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A communication was received this week from Professor Edmond S. Meany, secretary of the State Historical Society in which he sets forth plans that were outlined at the Spokane County Teachers Institute last session.

The question at that time was brought up as to the best way in which to preserve the history of the state. The solution of the problem was developed in the plans herein set forth.

The earnest cooperation of the school teachers all over the state is desired. Professor Meany outlined the plans:

The Washington University State Historical Society is without sustaining funds. It depends wholly upon the generosity and work of its members. It is desired to increase its membership in every part of the state. The class of citizens best qualified by training, occupation and environment for participation in such laudable and patriotic association work is the body of 5,000 or more school teachers within the state.

For the best biographies of historical sketches a life membership worth \$25 will be conferred.

For every such article submitted acceptable but which may fall below the highest standard an annual membership worth \$2 will be conferred.

The headquarters of the society are in the university of Washington. All manuscripts will be preserved and catalogued in the university for the use of the students and workers in the field of history. It will be necessary to bind these essays into permanent and durable form. Typewriting quickly fades; common wood pulp paper rots. For these reasons it is required that the manuscripts be submitted on linen paper, 8 x 10 inches in size and with a margin one and one half inches left on the left hand portion of

the sheet.

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I suggest the following possible topics:

Historic trees, native or planted.

Block houses of the Indian war times.

Origin of local geographic names as to mountains,
valleys, rivers, bays or capes.

Old road, old buildings, boats, vehicles such as the

"hitman wagon or old stage coaches.

Old furniture, utensils or weapons.

Monuments.

Indian legends.

All these afford fine opportunities for pictures to illustrate

the manuscripts. It will occur to you that these objects will

help make more valuable the life history of a pioneer. If any of them

could be worked into such a story. The Yaki Herald, April 19,

1906.

The Washington State Historical Society at Tacoma has filed articles of incorporation with the following as incorporators:

E. Meeker, E. Huggins, Chas. W. Hobart, James Wickersham, E. Eells, W.H. Pritchard, of Pierce county; John L. Wilson of Spokane; F.C. Deckebach of Chehalis county; John L. Govey, Thurston county; John H. Long, Lewis County; Miles C. Moore, Walla Walla county; William F. Prosser, Yakima county; George V. Calhoun, Skagit county and H.H. Saulding of Whitman county.

Their purpose is the collection and preservation in substantial form of objects of traditional and historical interest to the state. Their main headquarters will be at Tacoma--Yakima Herald, Dec. 31, 1896.