

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 fulfilment 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.

Work of this nature is practically endless. The author cherished no illusions on this score. In his preface he says: "There are probably 50,000 geographic features in Oregon sufficiently important to be distinguished by names. At least half of these features deserve but minor consideration. For the most part they bear simple descriptive names with no historical background. There seem to be innumerable Dry, Alkali, and Fish creeks, and Bald, Rocky and Huckleberry mountains. The remaining 25,000 names of Oregon geographic features are worthy of serious study. The author has information printed under about 2300 headings in this book, and these headings cover approximately 4000 features, or about one-sixth of the more important ones of the state. From an historical point of view, it is apparent that practically all the best known names of the state are mentioned."

Of the names studied, 23.8 per cent of them are of Indian origin. By far the greater portion are English in origin. The author feels that "an analysis of 25,000 origins will probably show that 80 per cent are from the English language."

Anyone using the partial index would do well to remember the statement in the preface: "The index does not cover items that may be located directly in those parts of the book which are alphabetically arranged." The plural "parts" calls for mention of the "Addenda" beginning at page 404. The eleven illustrations include rare and useful historical maps and charts.

Since the work is privately published it is well to state that the author-publisher invites that not only subscriptions at \$5.10 (including postage) but also corrections and criticisms be sent to Lewis A. McArthur, Public Service Building, Portland, Oregon.

Oregon Folks. By FRED LOCKLEY. (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1927. Pp. 220. \$1.50.)

A daily feature of the *Oregon Journal* for many years has been the column in which Fred Lockley tells the stories of early life in Oregon as gathered from the accounts of the pioneers themselves. Some of the best of these tales, told mostly in the first person and in characteristic language, are to be found in *Oregon Folks*. They cover a wide variety of personalities and occupations, from pony express to college presidents, but the majority date back to the earliest days of Oregon history. Each story is the result of a personal interview with old-timers or