

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.

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.

Professor Sage

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

Sage, head of the Department of History. This promotion will be appreciated on both sides of the boundary. Professor Sage was a visiting member of the faculty of the University of Washington during several summer sessions.

Death of Doctor Seavey

Senator R. W. Condon kindly forwarded a clipping from the *Port Townsend Leader* of October 27, 1932, containing an obituary of Dr. Llewellyn T. Seavey who had passed away on Sunday, October 23. He was born in San Francisco in 1856 and during that same year the family moved to Port Ludlow. The friendly Indians were much excited over the appearance there of the first white woman and her baby. They kidnaped the baby but gave it up before the day was ended. The boy was educated in local schools and in Oregon and California. He studied medicine under Dr. G. V. Calhoun. For several years he served on ships in the California-Central American trade. He returned to Port Townsend in 1882 to continue the practice of his profession for the rest of life. He was one of Port Townsend's most prominent citizens.

Ancient Anchor of Rocks

Mr. W. R. Giffin has been seeking dependable information about an anchor on the top of Turtle Back Mountain, Orcas Island, in San Juan County, made of stones of varying sizes laid on the ground in the form of an anchor. He has published articles in the *Friday Harbor Journal* relating the theories of old pioneers. They remember that the stones were covered with moss in the old days and from that fact conjecture that the work may have been that of Spanish explorers at the close of the eighteenth century.

Two Simon Frasers

In a park of the City of New Westminster, British Columbia, there is a large statue on the pedestal of which is engraved: "Erected in honor of Simon Fraser to commemorate his discovery of the Fraser River 1808. New Westminster, September 1908."

The statue overlooks the river which has figured so often in the history of the Pacific Northwest. It is a deserved tribute to the explorer of the North West Company of Montreal.

In the recent revival of interest in the details of Canadian history there has arisen a conviction that there were two men of that name in the same company. W. S. Wallace discusses the question in *The Canadian Historical Review* for June, 1932, pages 183-