

Frederick V. Holman, of Portland, the entire audience arose and with right hands uplifted pledged their lives in allegiance to the country and for patriotic endeavor of every kind during and after this great crisis.

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*Historic Gardens of Chief Kamiakin*

Irrigation in the Yakima Valley began on the gardens of the Indian Chief Kamiakin before the white settlers arrived and several years before the Indian wars of 1855-1857, in which Chief Kamiakin played an important part for his people. The gardens were located on Atanum Creek about eighteen miles from the present city of Yakima, near the site of the Catholic Mission among the Yakima Indians.

On June 30, 1918, the Yakima Pioneer Association held its annual reunion at the site of those gardens, and with elaborate and extensive ceremonies placed there a temporary marker. Later an enduring stone monument will be erected. The temporary marker was an enclosed iron tube containing the historical paper prepared for the occasion by Mrs. A. J. Splawn of Yakima. This tube was driven into the ground where the permanent monument will be erected in view of all who pass that way.

Among those who took part in the program were two full-blood Indians — Rev. George Waters, who has been a Methodist Episcopal minister among his people for the past forty years or more, and Dan Simmons, who thrilled the audience with two baritone solos. The important historical meaning of the event was made evident by the participation of men from a distance. These included George H. Himes, of Portland, Oregon, the well-known authority on Northwestern history; General Hazard Stevens, of Olympia, son of General Isaac I. Stevens, first governor of Washington Territory, who was with his father at the making of the Yakima treaty in 1855; Professor W. D. Lyman, of Whitman College, Walla Walla; William P. Bonney, of Tacoma, secretary of the Washington State Historical Society, and Professor Edmond S. Meany, of the University of Washington, Seattle.

A negro band furnished music, led by Mr. Jackson. One of the interesting addresses was delivered by Miss Martha Wiley, a pioneer daughter of the valley. After graduation from Whitman College and the University of Washington, she went to the Orient as a missionary, and later returned to the home of her childhood. She talked about the first apples and other memories of Yakima.

The Yakima Pioneer Association — David Longmire, president, and John H. Lynch, secretary — is one of the most active organizations in the state in marking historic sites.