

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Herbert Clay Fish

Herbert Clay Fish has accepted an engagement in the Washington State Normal School at Ellensburg. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Fish spent eight years in North Dakota where he was actively engaged in the field of history, in the State Historical Society and as Professor of History in the State Normal School at Minot. In the academic year of 1919-1920 he served as Graduate Assistant in the History Department, University of Washington, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in June, 1920. He is deeply interested in the history of the Northwest.

Pacific Northwest Library Association

The eleventh annual conference of this important organization was held in Portland, Oregon, on September 2-4, 1920. There were seven sessions of up-to-date discussions crowded into those three days. The address of welcome was given by Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Trustee, Library Association of Portland and the response by John Ridington, Librarian, University of British Columbia. The President's Outlook was the title of the Presidential Address by Charles W. Smith, Associate Librarian, University of Washington. Other officers and committees gave reports and the first session closed with three-minute reports as follows:

"The Situation in British Columbia," by Helen G. Stewart, Librarian, Public Library, Victoria, B. C.

"The Outlook in Idaho," by Belle Sweet, Librarian, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

"What's Doing in Montana," by Lucia Haley, University of Montana Library, Missoula, Montana.

"News from Utah," by Joana Sprague, Librarian, Public Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The second session was devoted to brief addresses on "Points of View" and discussions of school libraries. The third session comprised a book review symposium and an address on "The Forming of Public Opinion" by Dr. Richard F. Scholz, Professor of History, University of Washington. The fourth session consisted of

five addresses on library topics and the fifth session was a survey of the Portland library system. County Libraries occupied the sixth session and in the evening there was also a round table section for trustees in charge of T. C. Elliott, Trustee of the Walla Walla Public Library.

The seventh session was for the transaction of the Association business, concluding with the election of the new president. There was a post-conference trip up the Columbia Highway with the Library Association of Portland as hosts.

It is a pleasure to note the activities of this organization. The members are all interested in Northwest Americana and are keen to make the increasing collections ever more useful to the people.

Stillaguamish Valley Pioneers

The Stillaguamish Valley Association of Washington Pioneers of Snohomish County held its ninth annual reunion picnic at Arlington on August 12, 1920. Congressman Hadley, D. Carl Pearson and William Whitfield were among the speakers. Dr. W. F. Oliver is president and D. S. Baker secretary of the society.

Books From the South

Mr. James B. Metcalf, the pioneer lawyer who served as the first and only Attorney General of Washington Territory, has presented the University of Washington, two bulky volumes in full Morocco. They are entitled "Memoirs of Mississippi" and are profusely illustrated. They give much information about men of the South and include an account of the Burr-Blennerhassett episode of Jefferson's day.

Instructor William W. Eddy

In the April issue of the *Quarterly*, announcement was made that Assistant Professor Ralph H. Lutz had been promoted to a much larger field of activity in Stanford University. There, in addition to teaching, he has charge of the fund of \$50,000 given by Mr. Herbert C. Hoover for the assembling of documents pertaining to the Great War.

The vacancy left by his departure from the history staff of the University of Washington has been filled by the engagement of Mr.