

collection and care of manuscripts and of photostat copies when the actual manuscripts are not obtainable. Special efforts were directed to secure Washington letters to aid in the new edition of his writings provided for by Congress as part of the Bicentennial Celebration and to be edited by Dr. John C. Fitzpatrick, editor of the *Washington Diaries*.

Tribute by Austin Mires

When Soren Sorenson, pioneer of the Kittitas Valley, died on December 29, 1931, Austine Mires, one of the last survivors of Washington's Constitutional Convention, paid him an eloquent tribute which included this statement: "No native born was ever more devoted to our government or had deeper love for its institutions." Mr. Sorenson was a native of Denmark. He lived in the Kittitas Valley for forty-three years.

Eastman Loved the Northwest

The world was shocked on Monday, March 14, when news was spread of the suicide of George Eastman, the "Kodak King" at his home in Rochester, New York. He left the following laconic note: "To my friends: My work is done. Why wait? G.E." He was seventy-seven years old.

There flowed into the newspapers a flood of appreciation of his remarkable success in business and his wonderful record of philanthropies, reaching to many American communities and foreign countries, and making a total of \$100,000,000. One of the first of these was \$6,000,000 of Kodak stock to his employees.

Among the tributes was one of friendship by Campbell Church of Seattle who had entertained Mr. Eastman on his palatial yacht *Caroline* in 1922 with a trip to British Columbia waters and again in June, 1930, with a hunting trip to Alaska. Mr. Church says that Mr. Eastman frequently commented in his letters on the attractiveness of the Pacific Northwest.

Many of Mr. Eastman's benefactions were impersonally bestowed. He had a simple philosophy in such matters, saying a wealthy man had to make a choice, adding: "He can keep it in a bunch and leave it to others to administer after he is dead, or he can get it into action and have fun while he is still alive. I prefer getting it into action. That is why I give."