

B. L. Penrose of Whitman College read the following telegram from Edwin Eells, son of Rev. Cushing Eells:

"Congratulations that the remains of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gray are at rest by the side of their martyred compatriots, Doctor and Mrs. Whitman. Mr. and Mrs. Gray slept in the same tent with my father and mother while crossing the plains in 1838. We started the funds for the building of the monument and the honor is well deserved. I personally well remember them."

The students sang their song, "Whitman! Here's to You," after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. H. Bleakney, Professor of Greek in Whitman College, who represented the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, of which Mr. and Mrs. Gray were devoted members.

Markers for the Oregon Trail

In the *Washington Historical Quarterly* for October, 1916, pages 329-330, the record was given of three markers having been placed on the Oregon Trail at Tumwater, Tenino, and Bush Prairie. Since then seven more of the markers have been placed. The programs show that the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution went at the work on a regular and earnest campaign.

On October 12, two markers were placed and occasion was also taken to celebrate Columbus Day at the same time. At 2 P. M. a marker was unveiled at the crossing of Skookum Chuck Creek by the Pacific Highway, near Centralia. The chairman was Orison J. C. Dutton, President of the State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. Mr. Dores; singing, "America"; address, Mr. W. H. Cameron; "Pioneer Days," General Hazard Stevens; "Marking National Old Trails," Mrs. Henry McCleary; presentation of marker to state and city, Mrs. Edmund Bowden, unveiling, Miss Zeola Dickinson; acceptance for the state, Governor Ernest Lister; acceptance for Centralia, Mayor John Galvin; Flag Salute, school children; singing, "Star Sangled Banner."

At 4 P. M. the ceremonies took place at the junction of the Pacific Highway and the Rochester road on Grand Mound Prairie. The chairman was Mrs. Edmund Bowden, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. Frank W. P. Camp; singing, "America"; address, Mr. Theodore Hoff; song, High School of Grand Mound; reminiscences, Mrs. E. N. Sargent; national medley, High School; "Grand Mound Sixty-four Years Ago," Mr. John R. James; solo, Miss Irene Holcomb;

presentation of marker to the state, Mr. Orison J. C. Dutton; unveiling, Miss Clara James; acceptance for the state, Governor Ernest Lister; acceptance for Grand Mound, Dr. J. B. Stanley, secretary of the Southwest Washington Pioneer Association; Flag Salute, school children.

On October 25, two programs were given. At 2 P. M. on Jackson Prairie, the chairman was Mr. Orison J. C. Dutton, State President of the Sons of the American Revolution. The exercises were as follows: Invocation; singing, "America"; address, Mr. A. A. Hull of Chehalis; presentation of the marker to the state, Mrs. Edmund Bowden; unveiling; acceptance for the state, Governor Ernest Lister; singing, "The Star Spangled Banner."

At 3:30 P. M. the ceremonies took place at Toledo (old Cowlitz Landing). The chairman was Mrs. Edmund Bowden, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The program was as follows: Invocation; singing, "America," quartet and school children; "Marking National Trails," Mrs. Henry McCleary, chairman of National Trails Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution; address, Mr. A. A. Hull, of Chehalis; "The Old Trail and Cowlitz River in Early Days," General Hazard Stevens; presentation of the marker to the state, Mrs. Overton G. Ellis, chairman of Oregon Trail Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution; unveiling, Miss Minnie Packard; Flag Salute, school children; acceptance for the state, Governor Ernest Lister; acceptance for Toledo, Mayor Frederick Williams; address, Mr. H. H. Hurst, of Toledo; singing, "Star Spangled Banner," quartet, school children and audience.

On October 26, three markers were unveiled. At 10 A. M. in Kelso, the presiding chairman was Mrs. Henry McCleary, chairman of the National Trails Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution. The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. T. M. Reese; song, "America," quartet and school children; address, Mr. J. L. Harris; "The Oregon Trail and the Pioneer," General Hazard Stevens; presentation of the marker, Mrs. Edmund Bowden; unveiling, Miss Bernice Ely; Flag Salute, school children; acceptance for the state, Governor Ernest Lister; acceptance for Kelso, Mayor C. O. Talbert; song, "Star Spangled Banner," quartet and school children.

At 1:30 P. M. in Woodland, the presiding chairman was Mr. Orison J. C. Dutton, State President of the Sons of the American Revolution. The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. A. Vanderlinde; song, "America," quartet and school children; presentation of the marker, Mrs. Edmund Bowden; unveiling, Miss Ruth Powell; Flag Salute, school children; acceptance for the state, Governor Ernest

Lister; acceptance for Woodland, Mr. L. N. Plamondon, president of the Commercial Club; song, "Star Spangled Banner," quartet and school children.

At 3:30 P. M. in Kalama, the presiding chairman was Mrs. Edmund Bowden, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. Mr. Stoetzel; song, "America," quartet and school children; "The Old Oregon Trail," General Hazard Stevens; "Pacific Highway," Mr. James E. Allen, State Highway Commissioner; address, Judge C. Kalahan; presentation of the marker, Mrs. Overton G. Ellis, chairman of the Oregon Trail Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution; Flag Salute, school children, led by Mr. O. J. C. Dutton; acceptance for the state, Governor Ernest Lister; acceptance for Kalama, Mr. E. W. Gaither, acting mayor; song, "Star Spangled Banner," quartet and school children.

Death of Allen Weir

Allen Weir, a well-known maker and writer of Northwestern history, died at Port Townsend on October 31, 1916. He had lived in Port Townsend in Territorial days. Being elected the first Secretary of State, he moved to Olympia in 1889 and lived there from that date. While visiting in his old town he was injured in an automobile accident and did not recover, though he battled on for several weeks in the hospital.

He was one of the organizers and for many years was the secretary of the Thurston County Pioneer and Historical Society. That organization adopted a set of resolutions showing a full appreciation of his unusually faithful services. The document is signed by Hazard Stevens, president, and Fred W. Stocking, secretary.

Collections of Papers

The Librarian of Congress is seeking lists of the collections of papers of prominent Americans. In a letter of inquiry he says: "We do not ask for a list of all of your collections of personal papers, but merely for a list of those whose historical importance or size justify mention." It is hoped that the Pacific Northwest will be represented in the list when compiled.

Oregon Historical Society

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Oregon Historical Society was held in Portland on Saturday, October 28, 1916. The principal address was given by Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield of Victoria, Provincial Librarian of British Columbia. His subject was "The Cartographers