

*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

a text to be used in the elementary schools of Oregon. The authors acknowledge also sympathetic interest and encouragement by Miss Cornelia Marvin, State Librarian of Oregon. The authors are well placed to achieve success. Mr. Clark is Head of the Department of History, University of Oregon; Mr. Down has the same title in Franklin High School, Portland; Mr. Blue is Professor of History in the University of Hawaii.

The book is well printed, well illustrated and at the end of each chapter are questions for review and citations for additional readings. Chapter I., deals with "Geography of the Oregon Country" and the last, or Chapter XX., is headed "Economic Progress Since 1870." The book deserves success.

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*Halcyon Days in Port Townsend.* By C. H. HANFORD. (Seattle: Privately printed, 1925. Pp. 118. \$2.50.)

Judge Cornelius H. Hanford is so well known as a pioneer and prominent citizen of the Pacific Northwest that anything he may write or publish will be received with respect. *Halcyon Days in Port Townsend* is one of the latest fruits from his pen. The present reviewer has the desire to become enthusiastic over the book but finds it difficult to do so. It is neither history nor fiction. The two elements are mingled. There are good writing and much fun and many anecdotes worth having in the volume. Collectors of Northwest Americana will gladly save it as an entertaining addition to our growing literature.

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*Frontier Law, A Story of Vigilante Days.* By WILLIAM J. MCCONNELL. (Yonkers-on-Hudson, N. Y.: World Book Company, 1924. Pp. 233. \$1.20.)

There have appeared in this publication reviews of several other books in the World Book Company's "Pioneer Life Series," notably *Hidden Heroes of the Rockies* by Isaac K. Russell. *Frontier Law* deals with the pioneer days of Idaho, of which State the author was once Governor. In graphic style, particularly for young American readers, the author tells of stage coaches, Indians, prospectors, cattle-men and especially how the vigilantes restored the control of affairs to the hands of the decent people of Idaho after bad men had attempted to rule.