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Mr. Click Relander, Route 3, Box 149, Yakima, Wn.

Dear friend Click:-

Thanks for a lot of things. First, thanks for the membership in the Society, which I think you will find a good investment, particularly in view of the fact that you have been a regular subscriber to the Pacific Northwest Quarterly. The Quarterly now costs \$3.50, but it is still included with our membership. So it makes membership a bargain.

I will acknowledge receipt of the McWhorter book to Virgil McWhorter. I met him once and of course have met his father several times, inasmuch as he was on our Board of Curators for many years. We had a date to visit a battlefield down near Union Gap just before his death.

I was glad to get the copy of your stories about the publication of the new book. I think I will have to pass along a compliment, for it seems to me that after six years residence in the Yakima Valley you are getting to be quite an authority on local history. I hope you have every possible succes in the publication of your book. The Caxton Press has published a good many Northwest books, also Binfords & Mort of Portland. On the other hand, have you considered the University Press? Of the University of Washington, Seattle. They have been doing more book publishing in recent years and make up a program somewhat in advance of publication. They are making their plans now for books they will publish during the coming year, and it might be smart to contact them and see if they would be interested. They

are particularly interested and Washington and Northwest subjects, and I can see a possibility that they might be interested, unless their publication schedule is completed. I would suggest therefore that you get in touch with them very soon if you think that might be a good lead. As I recall it, Dr. Read is head of the publishing department and it might be worth a telephone call, because I think the time is pretty short. I know of one man who is publishing a book to come out in 1953, and they have been after him to be sure that his copy would be ready so they could include it in their publication plans for this year.

We are going to publish an official Centennial Book, but I doubt if it would be something that the Caxton Press would be interested in, ow! whether, in this case we should be interested in them because it would take the publication out of the state, and in our situation I don't think that would be the best thing to do. I am sure it is a little different type of publication than they would want to undertake. We have several plans for the publication of this book under consideration now, and I suspect the best plan is one that will not call for any advertising space at all.

Yours fraternal/ly,

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