BOOK REVIEWS

Journal of a Fur-Trading Expedition on the Upper Missouri 1812-1813. By John C. Luttig, Clerk of the Missouri Fur Company. Edited by Stella Drumm. (St. Louis. Missouri Historical Society. 1920. Pp. 192.)

Manuel Lisa, of St. Louis, was the most prominent figure in the fur trade on the upper Missouri river during more than a decade after the return of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Beginning in 1808 he established several trading posts along the waters of the upper Missouri or its tributaries, among them one named Fort Manuel and located on the west bank of the river close to the line which now divides the states of North and South Dakota.

Of the party which started from St. Louis on May 8, 1812, to build this fort, for trade with the Arikaras, the clerk was John C. Luttig and his journal contains diurnal entries up to March 5, 1813, continuous for nearly ten months. It gives an accurate account of the dangers, vicissitudes and successes incident to traffic with the Sioux Indians at that time, and brings to notice many names that appear in other literature upon the subject. The original journal is in the possession of the Missouri Historical Society and the editorial work in the book has been done by the librarian of that Society. The quality of paper used and the skill of the printer render the volume a handsome addition to any library; there are many and ample foot notes, many valuable biographical sketches in the appendix, a fine index, and a map.

The chief item of interest to Pacific Coast readers is the record this journal gives of the death and burial place of Sacajawea, the woman who accompanied the Lewis and Clark Party in 1805-06. Much mystery has attached to the later career of that faithful woman but is now cleared away (the editor deals with that to some extent). She died December 20, 1812 at Fort Manuel and was buried there.

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The Splendid Wayfaring. By John G. Neihardt. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1920. Pp. 290.)

John G. Neihardt, whose "Song of Hugh Glass" was so favorably received two years ago, has now embodied similar material for us in a different form. "The Splendid Wayfaring" he intends