

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Historical Association Meeting

The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association held its twenty-second annual meeting at Stanford University, California, on November 26-27, 1926.

Professor O. H. Richardson, President for the past year, presided at the sessions and delivered the Presidential Address at the annual dinner in Stanford Union on Friday evening.

The program on Friday afternoon was devoted to Pacific Coast History as follows:

"The Controversy over Sacajawea, Guide of Lewis and Clark," by Frank H. Garver, University of Southern California.

"The Influence of Tariff Policies on the Oregon Boundary Settlement in 1846," by Robert C. Clark, University of Oregon.

"Blaine's Policy in the Pacific," by Joseph B. Lockey, University of California, Southern Branch.

"American Economic Penetration of Canada," by Hugh L. Keenleyside, University of British Columbia.

The general session on Saturday forenoon had a much wider scope. The four papers were as follows:

"The High Cost of Living in Sixteenth-Century France," by Franklin C. Palm, University of California.

"The Growth of American Interest in Cuba," by Charles E. Chapman, University of California.

"Peace Programs of the British Labor Party," by Carl F. Brand, Stanford University.

"The Character of American Participation in European Affairs Since the War," by Harold H. Fisher, Stanford University.

The Teachers' Session was held on Saturday afternoon and was devoted to the subject: "Why History is Losing Ground in the High Schools to the Social Sciences." The discussion was opened by Edward M. Hulme, Stanford University, and was participated in generally.

The Council elected at the business meeting will later determine the place for the meeting next November.

Professor Richardson Honored

When Professor O. H. Richardson returned after presiding at the twenty-second annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch

of the American Historical Association at Stanford University, his colleagues in the History Department, University of Washington, prepared a banquet at the Wilsonian Hotel where they might receive an account of his year's stewardship. On ascertaining that December 10, 1926, was the sixtieth anniversary of his birth, that date was chosen in order to double the honors of the occasion. Professor Richardson gave an earnest and highly appreciated address but he was taken completely by surprise as he concluded. Professor Edward McMahon, on behalf of his associates, presented him a beautiful loving cup appropriately engraved and bearing the names of the Professors, Instructors and Associates in the Department of History. It was a significant recognition of the cordial relations maintained by Professor Richardson during seventeen years of service at the University of Washington.

Newspaper Devotion to History

Of all newspapers in the Pacific Northwest, the Portland *Oregonian* devotes most space to articles of historical value. Among many others, two recent ones deserve mention here. In the issue of November 14, 1926, Leon Byrne has an illustrated article entitled "Romance and Danger of Early River Navigation." One illustration depicts the steamer *Beaver* which called at the Columbia River on the way to Puget Sound in 1836. This was the first steamboat to ply the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Well known river steamers discussed are the *Colonel Wright*, the *Lot Whitcomb*, the *Wilson G. Hunt* and the *T. J. Potter*. The article is well worth saving.

The other, entitled "Old Indian Bridge Dramatized," appeared in the issue of December 5, 1926. It is by Ruth Elizabeth Sheldon of The Dalles. In telling of a proposed new steel bridge across the Columbia she recites the Indian Legend of the "Bridge of the Gods" which was used as the title of an Oregon classic by Frederick Homer Balch, whose old home and grave are on the Washington side of the great river.