

The Climax of a World Quest. By GEORGE F. COTTERILL.
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Europe is more accustomed than is America to see men in public office writing and publishing books. The most familiar names of Americans who were authors while in public office are those of Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and Henry Cabot Lodge. Seattle has just added one of her own to that list. George F. Cotterill, a former Mayor and at present engrossed with work and responsibility as President of the Seattle Port Commission, has just published a book and a good one.

It is true that a great portion of the book is quoted material but there is enough of original substance to make the volume a real contribution to Pacific Northwest Americana. The new portion consists of the author's sustained thesis that Puget Sound and the Gulf of Georgia comprise a goal toward which maritime efforts were reaching for centuries. He calls this area a Modern Mediterranean of the Pacific, a "Promised Land" for civilized man.

He has built a foundation with the first six chapters by summarizing early discoveries and explorations and then uses the work of Captain George Vancouver, 1791-1795, to justify the title "Climax of a World Quest." With explanatory paragraphs of his own, he leads up to copious and frequent quotations from Vancouver's *Voyage* until he gives nearly all of that work wherever it relates to the Pacific Northwest. He makes friendly allusions to the important work of Captain Robert Gray, the American explorer, but far the greater portion of his study is devoted to Vancouver.

The author has produced for his book a special map of the world with longitude indicated at fifteen-degree intervals which has permitted the computation of changes of time around the globe. Readers of the narrative will find this map helpful.

Part of the book appeared as serial articles in the *Seattle Times* prior to publication in book form.

That Mr. Cotterill has lived for more than forty years in Seattle is made clear by his message on the dedicatory page. This brief review would be at fault were it not to contain this humble acknowledgment of the friendly tribute there extended.

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