

*The Oregon Trail.* By FRANCIS PARKMAN. With illustrations in color by N. C. WYETH. (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1925. Pp. 364. \$2.00.)

Of all recent editions of *The Oregon Trail* this is by far the most attractive. The book is well made and well bound. The type is large and clear on good paper. There are five illustrations in color besides colored end papers and cover design, all by N. C. Wyeth. The volume retails at \$2.00 the copy, an astonishingly low price for a book so well produced.

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*Sir Alexander Mackenzie's Rock, End of the First Journey Across North America.* By CAPTAIN R. P. BISHOP. (Ottawa: Department of the Interior, 1925. Pp. 31.)

The Canadian Government is publishing the Historic Site Series, of which *Mackenzie's Rock* is Number 6. Judge F. W. Howay supplies the introduction and illuminating footnotes. Captain Bishop tells about the painstaking search of records and survey of the region to accurately trace Mackenzie's route from the mouth of the Bella Coola River to the famous rock ending the traveller's quest of the Pacific.

At the beginning is this quotation from *Mackenzie's Voyages*, page 349: "I now mixed up some vermilion in melted grease, and inscribed, in large characters, on the South-East face of the rock on which we had slept last night, this brief memorial—'Alexander Mackenzie, from Canada, by land, the twenty-second of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three'."

That inscription is permanently replaced on the identified rock by the Canadian Historic Sites Commission. The work interests the whole Northwest. The *Portland Oregonian* on November 30, 1924, declared editorially: "In succeeding where less thorough research must have failed, British Columbian historians who have at last determined the precise terminus of Alexander Mackenzie's journey across the American continent in 1793 have set a commendable example."

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*A History of Oregon.* By ROBERT CARLTON CLARK, ROBERT HORACE DOWN AND GEORGE VERNE BLUE. (Chicago: Row, Peterson and Company, 1925. Pp. 356.)

The History Teachers' Section of the Oregon State Teachers' Association and the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers combined their efforts which persuaded the writing of this book as