

Such fault finding may seem ungracious but the people of the Pacific Northwest hold their history in high esteem. It is a worthy and colorful history and in no sense merits dismissal with a slur or joke. It is hoped that when Mr. Fox writes his book in this series, covering the period of 1790 to 1830, he will show how the Pacific Northwest furnished one of the problems involved in the Monroe Doctrine.

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The Geology of the San Juan Islands. By ROY DAVIDSON McLELLAN. (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1927. Pp. 185. \$2.00.)

Historically the San Juan Islands constitute one of the most interesting areas of the Pacific Northwest. Although Mr. McLellan clings closely to the technology of his science, his work is valuable to the historian on account of its basic information and more especially because all of the islands are described and definitely named. The present reviewer is aware of much cooperation on the part of the United States Geographic Board to wipe out many duplications of names. The excellent geologic map accompanying this volume is undoubtedly the most perfect map yet published of the San Juan Islands.

The volume is thoroughly well illustrated with reproduced photographs and diagrams. There is included an extensive bibliography and a dependable index. The book is a thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the University of Washington.

Oregon Geographic Names. By LEWIS A. McARTHUR. (Portland, Oregon: Privately published, 1928. Pp. ix-450. \$5.00 net.)

For many years Mr. McArthur has been gathering materials for his *Oregon Geographic Names*. He was simply tireless. The present reviewer encountered him at work on more than one occasion. No detail of information was to him trivial if it could add even a shade of meaning to an item within his quest. Beginning with December, 1925, part of the work appeared in the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*. With those installments the author fairly begged for criticisms and corrections and now in his preface he acknowledges help received. If faithful, skilful and long continued effort may win success, then this large and handsome volume merits a generous approval.