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Matt McElroy, formerly of the Samish, but now of Scattle, from which place he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention as an Independent candidate, chiefly through the instrumentality of Seattle Typographical Union and other labor organizations of that city, is, we are glad to observe, doing effective service in that body As a solution of the school land question, his proposition is that the timber should be sold to the highest bidder, with the provision that it be removed as goon as possible, and that the land be retained by the state. There are many sections of timbered school land that contain from fifteen to twenty-five million feet of lumber in the tree. If these lands were, with their covering, sold together, no section would bring more than \$10,000, but if the timber were sold by stumping, it would average one dollar per thousand feet, and therefore each of the best sections would realize from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and the state would have left the land stripped of its timber. If these sections are sold without any stipulation, they will be bought up by big milling corporations, and left idle perhaps for many years. But if it be sold to the highest bidder, with the provision that it is cut at once, every logger on Puget Sound who has not capital enough to buy lands for future use, can become a competitor for their purchase.

There is a possibility that the antique chestnut, "Who owns San Juan Island?" may bob up serenely in the dim future to haunt the new State and its law makers, for it seems to be a fact, strange as it may appear, that there are no records in Olympia that define the boundary lines of this Territory. The agreement between Great Britain and the United States, made upon the decision of the King of Prussia as arbis site at Birdsview. traior, cannot be found, and there is Juan islands belong to this govern- grand jury in \$400 bonds. ment. The original organic act is Territory shall consist of all that part of the United States below the the Columbia river and the forty- John A. Hoffman. sixth parallel, and west of the summit of the Rocky mountains, Doubt runs just back of the town of Ham-Interior has records which define non last week. the Loundary.

No power on earth now professes lem; no power pretends to igango through town next week. its existence; no power pretends that the problem will endure the continuance of a complete neglect. The emperor of despotio Germany pauses amid the clanks of his sword and with a million of armed men behind him he tells the unarmed he faced, and that he desires to be direction of Birdsview. the lender of the social insurrection. The Czar of Russia declares that to him the rich and poor alike must be the objects of care, and that if he has to make a choice it must be on the side of the poor; and in England all politicians of all parties treat the labor problem with serious attention and up longer dismiss it with encors or with shrugs.

In Montana a man has been arrested and will be trice for carelessspread, did great damage and almost destroyed the town of Elkhorn. We throughout the country, all result. had got beyond control and swept ing from a similar cause. There everything before them. ought to be a heavy penalty rigidly enforced for such criminal carelessness. So says the Reveille, and we heartily concur.

The Mt. Verson mill has about finished a contract for 100,000 feet of bridge timber for the Seattle & Northern. The lumber will be used on the bridge across Fidalgo relatives. One of the bodies was hay and on the long wharf below that of an officer of the Hudson Bay Whitcoirba!

RAILROAD TALK.

It now seems settled beyond peradventure that the Union Pacific ern road; but in the event of their News: failing to do so, the road will be pushed through by a wealthy New York syndicate.

The present indications are, says the Logger, that the citizens of Skarailroad race through the fertile val-Harbor and the Fairbaven & Southern, known as the Bennett road, are both building toward the pass as fast as they can. While each company may not took on the building of the opposing line with warmest feelings of interest, the people are willing to sit on the fence with any. thing but a wry face, and see them go by. The surveyors who have been in the Cascade country for some time past, and who arrived at the pass for which they were looking, are now about ten miles above the mouth of the Cascade river, They are taking the level of the line and ascerisining the amount of the grade that will be necessary to the mile. The grade through the pass is most satisfactory and beyond the most sanguine expectations of the company. It is said that as soon as the timber is removed that the line of the road through the pass to the summit could be traveled on horseback easily. The Cascade pass has long been talked of, but prior to the news of the result of the expedition it was unknown whether or not it was practicable.

menbation to take away their postthat town to get their mail at What-

SKAGIT RIVER ITEUS.

Logger.

A little son of J. G. Perrault fell from a canoe into the river, recently, and was drowned.

others are about to lay out a town-

Two more whisky dealers from no record that shows that the San Avon were held to appear before the

A corps of ongineers arrived at very indefinite as to the boundaries Mt. Vernon on a tug last week, but and land on Guemes is held nearly as of the Territory. It says that the it was not learned what company high as in the vicinity of the future great they represented.

Mrs. Mary Hoffman has com-British possessions and north of District Court against her husband, of the good logging timber has been cut The Ship Harbor railroad survey

18 said to exist in regard to the line liton, and about 600 yards from the maining. between Washington and Vencou-river. A line has been run to the river bank just above town.

northwest corner of Washington, in the Canal de Haro. It is supposed, nowever, that the Secretary of the preacher, was on trial at Mt. Ver-

The Fairhaven & Southern surveyors, on their way down from the pass, are now within three miles of to be indifferent to the labor prob- Hamilton, and are expected to pass

> Dr. Balcom, while making a call the other night, met a bear on the road, which caused his horse to run away with him. The doctor was badly bruised.

The survey of the Ship Harbor road runs straight up the Skagit river via Hamilton and Lyman, and | bringing in a good rental. It comtoilers that the social question must the surveyors are heading in the

> Ralph Miller, son of Magness Miller, who was accidentally shot in in the Sistors' hospital at Scattle, has had his arm amputated below the shoulder.

BELLINGHAM BAY NOTES.

The steepest grade on the F. & S. road is one per cent, per mile.

