

country, and formed a strong link in our chain of title to the Pacific Northwest.

"The personnel of this expedition was composed of enlisted officers and men of the army of the United States, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark being of equal rank, although Captain Lewis was tacitly considered the higher authority. They carried with them the flag of our country, the Stars and Stripes. It was not the same flag we use today; it had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, then the official flag of our nation. They also carried medals to distribute to the Indians, a few of special design and others used by George Washington in his dealing with Indians. Departing from here on the afternoon of the 18th of October, the following morning they met with Chief Yellepit of the Walla Walla tribe and presented him with both a medal and a flag, which he preserved for many years after.

"If you are ever privileged to visit the capital city of Virginia, you will find there on the state house grounds, a famous monument of George Washington, surrounded by other famous Virginians who had assisted in the founding and early events of our republic. Among those life-sized figures is one of Meriwether Lewis, explorer, discoverer, and geographer, who camped on or near this spot for three days in October, 1805, in whose honor this monument has now been erected here."

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*Anniversary in Olympia*

An event of historic importance occurred in Olympia on Saturday, December 10, when there was celebrated with appropriate honors the seventy-fifth anniversary of Olympic Lodge No. 1, of Free and Accepted Masons. The lodge was organized on December 11, 1852, while Washington was still a part of Oregon. It was No. 5 of Oregon, but when Washington Territory was organized by Congress in 1853, the lodge became No. 1 under the new jurisdiction.

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*Judge Howay Honored*

At its December meeting, the Massachusetts Historical Society elected Judge F. W. Howay, of New Westminster, B.C., a corresponding member. The name of Judge Howay is well known to readers of the *Washington Historical Quarterly* from his numerous articles and book reviews. He has been a contributing editor of this publication for the past eleven years. He is a member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of