

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Chief Joseph Honored*

On Sunday, October 4, 1931, a beautiful bronze tablet was placed upon a huge boulder at the spot where Chief Joseph, the Nez Perce, surrendered to Colonel Nelson A. Miles on October 5, 1877. The monument is about fifteen miles south of Chinook, Montana. The *Chinook Opinion*, on October 8, carried a front-page story of three columns giving details of the ceremony.

The bronze tablet, four feet tall and three feet wide, was sculptured by Mrs. Jessie S. Lincoln of Great Falls and the boulder was furnished by George Grover of the same city. The full-length figures of Chief Joseph and Colonel Miles are clothed in the costumes of 1877. At the upper rim of the plaque are Chief Joseph's memorable words: "From where the Sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

At the lower edge are these words: "October 5, 1877. Surrender of Chief Joseph to Colonel Nelson A. Miles. To the valor and devotion of those, both red and white, who struggled here. Erected by the Congress of the United States, under the authority of an act approved April 15, 1930."

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### *Revival of Interest in Heceta*

The *Sunday Oregonian* for September 20, 1931, contains a carefully illustrated article entitled "Heceta's Chart Ends Long Dispute." The article is by J. Neilson Barry of Portland, Oregon, who has devoted much study and research to its preparation.

A copy of the chart made by Captain Bruno Heceta in 1775 was recently obtained from Spain by the Library of Congress. Mr. Barry obtained a photostat of that copy and made it the base of his illustrations, adding the United States Coast and Geodetic charts and an extensive air view photograph by the Brubaker Aerial Surveys.

From this important evidence and from painstaking studies of published and manuscript records, he seeks to settle the long disputes by historians and diplomats. He believes he has demonstrated the fact that Heceta was first to observe the mouth of the great river and that he (Heceta) was convinced that a large river emptied into the ocean at that place. No claim is made that Heceta entered the river. In fact, Mr. Barry is careful to save that glory for the American, Captain Robert Gray, as follows: