

The Oregon Trail. By FRANCIS PARKMAN. With notes by Mabel Dodge Holmes, and an Introduction by Howard R. Driggs. Illustrations by William H. Jackson. (Philadelphia: The John C. Winston Company, 1931. Pp. 388. \$2.50.)

Attention is called to an excellent new edition of Parkman's great classic, *The Oregon Trail*. The volume has been sponsored by the Oregon Trail Memorial Association. It is well printed in large type and contains sixteen full page illustrations, part of them colored.

Wilderness; a Journal of Quiet Adventure in Alaska. By ROCKWELL KENT. (New York: The Modern Library, Inc. 1930. Pp. 243. \$0.95.)

The publishers of "The Modern Library" have included in the series a faithful reproduction of Rockwell Kent's *Wilderness*. The first edition has grown increasingly difficult to obtain and lovers of Alaska as well as admirers of the art of the author-illustrator will rejoice in the accessibility that has been given to this much sought-for modern classic.

The new volume has omitted the introduction by Dorothy Canfield Fisher to be found in the original quarto edition of 1920, but it contains by way of compensation a second preface by the author.

Drifting Sands of Party Politics. By OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD. (New York: The Century Company, 1931. Pp. 422. \$3.50.)

The Alabama Senator's interesting book (1928) has been given a second printing to enable his widow, Bertha Woodward Underwood, to whom the original edition was dedicated, an opportunity to make of it a generous distribution as a memorial "of a man who for a lifetime labored hopefully for his country."

The Life and Adventures of James P. Beckwourth. Edited by T. D. Bonner and re-edited by BERNARD DEVOTO. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1931. Pp. 405.)

This reprint carries a new title-page and also repeats the original one with Francis Parkman's autograph as of August of that year of publication, 1856. The present editor claims only to have brought forth this book to interest the general reader in the career of a successful fur-hunter and savage Indian fighter. That career was certainly an exciting one.

The book takes its place in Publisher Knopf's "Americana

Deserta," which series is under the general editorship of Bernard De Voto of Cambridge, Massachusetts. To this reprint he has added an illuminating introduction and copious explanatory notes. The series he is editing is well worth while.

The Life of Jim Baker, 1818-1898. By NOLIE BAKER. (Glendale, California: The Arthur H. Clark Company, 1931. Pp. 234.)

This is an autographed limited edition of the story of one of the noted frontiersmen, a contemporary of Fremont, Kit Carson, Jim Bridger and others of that time of adventure and of real danger. Much of his time was spent in Colorado and Wyoming.

A History of Indian Literature. By HERBERT H. GOWEN. (New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1931. Pp. 593. \$4.00.)

While this book is wholly outside of the field covered by the *Washington Historical Quarterly*, this notice is published to record the great industry of the author who is continually adding to his list of publications. Dr. Gowen is Professor of Oriental Studies in the University of Washington.

Behind the Headlines. Edited by VERNON MCKENZIE. (New York: Jonathan Cape & Harrison Smith, 1931. Pp. 286. \$2.50.)

This book contains much of world interest except in the field of Northwestern history to which this *Quarterly* is devoted. The title, publishers and price are here recorded to compliment Vernon McKenzie, who is Dean of the School of Journalism, University of Washington.

The Great Plains. By WALTER PRESCOTT WEBB. (Boston: Ginn and Company, 1931. Pp. 525. \$4.00.)

The author is Associate Professor of History in the University of Texas. He has worked with evident enthusiasm about the regions near his home. Each chapter carries a serviceable bibliography and the index adds a similar quality. The entire West should be interested in this book.

The Mountaineer. By WINONA BAILEY and EDITORIAL BOARD. (Seattle: The Mountaineers, Incorporated, 1931. Pp. 92. \$0.75.)

Mazama. By JOHN D. SCOTT and COMMITTEE. (Portland: The Mazamas, 1931. Pp. 107. \$1.50.)