

the fort. Other participants included representatives of prominent pioneers. Mrs. Kate Stevens Bates, daughter of the Territory's first Governor, Isaac I. Stevens, was present, as was S. F. Tolmie, grandson of Dr. William Fraser Tolmie who helped to establish the original fort. Dr. Joseph Huggins, of Philadelphia, represented his father, Edward Huggins, who was the final Hudson's Bay Company officer at the fort. Governor Clarence D. Martin of the State, Mayor George Smitley of the City, and Dr. A. G. Nace of the Metropolitan Park Board all offered congratulations on the achievement.

Elwood Evans, once Acting Governor of Washington Territory, must have been present in spirit. His daughter, Mrs. Samuel Wilkeson, was seriously ill in the hospital, but she was represented by Frank Spinning of Puyallup, who presented an old flag taken down from Fort Steilacoom in 1868 by Acting Governor Evans. The flag is to be saved in the Ferry Museum.

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*Agriculture in State Planning*

Edwin A. Smith, Managing Editor of the *Washington Farmer*, Spokane, has been issuing letters and charts that are convincing with their statistics and conclusions. History seems to have arrived at a point of change. Here is a sample of the statistics: "The State of Washington has a population per square mile of 23.4, as against 528.6 for Massachusetts; 264.2 for New York; 131.8 for New England; 262.6 for the Middle Atlantic States." On such a showing this question is based: "Is it better to have 1,563,396 population in Washington and part of our resources idle, or to have 3,000,000 population and the entire resources of our state more fully developed?"

Again by the same author are statements and questions like these: "The six New England States could be put into the State of Washington. Why should the six New England States, together having about the same land area and about the same total in farms as Washington State, have over five times the population?"

In similar ways he discusses manufactures and such problems as foreign-born and native-born people in the various areas.

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