

"Fortunately there is obtainable a sketch of the appearance of the entrance to the river in 1792, so that with it and Heceta's chart it is possible to ascertain just what was known previously to the triumphant accomplishment of Gray in crossing a bar which no white man had ever before been able to cross. That remarkable and daring feat is an honor which has never been disputed, and the name he gave to the clear fresh water which he was the first to navigate will forever commemorate his brave act and his staunch little ship, the *Columbia Rediviva*. All honor and fame be to him for having succeeded where all others had failed."

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*Honoring Pioneers of Southwest Washington*

At the annual picnic of the Southwest Washington Pioneers' Association in August, 1931, Historian N. B. Coffman gave his customary review including the biographies of three outstanding pioneers who had passed away during the year. Selections for such honors are made annually by the Association, the choice being limited to those who were pioneers when the Territory of Washington was organized in 1853. Those included in this year's honors were as follows :

"Anna Rachel Grey Urquhart, wife of William Muir Urquhart, pioneer merchant of Chehalis.

"Christopher Columbus Simmons, a son of that earliest of Western Washington American home-seekers, Michael Troutman Simmons.

"William Mills, son of Elkanah and Elvina V. Mills, brother of Mary Jane Brown, queen-mother of Southwest Washington pioneers."

The *Chehalis Bee-Nugget* for August 21 and 28 carried Mr. Coffman's report in full. Those issues are well worth saving for their historic values.

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*Geographic Names Decisions*

Two reports, Numbers 8 and 9, by the United States Geographic Board resulted from the meeting of June 3, 1931. One was devoted wholly to decisions as to names in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. This is in line with the work of recent years in clearing up confusions and duplications in our National Parks.

The other report records fifteen decisions for Alaska, one for California, two for Washington, and six for Wyoming. Readers of this publication are most interested in those for Washington.