

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association

The eleventh annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held in San Francisco on November 27 and 28. The programmes were interesting and included the following:

Friday afternoon—"English Royal Income in the Thirteenth Century (from an unpublished manuscript)" by Professor Henry L. Cannon of Stanford University; "Japanese Naturalization and the California Anti-Alien Land Law," by Professor Roy Malcolm of the University of Southern California; "The Anglo-Saxon Sheriff," by Professor William A. Morris of the University of California.

Friday evening—The Annual Dinner, Professor Ephraim D. Adams of Stanford University, presiding. The President's Address: "Name of the American War of 1861-1865," was delivered by Professor Edmond S. Meany of the University of Washington. There followed a series of a dozen short, interesting addresses by representative men and women.

Saturday morning—"Eléction Maps of the United Kingdom," by Professor Edward B. Krehbiel of Stanford University; "Chinese Trade and Western Expansion" by Professor Robert G. Cleland, of Occidental College; "The Components of History," by Professor Frederick J. Teggart of the University of California.

At the business session Professor Herbert E. Bolton of the University of California was elected to serve as president for the year 1915.

Saturday afternoon—Teachers' Session. "High School Courses in European History" 1. A Two-Year Course: a 10th Grade by Miss Grace Kretsinger of the Berkeley High School; b. 11th Grade by Miss Elizabeth S. Kelsey of the Berkeley High School; 2. A One-Year Course in General History by Miss Anna Frazer, vice-principal of the Oakland High School. Discussion led by W. J. Cooper, vice-principal of the Berkeley High School.

The convention sent a telegram of encouragement to Professor H. Morse Stephens of the University of California, who was in the East arranging for the meeting of the American Historical Association to be held in San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Oregon Historical Society

At the annual meeting held in Portland on December 19 the following officers were elected: President, Frederick V. Holman; vice-president,

Leslie M. Scott; secretary, Professor F. G. Young; treasurer, Edward Cookingham; directors, Leslie M. Scott and Charles B. Moores. The principal address of the meeting was delivered by Thomas W. Prosch of Seattle. His subject was "The Indian Wars of Washington Territory." The press comments on the address indicate that it was worthily presented and the speaker was unanimously thanked by the society.

President Holman spoke briefly on the great need of a permanent home for the society's valuable collections.

Northwestern Tribute to Three Diplomats

Historians in the Pacific Northwest have known that the contest usually called the "Oregon Question" by which sovereignty in this region was determined hinged most upon the diplomatic achievements of three great Americans—John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay and Albert Gallatin. The long series of events so important in this regard began with the Treaty of Ghent in the negotiations for which it was conceded that Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia River, should remain American no matter what had happened there during the War of 1812. The three named of the five negotiators continued their work for the Oregon country throughout their lives.

The Treaty of Ghent, signed December 24, 1814, marked the beginning of the century of peace between the United States and Great Britain. This great event was to have been celebrated throughout the Union but President Wilson asked that such celebration be deferred on account of the war in Europe. His request was complied with, except for the tribute paid to the memory of the three American diplomats by the Pacific Northwest.

While serving as President of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Edmond S. Meany, Professor of History in the University of Washington, took it upon himself to represent the historians of the Pacific Northwest in arranging for this tribute. Three large wreaths of evergreens from the forests of this "Oregon Country" were prepared and sent, one to the grave of each of the three great peace makers.

Worthington C. Ford, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and editor of the works of John Quincy Adams now being published, took charge of the ceremony which was held in First Church, Quincy, Massachusetts, where John Quincy Adams lies buried. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Hudson, entered into the plan with zest. The President of the Massachusetts Historical Society is Charles Francis Adams. He did not feel at liberty to take the initiative to honor the memory of his grandfather