The Alaska Pathfinder

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The Alaska Pathfinder. By JOHN T. FARIS. (New York: Revell, 1926. Pp. 221. \$1.50.)

In 1877 only ten years after Alaska became the property of the United States Sheldon Jackson landed at Wrangell and placed there an American teacher. *The Alaskan Pathfinder* by John T. Faris tells the story of his work in establishing missions and schools in western Alaska, gives the reasons for his appointment as the first United States Commissioner of Education for Alaska and accounts for his success in introducing reindeer to Alaska.

The book is idealistic in tone and popular in style. The new edition contains an introduction by John A. Marquis.

Zimmermann's Account of the Third Voyage of Captain Cook, 1776-1780. Translated by MISS U. TEWSLEY of the Library Staff under the Direction of Johannes C. Andersen, Librarian, with a few Explanatory Notes. Bulletin, No. 2, Alexander Turnbull Library. (Wellington, New Zealand: Government Printer, 1926. Pp. 49. 2s. 6d. plus postage.)

This modest book has the distinction of being the first English translation of Henry Zimmermann's *Reise um die Welt mit Capitain Cook*, Mannheim, 1781. The account is one of merit containing details of the third voyage not elsewhere available. That it should have remained untranslated for one-hundred, forty-five years can only be explained by the extreme rarity of the original. The Alexander Trumbull Library of Wellington, New Zealand, possesses one of the few known copies of the first German edition and deserves great credit for now making Zimmermann's narrative accessible to English readers. The volume contains a valuable bibliographical appendix, together with two plates and a map.

Stories of Early Times in the Great West for Young Readers. By FLORENCE BASS. (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1927. Pp. 203. \$1.00.)

This small book, carefully prepared for reading in schools of the third to the sixth grade, exemplifies the best type of material now available to the school librarian. No political history is