

historical journal. The book will certainly not be listed by Miss Griffin in the 1924-25 editions of *Writings in American History*.

There appears at the beginning a very considerable bibliography of historical titles; and the text portrays the actions and words of men and women well known in Oregon history who had more or less to do with the migrations to Oregon from the East. This bibliography has misled the critic for the *International Book Review* (see January number), and no doubt will mislead others who base their historical knowledge upon casual reading only. The story follows a theory of Oregon history which has been exploded by the best historical writers, but that fact has not disturbed the author at all; she seems to have welcomed it.

The inside covers exhibit a map of the Oregon Country and the track of the traders across it from Canada. The map is palpably wrong. The text portrays customs of travel and contact with the Indians by those traders which are either untrue or highly exaggerated; also organized opposition to, or diversion of, immigration which has no foundation in fact. Prominent men among the American emigrants are caused to utter suspicions and antagonism quite impossible of them. This retwisting of the British lion's tail does not find a sympathetic historical audience now; and the making up of love scenes between Mrs. Narcissa Whitman and Governor George Simpson verges upon the repulsive in its suggestion that Mrs. Whitman was not one hundred per cent loyal to her husband. Putting of words and sentiments into the mouths and minds of actual historical personages is a difficult task at the best, and this author has allowed herself too much license in that regard.

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*"Uncle Dan" Drumheller Tells Thrills of Western Trails in 1854.*

By DANIEL MONTGOMERY DRUMHELLER. (Spokane: Inland-American Printing Company, 1925. Pp. 131.)

At 81 years of age this fine type of the real pioneer wrote some of his recollections which appeared as a series in the *Spokesman-Review*. These were collected by the family and published in a beautifully printed and bound volume which will undoubtedly prove a lasting memorial to a picturesque character and successful citizen of the Pacific Northwest.

The "Foreword" declares: "From Cariboo to Hermosillo, and from Bitter Creek, near the summit of the Rockies, on west to the

Golden Gate, there is hardly a cattle trail or a country town but 'Uncle Dan' Drumheller knew it intimately. Coming overland from Missouri to California in 1854, he spent his long life on the Pacific Coast. As a rider for the old pony express in the days before the civil war, and later as a miner, packer, cattleman, rancher, banker, farmer and investor, he has ransacked this country from one end to the other."

The compilers declare that Mr. Drumheller wrote from memory and they express the belief that "the errors that may have crept in are of the most trifling sort."

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*The Reminiscences of Henry Windler.* Edited by J. Orin Oliphant. (Cheney, Washington: Privately published, 1926. Pp. 20.)

Mr. Oliphant has here produced a beautiful booklet containing the recollections of an Eastern Washington pioneer—Henry Wendler—now in his ninetieth year, who has been a frontiersman all his days. He arrived in San Francisco in 1859 and moved from there to Nevada City. He returned to Ohio and then arrived at Spokane in 1886, remaining for the last forty years in Eastern Washington. The narrative is a simple straightforward story of experiences.

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*Bering's Voyages, An Account of the Efforts of the Russians to Determine the Relation of Asia and America.* By F. A. GOLDER. (New York: American Geographic Society, 1922-1925. Two volumes. Pp. 371 and 290.)

A sympathetic review of Volume I. was published in this *Quarterly*, Volume XIV., Number 3 (July, 1923), pages 236-237. At that time it was announced that the American Geographical Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York, was launching under the editorship of W. L. G. Joerg, a "Research Series" and the second volume would appear late in 1923. For some reason two years of delay has been encountered.

The first volume comprised the log books and official reports of the first and second Bering Expeditions during the period from 1725 to 1742. This second volume, completing the work, is concerned largely with George Wilhelm Steller's Journal of the sea voyage from Kamchatka to America and return, 1741-1742, the second Bering Expedition. The Journal is translated and in part annotated by Leonhard Stejneger, of the Smithsonian Institution.

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