

Cook, Meares and Vancouver. No claim is made to a presentation of new material but the new arrangement makes available in convenient and inexpensive form a connected account of events in the early history of the North Pacific Coast. The book is well illustrated and contains seven maps. It is particularly well adapted to school use but is worthy of a place in libraries, public or private.

Five tales of maritime adventure from log books and original narratives compose the volume entitled *The Sea, The Ship, and the Sailor*. Two are of special interest to students of the Pacific Northwest. One of these is a reprint of *The Life and Adventures of John Nicol* (Edinburgh, Blackwoods, 1822) a rare volume growing out of the voyage of Portlock and Dixon. The other is the first printing of a manuscript entitled: *Narrative of Events in the Life of John Bartlett of Boston, Massachusetts, in the years 1790-1793, During Voyages to Canton and the Northwest Coast of North America*. The narrative gives new information and its value is enhanced by notes supplied by his honour, Judge F. W. Howay.

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- Fort Union and Its Neighbors on the Upper Missouri*. By FRANK B. HARPER. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 36.)
- A Glance at the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. By GRACE FLANDRAU. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp.29.)
- An Important Visit, Zebulon Montgomery Pike, 1805*. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 11.)
- The Discovery of Marias Pass*. By GRACE FLANDRAU. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 23.)
- Chief Joseph's Own Story*. Reprinted from the *North American Review* of April 1879. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 31.)
- Program of Events, Upper Missouri Historical Expedition*. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 11.)
- Library List, Upper Missouri Historical Expedition*. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 8.)
- John Fritz Medal Presentation to John Frank Stevens, 1925*. (New York: The John Fritz Medal Board of Award, 1925. Pp. 61.)

Here is a sheaf of important pamphlets giving evidence of

unusual interest in history by a great railroad corporation. Librarians and other collectors will be keen to save these pamphlets and those fortunate enough to see them will join in the hope that the Great Northern Railway Company will continue the work so beautifully begun. As indicated by the titles, these pamphlets relate to subjects and events connected with the Upper Missouri Historical Expedition, July 16-21, 1925. The elaborate programs were intensely interesting. These publications help to make the record of them permanent.

Some idea of the historical value of the pamphlets may be had from the opening sentences of the first one here listed, as follows: "In 1829 the imposing Fort Union, chief establishment of the American Fur Company on the upper Missouri, stood upon a grassy plain on the north bank of the Missouri, three miles above the mouth of the Yellowstone. Its predecessor was Fort Floyd, said to have been erected in the vicinity by Kenneth McKenzie, Joseph Renville, Daniel Lamont and William Laidlaw, who withdrew from the Northwest Company of Montreal in 1821 and established themselves on the Missouri near the mouth of the Yellowstone, and were thereby instrumental in founding the Columbia Company. In the year 1827, through the purchase of the Columbia interests by the American Fur Company, the establishment known as Fort Floyd seems to have passed away, leaving no trace of its exact location. But four years of building saw lifted in its place the most formidable fur-trading establishment (with the probable exception of Fort Garry) ever erected in the Northwest."

When the Upper Missouri Historical Expedition reached Fort Union there was a series of programs including participation by many notable Indians. As to numbers engaged in the ceremonies, this was probably the central feature of the Expedition.

The start had been made from Saint Paul on July 16. The first significant stop of the special train was at Verendrye. There on behalf of the Great Northern Railway Company, President Ralph Budd presented to the State of North Dakota the Thompson monument and its site. This was an honor to Verendrye and David Thompson. The dedicatory address, "David Thompson, Astronomer and Geographer," by T. C. Elliott of Walla Walla, was published in the *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for June, 1925. That issue is called "Verendrye Number." It is packed with Verendrye materials including an "Introduction to the Verendrye Journals" by Ralph Budd and trans-

lations of the journals themselves. That issue of the Oregon publication must be considered in any collection of materials of the Upper Missouri Historical Expedition. Verendrye should no longer be a vague figure in the history of the West.

At Meriwether there was presented to the State of Montana the monument to Captain Meriwether Lewis. A picture of the monument is given in the Lewis and Clark pamphlet. In fact the illustrations and maps add greatly to the value of these pamphlets.

The pamphlet entitled *The Discovery of Marias Pass* carries a picture of the fine statue of John Frank Stevens at the summit of Marias Pass. It is a worthy tribute to a great engineer while he is still living. It is appropriate also that the pamphlet recording the award to him of the John Fritz Medal should be included in this list. His discovery of Marias Pass is mentioned there among his other achievements.

The appropriateness of including *Chief Joseph's Own Story* is seen in the Program, where on Sunday, July 19, there was scheduled an automobile trip from Havre to the last battle ground of the great Nez Perce leader.

The ceremonies, music, and addresses were enjoyable and, in their own way, important but the monuments and these publications will endure and render valuable service for indefinite time.

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*Our Greatest Mountain, a Handbook for Mount Rainier National Park.* By F. W. SCHMOE. (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1925. Pp. 366. \$3.00.)

The volume contains thirteen chapters grouped into four "books" under these headings: "The Mountain," "The National Park," "Flora and Fauna," "Winter on the Mountain." There are sixty-four beautiful illustrations and an adequate index. A brief introduction is written by Stephen T. Mather, Director of the National Park Service.

Readers in the Pacific Northwest, and especially those living near Mount Rainier, will be delighted with the publisher's announcement on the flap of the paper wrap of the well bound volume. The announcement identifies the author, breathes the spirit of his work, and describes beautifully the field covered by the volume. It is here reproduced in full:

"Mount Rainier, around which this book is written, is a study in contrasts. Many ages ago a roaring volcano that