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Washington

The State Collection newspapers reveal a range of perspectives demonstrating the specific ways communities are impacted by national and global events, and cover local issues, people, events, and industries not found elsewhere. Unearth Washington’s past through local and national news with Washington’s state newspapers, which includes The Spokesman-Review and the Kitsap Sun. Titles include coverage on state politics and legislation, school board meetings, local businesses and culture, zoning board meetings, as well as historical events and topics like Industrial Workers of the World union, the eruption of Mt. St. Helen, and more.

Note: Newspaper titles, including the ones listed here, undergo name changes throughout the years.

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Note: There are known gaps in some titles which ProQuest will make an effort to fill.

Industrial Workers of the World (Oct 23, 1908): At the turn of the century, unions such as the Industrial Workers of the World, or “Wobblies” as they were also called, took part in activities to advocate for their right to free speech and against unethical practices of the employment agencies. Union members purposely broke city ordinances on soapboxing to make themselves heard in 1908.

Eruption of Mount St. Helens (Mar 31, 1980): On March 27th, 1980, Mount St. Helens began to experience a series of volcanic explosions that escalated until May 18th in a more explosive eruption. The explosion registered as a 5 on the Volcanic Explosivity Index, and is often referred to as the most disastrous volcanic eruption in U.S. history. 57 people died in the explosion.

Death of Otto Zehm (Oct 5, 2006): On March 18th, 2006, Otto Zehm, a man with mental disabilities, was killed by Spokane police after being suspected of theft at a convenience store. Zehm was later found to have committed no crime. Zehm’s death created public outrage and discussions around policing in Spokane.

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