

“The Radisson Problem”

The history researchers in Minnesota are carrying on a discussion about Radisson's explorations in their vicinity. Since Radisson and Groseilliers had so much to do with the inception of the Hudson's Bay Company the details now being considered have a wide interest. The discussion was opened by Albert M. Goodrich and Dr. Grace Nute in the September issue of *Minnesota History* and Mr. Goodrich continues it in the December issue. The editor promises further discussion in future issues. It deals mostly with routes covered and Indians met in the middle of the seventeenth century.

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*Second Ascent of Mount Saint Helens*

An exceedingly rare pamphlet of historic interest has just come to light. It was saved by Elwood Evans and passed into the keeping of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Wilkeson, who sold it, with a number of manuscripts and other pamphlets, to Mr. Winlock Miller, Jr., of Seattle, a successful collector of Northwest Americana. The pamphlet was reprinted from the *Chronicle* of Vancouver, Washington Territory, by L. E. V. Coons in 1861. It is entitled *Gold Hunting in the Cascade Mountains*. The ascent of the mountain on September 28, 1860, was a side trip from the gold hunting. This feature of their work is discussed in *The Mountaineer* for December, 1932, pages 13-17. Mr. Miller has allowed the University of Washington Library to make a photostat copy of the rare pamphlet.

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*Centennial of School Work*

The *Oregon Historical Quarterly* for December, 1932, notes the centennial anniversary of the first school in the Pacific Northwest, begun by John Ball at Fort Vancouver in November, 1832. At a program of history in Portland on November 13, 1932, sponsored by Edith Tozier Weathered, Professor John B. Horner, of the Oregon Agricultural College, gave an address on John Ball and his first school.

The *Oregonian* for November 8, 1932, had published a letter from Mrs. Kate Ball Powers, daughter of John Ball, saying the pupils in that old school were mixed bloods and included David McLoughlin, William C. McKay, Ranald McDonald, Louis Le Bonte, Dominike Pambrun and Benjamin Harrison.