

T. J. Gary regards the collection of great value and in the course of a few weeks Dr. Raffety will formally turn over the collection to the school district in a lecture to be delivered in the Washington High School. It was expected to do this in the assembly hall of the Brooklyn School, but the edict has gone forth that the assembly hall cannot be used for public gatherings, and hence the Washington High School was selected.

O. M. Plummer, member of the Board of Education, said the collection is one of great value and he desired all students of Portland to see it, and will arrange for this gathering, when Dr. Dav Raffety, the collector of the specimens, will tell about the history of the relics.

The collection represents the work of more than 30 years. Dr. Raffety came to Oregon as a pioneer and at once started gathering Indian curios and mineral specimens of every sort. With him it became a passion. The Indian relics were gathered in and about Portland and in the Willamette Valley, and in this work he was assisted by Indian John Casino, a well-known friend of the whites, who died near Troutdale a few years ago.

The relics were gathered near Oregon City, Sauvie's Island, at the Cascades, along the Sandy River and Clackamas River. These rude implements, stored away in the assembly hall of the Brooklyn School, have a great value, and tell the story of the habits of the original inhabitants before the coming of the white man. Professor Thomas Condon, former state geologist, and other geologists regarded the collection of great value and spent hours examining the relics when they were deposited at the old Raffety store on East Oak street.

In the cabinets are many mortars and pestles. Dr. Raffety having obtained a complete collection of both, ranging from the larger ones used for grinding food to the smaller ones used for making paint and medicines from herbs. One of the mortars is oblong in form and has the head of a turtle clearly defined, with the arms and ribs along the sides. There are about 30 mortars in the collection made of common basalt, some of tufa and trachyte. Dr. Raffety says that he secured his finest mortar by the fact that he was a sprinter. O. B. Johnson, a rival collector and a friend, told Dr. Raffety that a beautiful mortar could be found at the foot of a certain oak tree on East Morrison street. Dr. Raffety reached the tree first and got the mortar.

Among the pestles is one made of jasper of extreme hardness and beauty. This specimen is eight inches long by four across the base. The material is extremely hard and it is not easy to understand how the Indians could have fashioned the implement. One of the pestles has the head of a seal and another the head of a bear. One pestle, 14