

NEWS DEPARTMENT

The Associates of Eighty-Nine

This new organization of the men and women who were living in Seattle at the time of the great fire held its first "family party" on the anniversary of the fire—June 6. All the speakers had had some duty to perform during or immediately after the fire. Josiah Collins, chief of the volunteer fire department in 1889, was toastmaster. Clark Davis gave the invocation. Vivian M. Carkeek, historian of the new organization, gave an address beautifully illustrated with stereopticon views on "The Seattle Fire." The rest of the programme was as follows: "City Administration of '89," by Hon. Samuel H. Piles; "Guarding the Burned District," by Major E. S. Ingraham; "The Governor's Proclamation," by Hon. Miles C. Moore; "Seattle Before the Fire," by Professor Edmond S. Meany; "The Volunteer Fire Department," by Gardner Kellogg "June 6th, 1889—Seattle's Transition Day," by George F. Cotterill; "The Press of '89," by J. B. Nelson; "The Good Little Fairy," by Mrs. J. T. Handsaker; "Physical Changes Made Possible by the Fire," by R. H. Thomson; "The Departed Eighty-niners," by Hon. C. H. Hanford.

During the program there was a chorus of shouts and a gang of newsboys entered to distribute "extras," consisting of photographic facsimiles of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer issued on the morning after the fire. It is needless to say that these were saved as souvenirs of the occasion. Another souvenir was the reproduction of Mayor Robert Moran's proclamation of June 6, 1889.

Washington Pioneers

The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington held its thirty-fourth annual meeting and reunion at its hall in Seattle on June 4 and 5, 1917. On the first day the reports of officers were received and other business was transacted, closing with the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Edmond S. Meany; Vice President, Henry C. Comegys of Snohomish; Chaplain, Rev. A. Atwood; Secretary, Major W. V. Rinehart; Treasurer, William M. Calhoun; Trustees, James McCombs, M. R. Maddocks, Leander Miller, W. H. Puhmphyrey and Frank H. Winslow.

On the second day the principal address was given by General Hazard Stevens on "Pioneers and Patriotism." The audience felt that

the topic was peculiarly appropriate for the day on which the young men of the nation were registering for service under their country's call.

Delegates were present and gave greetings from their organizations to the State Association as follows: Donald McInnes, President of the Clallam County Pioneer Association; W. F. Oliver, President of the Stillaguamish Valley Association of Washington Pioneers; Mrs. Charles E. Hill, delegate of the Pierce County Pioneer Association; H. M. Williams, President, and Lillie L. Crawford, Secretary, Kitsap County Pioneer Association; David Longmire, President of the Yakima Pioneers' Association. Letters were received from Mrs. Charles L. Denny, delegate from the Seattle Historical Society, and from C. E. Ivey, Secretary of the Lincoln and Adams County Pioneer and Historical Association. It is expected that this feature of the annual meeting will increase in importance and interest as the years go on.

Mrs. Frances Goin presented the Association with a pen drawing of the Schooner *Exact*, which brought the colony to Alki Point on November 13, 1851, from which has grown the city of Seattle. The drawing was the last work of her father, John S. Alexander, who was a passenger on the *Exact*, but continued on to Olympia instead of landing at Alki. Mr. Alexander attended last year's reunion, though he passed over the "Great Divide" before this year's meeting. For these reasons the picture has a particular interest for the pioneers.

History in Railroad Literature

Kenneth C. Kerr, editor of *Railway and Marine News* of Seattle, has collected all available folders and pamphlets issued by American railway companies in which the subject of history is treated. As is well known, the railway companies use the finest printing and illustrative material. Historic scenes and localities are often beautifully described and illustrated.

From these materials, Mr. Kerr has been preparing a series of articles for his magazine under the caption, "American History as Told in Transportation Literature." He is now presenting the entire collection of original pamphlets and folders to the University of Washington library.

National Board for Historical Service

Soon after the United States had entered the war, the Carnegie Institution of Washington, through its Department of Historical Research, invited a score of well known students of history to assemble