

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### Harvard Exchanges Professors With Western Colleges

The Commencement Address at the Washington State College was given this year by Professor Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard. The presence of this distinguished historian in the Pacific Northwest brings to mind an interesting development in America's oldest university. There has been arranged an exchange of professors between Harvard and a group of four western colleges—Knox, Beloit, Grinnell, and Colorado. Each of the smaller institutions sends a man to Harvard. Each of such professors will devote a fraction of his time to giving instruction and the balance he may devote to research. In exchange Harvard sends one of her best known professors on that circuit each year. This year Professor Hart gave a short course of lectures at each of the four colleges and took his place in the regular work of each faculty. He made the journey from Colorado Springs to Pullman and planned to return to the Rocky Mountains for his summer vacation. Friends of Harvard are rejoiced over this manifestation of greater interest in the West.

### The Harvard Commission on Western History

Harvard's awakened interest in the West has been evidenced in a way more pointed even than the exchange of professors. In the first place, she called to her faculty Professor Frederick Jackson Turner of Wisconsin. And now comes the announcement of the organization of The Harvard Commission on Western History. Mrs. William Hooper has been sending Harvard a considerable annual sum in honor of her father, the late Charles Elliott Perkins of Burlington, Iowa, said sums to be used in the purchase of books on the West.

With this money as the foundation and with the enthusiastic support of Harvard alumni in the West, the Corporation has organized the Commission as follows: A. McF. Davis, '55, of Cambridge, chairman; Horace Davis, '49, of San Francisco; General Grenville M. Dodge, of Council Bluffs; Mr. Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago; Charles Moore, '78, of Detroit; Howard Elliott, '81, of St. Paul; F. A. Delano, '85, of Chicago; Professor F. J. Turner; Professor A. C. Coolidge, '87; and E. H. Wells, '97, secretary, Boston.

The purpose of the Commission was revealed in the original letter suggesting its organization, reproduced in the Harvard Alumni Bulletin, April 10, 1912, including: "We hope in the course of time to build up