

NEWS DEPARTMENT

An Old Shout for Preparedness

H. B. McElroy of Olympia is keenly interested in all matters relating to Northwestern history. He recently came upon an original circular issued at the Territorial Capital in the days of the Civil War. In sending it to the editor or this Quarterly he says: "The folks in this country in those days seemed to favor preparedness."

Most of the enrolling officers mentioned in the circular are now dead. In fact only one is known to the present writer as being among the living. That one is D. B. Ward for King county. He is at present a baliff under Judge R. B. Albertson in the Superior Court of King county.

The historic circular is here produced:

Proclamation

TO ARMS! TO ARMS!! TO ARMS!!!

"Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty!!!"

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Olympia, W. T., Jan. 15, 1862.

Fellow-Citizens of the United States in Washington Territory:

While our arms are being crowned with great success in the rebellious States, the late dispatches portend a War with England and France.

The storm is gathering! Let us then look well to it that it does not burst upon our heads while we are unprepared!! Let us not remain quietly at our firesides and permit the ruthless savage to be turned upon us. Well do we know it has ever been the policy of those nations to arouse the merciless Savage, whose inhumanity is too well known to require comment.

Let us then thoroughly organize the Militia, receive arms and equipments and be ready, at a moment's warning, to defend our homes like men.

He who prates of love of country and will not place himself in readiness, in time of danger, to defend it, is unworthy of that proud name we all bear, AMERICAN CITIZENS.

The following named gentlemen will act as enrolling officers to receive the names of those who are willing to aid in our defense, should occasion require.

They will please forward the roll of the companies, with the names of the officers chosen, to Gen. Frank Matthias at Seattle, W. T., or to myself at Olympia.

J. W. JOHNSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

NAMES OF ENROLLING OFFICERS.

Thurston County—G. Hays.
Pierce County—W. H. Wood, Capt. Settle.
King County—D. B. Ward, H. A. Atkins.
Island County—S. D. Howe, Rev. G. F. Whitworth.
Jefferson County—Victor Smith, H. P. O'Bryant.
San Juan—E. D. Warbass.
Snohomish—Capt. Fowler.
Sawamish—F. C. Purdy, D. Shelton.
Lewis—Capt. Henry Miles.
Cowlitz—Dick Herrington, Alex. S. Abernethy.
Clarke—U. East Hicks, W. J. Langford.
Skamania—J. L. Ferguson.
Walla-walla—Ray R. Reese, A. B. Roberts.

Presidential Inaugurations

In March, 1916, two presidents were formally inaugurated as the chief executives of Washington's two highest institutions of education. On March 20-21 Henry Suzzallo was publicly greeted and felicitated on assuming full control of his high office in the University of Washington. On March 23-24 Ernest O. Holland was the center of similar ceremonies at the Washington State College. There were many prominent educators and distinguished citizens present as delegates and participants in the interesting programmes. Chief among these was Nicholas Murray Butler, publicist and President of the Columbia University. The appropriateness of his presence was manifest as both the new presidents hailed from the great institution of which he is the distinguished head.

Aside from the importance of the events themselves, lovers of history are interested since the two men thus honored have it within their power to materially advance and encourage the cause of historical research in this relatively new commonwealth.

A Correction

A line of type was accidentally omitted from the article by M. Orion Monroe on "A Critical Discussion of the Site of Camp Wash-