

*First Explorers of the Columbia*

Separates have been issued of Mr. J. Neilson Barry's article, "The First Explorers of the Columbia and Snake Rivers," which appeared in *The Geographical Review*, New York, for July, 1932. Mr. Barry has here embodied the results of long and careful study. The article is beautifully illustrated with maps and photographs. Future writers will use this article as well as those by the same author on different phases of the subject which have been published in the *Oregon* and *Washington Historical Quarterlies*.

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*Geographic Names Decisions*

Bulletins 17 and 18 cover the May and June meetings of the United States Geographic Board. While there was but one decision affecting the State of Washington there were a total of two hundred and nineteen devoted to Alaska and neighboring States in the Pacific Northwest. Alaska has the largest number of decisions, a total of seventy-nine; Montana, seventy-three; Wyoming sixty-three; Oregon, three. The one decision for Washington is as follows:

"Boundary: mountain ridge, altitude 5,219 feet, United States and Canada, crossed by the international boundary at 117° 14' 39", the American portion of which ridge is in sec. 4 T. 40 N. 44 E., Willamette meridian, Pend Oreille County, Wash. Name adopted in cooperation with the Geographic Board of Canada."

The three decisions for Oregon pertained to the spelling of Myers Creek and the recognition of names of two islands at Portland, one Hardtack has this explanation: "The original name of this island was Hardhack for the *spirea Douglasii* that grows on it." These three decisions were approved by the Oregon Geographic Board.

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*Soviet Russia*

Howard Woolston, Professor of Sociology in the University of Washington, has an article on "Propaganda in Soviet Russia" in *The American Journal of Sociology* for July, 1932. It has resulted from his personal investigations during a tour of the world in 1930.

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*Historical Research Council Honors*

The Trail Seekers Council was incorporated in 1924 for the purpose of promoting search for "Footprints in the sands of time" The name, however, caused confusion on account of other organiza-