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## ANNIVERSARY OF TREATY

BY THREE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF VARIOUS TRIBES



THE following historical and interesting account of the 58th anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty by Indians of the Northwest was written by Charles Eugene Banks and was observed at the Tulalip school, of which Dr. Chas. M. Buchanan is superintendent:

With ancient customs, tribal traditions and child-like simplicity the Indians of Duwamish, Suquamish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish, Lummi and Skagit tribes celebrated treaty day at Tulalip yesterday, it being the fifty-eighth anniversary of the signing of the treaty of peace by Chief Seattle, Chief Pit-ka-nim, Chief Chow-its-hoit and Chief Gollah, of the Puget sound confederation, and seventy-nine subchiefs of correlated tribes of the Puget sound country.

The celebration was on the grounds and in the buildings of the Indian school at Tulalip. More than 300 Indians assembled on the well-kept lawn before the school buildings facing on the Sound, and from early morning until sundown listened to addresses, played games, danced, ate and potlatched with an abandon that filled the air with strange music, color and motion.

In a long building on the edge of the ground lay the giant totem pole, a mighty tree of cedar, partially carved into fantastic shapes of giant lizards, killer whales, bears, sun-men, moon-men, star-men, and spirits that control the destinies of individuals, families and tribes. William Shelton, the native artist who is doing this work, is a wonderful canoe maker, totem carver and master mechanic of primitive modern building. He was educated for a medicine man, but has renounced the ancient superstitions. He yet finds his greatest joy in digging from wood these marvelous and lifelike grotesque figures. Like a true artist he will not be hurried in his work, and so the totem pole, some sixty feet high, was not completed in time to be raised yesterday, which created disappointment both to the Indians and to those who had come to witness the ceremony.

But there was no lack of drama to keep alive the interest, as all the