

## JOHN L. BLAIR FOR SENATOR

NOMINATED AT SEATTLE ON THE  
FIRST BALLOT

Clallam Delegation Supported Him  
in Preference to Bishop On Ac-  
count of a Grievance Against Jef-  
ferson of Long Standing--Mr.  
Farmer's Honorable Sacrifice

**S**AN JUAN republicans have rea-  
son to congratulate them-  
selves upon having achieved a most  
noteworthy victory in securing,  
through their delegation to the joint  
senatorial convention, the nomination  
of John L. Blair, of Friday Harbor,  
for the important position of state

Thos. T. Aldwell, deputy collector of  
customs at Port Angeles.

Mr. Blair and Mr. Farmer had  
never met before they were intro-  
duced to each other in Seattle, but  
much to the surprise of both it de-  
veloped in the course of a friendly  
talk that Mr. Blair and Mr. Farmer's  
father were old friends in Minnesota  
many years ago and served in the  
state legislature together from ad-  
joining counties. Mr. Farmer (the  
elder) served one or two terms  
as speaker of the house of represent-  
atives and was later a member of the  
senate and afterwards a judge. Mr.  
Blair speaks of him in the highest  
terms.

When the Clallam delegates found  
that San Juan would stand solid for  
Mr. Blair and leave Clallam and Jef-  
ferson to "scrap it out", Mr. Farmer  
asked them to give their support to  
Mr. Blair, which they did on the first  
ballot. After Mr. Farmer's pledge

was given the Jefferson delegation  
offered to go to him, but like the hon-  
orable gentleman that he is he refus-  
ed to break his word.

### Did Not Violate Sunday Closing Law

Readers of the ISLANDER who are  
familiar with the Dever-Stoliker case  
recently tried in the justice court  
here will be interested in the follow-  
ing, taken from the Seattle Post-Int-  
elligencer of September 18, as the  
points involved in the two cases are  
identical:

"The case of C. L. Heady, the barber  
charged with keeping his shop open on  
Sunday, and in so doing violating the  
state Sunday closing law, was yesterday  
found not guilty in Justice Davis' court.  
Judge Hanford handed down the decision  
from the federal court that the law is not  
violated unless the owner of the shop  
compels his employes to do labor on that  
day for the regular wage and that the  
owner of any shop can work as he sees fit  
on Sunday. The state could not satisfac-  
torily prove that the defendant had any  
one helping him at the time of the arr.st.

senator for the twenty-fourth district, comprising the counties of Jefferson, Clallam and San Juan.

Without regard to the wishes of its people this county was placed, several years ago, in a senatorial district with Jefferson and Clallam, from both of which it is separated by a wide expanse of water and with whose estimable people we have hitherto had only slight business or social relations. In the ordinary course of political events we could have little reason to expect that the most distinguished legislative honor in the power of the people of the three counties to bestow would fall to us, but it has come, and we will be sadly remiss if we fail to take every honorable advantage of it and to show our appreciation in every possible way of the political and personal honor shown, the sacrifice made and the courtesy exhibited by the gentlemen of Clallam county to whom Mr. Blair is indebted for his nomination.

This county has profited by the fact that there is a political feud of long standing between the counties of Jefferson and Clallam, growing out of the disposition alleged to have been manifested by the former to "gobble" more than its fair share of political honors. Smaller in area than Clallam and having approximately the same number of people, it has two representatives in the lower house of the legislature, whereas Clallam has only one, and in addition has had the senator for eight years and the lieutenant-governor, the senate's presiding officer, for four years. In view of these facts it must be admitted that Clallam had a far more just claim to the senatorship this year than Jefferson, notwithstanding the fact that the latter's candidate, Hon. Wm. Bishop, is a pioneer of the county and a man of large interests and high standing in his party and among the people.

Clallam's candidate, Mr. C. J. Farmer, of Port Angeles, was unknown to the San Juan delegates, except by reputation, previous to their meeting with him in Seattle, but he very speedily won their confidence and esteem. The editor of the ISLANDER would like to say personally that Mr. Farmer impressed him as being one of the most honorable and upright men whom it has ever been his pleasure to meet, and he was earnestly and ably supported by a most loyal and gentlemanly delegation, headed by