

# HUBERT BANCROFT, HISTORIAN, IS DEAD

### Comprehensive Record of Pacific Coast States and Counties Collected and Compiled.

### WORK FILLS 34 VOLUMES

### Bookseller and Collector Begins Life Task at Age of 40, Employing Many Assistants in Indexing and Compilation.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Hubert Howe Bancroft, famous American historian, died today at Walnut Creek, 26 miles east of this city, aged 95 years.

Although one of the most prolific writers of history which America ever has produced, at the age of 40 Hubert Howe Bancroft had never written a book nor, by his own statement, made many years later, did he know how to write even the simplest manuscript. From early manhood he had been a bookseller and business man in San Francisco, and previous to that clerk in a bookstore at Buffalo, N. Y. Earlier still he was a farm hand and teamster near Grandville, O., where he was born May 5, 1823. It was in the bookstore that he obtained his education, his attendance at public schools being very limited.

**Book Collecting Has Begun.**  
Following his opening of a bookstore at San Francisco in 1854, Bancroft conceived the idea of writing a comprehensive history of California, and to that end began collecting books, manuscripts and newspapers. So absorbed did he become in this search for material that 18 or 12 years later he had collected thousands of volumes of books and stacks of manuscripts and newspaper files. Still he had written nothing, and could not, for he did not know what was in the books and manuscripts.

Finally, in 1871, the passion to write so consumed Bancroft that he gave the conduct of his business over to others and set himself in earnest to the task. Long since the plan to write only of California had enlarged until it included the Pacific Coast regions of the whole North and South American continents.

**Reams of Manuscript Destroyed.**  
Soon despair seized upon Bancroft, for he discovered by tests that the mere work of reading, digesting and notating his material would require at least 400 years. For a time his despondency amounted to insanity. Then he considered the expediency of employing assistants, and made many experiments, failure generally resulting. On one occasion he threw into the furnace as worthless 25 reams of manuscript, representing the work of six or eight men for months. A noted medical scholar, employed at a high wage, was unable to help him.

Persisting, the would-be historian finally perfected a system of indexing which proved successful. Thereafter he trained and employed hundreds of assistants, the services of some of whom amounted to cash operators. From the vast notes thus accumulated, Bancroft finally approached his real task, he finally learned, painfully, in the meantime occurring of the art of writing.

**"Native Races" First Work.**  
More difficulties arose. Bancroft had selected Peru as the subject of his first endeavor and had decided that its history should be written in Spanish conquest. Suddenly, when the work was half complete, he rejected it, holding to the theory that all history should begin with the beginning of things. Starting anew, he delved into the myths and legends of the mysterious peoples of the American continent, running back into the Middle Ages, marshaling therefrom the facts and theories of his "Native Races of the Pacific States." This work, in five volumes, was issued in 1874, it being necessary, at the last, for the author to organize a publishing company to insure its printing.

Bancroft estimated that the work of writing and research expended upon "Native Races" represented the work of one man, toiling every day, Sundays excepted, for 35 years.

**Thirty-four Volumes Produced.**  
Following this great effort, Bancroft, now widely recognized as an authority on history, plunged into other work, continuing incessantly at his desk until he had produced 34 volumes, comprising the history of the Pacific Coast states and countries from Alaska to Argentina.

His life ambition realized, he devoted himself to occasional writing, producing "Retrospection" after passing his 80th birthday.

In 1883, accompanied by native assistants, he visited Mexico and spent months in searching the ancient archives of that country for historical data. The result was a new history of Mexico, recently issued. His library, housed in a specially constructed building, consists of over 60,000 volumes.

During the evening of his life Bancroft lived quietly at his home in San Francisco.

**Board Quickly Made Up.**  
Complications met forerose in the selective service regulations arose yesterday.

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terday with the mailing out of questionnaires of 250 late registrants from Alaska and other out-of-the-way places who were unable to register for the draft at the specified time, and have just made them available for the National Army.

The 250 late registrants were turned over in a body to Division 3, and their questionnaires were mailed yesterday. The documents must be properly filled out and returned within seven days, and the compilation arose from the fact that Legal Advisory Board No. 9 had been dismissed and had given up its headquarters in the Courthouse, so there was no place to which the men could be directed for advice.

George Stephens, chairman of Board 9, rose to the occasion, however, and engaged the services of six attorneys to serve on the board. These attorneys are Fred W. Stadter, Ted Lansting

# WILLIAM L. JONES DEAD

### ONCE WELL-KNOWN OREGONIAN PASSES AWAY SOUTH.

### Former Newspaper Man Born Near Portland—Later Years Spent in Southern California.

Information has been received in Portland of the death of William L. Jones, a quarter of a century ago a well-known resident of Portland and the Northwest, which occurred in Los Angeles, January 27. Mr. Jones was the son-in-law of the late John Wilson, founder of Old, Wertman & King, and a brother-in-law of Robert Wilson and Mrs. Edwin Caswell, of Portland. The funeral was held January 30, from the family residence in Los Angeles.

