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THE CONSTITUTION.

Our Constitutional Convention has adopted an instrument for submission to the people at the general election on October 1st.

In the Preamble will be found the only mention of a deity. It reads as follows: "We, the people of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution."

Article I, the declaration of rights, reads not unlike that of other States. Articles II provides for the organization of the legislature, which is to consist of a House of Representatives and Senate.

Article III, the executive department. This department will be presided over by a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and a Commissioner of Public Lands.

Article IV provides that the judicial power of the State shall be vested in five Supreme Judges, twelve Superior Judges and Justices of the Peace. The Justices of the Supreme Court are to be elected for the term of six years after the first election, two or one, as the case may be, to be chosen at each biennial election.

Article VI, on elections and elective rights, provides that male persons 21 years of age and over (excluding Indian not taxed), who are citizens of the United States and the State of Washington, are qualified electors.

Article VII, on taxation, provides for the taxation of all property except such as is held by the United States, State, county, districts and municipal corporations, and such other property as the legislature may by law provide.

Article VIII provides for State, county and municipal indebtedness, placing the maximum State debt at \$400,000.

Article IX makes liberal provisions for educational institutions.

Article X treats of the militia, which shall always be subordinate to the civil authority.

Article XI provides for county, city and township organization. The counties will remain as they are. No new county shall be formed which will reduce any county to a less population than 4000, nor unless such new county shall have a population of at least 3000.

Article XII on corporations compares

very favorably with the articles on like subjects in the constitutions of other States, and if the people are happy in the selection of their legislators they will not be ridden by monopolies.

Article XIII provides for State care of institutions for the unfortunate deaf, dumb, blind, insane, etc.

Article XIV provides that the seal of the State shall be the vignette of General George Washington encircled by the words, "The Seal of the State of Washington" and the figures "1889."

Article XV relates to the capital, and provides that at the election in October the people shall vote for their choice; if no town receives a majority the highest three shall be candidates at the next election; then if neither of the three receives a majority, at the next election the two highest will be the only competitors, and the one receiving the highest number of votes will be the permanent seat of government.

Article XVI claims for the State all harbor fronts to be reserved forever "for landings, wharves, streets and other conveniences of navigation and commerce." No lease of harbor frontage shall be granted for a longer term than 50 years.

Article XVII provides for the sale of school lands at not less than their full market value, nor less than the minimum price set in the enabling act.

Article XVIII asserts state ownership of the beds and shores of all navigable waters, where the tide ebbs and flows, up to and including the line of ordinary high tide, but does not debar any person from asserting his claim to vested rights in the courts of the State.

Article XIX exempts from forced sale a certain portion of the homesteads of heads of families.

Articles XX to XXVII inclusive treat of public health, water and water rights, legislative apportionment, amendments, boundaries, cession to the United States of jurisdiction over military and naval reservations, compact with the United States and miscellaneous matters.

Separate article 1 provides for the submission of the woman suffrage question, and separate article 2 submits prohibition to a vote of the people.

HARBORS OF THE NEW STATE.

Following is the article on harbors adopted by the constitutional convention:

SECTION 1. The legislature shall provide for the appointment of a commission whose duty it shall be to locate and establish harbor lines in navigable waters of all harbors, estuaries, bays and inlets of this state wherever such navigable waters lie within or in front of the corporate limits of any city or within one mile thereof upon either side.

The state shall never give, sell or lease to any private person, corporation or association any rights whatever, in waters beyond such harbor lines, nor shall any of the area lying between any harbor line and ordinary high tide, and within not less than fifty nor more than 600 feet of such harbor line (as the commission shall determine) be sold or granted by the state, nor its right to control same relinquished, but such area shall be forever reserved for landings, wharves, streets and other conveniences of navigation and commerce.

Sec. 2. The legislature shall provide by general laws for leasing of the right to build and maintain wharves, docks and other structures upon the areas mentioned in section 1 of this article, but no lease shall be made for any term longer than thirty years. The legislature may provide by general laws for the building and maintaining upon such areas of wharves, docks or other structures.

Sec. 3. Municipal corporations shall have the right to extend their streets over intervening tide lands to the area reserved as herein provided.

We would suggest to the Postmaster General that he drop a line to the postmaster of this town reading: "Major Bill Perkins-Sir: Either attend to his or get, and I'd a little rather you'd get. So would the people of your town. Yours truly, and don't be over a week making up your mind what course to take."—Arizona Kicker.

A large fire in Tacoma on Thursday, the 29th, destroyed the Denver block, in which were several wholesale and retail stores, and the upper floors being occupied by families and roomers, the entire building with its contents being a total loss.

An eminent English surgeon says that "a kiss on the lips ought to be felt for at least twenty minutes afterward, and that kissing produces a sensation which the system requires to keep it in a healthy state." It is known by everybody that kissing is pleasant and exhilarating, but it was not known that osculation was necessary to physical well-being.

We received a long and interesting communication from Vancouver, but were compelled to omit it for certain reasons. Glad to get your views, John, but you are a little too loud for our editorial cranium.

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A LIBERAL OFFER. The publishers of PROGRESS have just concluded arrangements whereby they are enabled to furnish to subscribers on payment of \$2 a copy of this paper for one year and a new improved and colored map of Puget Sound, acknowledged to be the most accurate yet published, embracing as it does a comprehensive outline of the Mediterranean section common to British Columbia and Washington Territory, and showing all the operated and projected lines of railway, the coal belts, and giving other information of great value.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

SAW MILL SITE. A first-class site offers itself for a 50,000 to 100,000 capacity saw mill at Anacortes, including the necessary water; situated on the reserved and improved lands of Anne C. Bowman; in the exact center of Ship Harbor, and in the center of the lands where will be built any town on Ship Harbor larger than a village.

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SMELTING WORKS AT ANACORTES. Capt. Newton's spit, more recently known as Weaverling's spit, has been purchased with special reference to securing favorable grounds and conditions requisite for a smelting works company's location.

"JACK OF ALL TRADES" SHOP. The old blacksmith and carpenter's shop, wagon and wheelbarrow maker's shop, paint shop, shoe cobblers and tin shop and general tool house, which has subserved an useful purpose at Anacortes—where tools were always to be had for the hooking of them—had to be dismantled for good and sufficient reasons.

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 Haro"—that nest of islands extending across the Georgian Gulf, between Vancouver Island and the American mainland, and designated as 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.

Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between William Gray and William Sharp at Anacortes, W. T., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

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