

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.

Pioneer Association of the State of Washington.

The annual meetings were held on June 7 and 8, 1921. The principal speaker was Judge W. P. Bell, of Snohomish County. William P. Bonney of Tacoma was elected President; Leander Miller, Vice-President; Hillman F. Jones, Secretary; William M. Calhoun, Treasurer; Rev. A. Atwood, Chaplain; Rolland H. Denny, Leander Miller, Mrs. Bertha Piper Venen, Henry L. Denny and Willis G. Ames, Trustees. All the trustees are of Seattle except Mr. Ames whose address is Port Orachard.

Landmarks at Nisqually.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs became the guests of the Dupont Women's Club for one afternoon for a luncheon and dedication of the old historic buildings of Fort Nisqually, first home of white men on Puget Sound. Visitors were pleasantly surprised to find that the Dupont Powder Company, new owners of the property, had marked most of the buildings which are to be saved for their historic values. In placing the placards the company had been assisted by W. P. Bonney, and others of the Washington State Historical Society. A few days after the celebration the grounds were visited by Clarence B. Bagley and Ezra Meeker of Seattle, George H. Himes of Portland and sons of Edward Huggins, Professor in the University of Washington. They will be welcomed as last representative of the Hudson's Bay Company and the Puget Sound Agricultural Company. Mr. Huggins had become an American citizen and secured the old fort for his homestead. These visitors pointed out a number of spots worth marking. It is a pleasure to record the interest in these matters by the new owners of the land.

New Professors of History.

Two men have been added to the history staff in the University of Washington. Henry Stephen Lucas, at present an instructor at the University of Michigan, where he obtained the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1921, is a specialist in Medical History. He has had valuable experience in Europe. J. A. O. Larsen finished his work as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford in 1914. He was engaged in various forms of war work, chiefly in Denmark. After the armistice he became Professor of Greek and Latin in Concordia College. When appointed to the faculty of the University of Washington, he was doing graduate work at Harvard University. His specialty is Ancient History. Each man has the rank of Assistant to their new field of work in October.