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H. D. STEWART, SCHOOL DIRECTOR

One of the best natured but most spirited contests in the history of Mercer Island school affairs was settled by a vote of 103 against 82 in favor of H. D. Stewart of East Seattle, at the school election, district 28, Saturday, March 1.

The recorded vote was 185, the largest in the history of school elections in the district, and larger than that registered in many Seattle precincts at the recent municipal election.

The retiring member of the board is R. B. Work, elected to office three years ago, and the vacancy created thereby will be filled by Stewart.

The opposing candidate was W. H. Turner, an old resident living on the Thompson Avenue hill, who took his defeat good-naturedly. Up to within a few days of the election Turner was believed to be the only one aspiring to the office and made no effort to advance his candidacy.

However, from the time Stewart appeared on the horizon the contest was a spirited one, resulting as stated above.

This election has revealed two very interesting facts—the recorded vote shows a material increase in the resident voting population, and the nature of the contest shows a better civic sentiment.

NEW KENNYDALE CHURCH

KENNYDALE, Wash., March 4.—With impressive ceremonies the new Methodist Church was dedicated here Sunday. Rev. J. P. Marlette of Seattle, district superintendent, preached the dedicatory sermon in the morning and was assisted by the regular pastor, Rev. J. C. Walters. In the evening the regular services were omitted and a musical program substituted. Rev. O. F. Grieger of the Methodist Church in Renton assisted in the evening services. The new church cost approximately \$2,600.

ANOTHER BEAUX ARTS SOCIAL AFFAIR

Under the auspices of the Beaux Arts Fortnightly Club a grand masquerade ball will be given at the Beaux Arts school house Saturday evening, March 15.

The Mountaineers of Seattle took local walk No. 177 Sunday, March 2. The walk was led by Arthur C. Nation, who, with a number of mountaineers, left Leschi Park at 9:30 a. m. for Bellevue, and walked from there over trails and skid roads to Newport. Each member was equipped with a cup and spoon, as well as grub for the walk, which took them over ten miles of country. They arrived in Seattle on the return trip at 6:30 p. m. Each individual was taxed thirty cents for expenses.

CONCERT PATRONAGE WILL BE LARGE

The sale of tickets for the grand operatic and instrumental concert to be given by Frederick William Zimmerman, the well known tenor, in behalf of the East Seattle Church building fund, has already begun, notwithstanding that as yet the ladies of the guild have not got down to real hard work.

As evidence of the interest shown in the event we will mention Mrs. G. F. Zimmerman of East Seattle, who has taken no less than twenty-two tickets and will entertain that many guests at dinner immediately preceding the concert, and while she is so far the largest individual purchaser, there has been many sales of tickets in smaller amounts.

It is expected that from now until the



Homeward Bound--A Fair Young Islander Taking A Complexion Bath On The Upper Deck Of A Lake Washington Steamer

night of the event there will be a heavy demand for tickets, of which there has been a thousand printed.

The date of the concert, which takes place at Sandell's Hall, East Seattle, will be Wednesday evening, March 26. A steamer will leave Leschi Park at 8 o'clock and leave East Seattle at 10:15. The piano will be kindly furnished by the Eiler's Music House.

Robert B. Wark, of East Seattle, is to furnish lumber for a stage, and labor for its construction will be donated by him and Roy Leiser.

Tickets are on sale at Reilly's store,

Leschi Park, Eiler's Music House, Third Avenue and University Street; music department, Bon Marche, and several other places as well as from Mrs. Meerscheidt of East Seattle, Beacon 493; Mrs. F. K. Shelley, East Seattle, Beacon 750, and The Leschi Book House, C. A. Carmen.

All music lovers are invited and should order their tickets early.

Following is the program:

Part I

- Vocal duet, "Martha" first act... Flotow
Mrs. Dorfner, Mrs. Herold.
- Piano, "Concert Etude" McDowell
Miss McPheters.
- Vocal aria, "Radiant Aida"—Aida. Verdi
Mr. Zimmerman.
- Vocal, recit-aria, "Ah Forse e Lui"—
Traviata Verdi
Miss Smith.
- Vocal, "A Summer Night".....
..... Goring-Thomas
Mrs. Herold.
- Vocal duet, "Miserere"—Il Trovatore
..... Verdi
Miss Smith, Mr. Zimmerman.

