

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.

In some correspondence about this remarkable record Mr. Mires modestly says: "I must tell you I have learned that it takes years of practice and reflection to fully qualify one to keep a diary or make scrap books properly. I did not sense the importance of our Constitutional Convention at the time of its making and therefore did not keep as full notes as I should. I prepared and delivered an address for the Normal School here some years ago on the subject of 'Our Constitutional Convention' but it has never been published. I deem it of historical value."

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*Pacific Northwest Library Association*

The twenty-first annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association was held at Gearhart, Oregon, June 15 to 17, 1931. The meetings were presided over by the President, Miss Ellen Garfield Smith, Librarian of the Walla Walla Public Library. In addition to the customary program of papers, addresses, and round table discussions, an unusual treat was provided in the form of an Oregon Authors' Dinner. The following authors were present and spoke or read from their works: Verne Bright, Howard McKinley Corning, Ethel Romig Fuller, Theodore A. Harper, Sheba Hargreaves, Alexander Hull, Ben Hur Lampman, and Philip H. Parrish. Miss Nell A. Unger Librarian of Reed College, is the newly elected President of the Association.

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*The Washington Bicentennial*

The George Washington Bicentennial Commission, with headquarters in the Washington Building, Washington, D.C., is making satisfactory progress for the great event culminating on February 22, 1932. One helpful phase of this preliminary work is the publication of the first eight of a series of sixteen pamphlets for preparatory studies. The titles are "Frontier Background of Washington's Career," "Washington the Man of Mind," "Tributes to Washington," "Washington the Farmer," "Washington as a Religious Man," "Washington the Colonial and National Statesman," "Washington and the Constitution," and "Washington as President." These pamphlets are edited by Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, Historian of the Commission.

Another pamphlet sent out by Sol Bloom, Associate Director of the Commission is entitled "Suggestions and Outline of the George Washington Appreciation Course for Normal Schools and Colleges