

The author dedicates his book to the pioneers of Puget Sound. He evidently loves them. He sought to surprise them with a fine tribute. His wife joined in the enterprise. The twenty-one drawings embellishing the volume are credited to Jeanie Walter Walkinshaw.

The End of the Open Range in Eastern Montana. By ROBERT S. FLETCHER. (Reprint from the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, Vol. XVI., No. 2, September, 1929. Pp. 188 to 211).

This compact and informative essay tells the dramatic story of conflicts between cattle companies and with the oncoming settlers. A sample of the entire process is revealed in a footnote on page 200, an extract from the *Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for 1885*, page 52, as follows:

"A 'cattle king' employs a number of men as herders; 'cow-boys' is the popular designation for them. The herd is located on a favorable portion of the public lands, where grass, water, and shelter are convenient, and each herder is expected and required to make a timber-culture entry of lands along the stream. These entries often very nearly if not quite occupy all the watered lands in a township and render the remainder undesirable for actual settlement for farming purposes."

Polk, the Diary of a President, 1845-1849. Edited by ALLEN NEVINS. (New York: Longonans, Green and Company, 1929. Pp. 412. \$5.00).

The Chicago Historical Society possesses the original of Polk's Diary. In 1910, A. C. McClurg and Company published the entire work in four volumes edited by Dr. Milo Milton Quaife. By authority granted, selections have been made and used by Professor Nevins for this present work. Western readers will find interest in the portions relating to the Mexican War, the conquest of California, the experiences of Frémont and the treaty with Great Britain extending the forty-ninth parallel boundary from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific.

Readings in the Economic and Social History of the United States. By FELIX FLUGEL and HAROLD U. FAULKNER. (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1929. Pp. 978. \$3.75).

This extensive and valuable collection of materials is divided into the following three parts: