

*River of No Return (The Great Salmon River of Idaho). A Century of Central Idaho and Eastern Washington History and Development.* By ROBERT G. BAILEY. (Lewiston, Idaho: Bailey-Blake Printing Company. 1935. Pp. 515. \$5.50.)

The author of this volume is Nez Percé County historian for the Idaho State Historical Society, and he offers a number of historical stories of Idaho, together with stories pertaining to the Nez Percé Indians of the region.

In so far as the author has not intended the volume to be a history, but rather a book for the general reader, the critical historian will pass by certain statements which he might deem open for question.

The sidelights and incidents of pioneer days make interesting reading, and their collection into permanent form is to be commended. Numerous illustrations enhance the value of the book as the inclusion of an index, references, and a bibliography would have done.

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*Whitman—An Unfinished Story.* By STEPHEN B. L. PENROSE, D.D., LL.D., President Emeritus Whitman College. (Walla Walla: Whitman Publishing Co., Pp. ix, 256. \$2.50.)

"This book is a story, not a history. It chooses to follow the comparatively straight and narrow path of narrative rather than the broader and more devious way of history which undertakes to set down all that its author knows, and give with exactitude the original sources of all statements of fact. I could not adopt the latter method because I have neither the taste nor the training of an historian, and because for the last ten years I have been totally blind. It has been impossible for me to verify all quotations or to trace the sources of my information collected during many years." If the author will pardon a disagreement, the book is more than a story, it is a history of a very important development in the education of Washington.

Dr. Penrose depends for the historical background out of which Whitman College grew as a memorial to Marcus Whitman upon the earlier historical writers. He frankly and fully accepts the "Whitman Rode to Save Oregon" story as it was told before it was attacked by critical historians.

Whitman Seminary was chartered by the Legislature of the Territory of Washington, December 2, 1859, and the act was amended to create Whitman College, November 28, 1883. The Seminary Charter was the first granted by the Legislature of the Territory for