

address, delivered at the University of Washington on June 17, was published in the *Washington Historical Quarterly* for October, 1914.

During that summer's visit a dinner was given in his honor at the New Washington Hotel, Seattle on July 8, by local historians and a group of prominent citizens. Always a lover of the out-of-doors, he participated in two well remembered excursions of The Mountaineers, a special week-end outing to Hood Canal, and a trip to Snoqualmie Pass to help in the dedication of the Club's Lodge then being completed in that vicinity. His companions of those happy days will cherish fine memories and will now share in the sorrow over his passing.

Geographic Names Decisions

Reports numbered 12, 13 and 14 have been received from the United States Geographic Board covering the meetings December, 1931, and January and February, 1932.

In the first one there was but one decision affecting the State of Washington. A peak that had been called "Bald" in the Mount Baker Forest, Whatcom County, was changed to Mount Blum, the explanation stating: "Named in honor of John Blum, airplane pilot, who accomplished exceptional work on fire patrol, during 1930-1931, particularly over the Mount Baker National Forest and who was killed in 1931 in an airplane accident near Snoqualmie Pass.

Similarly, there was but one decision for the State of Washington in the Report for the meeting of January 15—Prouty Peak in the Kanaksu National Forest, Pend Oreille County. The decision says: "Named for Henry Prouty, who was one of the first settlers in this region, and who located several mining claims on this peak."

There was no Washington decision in Report No. 14. In all three reports there are interesting decisions for Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Colorado and California.

Jefferson County Historical Society

Hon. Richard W. Condon has called attention to the organization recently of the Jefferson County Historical Society. The *Port Townsend Leader* has published resolutions by the Chamber of Commerce favoring such an organization and naming a committee to forward it. The committee from Port Townsend and other parts of Jefferson County includes the following: Frank W. Hastings, Lote B. Hastings, Horace Tucker, A. F. Learned, James G. Mc-

Curdy, William Bishop, D. H. Hill, B. F. Pettygrove, Dr. C. F. Kuhn, Dr. L. T. Seavey and Prince Wales.

The Abernethy Family

Mrs. Mary B. Smith of Port Townsend is one of the surviving kindred of the Abernethy family and has recently furnished information about other survivors of the two historic brothers George and Alexander S. Abernethy as well as a number of old newspaper clippings of value and a photograph of George Abernethy, Provisional Governor of Oregon from 1845 to 1849. The materials will be useful in history studies now in progress.

A Scrapbook of Pioneer Experiences

Mrs. Cora A. McDermoth has made up an interesting and valuable scrapbook of her articles on pioneer experiences which appeared in the *Aberdeen World* from December 13, 1929, to February 5, 1930. In this form it will undoubtedly be saved for the use of history writers. It is also possible that the series may be revised for publication in book form. It would make a welcome addition to the works on early days in the settlements of Puget Sound and Grays Harbor.

Lost Ships

The *South Bend Journal* for February 5, 1932, has an illustrated article by its editor, F. A. Hazeltine, showing disasters that have overtaken ships on the coast near the mouth of the Columbia River. Though a record of misfortune, it is a chapter of history that must not be ignored.

Library of Congress

The *New York Times* for February 28, 1932, carries an interesting and valuable article by R. L. Duffus on "Humble Origin of Library of Congress," showing how it started in 1801 with 740 volumes and now has more than 4,000,000 titles in its collection. The article is a valuable chapter in the history of that institution, to which historians of all parts of the world make pilgrimages for research work.