

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 Quarterly*.

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.

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.

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-

tions with similar names, so on August 12th, 1932 the name was changed to the Historical Research Council. Hon. Homer D. Angell is President and J. Neilson Barry is Secretary. Shortly after the organization was incorporated it was decided to select one outstanding name each year for especial honor, and election as the Honorary Associate Member for that year in recognition for services in promoting Oregon History. Action upon this has been delayed in order to select appropriate names, and until the change in the name of the organization should be effected. The list has now been made public, and consists of the recognition of the valuable services of the following, arranged for the years in alphabetical order.

1924. Vincent Astor. The Astor Column, Astoria, Oregon.
1925. Henry J. Biddle,* The gift of Beacon Rock and his historical work in connection with Wishram Village.
1926. Ralph Budd, Memorial of historical localities in the Oregon Country.
1927. Judge Charles H. Carey, His books *History of Oregon* and *The Oregon Constitution* and other valuable services.
1928. Albert Hawkins.* For his numerous writings on Oregon History.
1929. Lewis A. McArthur. His book *Oregon Geographic Names* and other valuable services.
1930. Miss Nellie B. Pipes, For courteous and unselfish services as consultant in matters pertaining to Oregon History.
1931. Leslie M. Scott. For his work *The History of the Oregon Country* and other valuable services.
1932. Will G. Steel, For his efforts in promoting Crater National Park, and his efforts to promote Oregon History.

*Deceased.