

various parts. This information would be very useful to the ethnologist if the language of the speakers were mentioned. Although we know that most of these Indians belong to the Salish linguistic stock it would be helpful to know to which dialect of this widely distributed family these terms belong. What also seems to be lacking in this discussion are comparative notes, both regarding the construction and the preparation of the materials used. There is excellent material of this kind to be had for the district of the North where Professor Boas has made thorough investigation. It would be interesting to know whether the Puget Sound Indians prepared their wooden planks in a way similar to that employed further north and whether there is any of the famous North Pacific Coast wood sewing.

This kind of data is of value not only to the ethnologist, but also to the historian and student of culture. One paper brings up again the discussion of the connection between America and Asia which is of interest to every thorough student of native American culture. Furthermore each paper of this character brings out the very important point that the native culture of America is not as simple as our American historians were wont to believe, but offers intricate problems of diffusion and differentiation which must some day be solved.

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Pacific Northwest Americana; A Checklist of Books and Pamphlets Relating to the History of the Pacific Northwest.
Compiled by CHARLES W. SMITH. (New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1921. Pp. 329. \$4.00.)

The Pacific Northwest, including in that designation the Old Oregon Country, Alaska and the Yukon, has a remarkably interesting history and a growing literature of its own based thereon. The importance of that fact came early to the notice of those conscientious servants of the people, the librarians in charge of the reference work in the public libraries of the leading educational and commercial centers of this rather extensive region; and the publication of this volume is one direct result of their united interest. The idea was formally endorsed by the Pacific Northwest Library Association, and the work of compiling and editing has been carefully and generously done by one of its members from the data sent to him for that purpose. The contents of the book is based upon the shelf lists (upon this subject) of more than a dozen

of the leading libraries in four states of the union and in the province of British Columbia. It therefore appears as a contribution of joint service rather than a mere commercial enterprise.

This volume will prove a ready reference book, especially for readers of history, for the members of our patriotic societies, reading clubs, study clubs and the owners of private collections of Americana, and for professional librarians everywhere. It may also serve as a printed catalogue for owners of private libraries who wish to use it as such. The book is accurately and completely described on its title page. While a second edition of a similar publication eleven years ago, additions and improvements render it practically a new bibliography of Pacific Northwest history and interrelated subjects. It describes briefly in alphabetical sequence nearly five thousand books or pamphlets that have been published and tells where they can be consulted. Manuscripts, documents, maps and some periodicals are omitted but one half of each page of text has been left blank for annotations or the insertion of other items, each in its proper place. This feature adds much to its practical value. The arrangement is not free from some obscurities and perhaps might have included more cross-references to advantage, but the student can feel quite certain that what is wanted can be found between the two covers.

The volume is plainly but well bound and the choice of a publishing and distributing house was fortunate. T. C. ELLIOTT.

Narrative of a Tour From the State of Indiana to the Oregon Territory in the Years 1841-2. By JOSEPH WILLIAMS, with an Introduction by JAMES C. BELL, JR. (New York: The Cadmus Book Shop, 1921. Pp. 95. \$10.00.)

Credit is due the Cadmus Book Shop for reprinting the rare journal of Joseph Williams recounting his trip from Indiana to Oregon and return in the years 1841-42. According to the editor, Mr. James C. Bell, but two copies of the original edition are known, one in the Library of the New York Historical Society and one in the private library of Mr. H. R. Wagner. It is not surprising that Mr. Williams' Narrative has been practically unknown to students of the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Joseph Williams was prompted to make his tour to Oregon by a desire to preach to the Indians and by an equal desire to see the country. He traveled independently, much of the way alone,