The Reveille will soon begin the publication of a daily. A country daily is a nice thing to have, but ly leaving a camp fire so that it financially it is a delusion and a dock, adapted to handling of this Suare.

O. M. Jenkins, who lives near Gehave a great many destructive fires buildings through brush fires which self. norn, lost his house and other farm

Ex-Governor Alger's mill will have a capacity of 250,000 feet per day, and will be built on Deadman's point. It is expected that the mill will be built in the coming spring.

Sixty-four bodies were dug up at Dondman's point, near Fairhaven, and only a few claimed. The Paddens, father and children, and Dr. Hunter, were reinterred by their Company, and was buried in 1844.

THE ISLANDS.

The fo lowing article descriptive of the island section of Skagit counwill build the Port Townsend South. Ity, is taken from last week's Skagit lage,

That portion of Skagit county known

as the "islands" is composed of Falalgo Guemes, Cypress and Sinclair islands Fida go island, the larges: of the group, is just now attracting considerable attention from being the terminus of the git valley are going to witness a Scattle & Northern milroad. The completion of this road means the building ley to the Cascade pass. The Ship of a giant city at Saip Haroor-a city that will equal it not exceed in size either Stattle or Tacoma. The milroad company is already at work on the wharves and coal bunkers, and wid no doubt usevery effort to turn the trade of the entire northwest portion of Paget Sound in that direction. Fidalgo is probably the oldest settled part of Skagit county. The island is indented on the north by a beautiful bay of the same name. Along the shores of this bay are many beautiful homes. This land was originally what is known as fir openings, but the trees have been all cleared away, and the beautiful green meadows, gently sloping to the water's edge, are indeed a pleasant aight. This land is slso wonderfully productive. In some places the yield of wheat has been 65 bushels per acre year after year. and potatoes yielding from 250 to 350 bushels per acre. Most of this land has been underdrained, as it is found that this makes it far more productive than it would otherwise be. The principal crops raised are wheat, potatoes and fruit, the latter growing to perfection and ripening much earlier than on the mainland. Dairy interests receive considerable attention. The farmers also devote a great deal of attention to poultry raising, and having a daily steamboat service, flud no trouble in disposing of their products. The southern part of Fidalgo is an Indian reservation and consequently is in a wild Schomeites are indignant over an state, as the land is occurred by a handunderhanded scheme in process of ful of Indians who are too indolent to make any improvements. An exception office, and compelling citizens of to this, however, is the tide land at the mouth of Swinomish slough, which has been dyked and is now under cultivation. Across Guemes channel and in the extreme northwest part of the county are Guemes, Cypress and Sinclair islands. The soil on these islands is similar to that of Fidalgo, but not quite so productive, except in certain favored localities. P. Russel, Capt. O'Toole and some Gaemes is the postoffice for these islands, and at this time of the year is a favorite resort for camping parties, as the cool, refreshing breeze from the ccean is constantly coming in over the land. Real estate values have been more than doubled by the railroad beom on Fidalgo, city. The islands have five organized school districts, in which school is u-ually taught six months in the year. Most off, except on the reservation, where some good timber is still to be found, Small timber, suitable for piles, is yet re-

> On Fidalgo island are several lakes, The largest, lying between Fidalgo bay above tide water, will probably be used to furnish the water supply of the city to be built at Ship Harbor.

BUSINESS OPFORTUNITIES.

FOR SALE -- STORE, WHARF, WARRHOUSE AND WAREHOUSE SITE, AT ANACOR-TES, SKAGIT COUNTY. W. T.

This property, situated at a central point on Ship Harbor, is now prices the necessary ground, and business connections promising Baker. It awaits only the finishing certain expansion. Two lcts with doors, windows and verandas to 100 feet frontage have in front of transform it, now that the time has them the same width of ground running to deep water - altogether more important, it awaits the right comprising four lots,

Samish and Swinomish grain is now conveniently scowed by means the house for all that may be in it. of small steamers from the ranches to this wharf, and here transferred to the regular traffic lines at least 100 feet front, by 200 feet running possible cost. The site is suitable back. Any one having capital for a grain warehouse and ocean enough to make the hotel what is for a grain warehouse and ocean grain. Buyer should be able to do the purpose, for \$5000. Apply at a business of \$50,000 to \$100,000 a this office, or by letter to John Grifyour since it is here and offering it- fith, Anacortes.

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THE COMMISSARY'S STORE, Just vacated by removal of stuff to Avon, originally Jack Dowling's saloon, now offers its hospitable shelter to the hardware man, or the vendor of notions, knicknacks, newspapers or drugs, among which real estate cannot justly be classed at present. It is large enough for a general store. Apply as above.

TOURISTS' HOTEL AND SUMMER RESORT FOR THE ISLANDS.

To those who are acquainted with all the beauties and varieties of attraction of the "Archipelago De ns Washington Sound on the Coast Survey charts-no claim need be made of the immense popularity and success in store for a tourists' hotel and summer resort of "the Islands," picturesquely and conveniently located. Such a hotel and recort already exists in a rudimontary form-two substantial framed buildings together 90x146 feet in dimensions, barring a 60 toot connection not yet constructed-at Rose Point, Anscortes, situated in a beautiful sheltered cove, graced by magnificent maple trees, and fronting over deep water in full sight of Ship Harbor and of Mt. arrived, from a warehouse to an "Island Club House;" but what is man to come and look at it, to oversee such transformation, and to run To that end it will perhaps be best for the "right man" aforesaid to buy it outright. The ground is needed at this place, can have these buildings and the choicest of sites for

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