

printed because the man honored had so much to do with important events in the history of the Northwest, such as the Treaty of Ghent and the Joint Occupancy Conventions:

"Mount Quincy Adams; peak (altitude 13,561 feet), lat. 58° 54' 23", long. 137° 27' 02", near Mount Fairweather, on the International Boundary between Alaska and Canada. Named for Hon. John Quincy Adams, former Secretary of State of the United States, and President of the United States, who, in the former capacity, negotiated the first treaty between the United States and Russia, concluded April 17, 1824, proclaimed January 12, 1825, providing inter alia for a part of the boundary between Russia and Great Britain, which is now the boundary between the United States and Canada."

The Telephone in Seattle

On March 7, 1924, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company conducted an interesting celebration to commemorate the forty-first anniversary of the telephone in Seattle. The occasion also helped to celebrate the opening of the new home of the Company, one of the most perfect telephone structures in the world; the installation of dialing or mechanical switching was noted; and the wonderful facilities for long-distance conversation were exemplified.

In the case of the last-mentioned feature, the wires were cleared for Santa Barbara, California, where resides Mrs. Harriett Hanson Hall. As Hattie Hanson she had served as the first "Central" in Seattle. The pioneers assembled were among the original ninety subscribers she had helped to serve. Four of them, E. W. Melse, L. S. Booth, Judge C. H. Hanford and A. B. Stewart, had brief long-distance conversations with the original "Central" from the office in Seattle.

Mr. W. J. Phillips, Division Commercial Superintendent of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, made a brief address to the assembled pioneers, including the following paragraphs:

"On this forty-first anniversary of the inauguration of telephone service in Seattle, it seems fitting to us to bring together insofar as possible those still in the city who were subscribers to the service in the beginning.

"We have made an earnest endeavor to notify all those who could be reached who had telephones in their own names or who

as adults in 1883 were actively engaged in business and identified with firms who did have the first telephones.

"The lapse of time since the pioneer days of 1883 and the ravages of the big fire in 1889 and the public library fire in 1900 or 1901 have destroyed, as far as we can find, any exact records of the list of original subscribers.

"We do know that the Seattle telephone exchange opened March 7, 1883. We know that there were at the outset ninety subscribers. Through the assistance of Mr. Melse, who put in the first system and is with us today, Mr. Bagley, whose father once owned the site on which this building stands, Professor Meany, Mr. Carkeek, and several of you with whom we have compared notes, we have endeavored during the past year to reconstruct or compile, wherever memory can be brought to serve, the list of the first ninety subscribers, which included those of you gathered here today."

The assembled pioneers to whom the remarks were addressed included the following: C. B. Bagley, L. S. Booth, A. M. Brookes, Judge Thomas Burke, R. H. Denny, A. W. Engle, J. E. Gabriel accompanying his uncle Captain E. W. Gove, John Haley, Judge C. H. Hanford, J. D. Lowman, A. E. McCulsky, Maurice McMicken, Professor E. S. Meany, E. W. Melse, John M. Moran representing his father Robert Moran, Sherman Moran, Joseph W. Phillips, Roy Pinkham and A. B. Stewart.

Mention should be made of Roy O. Hadley, former newspaper man and former Secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, who is now associated with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. He gave much time and effort toward the compilation of correct information about this important phase of Seattle's history.

Old Directories of Seattle

Judge C. H. Hanford has presented two rare books to the Washington University State Historical Society which, in turn, places them in the University of Washington Library. They are early *Directories of Seattle*, one compiled by R. D. Pitt in 1879 and the other published by Elliott & Sweet in 1882. These gifts will be appreciated by all who have encountered difficulty in finding such dependable source materials in studying the history of Seattle.