## News Department

## Belle Vue Point

The United States Geographic Board has officially approved the identification of Belle Vue Point as named on the Columbia River in 1792 by Lieutenant W. R. Broughton. This is a distinct triumph for J. Neilson Barry who gave years of intensive study to the subject. Part of that study led to the Admiralty archives in London where a photostatic copy of Broughton's original chart was obtained.

## To Honor George H. Himes

George H. Himes has few, if any, equals in the esteem of Pacific Northwest pioneers. At eighty-nine years of age, he is still Curator of the Oregon Pioneer Association and is found daily at his duties in the spacious and well packed rooms of the Oregon Historical Society in the Public Auditorium Building of Portland.

He has collected a huge mass of historical data, has kept a daily diary in written form and continually surprises searchers with his memory of dates, persons and events. It is probably impossible to adequately estimate his influence in saving the historical records of the Pacific Northwest.

Mrs. Emily Lindsley Ross, Historian of the Oregon State Chapter, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, published a letter in the *Oregonian* on November 12, 1933, calling for a suitable memorial for Mr. Himes, "while he is still with us." In this appeal she spoke for the organization of which she is Historian. At a meeting they had unanimously approved the letter and its appeal.

Washington should be as deeply interested as Oregon in this proposed honor for Mr. Himes. While he was nine years of age his family crossed the plains in 1853 and settled near Olympia, capital of the newly organized Territory of Washington. Thus the early years of his pioneering were spent in Washington, although the history harvest of his riper years was gathered while his home was in Portland.

It is hoped that the memorial planned by Mrs. Ross and the other friends may soon be achieved.

## Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

An association in St. Louis, Missouri, is planning to build "an adequate permanent memorial to the national expansion of our country and to Thomas Jefferson as its chief exponent." A congressional resolution has already favored the plan and another resolu-

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