

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Joint Seminar in Northwestern Problems

Three important departments in the University of Washington have united in the organization of a joint seminar for the study of problems in the Pacific Northwest pertaining to law, political and social development, and history. It is designed primarily for post-graduate work, but a few well prepared seniors are also admitted.

The seminar is conducted by John T. Condon, Dean of the Law School; J. Allen Smith, Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Political and Social Science; and Edmond S. Meany, Professor of History.

The first session of the academic year of 1912-913 was devoted to a discussion of the many problems, direct and indirect, associated with the utilization of logged-off lands in Washington, by H. K. Benson, Associate Professor of Industrial Chemistry in the University of Washington.

The papers presented at this seminar will, in the nature of things, be reports of progress in extensive studies, but some of them will be complete enough for publication. For many of these this Quarterly will be the vehicle for publication. In this number is given one of those papers: "The Comparative Study of Constitutions for Provisions Not Found in Our Own" by Ben Driftmier. Mr. Driftmier graduated from the Law School in the class of 1912 and has begun active practice in Anacortes, Washington. Laymen, as well as lawyers, will find his paper of interest and value.

Historians Banquetted

During the Summer Session of the University of Washington, the Department of History gave a banquet to a number of visiting colleagues of their craft. The guests were: Professor J. N. Bowman, of the University of California; Professor John L. Conger, of Knox College, Illinois; Professor Frank A. Golder, of the Washington State College; Edward S. Curtis, author of the monumental work on *The North American Indian*; Charles W. Smith, assistant librarian of the University of Washington; and Mr. G. W. Soliday, of Seattle, who is interested in the collection of historical materials.