

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Pictorial Record of Puget Sound Steamers*

Willard C. Johnson, of Tacoma, a student in the University of Washington, has for years pursued a useful hobby with remarkable results. He inherited a love for sea-going crafts and early began to collect pictures of all such known to have plied the waters of Puget Sound. Such pictures (many rare ones) now run into the hundreds. Following this work he began to make models, true to scale, one-eighth of an inch to the foot. He now has in storage at Tacoma 307 such models. It is hoped that there may be provided a marine room in some museum to properly house this valuable record of an important phase of northwestern history.

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### *Railway Survey of 1853*

In the September, 1929, number of the *Colorado Magazine* there is an article entitled "The Explorations of Gunnison and Beckwith in Colorado and Utah, 1853," by Leland Hargrave Creer, Assistant Professor of History, University of Washington. The story is gleaned from government documents and is made valuable as well as interesting by the manifest fact that Professor Creer is quite familiar with the ground covered and the history involved in that early surveying expedition.

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### *The Qivira Society*

A group of investigators engaged in research pertaining to the early history of the southwestern part of the United States and of northern Mexico have organized The Quivira Society. There are no initiation fees, dues, or responsibilities. The members, libraries, clubs, or individuals, simply agree to purchase English translations of old Spanish documents of historical merit as they are published, one or two a year. The high quality of the enterprise is assured by the following list of sponsors: Arthur S. Aiton, University of Michigan; Lansing B. Bloom, editor of the *New Mexico Historical Review*; Herbert E. Bolton, Director of the Bancroft Library, University of California; Charles W. Hackett, University of Texas; George P. Hammond, University of Southern California; Edgar L. Hewett, Director of the School of American Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico; F. W. Hodge, Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, New York; J. Lloyd Mechem, University of Texas; Agapito Rey, Indiana University; A. B. Thomas, University of Oklahoma, and H. R. Wagner, San Marino, California. Of these, Mr. Hammond is managing editor, while Mr. Bolton and