

trade in the Northwest. A photograph of John Work is used as frontispiece. The book has four other illustrations and a map showing the route of the journey here recorded. A copious index adds much to the value of the book.

Readers of the *Washington Historical Quarterly* and of the *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* are aware of other journals of other trips by John Work. Each publication has contained a number of such journals edited by T. C. Elliott and one portion edited by William S. Lewis and Jacob A. Meyers. Some of these are cited in footnotes in the present volume. The one complete journal here reproduced gives the book unity and affords the opportunity for gathering the supplemental chapters, a combination which will provide for the volume a choice place in all collections of Northwest Americana.

EDMOND S. MEANY.

Origin of Washington Geographic Names. By EDMOND S. MEANY.
(Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1923. Pp. 357.)

This book has been published as a series of articles in the *Washington Historical Quarterly* beginning in October, 1917. Criticisms were invited and such as were received were incorporated in this reprinted volume. The edition in book form comprises only 250 copies intended for the libraries that may need a reference work of this nature. The origins of 2042 names are recorded. There are also 771 cross-references to facilitate the tracing of obsolete names. An analysis of the names recorded shows that they were conferred as follows: for individual persons, 824; for physical features (such as Mound Prairie), 399; Indian names, 386; for other towns or countries, 191; for crops, plants, animals, etc., 115; freak names (such as Hogum, Hungry Harbor, Hellgate and Pandora), 65; Spanish names, 33; for American ships, 17; for British ships, 6; Biblical names, 6.

In the preparation of the work, all known sources were consulted, such as maps, charts, diaries, books of travel, histories, newspapers and pamphlets. Thousands of letters were written and many personal interviews were held with pioneers. Great effort was made toward completeness but that is impossible in a

growing commonwealth. New names arise from day to day. Since the book was published, Congressman Albert Johnson has told of a recent experience. He is often requested to secure new postoffices and, of course, the Post Office Department requires a name that will not duplicate another or work confusion in the handling of mail. One day while in need of a name without delay, Mr. Johnson threw open the Dictionary. The first word encountered was "Mongoose." There was no postoffice by that name and he at once chose it for a new postoffice in the State of Washington. This chance anecdote may help some future compiler of Washington's geographic names.

Library officials and others who wish to secure copies of this book should place their orders with the University of Washington Press, Seattle.

Minnesota in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. By FRANKLIN F. HOLBROOK. (Saint Paul: Minnesota War Records Commission, 1923. Pp. 675.)

The Commission issuing this large volume consists of four ex-officio members selected from the offices they hold in the State—Adjutant General of Minnesota, President of the Minnesota Historical Society, Chairman of the Department of History in the University of Minnesota and State Commissioner of Education. There are also five members appointed by the Governor, who used equally good judgment in his selections. The author of the present book is Secretary and Director of the Commission. In the whole enterprise there is abundant evidence of sincerity of purpose and efficiency in workmanship. The first 133 pages are devoted to history and the balance to a roster of Minnesotans in the service from April 21, 1898 to July 4, 1902. The names of each officer and man in every regiment are arranged alphabetically. That seems simple but it only begins to tell the story. After each name is a paragraph, closely condensed and using terse abbreviations, in which is recorded every man's military record in the wars specified. The vast and painstaking labor is justified for the record is now complete. It may be that other States will find this volume a model when they compile the records of their soldiers and sailors in the public service.