Shoshoni exclamation "Ee-dah-how," with the accent on the second sylllable. It means "Behold! the sun coming down the mountain." It was used first in Colorado among the same tribe of Indians and was there applied by the first white men as a geographical term—Idaho Springs. There and later in the farther Northwest the sentimental meaning "Gem of the Mountains" was given as the meaning. Mr. Rees also traces the legislative history to show how William H. Wallace, Delegate to Congress from Washington Territory, introduced the bill; how Senator (afterwards Vice-President) Henry Wilson suggested the name of Idaho and how Senator Benjamin F. Harding of Oregon assented and added that the word in English meant: "Gem of the Mountains." This idea will probably persist in the affections of the people even after Mr. Rees has shown the real meaning of the word.

Writings of John Quincy Adams. Edited by Worthington C. Ford. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1917. Pp. 516. \$3.50.)

Previous volumes of this series (of which this is Volume VII.) have been noticed in this *Quarterly*. This volume covers the years 1820 to 1823, momentous years of the Monroe Doctrine, in which Mr. Adams had a most important part. He was Secretary of State, and since Russia was claiming part of the old Oregon Country this consistent friend of the Northwest injected into that Doctrine "no more colonization on American soil by European powers." This volume will henceforth be a source book of American history for the important period covered.

The Mountaineer. Edited by Winona Bailey. (Seattle: The Mountaineers, Incorporated. 1917. Pp. 106. Fifty cents.)

Mazama. Edited by Alfred F. Parker. (Portland, Oregon: The Mazamas. 1917. Pp. 127-219. Fifty cents.)

The Friendly Mountain. Edited by Ed. B. Webster. (Port Angeles, Washington: Klahane Club. 1917. Pp. 48.)

This is the time of year when the mountain clubs issue their annual publications. Three of such beautiful books have been received at the Quarterly's reviewing desk.

The Mountaineer is Volume X. and is devoted largely to the club's summer outing to Mounts St. Helens and Adams. The frontispiece is a splendid photograph of Mount St. Helens by Mabel Furry. There are twenty-six illustrations by such well-known photographers in the club as A. H. Denman, L. F. Curtis, W. H. Anderson, Rodney L. Glisan, H. W. Playter, F. A. Jacobs, E. W. Harrison, H. B. Hin-

man, Lulie Nettleton and T. D. Everts. The annual greeting is from President Henry Suzzalo of the University of Washington and of the State Council of Defense. It is a warm-hearted tribute reproduced in a double-page facsimile of the original writing. On page 8 is displayed a service flag of twenty-eight stars and list of the club's members who have joined the colors. Besides a series of valuable articles about the outing and the region visited there are additional articles about explorations in other regions by members of the club. Winter outings, back-packing trips, local walks, the two lodges and such other activities are adequately treated. The officers' reports and a list of the club members close what is one of the most valuable publications yet issued by this organization.

The Mazama is Volume V., Number 2. These figures do a comparative injustice, for the book announces the club's twenty-fifth annual outing in 1918. This is actually the thirteenth publication, but their numbering scheme has always been puzzling to outsiders. The contents of this issue are devoted principally to the Mount Jefferson outing of 1917. There are forty-five superb illustrations. As in the case of The Mountaineers, The Mazamas publish articles of mountaineering by their members aside from the principal outing of the year. The most remarkable of these is a thrilling story of "A War-time Ascent of Mount Blanc" by J. Monroe Thorington, a Mazama with the American Ambulance Corps, 1917. There is an "Honor Roll" of twenty-four club members who are in service. The many activities of the club are given space. A well-edited book review department and the membership list closes the volume.

The Klahane Club is smaller than the other two and its book is correspondingly less imposing in size and contents. It is a dainty and beautifully printed book. The many illustrations are from very clever pen drawings by Thomas H. Guptil. The Friendly Mountain means Mount Angeles and the Klahane Club members are mostly resident in Port Angeles. The book gives information about the mountain and its environs, its flows, snows, dashing waters and mirror lakes. Every recipient of the charming little book will be sure to cherish it among the out-of-door annuals of the Northwest.

The Formation of the State of Oklahoma, 1903-1906. By Roy Gittinger. (Berkeley: University of California Press. 1917. Pp. 256. \$1.75 paper; \$2.00 cloth.)

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