

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Death of General Stevens*

In the last issue of this *Quarterly* there was an article about the successful celebration of the forty-eighth anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Rainier. The principal figure of the celebration was the last survivor of the climbers—General Hazard Stevens. He located the site of the original camp where the Indian guide Sluiskin waited while General Stevens and P. B. Van Trump made the ascent. That site is now marked by a cairn and The Mountaineers plan to place a permanent monument there.

The name of General Stevens is so permanently associated with the mountain that his friends now rejoice that he was given that last glad day on its snow and ice. Just two months later—October 16, 1918, the family and close friends gathered at a funeral, restricted by the influenza, at the General's loved home "Cloverfields" near Olympia.

He had died while attending an historic event in Eastern Washington. The Washington State Historical Society was marking the place where Indian Agent Andrew J. Bolon was killed by the Yakima Indians in September, 1855, which was one of the events causing the Indian wars. General Stevens, as vice-president of the society, took his part, but on returning to his hotel at Goldendale he was stricken and died in a few days.

His was one of the most interesting careers in the history of the Territory and State of Washington. He accompanied his father when the Indian treaties were made in 1855. He was on his father's staff in the Civil War and when the General was killed while leading his troops at Chantilly, the son, recovering from wounds, continued and was mustered out the youngest brigadier-general in the army. He then devoted himself to the care of his mother and was active as lawyer, author, and in his last years as farmer. In his death the cause of history in the Pacific Northwest has lost an inspiring friend and a valiant worker.

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### *Valuable Newspaper Gift*

H. E. Holmes, of the Stewart & Holmes Drug Company, writes that he has a file of the weekly *Seattle Intelligencer* for the years 1871, 1872 and 1873, which he proposes to place in the Library of the University of Washington. This is the most valuable gift since Mrs.