, could never be developed because there was room for no more than three now farms. Since then more than one hundred farms have been hewed from the very land that he had hunted over and imagined he knew all about, and nearly all of them have produced crops so large that one dare not tell the truth to his eastern friends for fear that he will be classed low down (or high up) in the Annamias class.

Thirty years ago I was willing to advise as to the worth of the various soils around us, for I knew nearly all about it, but now—well, now silence is the better part of wisdom; or, say, go and see for yourself when the crops are ripening for the harvest. Excuse me, I have run off the track, and will now switch back.

The settling of this end of the island should be divided into four periods: The first commences from 1850 to 1855, and then more slowly to 1865, when the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. gobbled it nearly all. Then scattering about, mostly relatives or friends of the early comers, until 1887 and 1888, when the Tucker-Potter Co. went to the wall and the emigration

agents commenced bringing in the homesteaders. For a few years they came with quite a rush and the stream has been coming ever since. The fourth and last move was made by Calvin Phillips having his large body of land surveyed into forty-acre tracts and sending his agents, Messrs. Parker and Copeland, to dispose of it. And they did the trick, and did it well. In 1899 and 1900, they sold ninety-five tracts, and nearly all to actual settlers. In 1910 Copeland retired and W. R. Parker cleaned up the whole of Phillips' holdings to two women, Mrs. Helen Boal-stakes and Mrs. Elsie Globska, and since then he has acted as their agents. Reinald Zystra has been the agent for the other land holders and takes charge of the new Holland speaking emigrants.

Thomas P. Hastie and William A. Hastie, sons of one of the first settlers in Penn's Cove, both settled near Oak Harbor. William took up a homestead, mostly peat marsh, and lived on it until about 1885, when it was sold to a Mr. Krumm of Kent, Wash. He failed to pay for it, and it was then bought by a White River hop grower named Pat Hayes. Hayes held it until one of the new settlers bought it. This property is now divided between Mr. Stricker Bulman and Mr. Heller.

Wm Hastie moved to Coupeville with his children after he sold his homestead, and there he built him an ideal home, made beautiful with flowers and ornamental shrubs and useful with fruit trees that are usually laden with fruit as good to eat as to look at.

It has been reported to the writer that while William was a small boy an Indian came to their house one day while he and his mother were there alone, and asked for something to eat. Mrs. Hastie told him she had nothing cooked and would cook nothing for him. He became very abusive in language and threatening in manner. The lad thought it was time for him to take a hand in the row. A musket was hanging on the side of the house and usually kept ready for business. He jerked it down and almost touching Mr. Indian with the muzzle cocked it and pulled the trigger, but the gun didn't go off. But Mr. Indian did—he and his appetite went so fast toward the beach that there was only a dark streak visible. After the lad had grown to man's estate he was one of a party to hunt down an outlaw Indian; but this time it was the real thing. There was a little store kept opposite Ursaluddy on the place now owned by Mr. Hunsaker. A party going there found the trader dead and the store looted. The alarm was given and a posse formed with the sheriff, Eli Hahnway, at the head, J. L. Walker, Andrew Miller, William A. Hastie and one or two others when I fail to recall made up the party.

When I fail to recall made up the party who were out for business. They went first to Ursaluddy and there arrested an Indian who they thought might be the one they wanted, but he was able to convince them that he was innocent. He said, however, that if they would let him go he would lead them to the stronghold of the murderers. He piloted them several miles up the Shaght river, where they found that for which they were searching, and some of them came near finding what they were not looking for. The Indian had a log house made good and strong, which was enclosed by a sort of stockade made of split cedar. Altogether it made a pretty good fort, especially for defense, as he was armed with a musket and had plenty of ammunition. The sheriff's party made an assault on the outer door and carried it with a rush, and then something unexpected happened. The Indian, instead of defending himself from the in-

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side, jumped out with his musket loaded with buckshot. Before he could shoot Walker grabbed his arm and held it up in the air so he could not use his musket. One of the assaulting party tried to shoot the Indian; his aim was poor, so very poor in fact that Mr. Walker lost two fingers from his right hand. This let the Indian's arm down and he swung his musket as he thought for enough to kill Walker, but he only created him across the stomach. One shot hit Miller in the wrist. Hastie then got a shot at the Indian, and this time his gun went off, and the fight was over. After burning the ranch here clear to the ground the party returned home, some to nurse wounds received in battle, but all rejoicing that their mission was successful.

Thomas P. Hastie married a Mrs. Scott and rented the Cal. Freund farm. He lived there until about 1880, when he moved to his homestead on the Shaght delta, where he still lives, a wealthy and respected farmer.

(Continued in our next issue.)

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