

is among the earliest of my memories. Dim and misty, in the beginning, its image appeared far down the corridors of the nearly forgotten past. Gradually it took form and entity as my understanding grew. The years added to its distinctness. As I came physically nearer to it, it became more of a reality—a splendid and unusual reality, it is true. And at last we became friends and companions. Friends and companions I hope we shall always remain.”

From that confession of his first mountain love, it is a delight to trace his development into a true mountaineer, knowing and loving all the wonderful snow mountains of the Pacific Northwest.

Chapter X. is headed “Regal Glacier Peak, Ice-King of the Northern Cascades”. Members of The Mountaineers will find Chapter XII. of peculiar help at the present moment. It is captioned “The Mountain of Thrills” and deals with Mount Stuart. He tells of his two ascents in 1920 and 1921. As The Mountaineers expect to climb the same mountain in 1925, they should by all means ascertain why Mr. Rush calls it “The Mountain of Thrills.”

The book is quite sure to become a favorite and if a second edition should be issued the author would do well to provide an adequate index.

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*The Early History of the Lumber Trade of Kansas City.* By CHARLES P. DEATHERAGE. (Kansas City: Deatherage, 1924. Pp. 40. \$0.50.)

*Steamboating on the Missouri River in the Sixties.* By CHARLES P. DEATHERAGE. (Kansas City: Deatherage, 1924, Pp. 40. \$0.50.)

These two booklets are reprints of a series of articles that have appeared in Kansas City periodicals, the first in the *Retail Lumberman* of 1922-1923, the second in the *Kansas City News-Press* in June and July, 1924. They are based largely upon the author's own reminiscences and contain many interesting incidents of early days. These informal accounts of pioneer days on the Missouri River add something to a composite picture of the West which the formal histories do not give.