

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *More McElroy Manuscripts*

Mrs. Harry B. McElroy has sent from her Olympia home another package of historical manuscripts. These useful materials will be promptly transferred to the University of Washington Library to serve history researchers for years to come.

This latest contribution of documents comprises papers saved from the estate of Bion F. Kendall, a remarkable pioneer from 1853 to 1862. He was a member of the railroad survey party of Governor Isaac I. Stevens, remaining in Olympia and filling, among others, the offices of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Prosecuting Attorney, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and proprietor of the *Overland Press*. He was murdered on January 7, 1863, and T. F. McElroy was appointed administrator. On the death of his father the papers fell to the keeping of Harry B. McElroy, who wished them to be saved for their history values.

Before his death on March 18, 1928, Mr. McElroy had sent two packages of the Kendall papers, acknowledgments of which were made in this *Quarterly* for July, 1919, pages 235-236, and for July, 1920, pages 77-79. The package now received from Mrs. McElroy, like the former ones, contains many important papers pertaining to those beginning days of the Territorial Government.

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### *The Nez Perce Trail*

Professor H. L. Talkington, head of the Department of History and Social Sciences, in the Lewiston State Normal School, Idaho, has made a careful study of the Nez Perce Trail and published it with a copy of Governor Isaac I. Stevens's map in a neighboring newspaper. In August, the Idaho State Historical Society decided to begin the "Historic logging of the trails and highways of Idaho." This one begins a series of articles on the subject. The people of Idaho will find the articles useful. Professor Talkington is the author of two volumes on *Heroes and Heroic Deeds of the Pacific Northwest*. Volume I has as subtitle "The Pioneers," and the other "Empire Builders." The State Board of Education has adopted the books for use in all Idaho schools.

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### *Professor Sage*

The Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia at the meeting in August, 1932, appointed Professor Walter N.