Among newspaper men Mr. Jones was particularly well known in the Northwest, but his activities extended into many lines, and his circles of acquaintances and friends was wide. He was born near Portland in 1845. He began newspaper work as a young man, and for more than 29 years was actively engaged in it. He was editor and owner of the Hillsboro Independent for some time, and he founded the Morning Leader, of Port Townsend, Wash., when that town first became well known. Later he was publisher of a weekly paper at San Pedro, Cal., and for a time held an editorial position on the Bakersfield Echo.

Mr. Jones left the Northwest about 36 years ago and for the last 15 years made Los Angeles his home. He was a member of the Republican state central committee of California, president of the Oregon Society of Southern California, a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, City Club and the Fraternal Brotherhood.

Besides his widow, Lida Wilson Jones, two children, Alice Louise and Private Robert Wilson Jones, Company M, 62d Infantry, survive.

**MAN ROBBED IN ALBANY**  
Charles Lawrence, of Crawfordville, Slugged by Companion.

ALBANY, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Charles Lawrence, of Crawfordville, who had come here to be examined as a draft registrant, was slugged and robbed of \$18 last night at the north end of the Albany bridge across the Willametta here. He says that C. O. Anderson, a Crawfordville young man, with whom he had walked across the bridge, committed the crime.

Lawrence says that as they walked along, Anderson suddenly struck him on the right temple with a flashlight, and he fell down, took to his heels and fled. He notified local officers, who found Anderson at the Southern Pacific depot, where he had purchased a ticket for Crawfordville.

**SHIPMENTS SHORT WEIGHT**  
Complaints on Californian Imports Being Investigated.

SALEM, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Complaints of short weight on land plaster shipments from California are being investigated by Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures Spence Wortman, who asks that farmers throughout the state using land plaster keep an eye open to correct weights on their imports.

The law makes it a crime to expose for sale, offer for sale or sell short-weight goods, and if it is ascertained that the practice is general and intentional, prosecution will follow. Mr. Wortman stated.

**JOHN TRASCHEL, 80, DEAD**  
Linn County Resident Passes at Daughter's Home in Albany.

ALBANY, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—John Trachel, resident of Linn County for the past 25 years, died this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Moeckel, in this city, aged 80 years. A native of Switzerland, he came to America many years ago, and after residing in Nebraska came to Oregon, where he resided at Sweet Home.

He came to Albany 12 years ago. Mrs. Moeckel is his only relative here. He leaves two daughters in California and one in Switzerland. He was a member of the Evangelical Church.

**Olympic Forest Timber Sold.**  
A block of 275,000 feet of spruce timber on the Olympic National Forest near Lake Quinalt has been sold to Herbert Olson, of Quinalt, at a bid price of \$5.30 per 1000 feet, according to an announcement made yesterday in the office of George H. Cecil, district forester. The spruce is to be taken out by a living process.

# RUSSELL'S BOOKS SOLD IN PORTLAND

### Two Young Women, Followers of Pastor, Arrested for Distributing Literature.

### LOS ANGELES PLANT RAIDED

### Former Huerta Officer Accused of Aiding Alien Enemies to Leave United States and Enter Southern Republic.

With the arrest yesterday in this city of two members of the International Bible Students' Association, apprehended while admittedly selling and distributing the literature of their religious sect, Federal authorities took up in earnest the problem of whether this organization preaches sedition.

Miss M. A. Thomas, residing Brooklyn, N. Y., as her home, and Miss Elsie Osborne, of Prineville, Or., were apprehended by a Federal agent and taken before H. H. Byron, chief of the bureau, for investigation. Evidence taken from the women, consisting of "The Watch Tower," a publication of the Bible Students' Association, and "The Finished Mystery," a book of Bible prophecy, is being studied by Assistant United States Attorney Yeatch. Pending possible issuance of a warrant the young women were permitted to go. They gave their Portland address as 115 East Thirty-fourth street.

Disclosures in other cities that the International Bible Students' Association, founded on the teachings of the late Pastor Charles T. Russell, is so strongly prejudiced against war that its members are urged not to participate in the present great struggle, has precipitated thorough investigation of its tenets.

Whether or not these Russellite teachings are so extreme as to constitute sedition is being determined by the Federal prosecutors through communication with their superiors and a study of books and publications of the sect.

**LOS ANGELES, March 2.**—Another raid on the headquarters of the International Bible Students' Association was made by Federal authorities today and several thousand books in English, German, Japanese and other languages were seized. Many copies of an alleged seditious book, "The Finished Mystery," were seized in the first raid last night.

**LAREDO, Tex., March 2.**—Ynes Llozano, a former Huerta officer, of German parentage, employed as a draughtsman at the War Department, was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on a charge of larceny from the United States for having taken prints of gun carriages and of other ordnance, many of which were found in his room.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.**—The list of defendants in the trial here of a group of Hindus and others for an alleged conspiracy to overthrow British rule in India has been increased to 31 through the inclusion of Naranjan Das, according to the prosecution.

