

which the constitution contained could be effected only by constitutional amendment, and although that process was usually made easy, intelligent decisions on the part of the electorate were likely to be difficult to obtain. The increase in the number of elective officers added a further burden. Regardless of the question as to who is best fitted to fill administrative and judicial offices, the fact remains that, voting on a large number of candidates at one time, popular interest is likely to be divided and popular judgment uncertain. Nevertheless, the trend towards direct participation by the people in the government had not yet reached its climax. The initiative, the more expanded use of the referendum, and the recall were yet to come. And even now, a third of a century later, it may well be doubted if any distinct reaction has set in."

Studies in Administrative Research. By FRED C. AYER. (Seattle: Board of Directors, 1924. Pp. 117. Sventy-five cents.)

Professor Ayer is Director of the Seattle Public Schools Department of Research. This book is Bulletin No. 1. The subdivisions are "Time Allotment," "The Curriculum," "Upper Grade Organization" and "Progress of Pupils." The work is of especial value to teachers and others having responsibility in the maintenance of our system of education.

Cowboys North and South. By WILL JAMES. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1924. Pp. 217. \$3.50.)

The publisher's announcement says: "Here is the cowboy's story at its best, written by one who was brought up a cowboy and has lived all his life as a cowboy, among cowboys, and knowing every tradition of the cattle country." The author himself says: "Me, never being to school and having to pick up what I know in grammar from old magazines and saddle catalogs scattered in cow camps would find plenty of territory for improvement in the literary range."

The language throughout the book has the same sound of galloping hoofs and swinging ropes. Anyone who loves the West will like these stories. The fifty-one illustrations, all by the author, comprise one of the most attractive features of the book. Will James is certainly a clever artist. There is no question but that this book will receive a cordial welcome among collectors and readers of the rapidly growing cowboy literature.