

*Early Hawaiian Postal Facilities*

Mr. Fred Lockley, known as "The Journal Man," has for years furnished the *Oregon Journal* of Portland regular correspondence on early Northwestern History. On May 12, 1930, his article was devoted to early postal facilities from Honolulu to the west coast of North America. He mentioned the sixty-year old agreement between the two countries, the first article of which included the following: "There shall be an exchange of correspondence between the United States and the Hawaiian Kingdom by United States mail steamers plying between San Francisco and Honolulu as well as steamers and sailing vessels running between Honolulu and San Francisco, Portland, Or., and various ports on Puget Sound, including Teekalet, Olympia and Port Townsend."

Mr. Lockley, in commenting on the old document, says: "But I must confess that I don't know where Teekalet on Puget Sound is." Some of the older pioneers could have told him that Teekalet was the former name of Port Gamble, a great lumber-shipping center of the early days. Rev. Myron Eells, Indian missionary, says Teekalet is an Indian word meaning "brightness of the noon-day sun."

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*Geographic Names Decisions*

At the meeting on May 7, 1930, the United States Geographic Board rounded out a great amount of work on the names in Yellowstone National Park and published the decisions in a separate pamphlet of twenty-six pages. Similar work is under way for the other National Parks.

At the meeting of June 4, sixty-seven decisions were rendered. Of these, the larger number, thirty-nine, related to Alaska. One of the most interesting is Mount Eielson (formerly Copper Mountain) in Mount McKinley National Park. This is in accordance with the resolution of Congress and is an honor for Ben Eielson the well known aviator who lost his life while attempting to aid others in distress.

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*"Covered Wagon" Picnics*

The Washington State Historical Society scheduled an outdoor meeting at Farmers' Picnic Grove, near Enumclaw, for August 23, as an observance of the Covered Wagon Centennial. President Clifford L. Babcock was to be chairman. George H. Himes and Lee Baker who came by ox teams by way of Naches Pass in 1853, had places on the program.

At Old Fort Laramie, Wyoming, a similar pioneers' reunion was held on August 15. R. S. Ellison was chairman and the speakers included Governor Frank C. Emerson, former Governor B. B. Brooks, of Wyoming, and Congressman Simmons of Nebraska. A pageant featured a covered wagon train. There was also a stage coach holdup and other events in which Indians and pioneers participated.

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