

years the only transcontinental railroad in America. For sixty years this road has played an important part in the development of the West. The sources for this history are largely the official documents of the federal government and of the several states. The author has given frequent citations both to the sources and secondary authorities utilized in the preparation of the work. The item constitutes an important addition to the growing literature of the American railroad.

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*Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association.* (Seattle: Ralph Munn, Secretary, 1924. Pp. 54. \$0.75.)

An account is here given of the Conference held in Corvallis, Oregon, June 11-13, 1923. The activities of the Association are shown by the reports from ten active committees. The discussions reported show keen interest not only in matters of library technique but in matters of general civic welfare. The next meeting is announced for Victoria, B. C., August 25-27, under the presidency of John Ridington of the University of British Columbia Library.

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*An Analysis of Lafayette National Park.* By ROBERT STERLING YARD. (Washington: The National Parks Association, 1924. Pp. 46.)

In his opening paragraph, Mr. Yard justifies the preparation of this beautiful pamphlet. It is as follows:

"Except for Lafayette National Park in Maine, the United States east of the Mississippi is still unrepresented in our National Parks System. The reason is that Congress does not purchase land for National Parks, and all eastern lands are privately owned except certain Appalachian forests recently acquired under the Weeks Act for the protection of stream sources and the conservation of growing timber. All other public lands are in the far West. Lafayette National Park was the gift of the people to the United States. It required years of labor and personal sacrifice to acquire it.

Most of the excellent photographs from which the illustrations were made are credited to Herbert W. Gleason. The park is on Mount Desert Island and commands many views of the Atlantic.

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