

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.