

would suppose in reading this Book that it [Saint Louis] never contained such men as Charles Gratiot, Auguste Chouteau, and many others who were gentlemen in any country."

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*Thomas Milton Gatch*

J. F. Santee, member of the faculty of the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, has in the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* for June, 1931, a sympathetic biography of this distinguished pioneer educator. The opening paragraph is as follows:

"Unique in the annals of the Pacific Northwest is the career of Thomas Milton Gatch, successively head of Willamette University, University of Washington and Oregon State College. Gatch is the only name which has the distinction of appearing on the presidential rosters of all three of these distinguished institutions of higher learning."

Important as they were, the three positions mentioned were by no means the only ones filled by Doctor Gatch in California, Oregon and Washington.

His tenure of office at the University of Washington bridged the time of transition from Territorial days to Statehood. He was elected in June, 1887. Statehood came in 1889. On April 30, 1895, Doctor Gatch resigned from the presidency and entered upon a happy period as Professor of Political and Social Science in the same institution. This place he resigned in 1898 to accept the presidency of the Oregon State College, where he continued until July 17, 1907. He was granted a pension from the Carnegie Foundation on account of his long and faithful service. He died in Seattle on April 13, 1913, in his eighty-first year.

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*Exchange Professors with Hawaii*

Professor Paul Bachman of the University of Hawaii and Professor Linden A. Mander of the University of Washington, each in the Department of Political Science have exchanged positions with each other for part of the year.

Similarly, an exchange by men in the Department of History was arranged for the summer session. Professor Leland H. Creer goes to Hawaii and Professor Thomas A. Bailey comes to Washington. However, a change has occurred since the arrangement was made. Professor Bailey now hails from Stanford. He accepted a position in the California institution after the death of Professor E. D. Adams.

Professor William H. George, formerly of the Political Science Department, University of Washington, has returned for the summer session. He is now Professor of Political Science and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Hawaii.

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*Pacific Trade*

The Fourth Biennial Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations will be held in Hangchow, China, October 21 to November 4, 1931.

Section I of a syllabus on "International Economic Relations in the Pacific—Trade" has been prepared. It appears in the magazine, *Pacific Affairs* for June, 1931, pages 516-522.

The opening sentence is typical: "The increase in the volume and value of Pacific trade has been noticeable for a considerable period; but in recent years it appears to have been considerably accelerated."

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*Promotion for Doctor Buck*

Dr. Solon J. Buck, who has served as Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society since 1914, has resigned to become Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey and a Professor in the University of Pittsburgh. The Buhl Foundation is making it possible to conduct an extensive survey of Western Pennsylvania history. Doctor Buck will begin his work in that new field on September 1st.

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*Scrap Books of Austin Mires*

Ausin Mires, of Ellensburg, is one of the three or four surviving members of the Washington Constitutional Convention of 1889. For that reason and because of his interesting personality, he is one of the outstanding pioneers now living. He has written much in prose and verse. He has also served future generations by preparing and saving many scrap books. These he has classified and labelled:—three each on Washington and Oregon, four on makers of American history, two on people and events; Lincoln, Washington, Grant and Roosevelt each have separate books; also books are devoted to such topics as Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, the Republican Party and articles of his own, mostly eulogies. He has eight volumes called miscellaneous and three volumes of poems. He has kept a daily diary since February 11, 1875.