Part II

- Violin, "Concerto IX"..... De Beriot
Miss Carlson.
- Vocal, recit-aria, "Caro Nome"
(Rigoletto) Verdi
Mrs. Dorfner.
- Piano, a "Cradle Song"..... Hense!
b "Etincelles" Moszkowski
Miss McPheters
- Vocal, "Sei Mir Gegruest" Schubert
Mr. Zimmerman.
- Vocal duet, "Santuzza"—Turiddu—
Cavalleria Rusticana Mascagni
Mrs. Dorfner, Mr. Zimmerman.

CHURCH PLANS DISCUSSED

A public meeting was held at the Leiser Building, East Seattle, Wednesday evening, March 9, for the purpose of submitting plans and ideas for the construction of the East Seattle Church. There were about twenty present at the meeting, which was presided over by Rev. T. A. Hilton.

J. K. Carr, H. D. Stewart and Floyd Allen were appointed a committee on building plans which are to be drawn up to conform as much as possible to Rev. Hilton's idea of the style of church most suitable for the community.

A committee of which Rev. Hilton was made chairman, was appointed to solicit contributions to the building fund to which has been recently added the sum of two hundred dollars in amounts ranging from one to twenty-five dollars.

One prominent East Seattle citizen has made a standing offer to add one hundred dollars to the fund on condition that two other Island citizens do likewise. Here is a chance to add three hundred dollars to the fund if two other citizens can be found who are interested enough in church building to duplicate this generous offer.

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FRANK P. NOLAN, Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
20th day of Feby., 1913.

(Seal)

L. S. BROCKWAY,

Notary Public.

(My commission expires April 20, 1914)

Wilburton, Wash., March 4, 1913.

Mr. F. P. Nolan,

East Seattle, Wash.

Dear Friend: Wishing to express
our thanks through your paper, we ask
you to please print the following, viz.:

We hereby thank the people of Beaux
Arts, Bellevue and Wilburton for their
support in the recent school election,
and their confidence shown in Charles
A. Sulenes by electing him director of
school district No. 49.

We assure you that your confidence
has not been misplaced.

You truly,

J. B. REED,

WM. BAULHURST

FRANK MELICK,

MRS. WM. HEWITT,

MRS. J. B. REED,

MRS. BERGSTROM,

Committee.

SHORE LANDS CONTROVERSY

A compromise has been effected in the
state legislature regarding the title to
the shore lands of Lake Washington to
be uncovered upon the completion of the
government canal. As it now stands
the compromise measure provides that
all such uncovered shore lands shall go
to the upland owner but that the state
land commissioner shall have the right,
within nine months after the act becomes
effective, to reserve certain portions of
the uncovered lands for municipally
owned dock sites, wharves and alleys
where the same is feasible.

The bill as amended was introduced
by Representative William Wray, who
introduced the original measure as ad-
vocated by the upland owners.

LAKE NEWS

The speed boating game on the lake
has created so much interest this year
that speed boat men are going to or-
ganize a club of their own. The Lake
Washington Speed Boat Club will prob-
ably be its name, and for the present
will hold meetings at Buckley's boat
house, Leschi Park. On the lake this
year there is to be built some pretty
fast boats for entry in the boat racing
events, and the Lake Washington men
are also anxious to schedule a speed
regatta on the lake, probably during
Potlatch week. They figure that with
an organization this regatta can be
carried out successfully and that many
other features can be promoted that will
be to their mutual benefit.

W. A. Linton and P. W. Howard, own-
ers of the fast runabout "Satan" on
Lake Washington, have decided to build
a duplicate of her to add to their fleet
for livery service. The boat will be a
forty-footer, six foot beam, as is the
"Satan," and will be powered with a
60 h. p. Loew-Victor motor. She will
be capable of a speed of about 22 miles.

Through the good seamanship of
Frank Schertzer and his brother Will
Schertzer, who last year raced the "Pot-
latch Bug," Seattle is to be represented
in the speed boat races this year by a
boat which the owners hope to make
the Pacific Coast champion before the
season is over. The details of the boat
have not yet been announced but the
hull is being designed by Geary and the
engine built by Stanley Miller of Lake
Washington, so that the boat will be en-
tirely a home product. If successful on
the Coast, she will be sent east to con-
tend against the fastest boats in the
country.

East Seattle, March 4, 1913

To the Editor Mercer Island News.

