

PACIFIC NORTHWEST AMERICANA

A Notable Collection of Manuscripts

Edmond S. Meany, Professor of History in the University of Washington, has recently donated to the Library of that institution his collection of documents and manuscripts representing an accumulation of thirty-five years. The collection comprises some thirty lots or items, among them the following:

Winfield Scott Ebey's Diaries

Three small diaries marked "A," "B," and "C" and nine diaries numbered in Roman "I," "II," "III," etc. The dates covered range from April 26, 1854, to November 14, 1863. The notes cover the crossing of the Plains and the author's life and experiences in Port Townsend and Whidby Island.

Ebey Letters

Letters by and about Isaac N. Ebey, W. S. Ebey, photographs of the Ebey family and other pioneers. These and the Ebey diaries had been obtained from Mrs. John Allan Park of Hayward, California.

Letters and Documents

Hundreds of papers in twenty packets tied into one combined bundle. These bear dates from 1853 to 1876 and deal with a great variety of subjects like Indian Wars, Hudson's Bay Company, early institutions and transactions. With the consent and encouragement of Governor John R. Rogers, in 1897, these papers were rescued from the garret of the old wooden capitol where they were found scattered between the unfloored joists. Many of the papers show tobacco stains and foot-marks where workmen had evidently trampled them while repairing the building's roof. This collection has been a rich source for documents to be published in the *Washington Historical Quarterly*.

James Douglas, Governor of Vancouver's Island

Letter to Governor Stevens of Washington Territory, dated 26 April, 1855, about Sheriff Barnes of "Whatcomb" County, sending an armed force to collect taxes of Charles Griffin, a British subject, on San Juan Island.

Stevens County History by W. P. Winans

The gift letter, attached, by Frederick W. Dewart, of Spokane, says that this and the following manuscript have not been published. *The Last Indian Wars of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho*,
by Garret B. Hunt

Attached are the gift letter from Mr. Dewart and a letter and clipping from Mr. Hunt, the author.

Founding of the Navy Yard, Puget Sound

A package of nineteen letters and documents including one clipping obtained from Lieutenant A. B. Wyckoff for final preservation in the University of Washington Library.

B. F. Kendall and Other Territorial Letters and Documents

Seven packets in one combined bundle, presented in August, 1929, by Mrs. Harry B. McElroy of Olympia. They are remnants of her late husband's collection.

1878 Constitutional Convention Documents

Part of the Proceedings and numerous other papers.

Port Gamble Documents

Honorable Richard W. Condon rescued from an old warehouse about to be destroyed at Port Gamble a box filled with account books, letters and other documents pertaining largely to a business conducted in Olympia in 1854.

Maynard Donation Land Claim Patent

A United States document in favor of David S. Maynard, one of Seattle's old pioneers.

Ship Nestor Diary 1849-1850

This manuscript is substantially bound and contains the record of a voyage from Salem around the Horn to San Francisco in the Gold Rush time. It was written by Pierce W. Baker.

The Narrative of Samuel Hancock

A portion of this manuscript was printed in 1927 by McBride and Company of New York.

The Loyal League of Seattle

The original book containing the constitution, by-laws, and autograph signatures of 305 members, mostly prominent people of the early 1880's when the League was formed.

Fort Townsend Papers

In 1928, Mr. George A. Ferguson found on the floors and near-by grounds at the abandoned Fort Townsend a number of papers, written and printed, which he presented to Professor Meany.

A Union List of Manuscripts

Owing to unforeseen delays, the *Union List of Manuscripts* in preparation by libraries of the Pacific Northwest has not yet gone to press. The delay in publication, however, has served to increase the number of entries. A list of important items from the Historical Society of Montana has been recently contributed. The recent appointment of Miss Ruth Reynolds, Assistant Librarian of Whit-