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.