

This is a new issue of the author's "Pioneer Seattle and its Founders." It contains a chapter entitled "The Bethel Company" and is embellished with numerous full page prints of early Seattle views.

Cow Country. By WILL JAMES. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1927. \$3.50.)

Another book of cowboy stories or "pieces" as the author calls them! There is much genuine merit to these pictures from the cattle ranges. No finer interpretation has been given to the life of the cowboy on the open frontier.

History of the Willamette Valley, Oregon. By ROBERT CARLTON CLARK. (Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1927. Pp. 888.)

This book is large, well made and abundantly illustrated. Some of the pages carry more than one picture, the total number reaching 217. No mention is made of the fact but the work has the appearance of being one of those fine histories to be accompanied by one or more volumes of paid-for biographies.

The author is well known as professor of history in the University of Oregon. He frankly admits that he has been gathering the materials for years and has had the assistance of advanced students and associates. For the period prior to statehood, the history of the Willamette Valley would overlap that of Oregon itself. On this, the author says: "Since the history of Oregon has been covered so exhaustively, especially the early period, in the volumes of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Horace S. Lyman, and Charles H. Carey, not to mention works of lesser value and importance, it has not seemed desirable to make this history a mere repetition of what has been written before. Acknowledgment of great indebtedness to the writers just mentioned is here made together with expression of appreciation that their work has been so well done as to free the present writer from the task of writing a simple narrative history. The effort has here been made to supplement and fill out by the use of new materials the histories that have been written before and the reader of this history is urged to seek in the books mentioned more ample and more thrilling accounts of many noble deeds and many important events that may seem to be herein touched upon all too lightly."

It would seem that this avowed object has been accomplished remarkably well. Professor Clark's book will be consulted for many years as a dependable reservoir of historical materials. He reveals the quality of his scholarship by adding an appendix of twenty valuable documents. One of these is quite unique in Oregon annals. During his researches in the Public Record Office, London, Professor Clark found among other rich materials a letter from Lieutenant Jeremy Pinch, establishing the claim that he was the first American to follow in the footsteps of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Oregon country. One page 122 he says Lieutenant Pinch undoubtedly spent the winter of 1807-1808 "on Coeur d'Alene Lake, or some other lake situated in the country of the Nez Percés Indians, and his post may have been located there or at the junction of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers." A footnote cites to the appendix, where, on pages 839-840, may be found the precious letter here first published. The letter dated at "Poltito Palton Lake, Sept. 29th 1807," is a pugnacious demand that British merchants trading with American Indians respect the regulations of Congress. He threatens to use force. In the same Foreign Office file bearing date of February 23, 1846, is a reply to Pinch from David Thompson, dated December 26, 1807, in which that representative of the North West Company took sharp issue with the claims of Lieutenant Pinch. Thompson added to the copy of his reply a note saying the Poltito paltons were the Green Wood Indians and the Pilchenees (marauders mentioned by Pinch) were Fall Indians, adding: "not one of these petty officers but what has as much arrogance as Bounaparte at the head of his Invincibles." The discovery of this choice item whets the appetite for more information about Lieutenant Jermy Pinch.

Alumni Directory of the Law School, University of Washington.

By EDWARD W. ALLEN, DOLPH BARNETT and THEODORE D. CARLSON. (Seattle: Law Alumni Association, 1927. Pp. 66.)

A portrait of the late Dean T. Condon of the Law School of the University of Washington is followed by a dedication to the beloved Dean from the pen of one of his students, Edward W. Allen of the Seattle bar. This dedication is a brief biography but it is also a tribute reflecting the affectionate esteem in which the Dean was held by all his students.

A brief history of the Law School is supplied by Dean Alfred