

BOOK REVIEWS

ALASKA, ITS MEANING TO THE WORLD, ITS RESOURCES, ITS OPPORTUNITIES. By Charles R. Tuttle. (Seattle. Franklin Shuey and Company, 1914. Pp. 318. \$2.50.)

This is a new addition to the literature pertaining to Alaska and is chiefly a compilation of statistics and quotations from reports of the government and other sources. The author does not claim to present new historical or statistical material. It is valuable as a collection of material in one volume which otherwise would require the searching of many separate records. He has drawn from the reports of the Geological Survey, the Agricultural Department bulletins, the reports of the Governor of Alaska, the Road Commission Reports and other publications, both public and private.

An optimistic view of the future of the transportation and commerce of the Pacific Northwest is followed by a valuation of past production, present output, and future possibilities of the mines, fisheries, forests, agriculture, etc., of Alaska. A large portion of the work is devoted to the history of the Government Railway legislation and the means by which it was brought about. A statement of the policy proposed by the Administration at Washington occupies much space.

The views advanced on the form of government adapted to the Territory are not those of one who has been a resident of Alaska and who expects to live there.

At times it is difficult to be sure whether the book is describing Alaskan matters, or is eulogising Seattle, its interest in Alaska, and its future prospects.

His conclusions, while giving a seemingly exaggerated estimate of the possibilities of the country in some lines, are generally very well justified and present a fairly good view of the value of the most northerly Territory of the United States.

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SEVEN YEARS ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE. By Mrs. Hugh Fraser and Hugh C. Fraser. (New York, Dodd, Mead & Co. 1914. Pp. 391. Illus. 16. \$3.00.)

"Seven Years on the Methow" would have been a more appropriate title for a book whose 400 odd pages are devoted to a description of life in a tiny frontier village situated on the Methow River a few miles