

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

for the Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of the Birth of George Washington." As stated this is an outline or syllabus, to be followed by a "Handbook" containing a more complete development of the course with illustrations. Educators throughout the Republic will be assisted greatly in the patriotic work now in hand by this carefully planned outline.

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*Geographic Names Decisions*

The State of Washington is not represented in the decisions by the United States Geographic Board at the meetings of March 4, April 1, and May 6, 1931.

Alaska received a total of fifty-six decisions, by far the largest number. Idaho received twenty-one; California, four, and Oregon, two. The others were distributed over the United States and some other countries.

One interesting decision for Idaho is Pioneer Mountains in Blaine and Custer Counties. The decision says: "Named for the pioneers, who collectively settled southern Idaho. Names of distinguished early pioneers of Idaho will be later given to the individual peaks."

In southeastern Deschutes County, Oregon, Sheridan Mountain is named, the decision saying: "Named in honor of Gen. Phil H. Sheridan, who, in 1855, as second lieutenant, was a member of the military expedition searching for a railroad route between Sacramento Valley and the Columbia River and ascended on August 30, 1855, in company with Lieutenant Williamson the peak, it is believed, now given his name."

The Alaska names decided upon are mostly Indian or descriptive names. Mount Gerdine in Central Alaska is named for Thomas Golden Gerdine, former topographic engineer of the United States Geological Survey. Mount Reid honors Thomas George Reid, chief aviation pilot in 1926 on the survey of southeastern Alaska. Mount Waskey honors Frank H. Waskey, first Delegate to Congress from the Territory of Alaska.

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*Japan's Protest Against the Annexation of Hawaii*

Professor Thomas A. Bailey, formerly of the University of Hawaii and now of Stanford University, is the author of a paper with the above title, appearing in the *Journal of Modern History*, Volume III (March, 1931). It has been printed in separate form for the benefit of those working in this field. His concluding sentence