

Red Heroines of the Northwest. By BYRON DEFENBACH. Illustrated by original drawings and rare photographs. (Caldwell, Idaho: The Caxton Printers, Ltd. 1929. Pp. 300. \$2.50).

This is a delightfully written book, telling in a most interesting manner the story of the lives of three Indian women of the Northwest. The author has been at great pains to search out the scattered fragments which relate to these heroines, and then has pieced them together into a most entertaining narrative.

The first character is Sacajawea, whose association with the Lewis and Clark expedition added so much of the human touch to that famous journey. Madame Dorion, of the overland expedition to Astoria, is then depicted as the real heroine she was. In Jane, of the Nez Percés, a little known woman has been rescued from oblivion and made again to live.

The book is very valuable since it gives the historical setting of eventful chapters of this region in a manner which makes the characters real, and by centering the stories around these three noble women, the interest is intensified, and the background made a part of the picture.

The author has performed a most valuable service in vivifying the narratives of those heroic days, while the heroines are now assured of a sympathetic interest by the poetic romance he has depicted in their lives. It is hoped that he may portray other interesting characters in future books.

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A Ten-Year Program for the Seattle Public Library. By Committees of the Library Board and the Library Staff. (Seattle: The Argus Print, 1930. Pp. 88).

Students and collectors of Pacific Northwest Americana should not overlook an important historical document just issued by the Seattle Public Library. It has been prepared by the Librarian, Mr. Judson T. Jennings, assisted by Committees jointly composed of members of the Library Board and the Library Staff. As a comprehensive program for the future development of the Seattle Public Library it is planned primarily to set forth the steps to be taken and the support that will be needed if this institution is to keep pace with the future growth of the city. Attention has been given, however, to the past.

An historical sketch outlines the principal events in the development of the library from its beginning in 1868. A complete list of

the trustees is furnished and a number of Tables supply convenient historical data. One of these tables gives the population of Seattle year by year from 1889 to date together with population estimates continued yearly to 1940. Still another table supplies information in regard to the eight branch libraries indicating for each the date of opening, the cost of the building, and the amount expended for equipment.

This *Ten-Year Program* has been worked out with great care and its publication places the data conveniently in the hands of all interested in the development of an important educational agency. Members of the City Council will doubtless find its reasonable findings a helpful guide in the preparation of their annual budgets. A decade from now it will be a pleasure to check this publication and to find that the forecast has been surpassed by accomplishment.

The Story of the Hudson's Bay Company. By GEORGE P. SCRIVEN, United States Army, Retired. (Washington, D.C.: St. Anselm's Priory, 1929. Pp. 66. \$1.00).

This brief story of a great institution is told in a straight-forward interesting style. The footnotes show that greatest dependence was placed on Sir William Schooling's *The Hudson's Bay Company, 1670 to 1920*, although Beckles Willson's *The Great Company* and other works are cited. On page 35 reference is made to the report of Mr. Charles R. Sale, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company on June 28, 1927. The quality of appreciation of the great company's work is shown by the last sentence: "That force, to which, rather than to the force of arms, England has owed her grandeur and well being throughout the centuries of brilliant life that began when her ships and her trade first found their way to distant shores beyond the seas."

Young Pioneers on Western Trails. By ORVILLE H. KNEEN. (New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company, 1929. Pp. 311. \$2.00).

The author's preface relates a personal encounter with a bear on a trail in the Cascades. He formerly lived at Bremerton and was a member of The Mountaineers. In this book he has rendered a real service for young readers by assembling materials so as to allow five famous explorers to relate in their own words wild experiences they had encountered while they were still boys or young men. The five are: "Samuel Hearne, first overland to the Arctic; Alexander Mackenzie, first overland to the Pacific; Zebulon Montgomery Pike,