

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

Turner giving his memories of pioneer friends, especially those of Whidbey Island. In Volume VII., pages 38-39, there was published Major Turner's tribute to Brigadier General James Clark Strong, another pioneer of Washington. In a recent letter Major Turner says: "I am down and out in all divisions of life—just waiting the advent of the final summons that will call me to the 'parting of the ways.' " He still retains an intense interest in history and many friends hope that his wonderful vigor will sustain him through the present disability. Major Turner was born in Baltimore on September 4, 1827.

Signatures of Pioneer Women

Mrs. Edith Sanderson Redfield, a graduate of the University of Washington, now serving as President of the Ladies Relief Society, the oldest organized charity in Seattle, has presented to her Alma Mater a framed photograph of the signature-page of the articles of incorporation of that organization. The fifteen signatures are those of ladies who were prominent in the life of Seattle, thirty-six years ago.

Gift of Manuscripts

Frederick W. Dewart of Spokane has presented the University of Washington with copies of two valuable manuscripts pertaining to the history of Eastern Washington.

One is entitled "Historical Notes on Stevens County, Washington." That modest title is in perfect keeping with the author, William Parkhurst Winans. He came to Oregon in 1859 and in July, 1861, he went to Fort Colville. In public and private life he had much to do with the early history of Stevens County. In 1873 he moved to Walla Walla where he was successful as a merchant and a banker. The name of W. P. Winans has always been synonymous with integrity of character. This carefully prepared manuscript will be highly prized in the growing collection of archives in the University of Washington Library.

Mr. Winans was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on January 28, 1836. He died in Walla Walla on April 24, 1917.

The other manuscript presented by Mr. Dewart is entitled, "The Last Indian Wars in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho." The author, Garrett Bratt Hunt, graduated from the University of Rochester in 1890. For many years he was engaged in