

Professor William H. George, formerly of the Political Science Department, University of Washington, has returned for the summer session. He is now Professor of Political Science and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Hawaii.

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*Pacific Trade*

The Fourth Biennial Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations will be held in Hangchow, China, October 21 to November 4, 1931.

Section I of a syllabus on "International Economic Relations in the Pacific—Trade" has been prepared. It appears in the magazine, *Pacific Affairs* for June, 1931, pages 516-522.

The opening sentence is typical: "The increase in the volume and value of Pacific trade has been noticeable for a considerable period; but in recent years it appears to have been considerably accelerated."

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*Promotion for Doctor Buck*

Dr. Solon J. Buck, who has served as Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society since 1914, has resigned to become Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey and a Professor in the University of Pittsburgh. The Buhl Foundation is making it possible to conduct an extensive survey of Western Pennsylvania history. Doctor Buck will begin his work in that new field on September 1st.

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*Scrap Books of Austin Mires*

Ausin Mires, of Ellensburg, is one of the three or four surviving members of the Washington Constitutional Convention of 1889. For that reason and because of his interesting personality, he is one of the outstanding pioneers now living. He has written much in prose and verse. He has also served future generations by preparing and saving many scrap books. These he has classified and labelled:—three each on Washington and Oregon, four on makers of American history, two on people and events; Lincoln, Washington, Grant and Roosevelt each have separate books; also books are devoted to such topics as Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, the Republican Party and articles of his own, mostly eulogies. He has eight volumes called miscellaneous and three volumes of poems. He has kept a daily diary since February 11, 1875.