

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Death of Doctor Buchanan.*

Charles Milton Buchanan, M. D., was one of the most winsome, lovable, efficient and honest, among all the men who have helped to make history in the State of Washington. He was born in Alexandria, Virginia, near Washington City, on October 11, 1868. Soon after finishing his medical education he accepted the position as resident physician on the Indian Reservation at Tulalip (near Everett), Washington, in 1894, which position had just been vacated by his uncle, Dr. Edwin Buchanan.

He entered upon the work with an enthusiasm unusual in such cases. He studied the Indians' language, traditions and history. His unselfish devotion was so much appreciated that when the Government began to dispense with agents and other employes their duties were placed upon the willing shoulders of Doctor Buchanan. He remained resident physician and maintained an effective hospital. He organized the school so well that he was invited to Washington City to explain his plan to a conference of Indian school superintendents. In addition he gradually became agent for neighboring reservations such as Swinomish, Lummi, and Suquamish.

A volume could be written of his loyal services and manifold experiences during a quarter of a century. He taught many Indians how to work and live. He protected them from schemers and fought off rascals of every kind. He published much valuable information about the Indians in Government records and in magazines.

His daughter was a school teacher in Everett. She contracted scarlet fever. Mrs. Buchanan hastened to her side while the Doctor remained at his post. Small-pox on the reservation increased the heavy duties while influenza and pneumonia patients filled the little hospital. Night and day he worked and no word of complaint escaped his lips though he was himself suffering great pain. The break came. He was hurried to a hospital in Seattle but did not survive the serious operation. He died at 12:30 a. m. Sunday, January 18, 1920.

Two of his friends, Edward Mills, of Everett, and D. H. Evans, of Seattle, are helping the Indians to raise a fund to place

on the Tulalip lawn in front of the school a memorial boulder and tablet. This will be a constant reminder of the work and worth of the Good Doctor.

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*Promotion for Professor Lutz.*

Ralph H. Lutz, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of History, University of Washington, has received an important promotion. He had remarkable experiences as a junior officer in the intelligence department with the American Army in France, Belgium and Germany. When that service ended he was drafted by Herbert C. Hoover for relief work in Poland which extended his experiences also into Austria, Serbia and Italy. He returned to Seattle in December, 1920, and at once resumed his work at the University of Washington.

Mr. Hoover, during his great relief work in Europe collected many pamphlets, books and documents bearing on the history of the war. All these he presented to Stanford University and with them an endowment of \$50,000 to purchase further materials along the same line, especially in the European countries involved in the war. After making the gift, Mr. Hoover approved the proposal of Professor Adams that Professor Lutz be secured to administer the work.

If accepted at that stage it would probably mean an end to his teaching which was not agreeable to Professor Lutz. This objection was met when Stanford University gave him additional appointment as Associate Professor of History. In this way Professor Lutz will begin the next academic year in one of the most attractive history positions in America.

His associates in the University of Washington deeply regret his going but they rejoice over the opportunity for service which lie before him in the new field.

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*Two Historical Flags.*

Miss Anna C. Koontz, of the Chehalis Free Public Library, sends a few notes about two historical flags in Lewis, the old "Mother County" of Western Washington. The older of the two flags is in a fair state of preservation, considering its age, and is in the possession of Mrs. L. M. Ware of Chehalis, daughter of John R. Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson was one of the most interesting pioneers of Washington. In one sense he was the first American settler north