## News Department

Mount Abercrombie, altitude 7,200 feet, Stevens County, on the west side of Pend Oreille River. "Name given by Joint Resolution No. 1 of the Legislature of the State of Washington, approved April 24, 1931, in honor of Col. W. A. Abercrombie, United States Army, retired, who, in 1879 and 1883, as a lieutenant, while making surveys of the Pend Oreille River called attention to the natural resources of that section; who as major in 1902 made a preliminary survey of the country along the rout of the proposed Copper River Railway in Alaska; and who has been closely identified with the development of the region in which this mountain is located."

Mount Lundin in eastern King County, between Snoqualmie Mountain and Red Mountain, Snoqualmie National Forest, is named "in honor of the late John Lundin, who was formerly district ranger in charge of the region in which this mountain is located."

Report Number 10, for the meeting of October 7, 1931, records seventeen decisions for Alaska, four for Oregon, one for Montana and six for Wyoming. There is no decision relating to Washington geography but one of the Oregon decisions deserves mention here:

Captain Cook Point, about one mile south of Cape Perpetua on the Oregon coast. "Name proposed by the Oregon Geographic Board in honor of Capt. James Cook of the Royal Navy, who visited this region in March, 1778, and who was the first Englishman, of whom we have detailed knowledge to visit the coast of Oregon."

Report Number 11, November 4, 1931, is a brief one. It includes two Washington decisions:

Bainbridge Island, named in 1841 by the Wilkes Expedition after Captain William Bainbridge, American naval hero in the war of 1812. There seems little reason for this decision since the name has been in constant use for ninety years.

Treasure Island, Kitsap County, "about 114 yards long, on north side of and 900 yards inside entrance of a small bay, indenting north end of Bainbridge Island."

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## American Historical Association

The Pacific Coast Branch and the parent organization ecah held their meetings during the Christmas vacation.

The American Historical Association held its forty-sixth annual meeting at Minneapolis and, as is customary, other organizations held concurrent meetings at the same place, including the following: Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Conference of Historical Societies, Agricultural History Society, American Catholic Historical Association, National Council for Social Studies, American Society of Church History, and History of Science Society.

Rich programs were provided. One item of especial interest to the Pacific Coast was the nomination of Professor Herbert E. Bolton of the University of California to serve as President during 1932.

The Pacific Coast Branch's twenty-seventh annual meeting at Berkeley, California, had on its programs two representatives from Oregon and two from Washington as follows: "History and the Fall of Rome," by Professor Reginald F. Arragon of Reed College; "The Reputation of James Anthony Froude," by Professor Andrew Fish of the University of Oregon; "Cromwell and the Anabaptists During 1653," by Professor C. Eden Quainton of the University of Washington; and "Some Aspects of the Development of Party Life in British Columbia," by Miss Edith Dobie of the University of Washington. The President for 1931 was Professor Dan E. Clark of the University of Oregon.

## The American Scholar

Phi Beta Kappa is supplanting its former publication by an enlarged and more inclusive quarterly. The name is from the title of Ralph Waldo Emerson's famous address "The American Scholar," delivered before the Harvard chapter. The preliminary announcements reveal the interest in and backing of the new enterprise by some of the best known and most successful American scholars of the present day. It is planned to serve general readers as well as members of Phi Beta Kappa. The cost is placed at two dollars a year and the address is 145 West 55th Street, New York City.

## History of the Range-Cattle Industry

A Washington man, well known to readers of this publication, occupies space in a volume just published by the Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, entitled Summaries of Theses Accepted in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The reference is: "James Orin Oliphant, 'The Range-Cattle Industry in the Oregon Country to 1890'." The summary of Mr. Oliphant's dissertation occupies pages 93-95 in the volume.