

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD OF CURATORS

August 7, 1965

The Board meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held at the Museum in Tacoma on August 7, 1965, Mr. Reno Odlin presiding.

Present:

Gov. Evans	Mrs. Weyerhaeuser	Mr. Green	Mrs. Scott
Mrs. Evans	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Burnham	Rev. Davis
Mr. Gordon	Dr. Whitner	Dr. Cory	Mr. Murray
Mr. Relander	Mr. Hitchman	Dr. Thompson	Mr. N. Jones
Mr. Shaub	Dr. Deutsch	Dr. Jones	Mr. Foster(Dir.Em
		Mr. Jukes	Mr. Le Roy(Direct

Minutes of the April 17 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Mr. Gordon and approved as read. A copy of this report is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

Library Committee: Mrs. Scott reported that a major collection was being received - the papers of General Maurice Thompson, Adjutant General for the state of Washington for nearly 30 years. Much more than military history is included, however. Will Thompson, the general's father, a Tacoma attorney early in the century, was also a writer and friend of many major authors of the time. Letters to Will included such names as Ambrose Bierce, James Whitcomb Riley, Lew Wallace, and others. We have started a cooperative program with the University of Puget Sound whereby such items can be microfilmed or collected by the UPS Library, where they will be of great assistance in the UPS graduate studies program. Manuscripts we receive not specifically related to Pacific Northwest or basic American history will be directed to UPS. They, in turn, will direct Pacific Northwest history our way. Thanks to Dr. Thompson, UPS president and our Board member, we have had and are expanding, a fine working relationship between Society and University.

The descendants of Daniel Bigelow, pioneer Washington legislator, are permitting us to copy the Bigelow diary, documents and related papers in the Bigelow Collection. The Bigelow Diary contains descriptions of the funeral of John Quincy Adams, of Daniel Webster, Sam Houston - all from Bigelow's memories of Harvard school days - not memories, they are daily diary entries; then the account moves to Washington Territory. We will borrow a number of early territorial newspapers for display in the Museum this winter.

We are expecting a visit soon from Dr. Henrik Enander, of the University of Stockholm, who is coming to examine the William Hunter Collection. The Swedish historian joins

with many foreign historians who have made the long trip to Tacoma to use our growing research collections. Our Library is becoming well known to historical scholars. And isn't that our purpose ?

We are sorry to report that Miss Seders, one of our librarians, has resigned to enter graduate work at the University of Washington. We are starting to recruit for a replacement now.

Museum Committee: Mr. Shaub called the attention of the Board to the "Tacoma 1890" portfolio of prints sponsored by the Puget Sound National Bank. The original art was commissioned by the Bank as part of its celebration of a 75th anniversary. Ten top artists from Tacoma painted scenes of historic interest of the 1890 period. After the paintings are displayed at branch banks, the Bank will turn them over permanently to the Museum.

Four large paintings, showing important periods in the life of first territorial Governor, Isaac I. Stevens, are being made by staff artist, Kenn Johnson. These will be a background for the Stevens Exhibit in McCormick Hall. We have a number of Stevens pieces which were received in the past year. Desks and chairs made for him in the Sandwich Islands in the 1850's were deposited here by the Thomas Burke Museum, in Seattle. A clock used when Olympia first became territorial capitol was placed with the exhibit recently. The Stevens paintings will show: cadet at West Point; exploring for railroad surveys; treaty council at Walla Walla; Civil War battle of Chantilly.

To complete the Todd Collection exhibits, two large screens have been placed in glass cases in the Oriental wing. The entire wing has been rearranged to make room for the rare screens (Chinese). The cost of the cases was borne by Mr. Todd's gift.

The Elks Club of Tacoma have permitted us to examine historical items that may be deposited here when they move to new quarters in<sup>N</sup> Fircrest. The staff examined many items and have given a list of request to the Elks for consideration. Paintings by Southworth and Sammon; some books; chairs to be placed on each floor of the Museum; etc. The gift or deposit of these items would serve us very well, since a limited budget precludes purchase of furniture, etc.

Summer attendance has been swelled ten-fold by the visits of special summer school groups, a result of the new federal program for "disadvantaged youth". Eventually, we may be eligible for some federal funds through the schools to aid this work.

Publications Committee: Mr. Hitchman reported that the Committee had accepted the bid of the Kingsport Press to print "A Pioneer's Search", our next book. It has also been decided to have 1500 copies printed which will lower production costs considerably.

We have received a thesis on John McLoughlin's business correspondence which is being read by the committee. The thesis needs an index, among other things, but looks like a real candidate for our list. A proposal by the University of Washington Press that we consider co-sponsoring an extended list of reprints of western classics, now is referred for study.

A catalogue, EARLY WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES IN ART, reproducing many of the best pictures in the current exhibit, telling a little about towns represented, biographical sketches of the artists (where available) will be published as next in our pamphlet series. Mr. Le Roy is preparing the pamphlet now.

Special Report: Mr. Green reported that the Jefferson County Historical Society has requested the Port Commissioners to name the Port Townsend Yacht Basin in memory of Tom McCurdy, son of a distinguished pioneer family from Port Townsend. Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to commend the Jefferson County Historical Society for its research and recommendation to the Port Commission, with the added hope that the recommendation be favorably received.

Special Report: Dr. Whitner reported that the famous Kinsey logging pictures, taken from 1892 to the 1940's, were for sale in Seattle. The price, which started at \$20,000 was now ~~d~~ down to half that price. It was recommended that the matter be explored and a report be made back to the Board at the next meeting.

Director's Report: Mr. Le Roy reported that the increasing demands being made upon our services are startling. In the past few months we have had requests from: the Department of the Interior (an Indian show in Washington); the National Park Service (National Historic Sites investigations); the National Office of Education (Elementary and Secondary Education Act); the State Highway Department (do new freeways violate historic sites?); Department of Commerce & Economic Development; Senator Jackson's office (re Bigelow House), and many more. All these are added to regular and routine programs, such as school tours, etc. Only the same number of staff, however.

Citizens around the state are upset about the proposal to tear down the Governor's Mansion. The legislative committee proposed the Mansion be repaired this year at a cost of \$80,000, then to be torn down during the next biennium with a new one to be erected. Governor and Mrs. Evans want the Mansion saved. The Capitol architect stated that the Mansion has no historic significance. The building has served 54 years out of 76 years of Washington's statehood, which is a fair slice of history. (Discussion followed and it was resolved unanimously that the Board of Curators for the Washington State Historical Society go on record as believing the Executive Mansion does have historic value and its future should be considered with that in mind.)

During the next biennium a study will probably be made of those candidates proposed for Statuary Hall in the national Capitol. Governor Evans will probably appoint an advisory committee to study the matter and to make a recommendation to him before the next Legislature convenes. Thus, he can make a careful recommendation to the Legislature, after all candidates have been tested and screened by the Committee.

Descendants of the famous "Keil Colony", near South Bend, are getting together material concerning the Colony's history for our archives. The farm near the grave of Willie Keil is going to be sold and the family is anxious that the historic site be preserved. On Shaw Island, Mr. Le Roy met with a group who are organizing a local historical society. Activity continues in the organization of local societies around the state and we are called on for help.

The Budget was increased to \$131,000 state funds by the recent Legislature-- this is an increase of nearly \$12,000. The New Wing request will be passed on by the voters at the general election of 1966, with the Society committed to match the state funds dollar for dollar. (\$339,000 for the state, the same amount for us). Our drive will begin after President Odlin is relieved of the burdens of the Presidency of the American Banking Association.

Mr. Le Roy informed the Board that he had been asked to accept an appointment to serve on the Editorial Board of "The American West", the historical journal of the Western History Association. This would give another outlet for the publication of

regional historical materials. It is also fine recognition for the Washington State Historical Society, since the Western History Association includes the top regional historians in its membership.

Through' the help of Dr. Whitner permission has been received from the Washington family to borrow the rare Washington family glass and chinaware for exhibit sometime in the near future. They have never been publicly shown before.

New Business: President Odlin and the Board greeted Governor and Mrs. Evans who arrived at this point. Governor Evans responded and told the Board how he and Mrs. Evans were glad the opportunity had arisen permitting their visit. He expressed his and Mrs. Evans' appreciation for the help the Society had given in placing historic objects in the Executive Mansion. The Society expects to continue with this help. (Following the meeting, Governor and Mrs. Evans had a short tour of the Museum).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF CURATORS  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December 11, 1965

The meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the Library of the Museum in Tacoma on December 11, 1965, Mr. Odlin presiding.

Present:

Mr. Shaub	Mr. Jukes	Mr. Green
Mrs. Weyerhaeuser	Mrs. Emmons	Mrs. Scott
Mrs. Anderson	Mr. Long	Dr. Thompson
Mr. Murray	Mr. Relander	Dr. Cory
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Dawley	Dr. Deutsch
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Burnham	Mr. Foster (Dir. Em.)
		Mr. Le Roy (Director)

The Minutes of the August 14, 1965 meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Mr. Gordon. A copy of this is attached and made a part of these minutes.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Scott reported that the Library has purchased a number of important new books, and are displayed for you now. These books were acquired through the regular budgeted funds.

