

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Death of Professor W. D. Lyman.

The parents of Professor Lyman, Horace Lyman and Mary Denison Lyman, were Oregon pioneers, arriving in that state in 1849. Their son, William Denison Lyman, was born in Portland on December 1, 1852. His education was obtained at Pacific University, Oregon, and at Williams College, Massachusetts.

He was made head of the department of history in Whitman College, at Walla Walla, in 1889. He became well known as a teacher and lecturer and enjoyed the devoted affection of countless friends. For a long time his summer vacations were spent in mountain climbing. Two glaciers and a lake in the Cascade Range bear his name.

The greatest book he published is entitled *The Columbia River, Its History, Its Myths, Its Scenery, Its Commerce*. The book of four hundred and nine pages and eighty illustrations was published by G. P. Putman's Sons in the "American Waterway Series."

During the Commencement Day exercises it was announced that Professor Lyman was retiring to become a professor emeritus. He was to enjoy a pension under the plan which Whitman College has recently perfected with the Carnegie Foundation. The well earned rest was brief for in one week the professor suddenly died. The end came on June 21, 1920.

The Washington Historical Quarterly has lost one of its family. Professor Lyman's name has appeared on the title page of every issue as one of the contributing editors.

Survivor of Old Days.

Many pioneers will rejoice to know that Major Junius Thomas Turner of Washington, D. C., is nearing his ninety-third birthday. Readers of this *Quarterly* are no strangers to his name. In Volume VI., page 321, there appeared a brief sketch of his remarkable career showing that he had served in four wars—the Mexican War, two Indian wars in Oregon and Washington and the Civil War. That note was prepared by his friend, the late Thomas W. Prosch. In Volume VI., pages 168-170, there appeared an article by Major