

*Death of Herbert Clay Fish*

Many friends in the Northwest, including Indians of various tribes, were shocked on the morning of October 23 to learn that Herbert C. Fish had dropped dead of heart failure on the evening before at Wenatchee. He had gone there for an extension class from the Washington State Normal School at Ellensburg where he had long been serving as head of the history department.

In North Dakota he began the study of Northwestern history when he acquired skill to use the sign language in talking with Indians. This he continued when he entered the University of Washington as a graduate student. His Master of Arts thesis in 1920 was "The Early Development of the Northern Route from the Dakota Land to the Pacific." On attaining his degree he immediately entered upon his service at the Washington State Normal School at Ellensburg, the Vice President of which institution, Henry J. Whitney, contributed a beautiful eulogy of him to the *Washington Education Journal* for December, 1934.

Publications by Professor Fish include *A History of North Dakota*, *Our Government in Washington*, and *Our State of Washington*. He was a frequent lecturer before Teachers' Institutes throughout the State and for the last six years was a contributing editor of the *Washington Historical Quarterly*.

Elsewhere in this issue, his colleague, Professor George F. Beck, suggests a memorial to Professor Fish by naming for him the Herber Fish Cove as a part of the proposed Ginkgo Petrified Forest National Monument. On the walls of that cove are remarkable Indian paintings.

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*The "Lone Tree" Destroyed*

On Damon's Point, at the entrance to Grays Harbor, stood an old spruce tree until the destructive gale of October 21, when it was thrown to the ground. It was alone on the sand and welcomed Captain Robert Gray when he discovered the harbor on May 7, 1792. It greeted mariners all the years since and was affectionately known as the "Lone Tree." The Daughters of the American Revolution, Robert Gray Chapter, had placed a bronze tablet at the foot of the tree to mark its historic meaning. Mrs. H. W. Patton salvaged some of the broken limbs and sent a specimen to the University of Washington as an interesting relic.