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State Library contributes more pages from *Pullman Herald* to Chronicling America

Site is home to 2.3 million historic newspaper pages

OLYMPIA...Along with nine newspapers and more than 50,000 historic newspaper pages, another 14 years (1894-1907) of issues from the *Pullman Herald* were recently added to Chronicling America, making Washington State's contribution to the program a total of 16 titles and 92,000 pages.

Chronicling America is a project of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress.

The *Pullman Herald* was founded in 1888 by Thomas Neill and J. J. Sargent and was published for more than 100 years before it ceased publication in 1989. People can read more about the *Pullman Herald* and research issues from it and other newspapers around Washington and U.S. for free at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov.

"These historic newspapers are a rich resource for historians, genealogists and other researchers," said State Librarian Jan Walsh. "They provide names, dates, images and tell the story of a community or region in such a comprehensive way. They bring local history alive."

Chronicling America provides free and open access to more than 2.3 million full-text searchable pages from 295 titles published between 1860 and 1922 in 19 states and the District of Columbia. The Washington State Library's National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) grant was recently renewed through June of 2012, allowing more pages from other

newspapers around Washington State to be uploaded over the next two years.

"It's exciting to have this collection in Chronicling America," said Deputy State Librarian Marlys Rudeen. "It will give researchers the ability to search across multiple collections of newspapers from various states at once."

Part of the mission and purpose of the Washington State Library is to collect, preserve and make accessible to Washingtonians materials on the government, history, culture and natural resources of the state. Read more about the State Library.

Newspapers from Washington State currently included in Chronicling America are <u>Cayton's Weekly</u>, 1917-1921; <u>Colfax Gazette</u>, 1900-1912; <u>Colville Examiner</u>, 1907-1922; <u>Commonwealth</u> (Everett), 1911-1914; <u>Daily Republican</u> (Seattle), 1896; <u>Leavenworth Echo</u>, 1904-1922; <u>Pullman Herald</u>, 1888-1922; <u>The Ranch</u> (Yakima), 1894; <u>The Ranch</u> (Seattle), 1902-1914; <u>Ranche and Range</u> (Yakima), 1897-1902; <u>The Republican</u> (Seattle), 1896-1898; <u>San Juan Islander</u>, 1899-1914; <u>Seattle Republican</u>, 1900-1913; <u>Tacoma Times</u>, 1903-1918; <u>Washington Farmer</u> (Spokane), June 15, 1914; and <u>Yakima Herald</u>, 1893-1912.

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