

between the large cattle men and the small settler, for their interests lay together against the cattle rustlers and outlaws. The events leading to the raid gave rise to the conviction held by responsible men that only two conclusions were possible, "it was clearly a case of wholesale extermination of outlawry, or the destruction of the cattle industry." Elaborate plans miscarried and resulted in open warfare, necessitating the intervention of Federal troops, but the object of restoring law and order was finally gained. Photographs, maps, telegrams and letters verify the lively narrative.

Tales of Indian life, Indian warfare, buffalo hunts, vigilantes, and frontier days are interspersed with accounts of freighting, sheep-herding, the Old Oregon Trail, and the building of the Union Pacific railway. Shootings and hangings centering around saloons in the early days help to explain the state of mind which culminated in the 18th amendment and the Volstead Act.

While the book is entertaining, it is not well organized, and there are many typographical errors. However, it gives the feeling of the old West, and should prove a valuable source book to future historians of Wyoming, and of the Oregon Trail.

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Route Across the Rocky Mountains. By OVERTON JOHNSON and WILLIAM H. WINTER. (Princeton: Princeton University Press 1932. Pp. 199. \$3.00)

The Past and Present of the Pike's Peak Gold Regions. By HENRY VILLARD. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1932. Pp. 186. \$2.50.)

The Emigrant's Guide to California. By JOSEPH E. WARE. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1932. Pp. 64. \$2.00.)

A Journal of the Santa Fe Expedition under Colonel Doniphan. By JACOB S. ROBINSON. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1932. Pp. 96. \$2.00.)

Students of Western history are indebted to publishers for two favorable trends in book production: the first is an increasing output of new Western books, the second is the republication of rare and inaccessible titles. The most ambitious program of recent years in this latter direction has been undertaken by Princeton University Press. The series is known as the *Narratives of the Trans-Mississippi Frontier*. The general editor is Mr. Carl L. Cannon, chief of the Acquisitions division of Yale University Library. Mr. Cannon is Chairman of the Book Buying Committee

of the American Library Association and the editorial work assumed is in line with the policy of this Association to cooperate with publishers in securing reprints and inexpensive editions of worthwhile books.

The first four titles of the new series have been issued and are listed above. The most important of these four so far as the Pacific Northwest is concerned, is the *Route across the Rocky Mountains* by Johnson and Winter. This one has received the attention of the general editor and is a creditable reprint. Students may be disappointed at the small amount of information added by way of foot notes, but apparently it is not intended to furnish new editions, but rather to supply satisfactory inexpensive reprints.

Owing to the rarity of Johnson and Winter's narrative, it may be well to state that they left Independence, Missouri, May 25, 1843, and arrived at Oregon City on November 13 following. After an extended stay in Oregon and California, Johnson left Oregon City to return on April 19th, 1845, arriving at Westport August 29. The first part of the book was reprinted in the Oregon Historical Quarterly during the year 1906 (Volume 7, pages 63-104, 163-210, 291-327). The return to the states, pages 100-152, is now for the first time made generally available. It is precisely this part that contains data of the first importance with regard to Marcus Whitman, namely an account of his trial by the Indians to ascertain whether he was not worthy of death. So far as the present writer is aware, no contentent in the long drawn out Whitman controversy ever made reference to this dramatic trial attended by twenty or thirty chiefs and braves who finally warned Whitman that while they themselves would not disturb the missionaries, they could not help what their young men might do. The data of this book, written and printed before the Indian massacre of 1847, is important Whitman source material.

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History of the Pacific District of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1888-1930. (Blair, Nebraska: Danish Lutheran Publishing Houes, 1931. Pp. 55. \$1.25.)

This volume has been issued in commemoration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the reorganization of the Pacific District on a delegate basis. The material relates largely to California but contains the history of the Congregations at Eugene and Portland, Oregon. Illustrations are furnished of churches and pastors.