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We are sending a copy of the news story referring to the Streamer and Kearney collections recently acquired by the Society. We thought you would be interested in knowing just how effective such publicity is to the Society. As a result of this story much more material is coming.

First, more Streamer manuscripts were offered by a lady in Buckley. The editor of the Omak Chronicle and a Tacoma author are exploring Streamer leads in the Okanogan country. Members of the Chelan County Historical Society are scouring the area for pictures and other manuscripts for us. Two of these people knew Streamer personally. One scholar has already annotated much of the Streamer collection at the Museum.

Because of the interest stirred locally we are acquiring three important diaries: one, an Overland crossing with Marcus Whitman; two, an early crossing to Lewis County; three, a Virginia-to-Washington Territory in the 1880's account. A gentleman brought a collection of Isaac Stevens letters to be copied, letters regarding his youth and West Point career. He also brought correspondence from Peter Force, the man who did most to start the manuscript collections of the Library of Congress.

The Society also got several new members. And last, a man was stimulated to bring in several beautiful wood carvings of native birds! All in all, a most successful story!

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