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*Parson Smith*

Acting Forest Supervisor Ed. E. Birkmaier at Okanogan has sent a copy of an old inscription. It was formerly reported by Forest Supervisor P. T. Harris who had sent a copy to the Regional Forester at Portland, asking for identifying information. The tree bearing the inscription stands near International Boundary Monument 86, not far from Pasayten River. The inscription is as follows: "I have roamed in foreign parts my boys and many lands have seen, but Columbia is idol yet of all she is the queen. Parson Smith, June 8, '86."

No identification of Parson Smith has appeared. The famous pioneer Hiram F. ("Okanogan") Smith had an orchard about fifty miles from there but he is not known to have been called "Parson." The Foresters think that Parson Smith may have been with one of the parties that surveyed or marked the boundary line.

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*Death of John Armstrong*

The Bremerton *News-Searchlight* for December 13, 1933, carries an obituary of John Armstrong by August Toellner, showing that he was a pioneer on Puget Sound since 1879. He had a remarkable career whaling, Arctic sailing, working in logging camps, the Navy Yard and elsewhere. He was born in New York. His great grandfather signed the Declaration of Independence and his grandfather was a carpenter on "Old Ironsides." When the restored frigate *Constitution* was at Seattle last summer, Armstrong trod her decks and said he was ready to die has his childhood dream had been realized.

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*Echoes From Missionary Days*

Mrs. Ella J. De Bell of West Point, Nebraska, has written some interesting facts about her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Beggs, formerly Mrs. J. H. Frost, one of the Methodist Missionaries at Fort Clatsop in 1841. In the issue of this Quarterly for October, 1907, (Vol. II., No. 1) there was published an extended interview with Mrs. Beggs who was then the last survivor of that missionary group. The recent letters from Mrs. De Bell are along the line of the memories then recorded.