

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In contemplating the value of this rare old historical document it should be remembered that at the time of the election there were but three other counties in Northern Oregon.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

Northwest. When both institutions were in need of help, he gave from his personal funds to the University of Oregon and the Territorial University of Washington. Readers of the *Washington Historical Quarterly* will be pleased to learn more about those papers as soon as they are made available at Harvard.

Early Archives of Vancouver

Hon. Bernard Pelly, British Consul in Seattle, sends the following clipping from a London newspaper telling about a gift of important historical documents to the Provincial Library at Victoria:

"The Agent-General of British Columbia was yesterday presented with the earliest original archives connected with the institution of representative government on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. They include the appointments under the Great Seal, dated July, 1849, of his Excellency Richard Blanshard, the first Governor, and Commander-in-Chief over the Island of Vancouver and its dependencies. Another book consists of many official documents on the colonisation of Vancouver Island, Hudson Bay Company rule, and returns to addresses. The gentleman who has enriched the Government of British Columbia with this gift made only two stipulations: First, that the archives should be always on exhibition and readily accessible in the Legislative Library at Victoria, and, second, that his identity should not be revealed.

"The Agent-General strongly urged that the publication of the name of the donor might lead to many other persons in Great Britain in possession of autograph letters and other archives of the first colonisation of the island to follow his example and add to the historical treasures of the library. On these representations being made Sir Leicester Harmsworth finally consented to the publication of his name."

Whitman County Pioneers

Mr. J. Orin Oliphant, who graduated from the University of Washington in the class of 1916, since his return from service in the World War, has been serving as Executive Secretary of the State Normal School at Cheney. He is greatly interested in the history of the Pacific Northwest and lately has been conducting a