

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Work of Professor Golder.

Professor Frank A. Golder, of the history department at the State College of Washington, is achieving brilliant success in collecting materials in Europe for the Hoover Collection at Stanford University. He has entered upon his second year of this important work. In the *American Historical Review* for April, 1921, he had an article on "The American Civil War Through the Eyes of a Russian Diplomat," which is well worth while. The diplomat was Edouard de Stoeckl, who is especially remembered on the Pacific Coast for his part in the American negotiations to purchase Alaska. Professor Golder got his materials for the article while preparing for the Carnegie Institution of Washington his *Guide to the Materials for American History in Russian Archives*, published in Washington in 1917.

Courses on the History of Alaska.

Victor J. Farrar, whose research work in western history is well known to readers of this *Quarterly*, has undertaken to give courses in the history of Alaska in the University of Washington, beginning with the second term of the Summer Quarter.

Inland Empire Pioneers' Association.

The annual meeting was held at Walla Walla on June 14, 1921. The principal speaker was Professor John Horner of the Oregon State College. Brief talks were also given by Professor Louis F. Anderson of Whitman College and Mrs. Alvina Baumeister. Invitations were sent out by Ben Burgunder, President, and Miss Helen McCarthy, Secretary.

Associates of Eighty-Nine.

This organization held a brilliant and successful celebration of the anniversary of the great Seattle fire of June 6, 1889. Among other events was the placing of a bronze tablet at the place where the fire began, the southwest corner of Madison and first Avenue. This was done by the survivors of the Volunteer Fire Department. The speaker on this occasion was L. C. Gilman. Six hundred "Eighty-Niners" attended the dinner in the evening.