

NEWS DEPARTMENT

The Naming of Portage Bay

On May 1, 1913, the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle adopted the following resolution:

"That the Port Commission hereafter designate upon its maps and other records under the name Portage Bay that portion of Lake Union in the City of Seattle which lies to the eastward of the Latona Bridge."

At the same time the President of the Port Commission, General H. M. Chittenden, framed the following reasons for the adoption of the name:

"That part of Lake Union which lies east of Latona Bridge is so detached from the main lake as to make it practically a separate body of water. A great deal of confusion arises in description because 'Lake Union' in the popular mind means the main body of the lake west of the Latona Bridge. A separate name for the east arm of the lake is of practical importance, and Portage Bay has been suggested as a suitable name. It is peculiarly appropriate because it commemorates in permanent form an important feature of the history of the city which will pass away with the completion of the canal. From the very beginning of the city the portaging of traffic across the narrow neck of land that separates the two lakes has been carried on by various means, among which are a tramway, a lock canal, and the log sluiceway at present in use. All of this will be finally done away with when the open channel is completed between the lakes and they are made practically one body of water."

Interest of Women's Clubs in Local History

Miss Bessie Winsor of Seattle, Secretary of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, is authority for the statement that there are more than two hundred women's clubs in the State of Washington, embracing five thousand members, and that two-thirds of them will study local history during the coming year.

The general interest in the subject was also reflected in the annual election of officers. Mrs. Ruth Karr McKee of Hoquiam was chosen President of the Federation. In her work for the clubs and for libraries she has been a strong advocate for the study and preservation of the