

*Not the Same Puget*

Mr. S. E. Aspinwall, 3715 38th Avenue South, Seattle, wrote to the *Seattle Star* saying he had noticed an article in the same paper on July 23, 1934, to the effect that no information existed as to the burial place or a portrait of Peter Puget, for whom Puget Sound was named. The writer then continued:

"I believe he is buried in Marseilles, France, where he was born. While with the A. E. F. in France, I came across a statue of Pierre Puget right in the heart of the City of Marseilles. On inquiring, I found he was born there. I don't believe this is generally known, but if any organization in Seattle is sufficiently interested, a letter to the American consul in Marseilles would bring the desired information. If I am not mistaken, I believe a Seattle man is in the consular service in Marseilles."

The suggestion was acted upon at once and under date of August 21, 1934, John A. Gamon, American Consul General at Marseilles, answered as follows:

"Pierre Puget, of whom there is a statue in this city, is not the same person as Peter Puget who accompanied Vancouver (1792). He was a very famous French artist and sculptor who was born in Marseilles in 1622 and died in 1694. Therefore, it would not be of any interest to you to secure a photograph of the statue mentioned in your letter.

"As to your inquiry whether a Seattle man is in the Consular Service in Marseilles, Mr. John P. Palmer, who came originally from Seattle, was American Vice Consul in this Consulate for some time but he is now American Vice Consul at Genoa, Italy."

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*Fort Nisqually Moved*

The *Tacoma Times* and *News-Tribune* of September 4, 1934, each had front-page stories and illustrations of a great event of the previous day. For two years the Young Men's Business Club of Tacoma had sponsored the removal of the old Fort Nisqually buildings to Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. The dedication ceremonies were the culmination of an unusual celebration of Labor Day.

The ceremonies consisted of an elaborate and spectacular parade through the streets of Tacoma and a dedication of the old buildings on the new site. W. P. Bonney, Secretary of the Washington State Historical Society, gave the historical background of

the fort. Other participants included representatives of prominent pioneers. Mrs. Kate Stevens Bates, daughter of the Territory's first Governor, Isaac I. Stevens, was present, as was S. F. Tolmie, grandson of Dr. William Fraser Tolmie who helped to establish the original fort. Dr. Joseph Huggins, of Philadelphia, represented his father, Edward Huggins, who was the final Hudson's Bay Company officer at the fort. Governor Clarence D. Martin of the State, Mayor George Smitley of the City, and Dr. A. G. Nace of the Metropolitan Park Board all offered congratulations on the achievement.

Elwood Evans, once Acting Governor of Washington Territory, must have been present in spirit. His daughter, Mrs. Samuel Wilkeson, was seriously ill in the hospital, but she was represented by Frank Spinning of Puyallup, who presented an old flag taken down from Fort Steilacoom in 1868 by Acting Governor Evans. The flag is to be saved in the Ferry Museum.

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*Agriculture in State Planning*

Edwin A. Smith, Managing Editor of the *Washington Farmer*, Spokane, has been issuing letters and charts that are convincing with their statistics and conclusions. History seems to have arrived at a point of change. Here is a sample of the statistics: "The State of Washington has a population per square mile of 23.4, as against 528.6 for Massachusetts; 264.2 for New York; 131.8 for New England; 262.6 for the Middle Atlantic States." On such a showing this question is based: "Is it better to have 1,563,396 population in Washington and part of our resources idle, or to have 3,000,000 population and the entire resources of our state more fully developed?"

Again by the same author are statements and questions like these: "The six New England States could be put into the State of Washington. Why should the six New England States, together having about the same land area and about the same total in farms as Washington State, have over five times the population?"

In similar ways he discusses manufactures and such problems as foreign-born and native-born people in the various areas.

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