

Shinn Mercer, historic figure of the West and first president of the University of Washington. In addition to diaries and unfinished manuscripts already in hand, she has added much data from the manuscript collection in the University of Washington Library and from private records held by relatives in and near Seattle.

Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association

The twenty-sixth annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association was held in Portland, Oregon, on August 29-31, 1935, with approximately two hundred and fifty librarians in attendance. Mr. Carl H. Milam, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, was present throughout the Conference. Miss Althea Warren, Librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, was present as a representative of the California Library Association. The following officers were elected: President, Constance Ewing, Library Association of Portland, Portland, Oregon; First Vice-President, Mr. John S. Richards, University of Washington Library, Seattle; second Vice-President, Miss Julia C. Stockett, Vancouver, B. C. Public Library; Secretary, Miss Edna Jarboe, Pocatello, Idaho, Public Library; Treasurer, Mr. M. Hale Douglas, University of Oregon Library, Eugene, Oregon.

Death of George M. Allen

George M. Allen, for twenty-four years publisher of the *Topenish News*, died on September 9. Mr. Allen was reared and educated in Seattle and was a graduate of the University of Washington. In 1898 with his brother, Eugene Allen, he established the *Klondike Nugget* in Dawson, Yukon Territory, packing his press over the mountain trails. He stayed there six years. Another brother, former Senator Pliny Allen, is a well-known resident of Seattle.

Insurance Firm Acquires Leary Mansion

A recent press dispatch states that the General Insurance Company of America will convert the famous Eliza Ferry Leary mansion into general executives offices and build upon the same tract of land a five-story office building for employees. Mrs. Eliza Ferry Leary, who died on March 8, 1935, at the age of 83 years, was a daughter of the first governor of the state of Washington and was for many years a well-known resident of Seattle. The Leary mansion, completed in 1910 at a cost of \$250,000, is a historic landmark of Seattle.