

same way he continued his studies in the field of law, made of himself a successful lawyer, evolving into a great judge. The climax of that educational drama was reached when Whitman College crowned him with its highest honor—the Doctor of Laws degree.

Always intensely patriotic, he was one of those who faced the mob with a musket to maintain law and order at the time of the anti-Chinese riots in 1886.

Another dramatic climax was reached in 1914, during a rather partisan Congressional investigation, when he resigned the position of United States District Judge. His old time associates were justly proud of the eminence he had attained. They grieved over what they deemed unfair treatment. As an evidence of their esteem they elected him President of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington for the year 1924-1925.

He will be remembered for his judicial decisions, for his historical writings, for his patriotic citizenship and for his remarkable struggle as a backward boy up to one of the highest positions in the difficult profession of the law.

Skamania County Historical Society

Preliminary meetings are being held at Stevenson for the purpose of organizing a Skamania County Historical Society. Much enthusiasm has already developed and plans are under way to reconstruct the famous blockhouse forts used there during the Indian wars of 1855-1857. In addition there are many other phases to be studied of early Columbia River history going back to the first explorations by the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1805-1906.

Telephone Anniversaries

On March 10, throughout the United States, there were held celebrations of the fiftieth anniversary of Alexander Graham Bell's first message: "Watson, come here, I want you," on his completed telephone.

Celebrations were also held in a number of Washington cities commemorating the first installations of their telephone systems. Notable among these was Bellingham celebrating the date of January 15, 1890, and Seattle that of March 7, 1883. The ceremonies take different form but they all tend to show the progress and history involved in the rapid development of this remarkable invention.