

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.