We are still recruiting for a professional librarian. In the past two months we have had the services of Mrs. Susan Cordsen who has been of great help, not only in the Library, but also working in accessions to help in the vacancy caused by Mrs. Taplin's illness. Unfortunately, Mrs. Cordsen's husband will be transferred to California in January. We will continue to recruit for both positions.

Our manuscript acquisitions have been small since the August meeting but, among other things, we received an interesting history of Claquato--the village, the church, and the founder Lewis Davis. This came from Mr. Roscoe Doane who spoke to the Lewis County Historical Society on the subject. We are continuing to work with Mrs. Thompson to acquire the many papers of General Thompson which we discussed at the August meeting.

The Board has received from the Society two news stories of special interest. One concerned the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Henrik Enander, from Stockholm, and the other was the reprint of the famed "Medicine Creek Treaty". Enander's work centered upon our collection of the papers of William Hunter, many-times assistant secretary of state and several times acting secretary of state. He read about the collection while at the University of Stockholm and made the trip here to work on the papers. The Medicine Creek Treaty was reprinted by the Tacoma News Tribune at our request to satisfy many queries arising from the Puyallup-Nisqually Indian fishing controversy.

One of the library problems which Mrs. Cordsen arranged was our map collection. It is now better organized and we hope before long to purchase map cabinets to house the collection adequately. Of course, many of the problems of shelving, storage and accessibility will be solved when we move into our new wing with new and expanded library quarters.

A year ago we acquired some 2,000 letters from and to the Northern Pacific Railway about homesteading. We also received letters and a diary belonging to the family of Mary Todd Lincoln. These came from Mr. William McGreer, of Selah, who offered them in exchange for historic "covers" - envelopes bearing early Washington or northwest postmarks. Mr. Le Roy asked the help of the Board in acquiring such and was authorized to make the trade. No help was forthcoming. Mr. McGreer now requests to be paid \$400 for the lot. This is a great bargain.

Mrs. Scott here introduced a resolution that Mr. William McGreer be paid \$400 for the 2000 plus Northern Pacific letters and for the letters and diary of Robert Todd. The resolution was seconded and unanimously passed authorizing the issuance of a check for \$400 to Mr. McGreer and paying the account in full.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: The Puget Sound National Bank celebrated its 75th Anniversary by commissioning 10 artists to paint scenes of Tacoma in 1890. The ten paintings were displayed in all the branch banks and now have been presented officially to our Society by Mr. Reno Odlin, chairman of the board of the Puget Sound National Bank, and, of course, our own President. One painting, that of Annie Wright Seminary, was presented by the Bank to the Seminary.

The Puget Sound National Bank also gave us its beautiful director's table. We are seated at it today and it contains an engraved plate telling of the gift. (Mr. Shaub then offered a resolution of thanks to the Puget Sound National Bank which was seconded and unanimously passed).

In McCormick Hall our staff artist, Kenn Johnson, has completed four new paintings detailing significant episodes in the life of Isaac Ingalls Stevens, first territorial governor of Washington. The cases are being rebuilt, too, and the entire exhibit revised.

The "Exhibit of the Month" case holds part of a new collection of rare bells willed to the Society by Mrs. Leone T. Burns. They make a lovely Christmas display. Sufficient funds were willed and given by friends to build a good case for the display. The exhibit case will be built in our shop.

Three fine exhibits from Hudloft Junior High School have been placed on display. They are: a maritime chart of all known shipwrecks on the Northwest Coast; a map of the state's resources; a miniature blacksmith's shop. Sometime ago the students at Wilson High School built and donated accurate scale models of two pioneer forts. These student projects greatly interest visiting school classes.

Four Junior Leaguers have helped fill the need for school guides since Mrs. Taplin became seriously ill. (Mr. Shaub here introduced a resolution of thanks to Mrs. Carolyn Titus, Mrs. Mary Latimer, Mrs. Ginger Ellison, Mrs. Connie Moore. It was seconded and passed unanimously).

