

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.

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*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.