

January 16, 1956

Mr. Chapin Foster, director,
The State Historical Society,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Chapin:

I am wondering what the minutes of the December quarterly board meeting show regarding one point:

The action, specifically the action only, relative to the motion that the Society join in requesting the Corps of U.S. Army Engineers to acquire the Alcorn paintings for the Chief Joseph Dam vista house.

I am interested only in the one point, the action taken.

I write this in view of a press dispatch I have on hand and wish to make this determination before addressing an inquiry to the origin of this press dispatch, at Washington, D.C., to determine if there has been an error made or if my memory serves me false.

Sincerely

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Dear Chapin:

When I was in Tacoma for the December board meeting, I mentioned the project afoot at Ritzville looking forward to the formation of an Adams County Historical Society. This was a matter that some residents of that area had made some inquiries concerning. I presume that you too have been consulted.

Recently I was told that an organizational meeting is to take place late in February or early in March. Two dates were suggested and I was invited to address them. The meeting was to be set at the "convenient date." I should be hearing from them soon.

I am writing now to make a couple of inquiries.

Aside from the general beneficial aids to be received from such an organization, what specifically can the association expect of the state society?

For instance: The free membership in the State Society entitles an organization of that nature specifically to what?

For the sake of uniformity, what should the name be sure and contain?

In the long-range planning are they entitled to any finances through the county, which I assume from sad experience comes under the bonding levy, the same process resorted to for library funds etc.

Have you any copies of any "model" constitution and bylaws available on short-term loan. I would make a transcription of such and return them to you.

The sponsoring organization is a woman's organization. Pending developments, the success of the organization etc. I shall see that you obtain proper information for your own use and for due recognition. I will keep you posted.

Incidentally, what is the next step now on the merit citation for the Columbia Basin Herald?

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