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We have been promised a large iron sign bearing the name of the Society to be placed on the front of the building. This through the help of Mr. Edward Schultz, of the Marine Iron Works.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: In the absence of Mr. Hitchman Mr. McClelland reported for the committee. The Publications Fund has been increased by the gift of \$1,000 from Miss Ruby Blackwell which establishes the Blackwell Memorial Publications Fund. The Fund will be increased from time to time, says the donor, who asked that the first use be the underwriting of the publication of EARLY WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES IN ART. This pamphlet is the fourth in our historical pamphlet series. 1000 copies are being printed at this report.

A PIONEER'S SEARCH FOR AN IDEAL HOME is at Kingsport. As service beyond the call of duty, Mr. Hitchman is reading the galley proofs at Fort Myers, Virginia, where he is presently on temporary active duty. We hope to have the book out by the time of the Annual Meeting.

John Ewers, curator at the Smithsonian Institution, has agreed to edit a book about Gustavus Sohon. The book will include sketches from the fine collection owned by the Society, some from the Smithsonian collection, some from other new sources. The University of Washington Press is interested in publishing this for the Society. Mr. Ewers is an authority on western art and several years ago did a pamphlet on Sohon.

The Business Correspondence of Dr. John McLoughlin, edited by William Sampson, is making the rounds of the Publications Committee. So far the response is favorable, accepting the fact the book will never be wildly popular.

Mr. McClelland offered some comparative figures on the activities of the Oregon Historical Society. Their total budget is \$335,000; the capital budget this year is three million dollars (a new museum being built); their Library receives 14% of the working operating budget; and the Society has a fulltime staff of 17 people.

SPECIAL REPORT: Mr. McClelland reported his conversations with James Wehn, eminent Seattle sculptor, concerning a possible medal from Wehn's design for special awards from the Society. Mr. McClelland pointed out that an awards program had been set up by Board action many years ago, but never activated. He recommended that it be placed in effect starting with the next Annual Meeting.

From his and Mr. Le Roy's visits to Mr. Wehn it was determined that a suitable medal could be engraved from a Wehn design. (Mr. McClelland favored the Captain Robert Gray portrait). Total cost of design, engraving and striking the medals would be about \$1000, giving us at least a 20 year supply. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that \$1000 be authorized for the commissioning of a suitable Award medal. (Following the meeting Mrs. Weyerhaeuser very generously offered to contribute the necessary \$1000 to activate the award program).

President Odlin appointed Mrs. Scott, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Hitchman, Dr. Carstensen and Dr. Whitner to serve as judges for selection the winner of the first award to be given at the annual meeting in May. Mr. McClelland is to serve as chairman.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Le Roy told of two new assignments given the Society: service on the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Advisory Committee; service (together with several Board members) on the Governor's Design for Washington program. The Design for Washington Conference just concluded made recommendations re historic preservation in the state. It recommended establishment of a Landmarks Commission which would set up methods of inventorying historic sites (with, we trust, funds and people to do it).

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Our personnel situation has been mentioned in committee reports. We are trying to recruit a professional librarian and a museum assistant. We just replaced a custodian who was with us four months and left for a job in the Post Office. The rest of the staff has had to work exceptionally hard to fill the gaps left in our ranks. They all deserve highest praise. Incidentally, there are 20 jobs open to every professional librarian in the country.

For the public education program looking forward to a vote on the bond issue this Fall the University of Washington asked us to join them in the public appeal. Mr. Dawley, of our Board, has kindly consented to work with the University people on this important program. The Bond bill, you recall, is for \$339,000 to be matched by an equal amount raised by the Society.

Mr. Le Roy asked that the greetings and best wishes of the Board be sent to Mrs. Elizabeth Taplin, forced by serious illness to retire after many years of faithful service. The Board so ordered. It was suggested that life memberships be given her and Mr. John Gipplé, long-time staff carpenter-taxidermist, who retired last year. The Board approved and instructed that greetings and best wishes be sent.

Mr. Le Roy reported that the papers carried erroneous information about the state auditor's prohibition of discounts to members on the sale of books and Society publications. The only criticism is issuing discounts to Society staff members which is a preferential treatment, according to the auditor. The giving of discounts to any but members of the Society will be discontinued. Mr. Le Roy pointed out that the only reason was to encourage staff members to continue their pursuit of knowledge of state and regional history and that small discounts encouraged them to purchase books and pamphlets for their own use. He also felt that this enjoinder was illogical just as it would be to a university bookstore which refused faculty discounts. However, we will conform. Perhaps some angel can be found who will contribute to a staff reference fund, or something, some day.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Anderson asked that the figures concerning the Oregon Historical Society program be made available to the next legislature and the proper committees, saying that such a glaring contrast to what is provided for the program here might be enlightening.

