

their numbers. This constitutes the guide for teaching Wyoming history by counties.

John T. Condon. By CLARK PRESCOTT BISSETT. (Seattle: Privately published, 1926. Pp. 14.)

Professor Bissett's beautiful tribute to his colleague and friend delivered at the funeral of John T. Condon, Dean of the University of Washington Law School, on Saturday, January 9, 1926, has been published in a neat booklet for friends and associates. The eulogy is prefaced by a brief biography and dedicated by the Alumni Association of the University of Washington to the memory of "The Dean."

The Educational Services of President N. D. Showalter. By J. ORIN OLIPHANT. (Cheney, Washington: Alumni Association of the State Normal School, Cheney, Washington, 1926. Pp. 20.)

This brief pamphlet preserves in compact form a remarkable tribute of professional respect and downright love for Noah David Showalter who recently retired from the presidency of the State Normal School at Cheney, Washington.

The author is himself an alumnus, of the Class of 1913. The educational history of President Showalter is told in a straightforward way but each page breathes affection for the leader and the man. The last nine pages are given to the expression of tributes from educational and professional men and women from different parts of Washington and from other States.

History of the American Frontier 1763-1893. By FREDERIC L. PAXSON. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1926. Pp. 598. \$3.50.)

This is a "student's edition" of Professor Paxson's well known book which was awarded the Pulitzer prize of \$2,000 for the best book of 1924 on the history of the United States. The last part of the title is misleading as the final chapter brings the date down to the admission to statehood of Arizona and New Mexico in 1912.

The Blazed Trail of the Old Frontier. By AGNES C. LAUT. (New York: Robert M. McBride and Company, 1926. Pp. 266. \$4.00.)

A sub-title declares this to be the log of the Upper Missouri Historical Expedition of 1925. Mention has heretofore been

made of this significant undertaking by the Great Northern Railway Company. In this *Quarterly* for October, 1925, there appeared a review of eight beautiful pamphlets which had been generously distributed. Part of those pamphlets make up the bulk of this attractive volume. Its value is greatly increased by many illustrations from drawings by Charles M. Russell, well known as a western artist. Collectors, even those who have saved files of the original pamphlets, will be delighted to acquire the important record in the form of this substantial and intrinsically valuable book.

Asia, A Short History from the Earliest Times to the Present Day.

By HERBERT H. GOWEN. (Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1926. Pp. 436. \$3.50 net.)

Professor Gowen has again given evidence of his matchless industry and his abundantly acknowledged scholarship. The book teems with information clothed in beautiful and easily comprehended language.

The subject is, of course, enormous for treatment in a single volume, but, says the author in his foreword: "In the case of the following narrative it is hoped that the stimulus will be sufficient to prompt further research in volumes where the separate trees are of more concern than the entire plan of the forest." And again: "It is obvious that this history is written frankly from the Western point of view, and that therefore there is considerable reference to those incidents of European and American history which connect themselves with Asiatic affairs. To attempt a history of Asia from the Asiatic point of view would be to miss those interests which for the present furnish the bond between East and West."

Chapter XII., "The Dawn of the Pacific Era," will prove of particular interest to readers in the Pacific Northwest as there the author treats of the early development of this home region. Rapidly now the whole Pacific Rim is becoming more understandable; its multitudinous peoples are beginning to sense the duty of neighborliness. In the light of that fact this book will work its greatest good.

The table of contents, bibliographical appendix, chronological table and index are joys in their real helpfulness. There are nineteen illustrations and a general map of Asia.

Acquaintances of Doctor Gowen will know how highly he himself values this volume when they turn to the dedicatory page and read three words: "To My Wife."