

Mr. Hodge will serve as advisory editors. The publications will be available only to members of the Society.

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*Wyoming Landmark Commission*

The State of Wyoming is rich in old trails and historic sites. The people are showing determined interest in the plans for placing permanent markers. In 1927 the Legislature enacted a law to provide for the Historical Landmark Commission of Wyoming, clothing it with ample power to acquire the necessary lands even to the extent of condemnation, known in some laws as "eminent domain."

The Commission has just issued its first *Biennial Report* showing a commendable amount of work already accomplished. One of the sites sought as a permanent possession of the State is Old Independence Rock, spoken of as "one of the great natural monuments along the old Oregon Trail." Names of hundreds of emigrants are still discernable, though many of them were traced on the old Rock in the early '40's. The natural monument, and the site of old Fort Laramie (as well as the sites of other frontier forts) are in private ownership. Efforts are being made to acquire them for the State.

The members of this first Commission are R. S. Ellison, chairman; J. S. Weppner, secretary, and Warren Richardson, treasurer.

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*John C. Lawrence*

Mr. J. Orin Oliphant of the State Normal School at Cheney, received in trust from the late John C. Lawrence, a carefully prepared manuscript entitled: "The Story of My Life." It was to be given into the custody of the State Library at Olympia. Mr. Lawrence has there recorded his forty years' of experiences in and around Garfield, Eastern Washington. He was a pioneer in educational work, an officer in the United States Land Office in Waterville, and later a member of the Washington State Railroad Commission. His last work was begun on January 2, 1922, with the Washington Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association at Winlock. In the last part of his book, Mr. Lawrence had placed twenty-one poems he had written from time to time.

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*Sixty-five Years of Wedded Life*

On August 18, 1929, felicitations passed between Olympia and Portland while two pioneer couples were celebrating the sixty-fifth anniversary of their weddings. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Blakeley