Mr. Dawley spoke of the necessity for encouraging gifts to the Society from here on to be used as matching funds if the bond bill passes in November. He said the more we have to show by then the better our chances of passage. President Odlin stated that there would be a meeting of the Planning Committee in January to set in motion a drive for funds. Dr. Carstensen stated that cooperation from the University of Washington could be expected to help publicizing the forthcoming vote.

Mr. Foster expressed thanks for the fine help he had received from the Library staff, especially Mrs. Ibbotson, in the preparation of the new History of the Methodist Church in the Pacific Northwest. He said the book, nearly completed, would have 504 pages and about 4500 copies would be printed. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the next annual meeting be held May 6th; that it be a dinner meeting; that it fall the first week in May hereafter. Since the Board was informed of this approaching change two meetings before this represents a change in the by-laws of the Society.

Dr. Deutsch recommended that the membership committee explore the possibility of raising dues, that student memberships be considered; that the Publications Committee explore a joint imprint with the University of Washington Press; (Mr. Le Roy stated that he and Mr. Hitchman had had several meetings with Dr. Carstensen and Mr. Ellegood,

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exploring the matter. ) Dr. Deutsch also offered a resolution asking that the Director be asked to check on the possibility of NDEA fellowships . These might be set up through either of the local universities. He could then report to the Executive Committee which would be empowered to act. The resolution was approved.

Mr. Murray recommended that members of the Board write to the ex-officio members inviting them to attend board meetings. Mr. Dawley commented that Governor Evans hoped to attend the annual meeting in May.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 11, 1958

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A meeting of the Executive Committee was held September 11, 1958 on the call of the Chairman, in the Society's Library, beginning at 5 o'clock.

The following were present: Reno Odlin, Chairman; Robert Hitchman, Joshua Green, Sr., E. K. Murray, Roe E. Shaub, Guy T. Pierce. Chapin D. Foster and Bruce LeRoy were present.

Acquisition of the library of the late L. A. Kibbe was the first matter to be discussed. It was stated by Mr. Hitchman that Mrs. Kibbe, on the advice of her son and sister, is ready to accept the proposal made during Prof. Kibbe's lifetime, of a payment of \$50 per month for life, his library to become the property of the Society immediately.

The importance of the library was emphasized by members of the Committee. Chairman Odlin summarized the discussion by stating that without doubt the library contains an outstanding collection that could not be replaced, that we have the money with which to carry out the proposal, and was confident that funds from the outside could be obtained if necessary.

Mr. Shaub moved that the Society pay Mrs. Kibbe \$50 per month for life in return for her late husbands library, payments to be made from Society income so far as possible. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hitchman and carried.

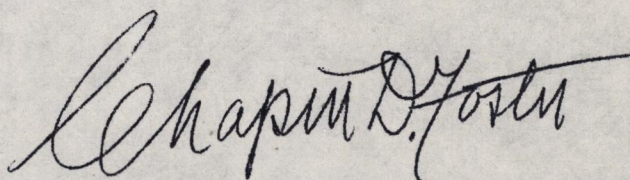
Mr. Murray was requested to put the transaction in proper form for signature by Mrs. Kibbe and the Society.

Mr. Shaub made a report on the Budget as submitted to the Division of Budget. He stated that the amount submitted for Salaries and Wages totaled \$85,768. Operations \$49,240, making a total of \$135,008. This was somewhat higher than the current budget but included some items that it would be impossible to avoid. It also included an assistant director, a request that had been made in previous budgets and eliminated at

Olympia. He assumed that there would be no repetition of an arbitrary reduction of 15% from amounts appropriated by the Legislature.

A letter was read from Gen. George M. Haskett, Adjutant General of the National Guard, requesting that, if possible, five old ledgers containing the clothing records of each individual of the First Washington Territorial Infantry for the period 1862-1865 at present in our Library, be turned over to his department inasmuch as they now have adequate, safe storage. Inasmuch as a principle is involved, the Committee felt that the records should be held by the Society but that permission should be granted to the National Guard to microfilm them for their own records. The Director was directed to so advise Gen. Haskett. Under the provisions of the state law making the Society a repository for state records, the committee felt that might not legally be in a position to comply with the request, but should cooperate as far as possible.

The question was raised as to whether or not the Society is listed officially for the deduction of gifts for tax purposes. The Director stated he was certain all necessary steps had been taken. Following the meeting he checked with the Internal Revenue Department and was informed that the book listing qualified agencies is several years old, that no date had been given out as to when a new list would be published, but that when it was done all agencies which had received certificates, would be automatically listed. This Society has received the necessary Certificate. This indicates that nothing can be done officially but wait for the publication of a new list.



CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Director

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Howard Burnham cautions against us being afraid to publish something with "widespread popular appeal." "Other factors being equal," he writes, "the greater the popular appeal, the higher priority." If we should undertake to reprint long out of print material, Mr. Burnham suggests that where original format permits, facsimile reproduction be used. This means photographing original pages rather than setting new type, and is an economical as well as satisfactory method of publication. Mr. Burnham says we should attempt to have format, typography and cover design as attractive as possible so that the books we undertake to publish would rank high on the collector's preferred list. He also makes a plea for good maps, either good reproductions of contemporaneous cartography, or good modern maps showing both present and obsolete place names.

On the aims and purpose of the Society's publications program, Robert Hitchman says, "I place scholarship above all other considerations. We should produce books of such high quality that they will set a standard and win some recognition and respect for the organization. Public demand and salability are secondary factors, although there is no reason why a scholarly book cannot be a popular one." Mr. Hitchman brings up the problem of distribution and sales. "This I know," he says, "books will not sell themselves, no matter what they're worth. The more books we can sell, the more we can publish, and so sales are a vital part of the picture." Mr. Hitchman says that the purposes of the Publications Committee can be served in another way by helping Dr. Gates in the selection of material for use in the Pacific Northwest Quarterly. This would pertain particularly to material of less than book length. And if we wanted, we could arrange to have type of an article in The Quarterly saved and booklets offprinted from it for sale.

Mr. Hitchman raises several pertinent questions. Who will edit our publications? Who will pass on the items that are submitted for publication? Will we try to keep our publications within a price bracket? Will the publications program pay its way or will the Society subsidize it to an extent?

(In response to the above questions, the chairman believes that there are many members of the Society who are quite capable of editing publications, and who would be willing to do so if given the assignment by the committee. He would prefer to see the Publications Committee as a whole pass on items submitted for publication, making selections from a list of priority material. It would be unrealistic for the Society to expect a publications program initially to pay its own way. Historical material of the type we are talking about just does not sell that well. If we cannot proceed without the expectation that we are to be self-sustaining from the outset, the high quality we are talking about here would have to be sacrificed.)

From the foregoing I think it can be said that we are in general agreement about the type of publication program we would like to undertake.

Next, then, we must undertake the following:

1. Preparation of a list of subject matter that could be submitted to the committee as a whole for expressions of preference. In this connection I would like to appoint Robert Hitchman as chairman of the subcommittee on subject matter. Let each of us send to him any suggestions that we have for book length material, either material heretofore unpublished, or out of print books which seem deserving of reprinting.

2. Make a study of cost requirements of a program that would permit publication of possibly two books per year, and submit a proposal to the Board of Curators.

3. Confer with potential publishers on the matter of costs, distribution, design, etc.

I would like to ask Mr. Burnham to serve with me on a subcommittee to work on these latter two undertakings.

I have conferred with Thomas Vaughn, director of the Oregon Historical Society and editor of that Society's quarterly, about the Oregon society's program. It seems that Oregon has severed its relations with Binfords & Mort, and that its book publications program may be suspended for the time being. I gather that the Oregon Society's book publishing program in the recent past has not been entirely satisfactory.

Bob Hitchman has talked with Dick Abel, the owner of Champoeg Press, and said Abel expressed an interest in making an offer to us about publications. Charles Gates suggests that we might work out a sales arrangement with the University of Washington Press. Both of these suggestions will be explored.

Other matters that have come to the attention of the committee are the following:

Judge Langenbach of South Bend submitted a long narrative poem on the history of Willie Keil and asked if we would be interested in publishing it. We replied that we would not, since we are considering no contemporary writings at this time. Milton Gold, supervisor of curriculum in the office of the superintendent of public instruction, suggests the possibility of publishing the maps of J. Neilson Barry. I have conferred with Barry recently, and examined some of his maps, and know that they are hardly suitable in their present form for publication. They were not drawn for publication, and would require considerable retouching and general overhauling in order to be made suitable for reproduction by engraving or lithography. It is true that Mr. Barry is now 84 and that he has made no provision for disposition of his maps after he has passed on. We should try to keep track of them, for they are becoming scattered. Some have gone into the hands of the historical section of the Parks Commission. I think we acquired some for the Society's library in Tacoma.

cc: Chapin Foster  
Reno Odlin

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