

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

members of their immediate family. The book will make a valuable addition to any library in which Oregon is represented.

The Oregon Trail. By FRANCIS PARKMAN. A new edition edited by Walter S. Campbell. (Oklahoma City: Harlow Publishing Company, 1927. Pp. 454.)

This new edition of Parkman's best known classic is more thoroughly annotated than most that have preceded it. The text follows that which first appeared in the *Knickerbocker Magazine* with some changes however in spelling and punctuation and with omission of the poetical extracts at the beginning of each chapter. A map is supplied showing Parkman's route.

The Yellowstone National Park, Historical and Descriptive. By HIRAM MARTIN CHITTENDEN. (Saint Paul: J. E. Haynes, 1927. Pp. 356.)

The first edition of General Chittenden's *Yellowstone National Park* was published in 1895, with reprintings in 1903 and 1915. The second general revision was completed shortly before the author's death in 1917 and bears the copyright date of 1918. A third general revision was published in 1924. The present printing bears the copyright of 1927 but shows no appreciable change from the revision of 1924. The continuing demand for this history and guide book to our largest national park bears witness to the accuracy, thoroughness and charm of the work.

A Pioneer of 1850, George Willis Read, 1819-1880. By GEORGIA WILLIS READ. (Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1927. Pp. 185. \$3.50.)

This volume contributes primarily to the history of California. Pages 17 to 100 contain the day by day account of an overland journey by George Willis Read from Independence, Missouri, to the gold mines in California. The diary covers the dates from May 1 to August 18, 1850. The book is well printed and illustrated. Notes are supplied by the daughter. A bibliography and a map are added. The volume adds one more substantial work to the growing list of narratives of overland travel to the Pacific Coast.

Pioneer Seattle and its Pioneers. By CLARENCE B. BAGLEY. (Seattle: The Author, 1928. Pp. 17+7.)