

The Diary of Amelia Stewart Knight

The University of Washington Library has received, as a gift, the diary kept by Mrs. Amelia Stewart Knight while crossing the plains from Iowa to Oregon in 1853. This diary was printed in the *Transactions of the Oregon Pioneer Association* for 1928, pages 38-54, but the manuscript original constitutes a most welcome addition to the archives of the University. With the Diary has been presented also the wooden writing desk upon which the day by day account was written. This desk is a home-made box with space for paper, pens, and ink. It is so hinged as to open out into a writing desk to hold upon the lap.

The Library is indebted for the gift to Dr. N. R. Knight, a grandson of the diarist, who told Professor Meany of this prized document, then in possession of his uncle, Mr. "Chat" Knight of Vancouver, Washington. In October, 1934, Professor Meany wrote to Mr. Chatfield Knight suggesting the gift, with the result that the latter directed that the diary be presented to the University of Washington. Mr. Knight's death occurred in December, 1934, before the transfer had been made. His daughter, Miss Amelia Knight, has now sent both the diary and desk for safe-keeping in library archives. These two memorials form an unusual exhibit of covered-wagon days.

The Completion of Sabin Insured

Students of American History will be glad to learn of the encouraging outlook for the completion of Sabin's *Dictionary of Books Relating to America*. A year ago, it looked as though it would be hopeless to bring the work to a successful termination. An additional grant of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation, however, insures the completion of the compilation. The editor, Mr. R. W. G. Vail, reports the volumes as nearly finished and the titles under George Washington are virtually done. He sees no reason why subscribers should not receive their final installment of the publication before the end of 1936.

Biography of Asa S. Mercer in Preparation

Miss Dorothy Weintz of Hyattsville, Wyoming, is actively at work securing material for a biography of her grandfather, Asa