

## WASHINGTON DATES.

### SOME FACTS ABOUT THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT MAKE INTERESTING READING FOR US ALL.

At a meeting of the Haller Law Club in Spokane, a few years ago, Joseph Shippen presented an interesting and valuable table of the leading dates in the history of the Territory. He used those dates as a basis for a short talk on Territorial history. The table, which will be useful for reference, is as follows:

1592—Discovery by Juan de Fuca, a Greek in a Spanish ship.

1792—Discovery by English ship Discoverer, Peter Puget being one of the officers.

1792—Discovery of Columbia river by United States ship Columbia.

1803—Cession of Louisiana by France, Napoleon first consul.

1804-6—Exploration by Clark and Lewis under Jefferson.

1811—Settlement of Astoria by J. J. Astor.

1813—Surrender of Astora (Fort George) to the British.

1818, Oct. 20.—Treaty with Great Britain for joint occupancy from Stony mountains to Pacific ocean. (8 U. S. st. 249.)

1819, Feb. 22.—Treaty with Spain ceding Florida and country north 42d parallel to South ocean. (8 U. S. st.)

1827, Aug. 6.—Treaty with Great Britain to continue joint occupancy indefinitely, to be terminated on notice.

1832—Nez Perces Indian Embassy to St. Louis for the "Book of Life."

1835—Dr. Marcus Whitman sent a missionary.

1836—Whitman and wife and three others brought first wagon.

1841—First organized government by settlers.

1842, Aug. 9.—"Ashburton Treaty," by Webster.

1842-3—Whitman's wild winter ride to St. Louis and Washington City.

1843—Legislative and Executive Committees in Washington.

1844—Whitman brought body of immigrants.

1844—Democratic campaign cry, "Fifty-four forty or fight."

1845—First American settlement in Washington at Tumwater.

1845—Provisional government of Washington.

1845—President Polk's message declared our title to 54 degrees 40

minutes 'clear and unquestionable.'

1846, June 15.—"Pakenham treaty" (also known as "Washington Territory boundary") by Buchanan, extending 49th parallel to Pacific ocean, giving Great Britain Vancouver Island and limited use of the Columbia river. (Laws of Washington, page 27.)

1847—Whitman and wife and 12 others massacred by Indians near Walla Walla.

1848, Aug. 14.—Oregon Territory organized (9 U. S. st. 323).

1849, March.—Joseph Lane first Governor of Oregon Territory.

1850, Sept. 27.—Donation act of Oregon (9 U. S. st. 496).

1853, Mar. 2.—Washington Territory created, with 193,071 square miles.

1854-Feb. 14.—Amendment to donation act (Laws of W. 49).

1854-Feb. 27.—Isaac I. Stevens, first Governor of Washington Territory.

1854-Apr.—First civil code and practice act.

1854-July. 17.—Amendment of donation act (10 U. S. st. 305).

1859-Feb. 14.—Oregon admitted as a State.

1872-Feb.—San Juan Islands awarded to the United States by Emperor William.

1881-Dec.—Present civil code and practice act.

1884-Dec.—The Northern Pacific Railroad opened.

1889-June 6.—Seattle fire.

1889-Feb. 22.—Enabling act of Congress authorizing Washington to become a State.

1889-Nov. 12—Admission of the State of Washington to the Federal Union.

1889-July 4.—Ellensburg fire.

1889-Aug. 4.—Spokane fire.

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