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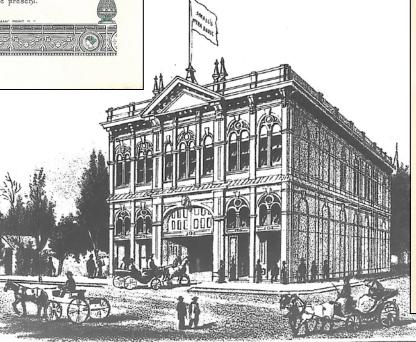
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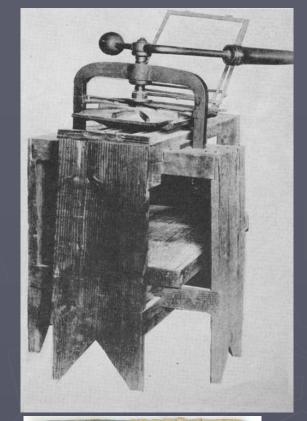
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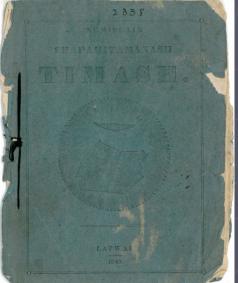
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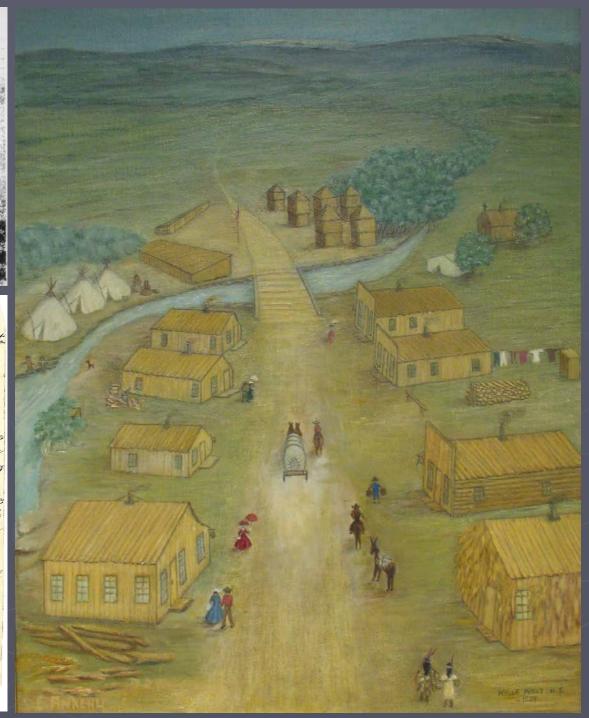






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By Rev. M. Eells, Missionary among these Indians.

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INTRODUCTION.

The following account has been written in answer to questions asked* by the Indian Bureau, for the Centennial Exhibition and the Smithsonian Institution. If it is of any value, it is not altogether because it describes the Indians under their old native habits and customs, but because it gives an account of them in a state of transition from their native wildness to civilization. For the past sixteen years, a United States Indian agent and Government employés have been on the reservation. Previously to that, there were American settlers in this region for ten or twelve years, and previously to that, the Hudson's Bay Company were trading in the country for thirty years or thereabouts. They have therefore had contact with civilization for a long time, during which they have been adopting civilized customs more or less rapidly, and may be called about half-civilized. Hence, transition is marked in every department of their lives-in food, dwellings, clothes, implements of use, manners, customs, government, and religion; therefore it is very difficult to describe their primitive customs, especially in regard to their ancient ornamental dress, war and hunting customs, stone-work, adornment, secret societies, and tamanamus. There are very few, even of the old men, who know all these customs thoroughly.

The families have not all made equal advancement in civilization, and hence what applies to some will not apply to others, even at the present time; the younger, as a general rule, being further advanced than the older ones. On this account, it has also been difficult to describe all truthfully. On looking over the list of individuals, which number about sixty-five, forty-two of them are at least half-civilized in regard to eating-customs and houses, while of the remaining twenty-

[*In the publication entitled "Ethnological Directions relative to the Indian Tribes of the United States.—Prepared under direction of the Indian Bureau, by Otis T. Mason.— Washington: Government Printing Office, 1875."—Svo, pp. 32. The article is in the form of answers to the questions there asked, following the printed heads of subjects of inquiry very closely.—ED.]

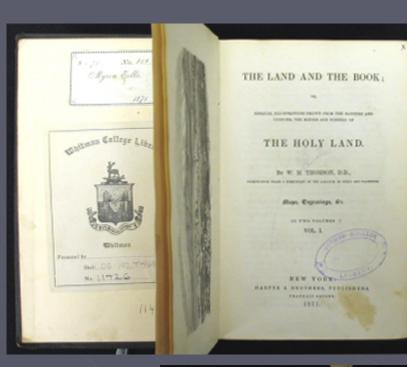
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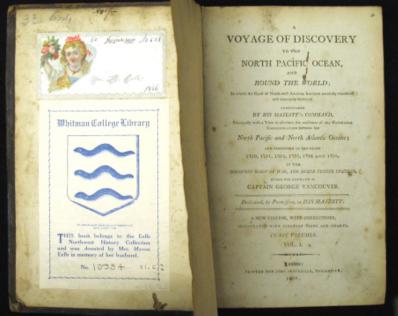
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF BOOKS. BY REV. SELAH MERRILL, D. D., LL. D., ANDOVER.

A few persons in different parts of the world are engaged in the work of gathering special collections of books; but there ought to be thousands engaged in it instead of dozens, as now. I do not refer to the collecting of books because of their age or binding, or to gratify any particular taste, whim or fancy of the collector, but to the making of collections that shall be of positive and very important service to the world.

I have in mind a long and a very elaborate article in a large encyclopedia. For certain reasons I do not wish to mention the subject of that article. In it the writer has referred to a great number of books as his authorities. I will say that I have read the article more than once, and made a list of the books referred to; hence I know whereof I speak. Now if I wished to write an article on the same subject and refer to the same books, or if I wished simply to verify the references of this author, there is not a library in America which contains the necessary books, and, furthermore, not all the libraries in America together contain the books necessary for me to do this work. But supposing that twenty or thirty years ago some one had begun to collect books on that subject, he would have by this time all that the writer in question referred to, and no doubt many more on the same subject.

In an old bookstore in Germany I saw a large pile of books, and was told that they were to be sent to America, and that they all pertained to pearls and precious stones. The collector wished to collect everything that existed in any language on that particular subject. Such a collection will be invaluable—a kind of pearl of

great price. I know a person who is collecting editions of Virgil-copies, reprints, illustrative essays, etc .which, as the collection approaches completeness, will be more and more valuable, not especially or solely to himself, but to the world.

The reader can have no difficulty in understanding what I mean by collections that will be of service. We are getting farther and farther away from the time when printing began. Early printed books have nearly all gone to the paper mills, or the dogs. Many books and pamphlets that were printed in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it is now exceedingly difficult to find. To save the books that have been printed and still exist, and to collect others that are now being printed or that may be printed on any given subject, and to have such books gathered into one place, are objects, it seems to me, greatly to be desired.

One may not choose pearls or Virgil. Let him select Bibles, hymnbooks, almanacs, American colleges, money, artesian wells-there are thousands of important subjects on which the world demands from time to time the fullest possible information; and when one comes to study such a subject in order to impart such information, he naturally asks, "Where is the literature of this subject?" And the only reply that can be given is (generally speaking), "It has never been collected. It is scattered all over the civilized world."

Persons object that they have not means for special collections; but every one who buys books will find when he is fifty years old that he has wasted a great deal of money on those that are, after all, of very little value. Supposing a large part of this money had been expended on a special col-lection? It is not so much the lack of means, as a lack of the necessary disposition.

THE SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER. TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1896.

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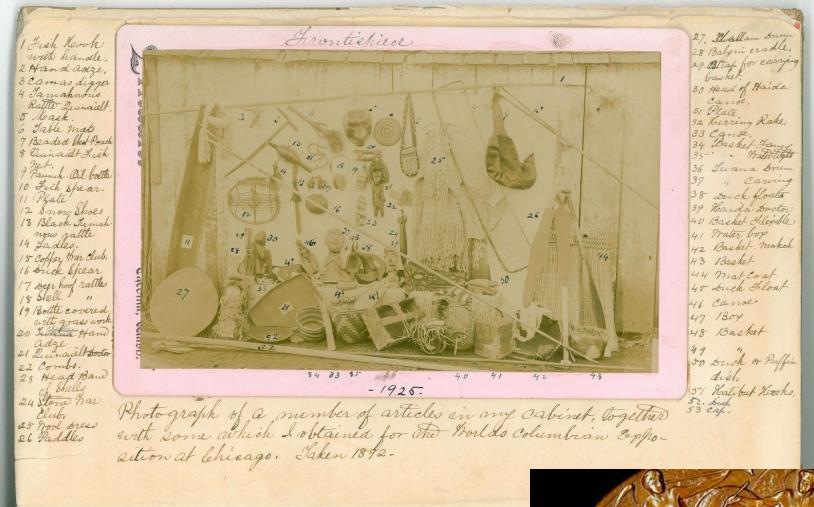
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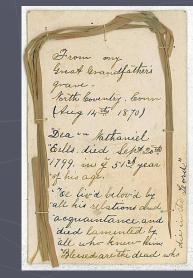
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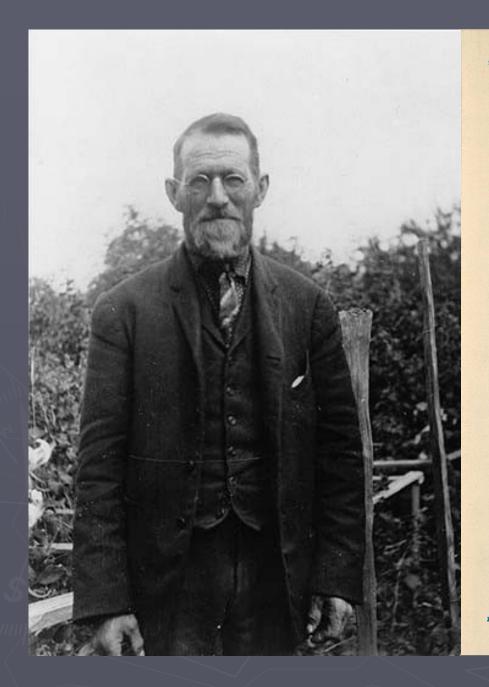
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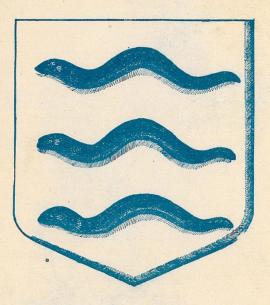
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