Geographic Decisions

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The United States Geographic Board, in its publication for June 1923 to June 1925, being the second supplement to the Fifth Report, has rendered many decisions affecting the Pacific Northwest. There are seventeen decisions for Oregon, thirty-seven for Idaho, thirty-eight for Montana, four for Wyoming, and forty for Washington.

The larger number of decisions in Washington relate to the San Juan Archipelago. Recent geological and other scientific surveys there revealed many duplications of names and the need of names where none were applied. The Board has shown a fine spirit of cooperation by correcting these faults. Due care was exercised to disturb as little as possible local usage.

At the meeting on October 7, the Board's decisions included six bearing on the Northwest. One of these was sanctioning local usage for the name of Mount Rosario, two miles southwest of Mount Constitution, Orcas Island. On some charts this hill (860 feet high) was shown as "Stony Hill." Three of the latest decisions are in Wallowa County, Oregon, where now are established Mount Bonneville, in honor of Captain Benjamin L. E. Bonneville; Chief Joseph, a mountain honoring the Indian leader; Mount Howard, an honor for General O. O. Howard. So far as known the peaks were referred to formerly as "Middle," "Tunnel Mountain" and "Signal."

The Oregonian's Diamond Jubilee

One of the most significant historical events of recent years was the celebration on December 4, 1925, of the Oregonian's seventy-fifth birthday. Pioneers from all parts of the Northwest, newspaper men, professors of history and others were the guests of the great paper. There was shown the pictorial story of the "Covered Wagon" and another picture of the progress of the Oregonian from the days of the hand-power Ramage press (the original also on exhibition) to the huge machines of the present