

markers until the historic old Oregon Trail shall be thoroughly and permanently marked from beginning to end.

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National Park Service. By STEPHEN T. MATHER, Director.
(Washington: Government Printing Office, 1928. Pp. 33.)

As shown the report is a very slender one. The information is mostly compacted into tables of statistics. Table 6 shows the visitors to National Parks from 1913 to 1928. Mount Rainier National Park is shown to have developed from 13,501 visitors in 1913 to a total of 219,531 in 1928. In the brief narrative portion devoted to Mount Rainier National Park is found the following paragraph:

"The entire north side of the park covering about one-third of the total area, and three alpine park areas in the southwestern portion, have been designated 'roadless areas,' to remain free of road, hotel, pay camp, and other commercial developments, but open to hikers and horse travel. The areas so designated, together with the large central area to which it is practically impossible to build roads, definitely insure approximately 70 per cent of the total area of Mount Rainier National Park remaining accessible only to hikers or horse travel."

A great wave of opinion is now spreading over the country to save in our national parks portions in their wild or natural beauty. Such parts have been advocated under the term "wilderness areas." Perhaps the new term "roadless areas" will prove more effective.

Universal Indian Sign Language. By WILLIAM TOMKINS. . (San Diego: The Author, c1927. Pp. 96. Paper, \$1.00; Buckram, \$2.00.)

While appearing without imprint date, this edition is an enlargement and revision of the first printing which was noted in this *Quarterly* for January, 1927. The number of pages has been increased from 77 to 96 and the explanation of signs has been simplified and improved.

Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, August 30, 31 and September 1, 1928. (Longview, Washington: The Association, 1929. Pp. 146.)

This volume recording the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Conference was prepared by the retiring Secretary, Miss Helen Johns. In addition to the usual lists of officers, members, etc. and

the formal reports of committees, a number of valuable papers are included. Of special interest to students of history are the following: "Best Sources of Historical Information on the Early History of the Pacific Northwest as Viewed from the Canadian Standpoint," by Alma M. Russell of the Provincial Library of Victoria, and "Best Sources of Historical Information on the Early History of the Pacific Northwest as Seen from the American Standpoint," by Ruth Montague of the Library Association of Portland. The Conference was held in Vancouver, B.C. The next meeting will be held in Spokane, Washington.

Alaska, Its Scenic Features, Geography, History, and Government.

By LESTER D. HENDERSON. (Juneau: Alaska Daily Empire Print, 1929. Pp. 114.)

This paper bound volume is a second edition of a well illustrated work describing Alaska from every point of view. The author contends that Alaska is a misunderstood land. His purpose is made evident by the following statement from the preface: "To the reader who will follow us through the succeeding pages, we hope to show Alaska in its true light—as an inhabited and habitable land, rich in resources, replete with natural attractions, and abounding with opportunity; with homes and firesides, schools, churches, and all things necessary to a full and complete life."

Warpath and Cattle Trail. By HUBERT E. COLLINS. (New York: William Morrow & Company, 1928. Pp. 296. \$3.50.)

The author went into Oklahoma when ten years of age. In time he became cowboy, rancher, explorer and engineer. This book records experiences of an exciting life. An appreciative foreword is furnished by Hamlin Garland who calls the book "A gusty record of joyous adventure." The illustrations are graphic drawings by Paul Brown.

My People, The Sioux. By CHIEF STANDING BEAR. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1928. Pp. 288. \$4.00.)

Houghton Mifflin Company has a series called "Lives of Adventure" including such books as *Kit Carson: The Happy Warrior of the Old West*, *a Dog-Puncher on the Yukon*, and others. This book by Chief Standing Bear takes its place in that series. The author says it is not a search for self-glory, declaring: "It is just a message to the white race; to bring my people before their eyes in a true and authentic manner."