

OREGON HISTORY PAGEANT TO WAIT

Society, After Discussion, Decides Not to Indorse Plan of Easterner.

STATE DEEMED TOO YOUNG

Show Might Also Interfere With Rose Festival—Judge Howay Orator of Annual Meeting. Honor Memory of Mr. Scott.

The Oregon Historical Society, at its annual meeting in the City Hall yesterday afternoon, decided after considerable discussion not to indorse a plan advanced by George P. Baker, professor of dramatic literature at Harvard University, for the holding of a pageant to illustrate the history of Oregon. The subject was introduced by Professor Young, of the University of Oregon.

W. D. Fenton, Robert A. Miller, Dr. J. R. Wilson and others spoke in opposition to the project, taking the stand that the expense would be great and that the time had not yet arrived when a project of such magnitude as that outlined by Professor Baker could be undertaken with any assurance of success. Professor Baker was the producer of a successful pageant held at Astoria, N. H., last year. His plan, according to Professor Young, was to have the Oregon Historical Society indorse his project and finance it. It is to be merely that of a salaried producer.

Plan Might Hurt Festival. W. D. Fenton thought that between \$50,000 and \$100,000 would be required to finance the plan. He doubted if it would prove a success for the reason that it would conflict with the annual Rose Festival. Colonel Miller said that the state is yet too young to admit of sufficient interest being taken in a historical pageant by people outside the state. He thought it would not attract nearly so well as the Rose Festival, which, it was suggested, might be eliminated for a year to make way for the pageant. Dr. Wilson liked the idea and suggested that it be held in mind and acted upon at a later date, probably five or 10 years hence.

Columbia's Discovery Recounted.

The address of the day was delivered by Judge F. W. Howay, of New Westminster, B. C., who dealt with the discovery of the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the circumnavigation of Vancouver Island, and touched upon the discovery of the Columbia River by Captain Robert Gray in 1792, while the navigator was in command of the ship Columbia. The speaker told of the discovery on March 22, 1774, of the southern entrance of the straits by Captain Cook, who gave the name "Flattery" to the cape. The straits had been previously discovered, almost 20 years before, by Juan de Fuca, but had subsequently become "lost."

The speaker next passed to the explorations of Captain William Barkley, of the fur-trading company, Imperial Eagle, a navigator whom he designated as the real discoverer of the Straits of Juan de Fuca for the reason that Captain Barkley cruised around the entrance to the straits and the west coast of Vancouver Island, and in doing so made the first real explorations, discovering the Barkley Sound. Judge Howay quoted from the diary of Mrs. Barkley the following as part proof of his contention that Captain Barkley had first discovered the opening called the Straits of Juan de Fuca:

Womans' Diary Is Proof. "In the afternoon, to our great astonishment, we arrived at a large opening extending to the eastward, the entrance to which appeared to be about four leagues wide and remained about that width all the way to the eastward, with a clear easterly horizon, which my husband immediately recognized as the long lost strait of Juan de Fuca and to which he gave the name of the original discoverer, my husband placing it on his chart."

Judge Howay said that this discovery was made on the afternoon of July 10, 1781. Captain Barkley did not examine the opening or explore the strait, said Judge Howay. The speaker next dealt with the history of Captain Robert Gray, who first affected the Pacific Coast, telling of that navigator's exciting trading adventures and calling him an "unmitigated liar" because of his assertion that Captain Robert Gray in the sloop Washington first circumnavigated Vancouver Island, an honor which Judge Howay claimed for Captain Vancouver and Quadra. The speaker presented arguments and historical data, which seemed to prove the truth of his contentions.

Navigator's Word Assailed. Meares, said Judge Howay, was a navigator who claimed credit for other men's discoveries, and a man who proved in other ways that no reliance could be placed on his statements. The speaker believed that the island circumnavigated by Gray, who never for himself claimed the honor of sailing around Vancouver Island, was a small one in Nootka Sound, on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Inner Trip Cited. Judge Howay gave Captain Gray credit, however, for having sailed four leagues into the straits from the southern entrance, at Cape Flattery, sailing back to the northern shore, Vancouver Island, upon learning from the Indians that no furs could be obtained further inland. In the course of this and a subsequent cruise Captain Gray's ves-

sel was in Neah Bay and at Port San Juan, said Judge Howay. George H. Himes and J. R. Wilson, appointed a committee to prepare an appreciation of the late Harvey Whitefield Scott, returned to the following report, which will become a part of the permanent records of the society.

"August 7, 1910, Harvey Whitefield Scott died at a hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, as the result of a surgical operation. As he was the first president of this society, and was re-elected twice, the society for three years, it is fitting that something more than a mere reference to him should be inscribed upon our records.

"Mr. Scott was born in Tazewell County, Illinois, February 1, 1838, hence was 72 years, six months and seven days old at the time of his death. He started to Oregon with his parents a few weeks after he was 14 years old, and had the great misfortune to lose his mother, who was buried in a nameless grave midway across the continent. Upon arrival here the usual experiences of pioneer life confronted him. All conditions of this character were met resolutely and with a cheerful spirit. That was the habit of the great majority of pioneers did not get pained to shrink or complain did not get here.

Determined Spirit Wins. "During the years that he worked at manual labor upon the farm, and the months that he was in the volunteer service during the Indian war, he acquired a classical education was urpermost in his mind. This he secured at Pacific University, without aid other than that afforded by his own strong arms, supported by a determined spirit. After graduation he studied law and was admitted to the bar. The practice of law, however, was not to his liking. The opportunity to enter the profession of journalism presented itself. It was seized, and in the 40 years of his connection with The Oregonian he has achieved an eminence second to no other in our Nation.

Officers Are Named. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: Frederick V. Holman, president; J. R. Wilson, vice-president; F. G. Young, secretary; Charles E. Ladd, treasurer.

Three vacancies in the board of directors were supplied as follows: Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, to serve until the annual meeting in December, 1912, to fill out the term of Mrs. Harriet K. McArthur, resigned; Charles B. Moores and Professor Lester Burrell Shippee, of Pacific University, to serve until the annual meeting in December, 1914, taking the places of Professor A. C. Burgess and Milton W. Smith, whose terms expired by limitation.

RICH SILVER MINE SOLD Patrick Clark, of Spokane, Buys Noted Canadian Property.

SPOKANE, Dec. 17.—The Standard mine at Silverton, B. C., said to be the biggest and richest silver-lead mine in Canada, has changed owners, Patrick Clark, of Spokane, having bought today a 63 per cent interest in it on the basis of \$2,500,000 cash for the property.

WILLAPA BIDS RECEIVED Major Katz Announces Figures for Government Work.

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Major Rutz, Chief United States Government Engineer, states the following bids had been received for dredging the Willapa River, according to appropriations made by the Government: The Standard American Dredging Co., 28 cents per cubic yard; Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co., 19 9-10 cents per cubic yard; International Dredging Co., 26 8-10 cents per cubic yard; Tacoma Dredging Co., 23 1/2 cents per cubic yard.

BROWNELL'S APPOINTMENTS PREDICTED. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A man well informed as to the policy of Mayor-elect Brownell's administration makes the following forecast of his forthcoming appointments: Chief of Police, Ed. Shaw, now night officer on the force; night policeman, Henry Cook, resigned; and S. C. Frost, to succeed Officer Shaw; Street Commissioner, C. E. Babcock; City Engineer, Charles S. Nible; chairman of the committee on Council, F. C. Burk; chairman committee on finance, William Anderson; City Attorney, L. V. Stipp.

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