Dear Sir: In answer to "An Islander"
I wish to say that we, and especially
the writer, do not wish to take any
cheap advise from any school boy,
which "An Islander" appears to be. Our
nestrials can almost detect the atmos-
phere of a schoolroom. We are men
who are and have been fighting for a
principle and were willing to pay in
money and time for this principle.
There are some of so-called peaceful
male geese who are always willing to
reap the benefit of those who fight, but
otherwise are fence-riders. Any man
who writes an anonymous letter is be-
neath contempt and has no moral right
to give a foolish lecture. Even our good
Lord fought when he drove out the
money changers, but in the end he suc-
cumbed to a Judas Ischariot, but his
cause still lives, thank God, and is
stronger than ever. Any man or wom-
an who really knows the writer and
knows the real conditions of the Island,
must admit in all fairness that he al-
ways has fought for the interest of the
Island and fought in the open, and,
therefore, speaking for himself, he de-
clines to listen to any deluded Islander.
Our association will always fight for
the best of the Island, and fight for
what is right and for nothing else. "An
Islander" says: "Remember in unity
only is there strength." I am inclined
to think that "An Islander" belongs to
our association, but was a dissenter and
deserter. This he calls perhaps con-
sistency. Thanking you for your valu-
able space, I am

FREDERICK WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN,
A Real Islander.

RANCHER'S WIFE DIES

Relatives and about 350 intimate
friends of Mrs. George G. Miller, wife
of a well-known Mercer Island poultry
rancher of Wintonia Meadows, who died
Thursday afternoon following an opera-
tion, gathered in the chapel of the Bon-
ney-Watson Undertaking Company Mon-
day afternoon, March 3, to pay their
last respects to her memory and to listen
to an eloquent tribute to her life by
Rev. J. D. O. Powers of the Bolyston
Avenue Unitarian Church. The minister
reviewed her worthy life and comforted
the mourners with assurances that the
deceased had come to a beautiful and
peaceful end and that she had crossed
the Great Divide to live an even grander
life. Miss Agnes Scott beautifully ren-
dered "My Rosary."

Profuse floral offerings told of the
high esteem in which Mrs. Miller was
held by her wide circle of acquaintances.
Two touring cars were required to carry
the flowers to the Lake View Cemetery,
where interment took place.

The body was escorted to its last rest-
ing place by thirty-two automobiles, the
funeral procession being comprised of
motor cars exclusively. As the casket
was being lowered the sun burst through
the cloudy skies and shone brightly for
a few moments and then faded behind
the blanket of mist.

The pallbearers were Edward Lytle,
Henry T. Moody, Sapt. Walter W. Heis-
kel, Donald McKay, B. L. Gates and E.
L. Webster.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her widow-
er, George W. Miller, manager of the
Winton Motor Car Company branch; her
mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. C.
McAllister of South Park, and two broth-
ers and two sisters. She was 32 years
old. Mrs. Miller underwent an opera-
tion for tumor on February 22, but she
could not survive the shock.

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*7:30 am	8:00 am	8:15 am
*8:30 am		8:45 am
10:00 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	4:45 p.m.
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NOLAN VS. HICKS AND TRUMBULL

In view of the fact that great interest has been shown in the above named action, and that so far the public has only heard the defendant's version of the case, we feel it our duty in self-defense to present to our readers the plaintiff's side of the affair.

The plaintiffs for several years past have had on the back end of their property at East Seattle a well-built tent-house, commonly known as the Nolan camp, which at times they have rented to various tenants.

In the fall of 1911, in the month of November, a young friend of the plaintiffs', who was said to have been suffering from pneumonia, which at that time had developed into incipient pulmonary tuberculosis, a fact, however, to which the plaintiffs could not swear, not being physicians, was invited to use the place free of charge until such time as he could secure something more suitable.

The offer was accepted by him and he and his young wife took possession. They remained a short time, to the best of our recollection, eight or ten days, after which they left, and as far as the plaintiffs were concerned the incident was entirely forgotten, when in the following spring, many months after, one of the plaintiffs, as was her custom, went over to East Seattle to throw open the doors of the camp, air the bedding and fuss around as any other property owner would under the circumstances.

While so doing, and entirely unsuspecting, she was approached by the village school teachers, and after showing them through the place, with which they said they were very much satis-

fied, was requested to make various changes, involving an expenditure of approximately fifteen dollars, in return for which the plaintiff was to receive the sum of twenty-four dollars for the use of the place for a term of nine weeks. This amount was to be paid to the plaintiff before the teachers took possession, and the teachers made a special appointment to meet the plaintiffs the Sunday afternoon previous to the day of taking possession, pay the twenty-four dollars, receive the keys and take possession. The plaintiffs waited in vain, on the day appointed, and after the spending of the money mentioned above. This marked the first breach of faith in the transaction. The following morning, in the absence of the plaintiffs, they took possession of the camp, which marked the second breach of faith.

