

explorer is making his headquarters in this city during the winter 1921-1922 preparatory to his sailing for the North Pole. Mr. Haworth's chapter covers pages 226 to 240. It gives a sympathetic account of Amundsen's great achievement of the Northwest Passage in 1905, mentions his discovery of the South Pole on December 15, 1911, and closes as follows: "Among modern explorers Amundsen takes equal rank with our own immortal Peary. He is a man of great humanity, strong yet gentle. In the recent Great War he returned to Germany all the decorations bestowed upon him by that country. He did not wish, he said, to be honored by a country guilty of such barbarities. All honor to the noble Norwegian!"

Oregon, Her History, Her Great Men, Her Literature. By JOHN B. HORNER. (Portland, Oregon: The J. K. Gill Company, 1921, Pp. 366. \$2.00 net.)

This is a revised and enlarged edition of the author's book which the Oregon Legislature commended most cordially by a joint resolution dated February 25, 1919. It is wholly an Oregon product. The author has lived in the State for more than half a century; the many beautiful illustrations were engraved by the Hicks-Chatten Engraving Company, of Portland; the printing and binding were done by the James, Kerns & Abbott Company, of Portland; and the publishers are the famous old book men, also of Portland.

The author has compiled an abundance of material which he has prepared in a way to attract many readers, especially young ones. He has omitted a bibliography and uses only a few foot notes. However, he says in the preface: "The task of preparing this publication has been hopefully pursued with one advantage over its predecessors—the opportunity of gleaning the choicest from all of them." The book has a helpful index and an inserted map of the State, specially printed for this issue.

Maritime History of Massachusetts, 1783-1860. By SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1921, Pp. 401.)

While preparing this work, the author favored the *Washington Historical Quarterly* with a chapter from his researches entitled: "Boston Traders in Hawaiian Islands, 1789-1823", which

appeared in the issue for July, 1921. From that introduction, readers in the Pacific Northwest will be prepared for a delightful feast in this beautiful volume. The author is of the history staff at Harvard University. The style and purpose of the present work is best told by Mr. Morison himself in his preface as follows: "Here is no catalogue of ships, reader, nor naval chronicle, but a story of maritime enterprise; of the shipping, seaborne commerce, whaling, and fishing belonging to one American commonwealth. I have chosen to catch the story at half flood, when Massachusetts vessels first sought Far-Eastern waters, and to stay with it only so long as wind and sail would serve. For to one who has sailed a clipper ship, even in fancy, all later modes of ocean carriage must seem decadent."

There is interest in every chapter and every picture but Pacific Northwest readers will turn quickest to chapters IV. and V. "Pioneers of the Pacific" and "The Northwest Fur Trade" and to chapter XXI. "Oh! California." Here are found many familiar names and such pictures as "Captain Gray Ashore at Whampoa", "Ship Columbia Attacked by Indians in Juan de Fuca Strait", and "The Ship *Boston* Taken by the Savages at Nootka Sound, March 22, 1803."

Footnotes, bibliography and an index add greatly to the value of the work. The people of Hawaii and the Far East will surely appreciate the volume quite as much as those on the Pacific Coast of America.

Report of the Director of the National Park Service to June 30, 1921. By STEPHEN T. MATHER. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1921, Pp. 306.)

This fifth annual report, like its predecessors, covers all the national parks and is chiefly interesting to readers in the State of Washington on account of its information about Mount Rainier National Park. Director Mather gives a review of the year's work and discusses improvements needed. In the appendix, pages 213 to 222, greater details are given in the report by W. H. Peters, Superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park. The book is well worth saving by all who favor the care and use of these wonder places and playgrounds of the people.