

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Columbia River Historical Expedition

The event of greatest historic interest in the Pacific Northwest during the last three months was the Columbia River Historical Expedition by the Great Northern Railway Company assisted by State officials and representatives of historical societies. The leading article in this *Quarterly* for July, 1926, was a complete outline of the proposed Expedition written by Donald MacRae.

That outline was correct except for a few extras added to the programs. The addresses delivered and papers read were of high value and should be saved in printed form. Space will gladly be given in coming issues of this *Quarterly* for more detailed mention of the Expedition or for the publication of the addresses in full.

Rededication of Alki Point Monument

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, with elaborate ceremonies, the pioneer monument at Alki Point was rededicated. Two considerations brought this about. When the monument was first erected in 1905 permission was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith to place it on the lawn fronting the Stockade Hotel. When the City of Seattle acquired a strip along the beach to be added to its park system representative pioneers began to express the wish that the monument might be moved across the street from private to public property. Opportunity to do this came unexpectedly when a motorized caravan, sponsored by the American Automobile Association, proposed to bring to Seattle a rock from the beach fronting the famous Plymouth Rock.

Local arrangements were hastily completed by a committee representative of the Seattle Park Board, the Street Department, the Washington Automobile Association, Seattle Chamber of Commerce and pioneers. Since the cross-continent caravan was being managed by J. H. Brown of the Michigan Automobile Association, the Michigan Society of Seattle undertook to serve a picnic lunch at Alki Point which would be followed by the program.

O. J. C. Dutton of the Park Board presided and after explaining the purpose of the meeting introduced Mr. Brown. He told how Mayor W. T. Eldridge of Plymouth, Massachusetts,

had sent on its way the stone obtained from the beach near the famous landing place of the Pilgrims. He then presented the stone to Mayor Bertha K. Landes of Seattle who accepted it with a gracious address. She placed the stone in the hands of Rolland H. Denny, one of the two survivors of the original Alki Point colony of November 13, 1851, and of Mrs. George H. Foster (Nettie A. Low) the first white child born at Alki Point (October 8, 1852). These two placed the stone in the niche prepared in the new foundation of the original monument. Beneath the niche was unveiled a bronze tablet with the following inscription:

"From Plymouth Rock to Alki Point

"Honoring pioneers on the American shores of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the above stone was brought from Plymouth Rock by the First Transcontinental Motorized Caravan, managed by James H. Brown, and endorsed by the American Automobile Association. This tablet was furnished by the Automobile Club of Washington. The unveiling ceremonies on September 4, 1926, was participated in by officers and citizens of the City of Seattle, the County of King and the State of Washington."

Chairman Dutton thanked the heirs of the estate of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith for having sheltered and cared for the original monument for the last twenty-one years. He introduced a number of representative pioneers including Merle W. Denny, who is Governor of the Mayflower Society of the State of Washington. Mr. Denny is a grandson of Arthur A. Denny, leader of the original Alki Point colony.

A surprise number on the program was the presentation by Mayor Landes to Mr. Brown of a stone from the beach at Alki Point to be carried back to Plymouth, making mutual this symbolic honoring of the pioneers of the two oceans.

An address on the historic significance of the occasion was delivered by Professor Edmond S. Meany, of the University of Washington.

Northwest Hall of Fame

In a letter to President Henry Suzzallo, of the University of Washington, W. Earl Hopper of the City of Long Branch, New Jersey, suggests the erection of a Hall of Fame for the Northwestern Pioneers. Publicity is here given to the suggestion in the hope that practical ideas may be offered to accomplish such a praiseworthy plan.