In all fairness to the parties to this action, let it be said that in the original agreement, and until after the money had been spent on requested changes, not a word had been spoken as to the back history of the camp; especially the incident of our sick friend, which by this time had evidently been forgotten by everybody in the community and therefore was not brought up.

Before going further we wish it known that following the departure of our sick friend, the place was thoroughly disinfested with the use of formaldehyde, which was applied as thoroughly as could be expected from any experienced lay person in an endeavor to fumigate a building in a detached, unincorporated county settlement, such as East Seattle, and, in the absence of any statutory provisions as to how buildings outside of incorporated communities shall be disinfested, should have been regarded as having been done according to law.

After the fifteen dollars had been spent and after the teachers had illegally taken possession of the camp, one of the inevitable village busybodies had a brainstorm in which it dawned upon her that among the previous inmates of the camp there was the sick man, who up to that time was entirely forgotten.

It is needless to say what followed. The teachers illegally vacated, kept the keys of the camp for three or four days, and packed their belongings to the Leiser building near by.

Now the case passed through four trials, three of which were decided in favor of the plaintiffs and the fourth dismissed without costs, as the result of the introduction of expert testimony, which so confused the judge that he was heard to say that he really didn't know how to decide it and to play safe, dismissed it.

We are now coming to the one phase of the case which constantly crops up

in the mind of the writer, and that is, that while it was the consensus of opinion of everybody associated with the case (except the plaintiffs, who had spent many week ends in the camp following the departure of the sick man) that at the time the teachers occupied the camp the germs of the disease were present in large quantities and must necessarily have gotten into the wearing apparel of these women, which, according to their own testimony, they had hung in places where the germs would be the thickest, not one of those who provoked the plaintiffs into this action was solicitous enough for the community's welfare to insist on a thorough legal disinfection of their clothes, etc., after they left the camp.

And you mothers who were so quick to testify to the fact that the man had tuberculosis in its worst form, should think seriously of the disgrace you have heaped upon yourselves and the community by permitting these infected women thereafter to come daily in contact with yourselves and children in the discharge of their duties as teachers.

As for these women, themselves, after confessing that they believed they had many times during their occupancy of the camp come personally in contact with materials that contained large quantities of the germs and in the same breath tell of how they continued to mingle with the innocent little school children in that condition, they have branded themselves as two of the most hideous monstrosities that have ever had the audacity to associate themselves with the history of Mercer Island school affairs, having expressed a willingness thereby, through infection, to plunge the community into an epidemic of the most deadly and loathsome disease known to the science of medicine.

We will tell you candidly, however, that we don't think the teachers took the situation any more seriously than you did, but simply used it as a subterfuge to avoid payment of an honest debt. But what if we are wrong in this conclusion, and that the belief expressed in the preceding paragraph is right?

We firmly believe that it is then the writer's stern duty as a citizen and taxpayer in School District 28 to demand that the school board begin at once an investigation of the whole affair, and if it is found that these women, while carrying these germs on their person endangered the health of the community, demand that they be summarily dismissed for having in so doing been guilty of conduct unbecoming to a public school teacher.

We have been fighting this case for a principle—not the money involved—and we believe that the real motive that actuated these women in breaking their contract, if it were known, was the fact that they were offered the use of the Leiser building for less money and by virtue of the almost autocratic sway they had held over the women of the village as a result of their positions, they were void of conscience and totally ignorant of the moral duty of one citizen to another in the settlement of contracts entered into in the best of faith, which accounts for their defiant, arbitrary manner of settling the matter.

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ISLAND BRIEFS.

Mrs. Vince Faben entertained the East Seattle Friday Luncheon Club Friday afternoon, March 14.

In addition to extensive repairs a sleeping porch is being added to the Lane bungalow, Lanehurst.

F. F. Sandell, East Seattle's postmaster, has returned after a delightful month of pleasure and pastime spent in Oregon.

Mrs. Lane Dodge, who recently returned from her California trip, entertained at bridge twice last week, four tables being at play on each occasion.

