

of the joint efforts is given by Judge Howay as follows: "These reasons lead to the position that Port Tempest is identical with the western end of Revillagiedo Channel. It is not urged that they conclusively settle the question. They are merely put forward as a contribution to the effort to solve a problem that, though small and unimportant, is attractive because of its very difficulties."

First Election at Olympia

Whether or not an election was held in the Puget Sound country before the creation of Washington Territory, was a question of debate among writers and antiquarians until the Washington State Historical Society secured original documentary evidence. In the library of the organization, at Tacoma, the document is numbered 2683. It is entitled: "Poll Book for an Election to be held at the 'storehouse of M. T. Simmons in Olympia, Thurston County on Monday the 7th day of June, 1852. A. M. Poe, Clerk Lewis Co."

Mr. W. P. Bonney, Secretary of the Washington State Historical Society, has presented to this *Quarterly* a photograph of the rare item.

On the left margin are the names of eighty-six of those pioneer voters. The names are all written in the same hand and several are misspelled. However, the list is important and is given here in full: M. T. Simmons, W. W. Miller, R. S. Bailey, Sidney S. Forde, Benges Gerden, I. Colvin, Quincy A. Brooks, Assher Sargent, A. D. Fisher, A. B. Moses, John L. Butler, T. W. Glasco, Joseph S. Beshers, James Mortan, Henry M. Hills, H. A. Goldsburrow, I. B. Power, Samuel J. Rieber, O. Cushman, E. N. Sargent, A. R. Skidmore, John L. Parkins, Ruel W. Ross, Gabriel Jones, James T. Philips, Isac M. Brown, A. M. Poe, David Shelton, S. S. Sidener, Jacob Smith, James McAlister, Grun McCafferty, Benjamin F. Moore, John D. Tonis, Joseph Tebow, William O. Thomson, John Remley, Charles Eaton, Charles E. Weede, David Kindred, Washington Tyril, John R. Kindred, W. P. Wells, David Chambers, Gideon Thomson, Wilson H. Fisher, Wesley Gosnell, William F. Oleaver, Jessy Ferguson, James Taler, James Head, Nathan Eaton, R. M. Walker, John Elexsander, Isaac D. Shay, E. Richey, W. Carthy, Albert Bras, H. W. Kins, Edman Sylvester, George A. Barns, Henry Buckingham, Steven D. Rudle, James R. Wood, C. Ethridge, John C. Wood, Samuel H. Williams, Nelson Barnes,

Asher W. Sargent, Andrew J. Simmons, Adam Wylie, Clany Crosby, Henry Handle, Isaac W. Wood, R. P. Willis, William Shearwood, James R. Johnson, David Pattee, A. A. Denny, Fredricke Williams, Charels Foster, John Eadger, Ira Ward, Nicas Delaim, S. Hays, Henry Barnes.

On the same pages, to the right of the list of voters, are the tally-sheet of the election, the certificate of the result signed by A. R. Skidmore and S. S. Sidener as clerks, and the oath of office administered to the officers of the election. The oath is a quaint bit of composition as follows:

"Oregon Territory, County of Thurston, ss. Personally appeared Elisia N. Sargent Ruel Ross Judges of this Election S. S. Sidener and A. R. Skidmore Clerks of the same who so solmly sworn to perform the Duties of Judges and Clerks of said election according to law to the best of their abilities and studiouly to endeavor to prevent fraud abuse and deceit in conducting the same. Sworn to and subscribed before me this Seventh day of June A. D. 1852."

The two judges and the two clerks signed the oath as did the one who administered it. In fact he signed it twice, once as A. Benton Moses and once as A. B. Moses.

The tally-sheet shows that all on the list had voted. For Representative in the Oregon Territorial Legislature Isaac N. Ebey received 77 votes and S. Balch, 9. There were to be chosen three county Commissioners and the vote stood: Sidney S. Ford, 77; A. A. Denny, 57; David Shelton, 78; Thomas M. Chambers, 29; Nathan Eaton, 12. Messrs. Ford, Denny and Shelton were elected. The pioneers seem to have been confused about their voting for Probate Judge. The tally-sheet shows that one was to be chosen. The vote was: Nathan Eaton, 5; Sidney S. Ford, 73; A. A. Denny, 51; David Shelton, 73; Thomas Chambers, 25. There is no indication as to how the tie between Ford and Shelton was settled. D. R. Bigelow was elected Treasurer with 78 votes, the others being William Packwood, 4; William P. Daugherty, 6. Benjamin F. Shaw was elected Sheriff with 58 votes, Andrew J. Simmons receiving 25 votes. A. M. Poe was not opposed for County Clerk, receiving 83 votes. For Assessor, R. S. Baily received 77 votes, John M. Chapman receiving 6 votes and Nathan Eaton, one. The columns for Coroner were blank, no votes being recorded. For School Commissioner, Quincy A. Brooks received 79 votes and Adam Wiley, 7.

For the one Justice of the Peace, Whitfeld Kirtby received 48 votes and Jackson Masses, one. For Constable, the vote stood A. B. Moses, 61 and James K. Wood, 8.

In contemplating the value of this rare old historical document it should be remembered that at the time of the election there were but three other counties in Northern Oregon. These were Clarke, Lewis and Pacific. The Thurston County holding the election was a huge area extending northward from Olympia to the Canadian boundary. As soon as Washington Territory was organized the area was rapidly subdivided into other counties.

The Henry Villard Papers

Mr. F. W. Dewart of Spokane has called attention to the following announcement in the *Harvard Alumni Bulletin*:

"The Widener Library has received from the family of the late Henry Villard his letters and business records covering his entire career as a railroad and steamship executive from 1874 until his retirement from business in 1895. During this time Mr. Villard was receiver for the Kansas & Pacific Railroad, and president of the North American Co., the Oregon Improvement Co., the Northern Pacific, which railroad he completed in 1883, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., the Oregon & California Railroad, and the Oregon Transcontinental Co. Mr. Villard was also one of the founders of both the North American Co. and the General Electric Co., of which he was the first president.

"His papers and correspondence relating to all these companies form a record of the railroad development of the Pacific Northwest, and the important part which German capital played in the financing of the roads, the documents and correspondence relating to which are included in the gift to the Library. This donation is to be credited to the Commission on Western History, which was disbanded last year, of which Oswald Garrison Villard, '93, the editor of the *Nation*, was a member. The other donors are Harold G. Villard, '90, and Mrs. Henry Villard.

"Henry Villard was greatly interested in Harvard University; on one occasion he donated \$25,000 to the Law School Library, and he left \$50,000 to the College in his will."

There should be added to the above a statement showing that Mr. Villard also showed his interest in education in the Pacific