

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Meeting of Learned Societies

The Pacific Association of Scientific Societies will hold its third annual meeting at the University of California, April 10, 11, 12, 1913. The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association will, however, not hold a meeting, as it has changed its annual meeting time to November. The Pacific Association is composed of the following constituent societies:

The Technical Society of the Pacific Coast, The Cordilleran Section of the Geological Society of America, the Seismological Society of America, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, The Pacific Slope Association of Economic Entomologists, Pacific Coast Palaeontological Society, The Philological Association of the Pacific Coast, The Cooper Ornithological Club, California Academy of Sciences, Biological Society of the Pacific Coast, California Section of the American Chemical Society, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, The Geographical Society of the Pacific, Puget Sound Section of the American Chemical Society, California Section of the Archaeological Institute of America.

The association represents a membership of about 2,400. Eleven of the fifteen societies will hold annual meetings at Berkeley; and the San Francisco Section of the American Mathematical Society will hold its annual meeting at the same time and place.

From the University of Washington Professors, Kincaid, Benham, Sage, Trumbull, Neikirk, Hart, Weaver and Bowman will attend their respective societies and the General Session of the Pacific Association on Saturday evening, April 12th. From the State College at Pullman Professors McCully and Shaw will attend.

Provincial University of British Columbia

Historians and educators are keenly interested in the progress of the Provincial University of British Columbia. Stray news items declare that a large amount of public lands has been set aside for the partial support of the institution and a money appropriation of \$5,000,000 has been made to establish it on a substantial basis. The site has been chosen at Point Gray near Vancouver. Now comes the information that the authorities have engaged Franklin Fairchild Wesbrook as an important member of the educational staff. Doctor Wesbrook is now Dean of the College

of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Minnesota. He was born in Ontario in 1868 and by this contemplated move he becomes once more a Canadian after working out a splendid career in his high profession as an American. The educators of the Pacific Northwest will certainly ignore the boundary line in extending to him and his colleagues a hearty welcome in this new field of scholarly labor.

History in the High Schools

Recently the State Board of Education removed the restriction making a year of American history compulsory in the high schools. That subject was placed on a par with the other history subjects. The principals of the Seattle high schools have recently readjusted the programme so as to throw medieval with ancient history for one full year of work. Modern history is made one full year and absorbs the course in English history. American history is given one-half year and the balance of the year is to be devoted to Pacific Coast history and problems. The four-year programme is then rounded out with civics and economics, each one-half year. This scheme is planned for next year. Its progress will be watched with interest.

History Pageant

The students of Broadway High School, Seattle, gave an unusually interesting programme on April 4, 1913, consisting of a history pageant. The auditorium was packed with more than 2,000 people. The programme embraced scenarios relating largely to Pacific Coast history, such as the Lewis and Clark expedition, Marcus Whitman, Indians, early settlers and so on. The students were aided by their instructors and all were warmly congratulated on their pronounced success.

Visitor From Michigan

Richard Hudson, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Michigan, after spending the winter in California, paid a visit to the University of Washington on his way home. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1871, was a member of the history staff from 1879 to 1911 and was Dean of the Department of Literature, Science, and Arts from 1897 to 1907. While still associated with the University of Michigan his present address is 63 Boston Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. On his visit to the Pacific Coast he met many of his former students.