

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.

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.

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.

Westerners should rejoice over the Nation's acquisition of

Lafayette National Park. Struggles for adequate maintenance of the larger parks will be favorably modified by a swift and general approval of this fine gift from the people.

The Western Gateway to World Trade. By CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD, NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY, GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. (Chicago and St. Paul: Passenger Traffic Managers of the Companies, 1924. Pp. 31. Free.)

Treasure Lands of the Pacific Northwest. By CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD, NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY, GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. (Chicago and St. Paul: Passenger Traffic Managers of the Companies, 1924. Pp. 31. Free.)

The latest numbers in a series of booklets well described by the titles. The previous issues are entitled *The Land of Opportunity Now*, *Through the American Wonderland*, *A Business of Your Own in Poultryland*, *Timber Billions of the Pacific Northwest*, *There is a Happy Land*, *The Land of Better Farms*, *Power for Supremacy*. Of course it is all railroad advertising material but collectors of Northwest Americana will do well to save the booklets. They are well written, beautifully illustrated and printed on first class paper. They carry valuable information in compact form and the advertising is not obtrusive. It consists of two pages in the back of each booklet under the caption: "See the Pacific Northwest" and bearing the names of P. S. Eustis, A. B. Smith and A. J. Dickinson, Passenger Traffic Managers of the three cooperating railroads.

Mandan and Hidatsa Music. By FRANCES DENSMORE. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1923. Pp. 192. \$0.60.)

Excavations in the Chama Valley, New Mexico. By J. A. JEANCON. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1923. Pp. 80. \$0.75.)

Bulletins 80 and 81 are well described by the titles. The usual high standard of printing is maintained. There are abundant illustrations, diagrams and music scores. Though outside the field of this *Quarterly*, they are mentioned here on account of the growing interest in ethnology throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Other Books Received

AMERICAN IRISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. *Journal, Volume 22, for the Year 1923.* (New York: The Society, 1923. Pp. 265.)

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. *Transactions for the Year 1922.* (Springfield, For the Society, 1923. Pp. 161.)