

BOOK REVIEWS

History, Constitution and Annual Report, 1918. By THE EASTERN WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. (Spokane, The Society. 1919. Pp. 16.)

The Spokane Historical Society has enlarged its scope and its field and this pamphlet is the initial publication of the reorganized society. In the program, personnel and equipment there is every promise of brilliant success. Readers of the *Washington Historical Quarterly* have had frequent opportunity of reading the work of such men as T. C. Elliott of Walla Walla, William S. Lewis of Spokane, Jacob A. Meyers of Meyers Falls and L. V. McWhorter of Yakima. These are among the men mentioned in this pamphlet. All who are interested in the history of the State of Washington will join in wishing a prosperous career for this new organization.

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National Governments and the World War. By Frederic A. Ogg, Professor of Political Science in the University of Wisconsin, and Charles A. Beard, Director of the Bureau of Municipal Research New York City. (New York. The Macmillan Company. 1919. Pp. 603. \$2.50.)

The world war has demonstrated among other things, "The power of political institutions, ideals and practices—national and international—to contribute to or detract from human welfare." At bottom it was a struggle between "two great schemes of human government,—autocracy and democracy," and the victory will be complete and final "only in the measure in which democracy is prepared to bring intelligence and sanity to the new and great tasks which it has assumed." These sentences from the preface of the book give the reasons for the issue of this volume by two writers well known in their respective fields. It is a rather sad commentary that such a volume became a necessity for Americans about to engage in a world engagement on the side of democracy, for the preparation of the American soldiers and citizens was without doubt the primary aim in its publication.

Chapters one to eight and also twenty-seven are by Prof. Beard. The first chapter on national ideals and government is a succinct and