Das, who was indicted, had not been an active offender because of his absence, but his status was changed when Judge William C. Van Fleet refused to dismiss the charges against him and directed him to participate in the defense.

Das was not apprehended until the prosecution was about half through with its case.

**DANGEROUS ALIEN TAKEN**  
Plot to Release Prisoners at Fort Douglas Suspected.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 2.—A plot to release the German aliens at the war prison barracks at Fort Douglas and to destroy public buildings in Salt Lake City has been revealed, the police believe, through the arrest of a secret code, a map of Salt Lake City with mysterious arrows pointing toward Fort Douglas and the state capital, numbered diagrams which the prisoner admitted to be of United States fortifications and encampments, and many other sketches which the police consider extremely compromising.

One of the sketches was that of the alien interment compound at Fort Douglas. It shows the barracks and the wire fence surrounding the compound, also lines, which the police state plainly indicate a tunnel reaching from one of the buildings to a point outside the inclosure. Other sketches, Dimok freely admitted, were those of a military character. The police believe that the pictures

of the capitol with maps showing streets leading to it, also maps of the police station, the city and county building, with certain data concerning same, might have been wanted for the purposes of preparing plans to blow up the buildings.

It was stated that Dimok had been under surveillance for two weeks. The police state that they are convinced of a plot among certain Germans to effect a wholesale delivery of alien prisoners at Fort Douglas, and that men with whom Dimok had been conferring would be rounded up.

**ALLIANCE MAKES PROTEST**  
German-American Concern Fights Hard to Retain Charter.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Formal protest against the Senate committee hearing on the bill to revoke the charter of the German-American Alliance was filed today by Karl A. M. Scholtz, of Baltimore, attorney for the alliance. He questioned the right of Senator King, of Utah, author of the bill, to sit on the committee.

The committee overruled the protest and then further protest was filed by Theodore Sutro, of New York, who contended Congress has no jurisdiction to revoke the charter. The procedure should be brought in the courts, he argued.

The committee went on with the hearing and secured a blanket denial of the charges of disloyalty from President S. V. Von Boss, of the alliance. Pro-German articles appearing in the official bulletin of the alliance were repudiated by Sutro, who declared the alliance should not be held to account for what appeared in the publication.

Colonel Paul Meercheidt, of San Antonio, Texas, vice-president of the Texas State Alliance, denied any unpatriotic motives on the part of his organization. He stated that the alliance was organized to stand together for political purposes in local elections. This was regarded necessary, he said, for the maintenance of German interests.

Preceding the election of 1916, Mr. Meercheidt said he received a message from Dr. Hexamer, former president of the Alliance, asking that he urge German voters to support Charles E. Hughes for President.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS STRIKE**  
Supply of Light and Power at Great Falls May Fall.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 2.—With all electrical workers out on strike in all industries except the A. C. street lights, but including the Montana Power Company, the continued supply of electric light and power here is but a question of hours.

As long as everything goes well, the local smelter and the Butte mines will receive power. If anything goes wrong in the power plants or any lines go down, there will be no one to repair them.

The local telephone plant is practically out of commission, with the managers hard at work to keep the automatic switchboard working. A party of Butte electrical workers and the metal trade union heads are in this city. The sympathetic strike of the electrical union with the machinists followed the arrival of the Butte delegation. The local union was prevailed upon to go out after a session lasting until midnight last night.

No meeting with the employers' association has yet been proposed by either side. The machinists went out several days ago, demanding an increase of \$2.5 a day.

**Delivery System Incorporated.**  
ASTORIA, Or., Mar. 2.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Central Delivery Company were filed in the County Clerk's office today. The incorporators are J. T. Ross, J. L. Tucker and O. A. Owen. The capital stock is \$2,000, and the object of the incorporation is to maintain a delivery system for the Astoria merchants.

**Consul Akamatu Transferred.**  
Announcement was made from the Japanese Consulate in Portland yesterday that Consul S. Akamatu has just received appointment to a position in the consular service of his nation in Vancouver. Mr. Akamatu's plans to

leave for his new post in about a month, or upon the arrival from London, England, of M. Shigemitsu, announced as his successor in Portland. Mr. Shigemitsu is now connected with the Japanese embassy in London.

**ENGINEERS MEET MONDAY**  
Address by E. Burslem Thomson to Feature Occasion.

T. B. Neuhausen, who was vice-chairman of the Hughes campaign committee for Oregon in 1916, is to act in an advisory capacity for the McNary forces during the approaching Senatorial campaign. Formal announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Portland friends of Senator McNary. It has been the impression among political leaders

of the Oregon Electrical Engineers and National Electric Light Association, at the Mid-nomah Hotel, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Thomson will give an illustrated talk on the "Engineering Features of the Oregon City Locks."

The speaker has made a comprehensive study of the construction of canals and locks, and for this reason the meeting will be thrown open to members of the Oregon Society of Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers and other members of the engineering profession. Hooverized refreshments will be served.

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