

*Biographical Congressional Directory*

Mr. C. M. Perkins, Postmaster at Seattle, has received a request from the Joint Committee on Printing of the United States Congress, asking for additional information about the biographies of those who have represented in Congress the Territory and State of Washington. The information is being compiled.

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*Upper Missouri Historical Expedition*

Mr. L. C. Gilman, Vice-President of the Great Northern Railway Company, has sent invitations to a number of citizens in the State of Washington to attend a series of memorial celebrations at Verendrye and Fort Union in North Dakota and at Meriwether in Montana on July 17, 18 and 20, 1925. Much will be learned about the earliest explorations in that section. The invitations are works of art on heavy paper representing birch bark, beautifully illuminated with pictures of Indians, explorers and fur traders. They are signed by the Governors of North Dakota and Montana and by the superintendents of the Departments of History in North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Mr. Gilman's signature is attached to the copies distributed in this State.

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*The Washington Elm*

On the campus of the University of Washington there is an elm which was obtained by Arthur J. Collins of the Class of 1896, while doing graduate work at Harvard. He got permission to place a box of soil in the limbs of the old elm at Cambridge under which Washington took command of the Continental Army on July 3, 1775. Mr. Collins sent the safely rooted slip to his Alma Mater where its growth has been fondly watched.

On July 3, 1925, President Coolidge will participate in a celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of that great event in American history at the spot where the old tree stood. The event will also be commemorated on the campus of the University of Washington. Mr. Henry J. Gorin, President of the Seattle Society, and Mr. Percy Hunting, President of the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, have arranged a ceremony around the local son of the old tree. A bronze tablet will be placed on a granite boulder as a permanent marker. The scene of Washington taking command will be re-enacted by Eagle Scouts dressed as Continental soldiers. Charles

W. Saunders, a native of Cambridge, will present the Society a gavel made of the wood of the famous old elm. The occasion will be graced by the presence of Judge Harvey G. Remington, of Rochester, N.Y., and Dr. Frank Smith, of Elizabeth, N.J., who are respectively President General and Chaplain General of the Sons of The American Revolution.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows:

"Scion of the Washington Elm, Cambridge, Mass. The tree under which General Washington first took command of the American Army, July 3rd, 1775, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of this event. The Washington State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, erected this tablet July 3rd, 1925. This tree planted by Arthur J. Collins, an alumnus of the University of Washington."

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*President Penrose*

On completing his thirty-first year as President of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose tendered his resignation on account of the loss of eyesight. He would easily have passed into a very favorable place in the history of the Pacific Northwest for his excellent work in building up that sturdy institution of higher education. But he is by no means through with his beloved task. The Board of Overseers refused to accept his resignation. They voted to retain him as President for work within the College and to give him an assistant for the important activities in outside fields. Thousands of friends will rejoice over the courageous decision of President Penrose to continue his splendid career of intellectual endeavor.

Doctor Penrose was born in Philadelphia on December 20, 1864. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Williams College in 1885 and Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale University in 1890. In that year he was ordained a Minister in the Congregational Church and for four years served as a home missionary Minister at Dayton, Washington. In 1894, he became President and Professor of Philosophy and Education in Whitman College. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Ripon College in 1902 and also from Williams College in 1905. Williams College also conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1919. He is a member of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. He earned the high honor of