

addresses at that gathering. He was afterward made an honorary member of the Oregon Historical Society.

The immediate cause of his death was an operation connected with a disease of the hip.

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#### **The Possibilities of South American History and Politics as a Field for Research.**

With the above title, a paper was read before the American Political Science Association at its annual meeting on December 28, 1907, by Dr. Hiram Bingham, of Yale University. The paper was published in the *Monthly Bulletin of the International Bureau of American Republics* for February, 1908, "in accordance with that bureau's present policy of advancing the mutual literary interests of North and South America." The material in the paper is based on a card catalogue of South America on which Dr. Bingham has been engaged at intervals for seven years. The material available for such research work is discussed in a scholarly manner, and the writer concludes as follows: "And so this list might be prolonged, but perhaps enough has been said to show that there is far more material available in this country for South American research than is generally supposed, and that the opportunity for scholarly work in the field of South American history and politics is an uncommonly good one."

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#### **Inland Empire Historical Society.**

The Inland Empire Historical Society held its annual meeting at Pullman, Washington, on April 7th in connection with the Teachers' Institute of three or more counties of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Professor W. D. Lyman, of Whitman College, presided over the sessions, and by way of annual address read one of the chapters of his forthcoming book on the "History of the Columbia River" in the *Historic Waterways Series*. Mr. T. R. Tannatt, of Spokane, gave an address upon the "Early Transportation in the Inland Empire," and Professor Will J. Trimble, of the Spokane High School, read a paper upon "Relations Between the History and the Physiography of the Inland Empire." Mr. T. C. Elliott, of Walla Walla, read a brief paper upon the "Early History of Walla Walla

County." The feature of the meeting was the address in the evening by Mr. Clark Prescott Bissett, of Seattle, upon "Abraham Lincoln," which was listened to with deep attention by a large audience comprising largely the visiting teachers. The officers of the society for the coming year are Mr. T. C. Elliott, of Walla Walla, President, and Mr. F. F. Nalder, of the State College, Pullman, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee yet to be named. The object of this organization is to arouse interest in local history research through local clubs or sections in the counties and cities of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. It was organized in Spokane two years ago. The present meeting was under the arrangement of Professor W. B. Beach, of the Washington State College.

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**Albert Bushnell Hart.**

This well known author of works on American history has reached another Sabbatical year in his long career as a member of the faculty at Harvard and will devote that year to a tour of the world with his family, leaving Seattle for the Orient early in August. He will give a course of thirty lectures on "American Diplomacy" in the University of Washington Summer School just before sailing for Japan. Next winter Professor Hart will be promoted from the vice-presidency to the presidency of the American Historical Association. This is the highest honor of the kind attainable in America.