

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Ranald MacDonald

The book giving the remarkable experiences of Ranald MacDonald in Japan before the visit of Matthew Calbraith Perry is now being printed in Spokane by the Eastern Washington State Historical Society. The original journey by MacDonald is being edited by William S. Lewis and Prof. Naojiro Murakimo. Mr. Lewis wrote on March 1, 1923, that they expected to have the book off the press within sixty days.

Voyage of the "Ruby"

Mr. John Forsyth, Librarian and Archivist of British Columbia, is at work editing for publication Bishop's "Journal of a Voyage to the Northwest Coast in the Ship Ruby, 1795." It will be awaited with interest.

Signatures of Pioneers

Harry B. McElroy has sent a manuscript record of the proceedings in the House of Representatives, Territorial Legislature of Washington, for 1866. The proceedings are available in published form but this manuscript form carries the signatures of such pioneers as J. J. H. van Bokkelaan, C. Clymer, J. W. Brazee, Lee Hancock, F. Henry, Charles Eagan.

Thesis on Whitman

Mr. James E. Babb, of Lewiston, Idaho, has sent a manuscript copy of a thesis: "Doctor Marcus Whitman, 1842-1843," by his niece, Margaret E. Babb, who graduated from Wellesley College in June, 1922. It is an interesting and carefully prepared essay.

Congress of Historical Studies

The Fifth International Congress of Historical Studies will be held in Brussels on April 8-15, 1923. The honorary committee