Showing his confidence in Mercer Island as a place for investment, Dr. C. B. Moseley has bought two more lots adjoining his property at All View Heights.

The Island Bridge Club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Shelley at East Seattle, Saturday evening, March 8. Seven tables were in play, after which luncheon was served to twenty-eight guests.

C. C. Gilliam, plumbing contractor of East Seattle, recently installed a full set of plumbing fixtures in the Hunt residence, Thompson Avenue hill. He also recently made extensive changes and repairs in the H. D. Stewart residence.

Mrs. James T. Lane gave an informal bridge luncheon Friday, February 28, at Lanehurst, her home on Lake Washington. Yellow daffodils and tulips were used in the living and dining room. The prize at bridge was won by Mrs. William L. Collier. Twelve guests were present.

BELLEVUE BRIEFS.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman is recovering from her recent illness.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Bly on March 6th.

Mr. S. H. Seeley and Mr. Reid are sinking a well for Mr. McKee.

Mr. C. W. Speer has returned from a business trip to California.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lance Downie on March 11th.

Miss Ruby and Mr. Day Woodruff spent March 8th and 9th in Bellevue.

Mr. C. C. Marr has just finished the addition on Mr. D. M. Gass' house.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce are expected to return to Bellevue in the near future.

Mr. Rogers is expected home next week after a long business trip in the East.

Mr. George Nightingale returned last week from a business trip to Fort Angeles and Victoria.

Mr. A. R. Grovenor has just completed a new roof over the entrance to the L. D. Godsey store at Midlakes.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family in the death of Master Herbert Bechtol on March 3rd.

Mr. Charles A. Sulenes was elected school director by a very narrow margin over J. R. Stewart at the recent election.

Miss Margaret Wilcox and Mr. John Constantine were married in Seattle last Wednesday. A reception was held in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simons for the newlyweds.

TIME FOR GARDENS.

It will soon be time to think and talk "Gardens." Do you ever sit by the fire and think of your garden; of how good the different vegetables will taste or how pretty the posies will look? You never

did? Then try it. Decide whether your garden will be for vegetables or flowers and when you have decided, talk it over with father and mother as to the most convenient place for the vegetables or which particular spot will be most beautified by the flowers.

Some times we see people who like certain vegetables and have better luck raising those few kinds than any other. It may be egg plant or tomatoes or onions that they succeed with. Did you ever eat an egg plant or see one even? They are fine to eat and are not grown extensively enough to be cheap. Okra is another vegetable but little known in the north although the southerners are very fond of it.

There are several new varieties of vegetables introduced into our country the last few years, that proves very interesting vegetables for young people to raise. Neighbor children often gather to see a new variety of vegetables and, I presume, to secretly admire the vim of the child who is raising it.

Again some people have such fine luck with some favorite flower—like the sweet pea or nasturtium. One girl has found time after school and on Saturdays to grow her two favorites—sweet peas and nasturtiums—in quite a small space. The peavines, planted beside the house, grew to be over four feet high and were loaded with long stemmed blossoms, making them so easy to arrange gracefully in the vases. The nasturtiums were planted beside an old stone wall and so well did they do what was expected of them that the wall was hidden in a blaze of glory. These flowers were picked every day, the house was filled with their fragrance and beauty and a generous supply found its way into the neighbor's homes.

A curious flowerbed was made by a boy called it his "crazy flower bed." He planted a package of mixed seeds and grew up to be a wonderfully interesting place. There were marigolds, larkspur, love-in-the-mist, snap dragons, four o'clocks, lady slippers growing side by side with the unknown. The children near by used to come to look at this "crazy garden" just to see what odd flowers had blossomed on certain unpromising plants. I am sure most of you would enjoy having a garden but you want it small enough that you can do all the work in it yourself, so you truly feel it is really your garden.

COURT ORDERS BOND.

Alternative Writ Served in Case of Road Association Against the County Commissioners.

Everett Smith was served with an alternative writ of mandate, Tuesday, March 11, requiring him to fix a supersedeas bond in the case of the Mercer Island Good Roads Association against the King county board of commissioners on a now cause for his refusal on Friday night.

Judge Smith some days previously granted a peremptory writ of mandate requiring the commissioners to select a road overseer for district No. 8 from the nominees certified by the good roads association, according to law.

Feeling that their control over the appointments of road overseers in eight districts was in danger, the commissioners appealed to the supreme court. Judge Smith refused to fix a supersedeas bond and the supreme court was again invoked.