

State Manual of Washington. (Olympia: State Superintendent of Public Instructor, 1930. Pp. 162.)

The book is for school people, teachers officers and pupils. It includes the Constitution, excerpts from the School Code, State Course of Study, sketches of the State Educational Institutions and other chapters.

From page 5 to page 49 will be found "A Brief Outline of the History of Washington" by J. Orin Oliphant, for years a valued member of the staff at the State Normal School at Cheney. He has recently completed his work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Harvard and has accepted the position of Professor of History at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He was well prepared to write this history portion of the Manual of Washington. He and his associate C. S. Kingston at State Normal School, Cheney, had already published the *Outline of Northwest History*, which had proved valuable in that institution. In this present work Professor Oliphant has covered the ground well in brief form and has added four pages of helpful bibliography and suggestions to teachers.

Wilderness Trails. By F. W. SCHMOE. (Seattle: University of Washington Book Store, 1930. Pp. 117. \$1.00.)

F. W. Schmoë, is a naturalist and an artist. There are forty-two of his drawings in this book. He has worked in the Northern Cascades as "hoss wrangler" and in other capacities including National Park Naturalist. He has prepared illustrated articles for newspapers and addresses for the radio. The best of these he has here collected into a book tastefully, but not expensively bound.

Visitors and tourists will be glad to get the book as a souvenir of attractive features in an interesting region.

Sitka, Portal to Romance. By BARRETT WILLOUGHBY. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1930. Pp. 233. \$3.00.)

Miss Willoughby loves her Sitka and the whole Alaska. With the descendants of the old Russians and with the modern citizens she has lived and observed. Here she tells her story in a fascinating style. Her gleanings are not only interesting. They are valuable as well and the book deserves a wide reading.