



Adoption of Emblem Ends Campaign Begun in 1909 — Will Bear Seal of Washington.

AUTHORIZED by the last session of the state Legislature, the first official banner of the state of Washington, made at the instance of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Seattle, will be presented to the state organization of the D. A. R. when it meets in convention in Yakima Thursday.

The banner is made of dark green silk, bearing in its center a reproduction of the seal of the commonwealth of Washington, conforming to the act of the Legislature which becomes a law June 7. It will be presented to the state organization of the D. A. R. by Mrs. C. W. Chandler, regent of Lady Stirling Chapter in Seattle, and will be accepted by Mrs. W. S. Walker of Seattle, state regent.

Adoption of the flag by the state follows continuous attempts of various organizations to have such a bill enacted since 1909, according to Prof.

Edmond S. Meany of the University of Washington.

"The D. A. R. and the Federation of Women's Clubs started the movement in 1909 during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition," said Professor Meany.

"In territorial days the state had a seal which was designed by Lieutenant Duncan of the United States Army. The seal portrayed a girl holding a cornucopia from which was flowing the wealth of the state. Above the girl's head was the Indian word Al-ki, which means 'by and by.'"

"When the territory was made a state in 1889, the seal was changed to that used at present—the bust of George Washington.

"Although attempts to obtain an official state emblem were continued they have been unsuccessful, and to the present this state has been one of the only four in the United States which has not had an official state flag."

Designed and advocated by Seattle members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and authorized by the last session of the State Legislature, the first official banner of the Commonwealth of Washington will be presented to the state organization of the D. A. R. during the state convention in Yakima which begins next Thursday. The photographs show, at the left, the first official banner, and at the right, Mrs. William S. Walker of Seattle, state regent of the D. A. R., who will accept the flag at the presentation ceremonies.