

*Historical Association Meeting*

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held at Berkeley, California, December 29-30, 1927. Most of the papers were on topics in the history of the frontier, such as the paper on "Washington on the Frontier," and the "Romance and Reality of the Frontier." There were several papers in recent history. Professor Priestley's paper on "Obregon and Calles" was especially timely. Professor Cardinal Goodwin the retiring President of the Branch gave his address on "Union Sentiment and the West in the Decade of the Forties." Professor Edgar E. Robinson of Stanford University is to be President for the coming year.

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*Geographic Decisions*

The United States Geographic Board at the meetings of December 14, 1927, and February 1, 1928, made decisions of interest to readers of this *Quarterly*. At the first of these meetings the mountain formerly sometimes called Surgarloaf is now decided to be Pyramid Mountain. It is above the northwest side of Lake Crescent in Clallam County and has an elevation of 3,140 feet. Snider Peak is now the name for a mountain formerly called Carlson. It is about nine miles from Pillar Point, Strait of Juan de Fuca, in Clallam County and has an elevation of 3,174 feet. Twenty-four decisions were rendered at the second meeting and twenty-two of them related to names in Alaska, one was in Arkansas and one in Oregon. The one in Oregon was a correction of the name of a reef at the mouth of Umpqua River from York to Ork. It was for a vessel by that name wrecked there on November 24, 1864.

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*Death of Colonel Parker*

On his ranch "Snug Harbor," near Kelseyville, California, Col. Frank J. Parker died on Sunday evening, February 19, 1928, after several weeks of illness.

He was born in Crosscomb, Somersetshire, England in 1843. As a young man he moved to California in 1864 and enlisted in the First California Volunteer Infantry. He served as a scout in the southern border states until the end of the Civil War. Later he saw service in the Northwest during the Nez Perce War of 1877. These services brought recognition from Governor M. Brayman of Idaho in the form of a commission as Lieutenant

Colonel. He settled in Walla Walla and purchased the *Statesman*, which he edited for many years.

He is survived by his widow and four sons—Frank N. Parker, with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C.; Gilbert H. Parker, with the Public Relations Bureau, American Trust Company at San Francisco; William Parker, International News Service and Pacific News Service at Los Angeles; and E. H. Parker of Alameda, California.

News of the Colonel's death was forwarded by Mr. B. A. Lindsay, of Los Angeles, California.

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*Brief History of the Pacific Northwest*

The Kiwanis International will hold its annual convention in Seattle during the summer of 1928. The *Kiwanis Magazine* for March, 1928, contains a brief history of the Pacific Northwest for the information of the many delegates who will visit this region.

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*Institute of Pacific Relations*

Through the courtesy of Dr. J. B. Condiff, Research Secretary of the Institute of Pacific Relations, the *Washington Historical Quarterly* has received copies of the News Bulletins and mimeographed records of the proceedings of the Second General Session of the Institute held in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 15-29, 1927. The large array of papers, addresses, and documents will require much time for study and appreciation. A few of the titles will show the scope of the work: "Present Day Problems of the Philippines," "National Characteristics of the Japanese," "The Financial Crisis in Japan," "The Role of the Banker in International Relations," "The Outstanding Cultural Assets of Chinese People," "Asiatic Immigration in New Zealand," "Australian Public Debt."

It was decided that much research work must be done to increase the value of future conferences. Out of this sustained work Honolulu is acquiring the name of "The Geneva of the Pacific."