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Samil, an old Lummi chief, died about twenty years ago, aged seventy years, and remembered when, during his boyhood, no water came through to Bellingham bay from the Nooksack. This must have been eighty years ago or about 1810. Even forty years ago the main channel was through what is now a slough, into Lummi bay. During these forty years the tide-flats have advanced nearly a mile, and it behooves us to again turn the water back into Lummi bay, that the deposit of glacial debris may not interfere with navigation. The bay, naturally, is from six to ten fathoms deep anywhere, which makes it the finest anchoring ground in the sound, and by no neglect should the natural advantages of the harbor become lessened. The debris from the mills seems to affect only the shore lands, but in time even the deposit of sawdust will be found detrimental. Formerly sternwheel boats ran up into the mill-pond with the tide; in latter years this would be impossible.—*Whatcom Reveille.*

The late city election in Moscow, Idaho, was on an issue involving many important improvements for that live town. The enterprising element won. Bonds will be issued to liquidate the existing indebtedness, macadamize Main street, extend the water mains to every part of the corporation, erect a city building and provide a system of sewerage. Moscow will take a position among the most progressive cities of the inland empire.

The Northern Pacific proposes to carry out the contract of Mr. Hunt so far as the extention to Gray's Harbor is concerned. The company asks no extension of time and no release from any of the conditions imposed upon Mr. Hunt before the latter sold his lines to the big corporation. If the negotiations for the transfer of the bonuses are concluded satisfactorily, it will not be many months before the road is in operation.

A new ditch company has been formed at Ellensburgh, Wash., to build a ditch about thirty miles long, to carry about 15,000 inches of water, and to cover about 25,000 acres of land. The water is to be taken from the Yakima river. The cost of the ditch is estimated at $150,000 to $200,000. The promoters have the assurance that their bonds will be taken as soon as ready for sale.

The deed to the Atlanta mining property, in southern Idaho, transferring the same from V. S. Anderson to an English syndicate, was placed on file in the recorder's office at Glen's Ferry last week, and the amount paid for the property is given at $3,749,650. Judge Anderson is now in London, but is expected home in a few weeks.

Samples of fire brick made of clay discovered near Ellensburgh were tested this week, and stood a heat of 3,500 degrees seven hours. A retort lined with English clay burned out. It was then lined with the home make and showed no signs of weakening.

POETS OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

The West Shore offers monthly prizes as specified below for the best poems submitted for competition by residents of the Pacific coast, including British Columbia. Three or four will be selected for publication each week, and in the last issue of the month the names of the prize winners for the month will be announced. All poems not published will be returned. The contest closes each month on the fifteenth. Poems should not exceed forty lines in length. The judges are persons of literary culture not connected with The West Shore in any capacity. The following prizes are offered monthly:

First Prize—A volume of one of the standard poets, Hume, cost handsomely bound in full gilded leather, with full gill edges. The prize winner may designate the choice of the following volumes: Dante, Milton, Scott, Burns, Moore, Wordsworth, Bowerns, Poe, Jean Ingelow, Mrs. Hemans, Mrs. Browning and Longfellow Poems, a volume of choice selections from all the poets. These are all cure books, equally bound in elegant gilt editions, and are from the shelves of Smart & Thompson, the well known booksellers of Portland.

Second Prize—A subscription to The West Shore for six months, to be sent to any address.

Third Prize—A subscription to The West Shore for three months, to be sent to any address.

Grand Prize—In addition to the monthly first prize at the end of the year the poem that shall be decided to be the best work in during the entire year will receive as elegant copy of one of the great classic poems with illustrations by Dore, and the portrait of the author will be published, so that those who have read the poem may have the additional pleasure of seeing the face of the man who has contributed to their enjoyment.

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