

the author of the large collection of portraits and biographies paid for by the individuals or their families. Every time a fresh scheme of this kind is perpetrated the cry goes up: "When will our people's vanity cease to be exploited?" Friends of Mr. Bagley might well wish that his name were even more completely divorced from the paid write-ups.

Mr. Bagley's elaborate and extensive history of Seattle calls renewed attention to the need of a brief and inexpensive history of the city. His researches will probably facilitate the preparation of such a book.

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HAMMOND, JOHN MARTIN. *Quaint and Historic Forts of North America.* (Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Company, 1915. Pp. 309. \$5.00 net.)

This volume is an interesting example of the wide range of the bookmaker's field. No one who has ever visited one of the old historic forts but has wondered how the others resembled it or differed. The present volume answers in part that query. It is a journey, so to speak, to all the historic forts in North America. Each is introduced by a brief historical sketch setting forth the importance of the fort, the date and circumstances of its building, and for those interested in its technical phases, a description is added that will appeal to military engineers as a basis of comparison. Most of the descriptions are accompanied by handsome illustrations that add greatly to the value of the book. In the case of some of the western forts, and Fort Vancouver is among them, no illustrations accompany the sketch. The book typographically is an excellent specimen of the printer's art.

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WAILLATPU, ITS RISE AND FALL, 1836-1847. By Miles Cannon. (Boise, Idaho, Capital News Job Rooms, 1915. Pp. 171. 75 cents.)

With fine letter-press and twenty-four good half-tones Mr. Cannon has told the tragic story of the famous Whitman massacre. He is sympathetic in his treatment of the theme. He also fortifies his conclusions with abundant documents. The story is again told of the journey to the west and of the interesting developments down to the awful massacre which is given with unusual minutia. The book ends with the execution of five Indians convicted of crime.

Mr. Cannon's book will be received as a valuable and interesting addition to the growing literature about Whitman and his as-

sociates. The author was especially impressed by the character of Mrs. Whitman, of whom he writes: "In searching through the darkened corridors of the past, it has been a source of much gratification to the author to find in Narcissa Prentiss Whitman a character well intended to exemplify the higher and nobler qualities of our race. It was her great privilege to be the first American woman to cross the continent and look upon the waters of the Columbia river, and that fact alone would entitle her to distinction. But when, moreover, the records of the past reveal in her the beautiful personality we so much admire, and the womanly qualities we would perpetuate, it would be strange indeed if her followers, actuated by her untimely death and the serene and courageous manner in which she faced it, failed to confer upon her, in love and memory, the mystic crown of martyrdom."

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TERTIARY FAUNAL HORIZONS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON. By Charles E. Weaver. (Seattle, University of Washington, 1916. Pp. 67.)

Eocene of the Lower Cowlitz River Valley, Washington; The Post Eocene Formations of Western Washington; The Oligocene of Kitsap County, Washington. By Charles E. Weaver. (San Francisco, California Academy of Sciences, 1916. Pp. 52.)

Here are four studies by Charles E. Weaver, Assistant Professor of Geology, University of Washington. The first study carries five plates of illustrations and the second group of three studies is accompanied by maps. The work appeals more directly to geologists but historians of the Northwest will also rejoice over the light thus thrown on prehistoric conditions.

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ANDERSON, DICE ROBINS, PH. D. William Branch Giles: A Study in the Politics of Virginia and the Nation from 1790 to 1830. (Menasha, Wis., George Banta Publishing Company, 1914. Pp. 271.)

Professor Anderson of Richmond College, Virginia, presents an interesting account of one of the most vigorous of Jefferson's many lieutenants in furthering the work of the Republican-Democratic party. Because of his vigorous and cutting tongue, Giles has been dealt with rather severely by the New England and Federalist historians and in a measure Professor Anderson comes to his rescue. Taking into full account the facts in the case, he gives as favorable a view of Giles as is possible, but after all is said and done it is hard