

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Approaching His Centennial*

Major Junius Thomas Turner passed his ninety-sixth birthday on September 4, 1922. Though suffering much from physical ailments he keeps up a remarkably good cheer and takes an interest in current events as well as in history. He recently wrote: "With Dr. N. D. Hill's death, Robert S. Hathaway's, and now the passing of Charles Terry, there remain still living of Whidbey's pioneers of 1852 and 1853 only Thomas P. Hastie, Abe Lincoln Alexander (the first white child in Island County) and myself." Major Turner's address is 414 B Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

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### *Totem Pole at Everett*

The people of Everett had an interesting ceremony on July 26, 1922, when they erected an eighty-foot totem pole as a monument for Patkanim, the ruling Indian chief of that region in the days of Indian treaties and Indian wars. The Chief signed the treaty with Chief Seattle and others on January 22, 1855. Later in the year, when the Indian war broke out, he led a company of his braves to fight on the side of the white people. The totem pole was carved by a skillful Indian, William Shelton, of Tulalip. He gave years to the work of transforming this trunk of a large cedar tree into a thing of Indian beauty and meaning. The principal address of the occasion was by Hon. W. H. Clay, Mayor of Everett, who told what honor was intended for the Chief and also how committees of Everett people, led by the Order of Redmen, had raised the necessary funds.

Later there is to be placed on the base of the totem pole a bronze tablet bearing an appropriate inscription and a portrait of the Chief.

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### *Vancouver Island Historic Sites*

Mr. John Forsyth, Provincial Librarian of British Columbia, has been cooperating with a Victoria Chamber of Commerce committee in marking certain historic sites. Artistic signboards are being placed on the roadways to attract the attention of motorists and others passing that way. The information contained in the signs reads as follows: