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fessor Golder passed away at his home near Stanford University, in the midst of the best work of his career. He was guiding the work of many graduate students and was himself carrying on research work in history. He was unmarried and left his entire estate to promote educational work at Stanford University. He undoubtedly helped other institutions during his working years. The University of Washington is grateful for his help in securing prints and photostats of early documents pertaining to Russian history of Alaska and Siberia.

Professor Ralph Haswell Lutz has written a beautiful tribute to Professor Golder, "Teacher, Author, Diplomat," which appeared in the *Stanford Illustrated Review*, for February, 1929.

The Pocket Veto

William S. Lewis, of Spokane, one of the contributing editors of the Washington Historical Quarterly, has recently participated in the making of legal history in the United States. He was representing the Okanogan and other tribes of Indians in the State of Washington seeking the right to sue the Government in the Court of Claims for lands said to have been taken without compensation. The case was appealed to the Federal Supreme Court. Attorney General Mitchell had prepared the Government's case while he was serving as Solicitor General and he represented the Government in this trial. He claimed that 120 pieces of legislation had been killed by the pocket veto in the Nation's history and all that legisation would be resurrected if the pocket veto were declared invalid. Under the Constitution, bills not acted on within ten days after the adjournment of Congress are dead. Mr. Lewis contended that the word "adjournment" meant only adjournment at the final sessions. Attorney General Mitchell directly opposed this view. The debate involved some history of the Constitutional Convention and its proceedings. At the time of writing the decision of the Supreme Court was not known. Near the homes of the Indians involved an incident of the kind occurred in 1885 when President Cleveland pocket vetoed the bill to annex the "Pan-Handle" of Idaho to the Territory of Washington. There would be much stirrings of history, geography and legislation if Attorney General Mitchell's "resurrection" theory were sustained.

Statue of Harvey W. Scott

The Oregon Historical Quarterly for March, 1929, announces the fact that the sculptor Gutzon Borglum is modeling at his studio