

Judge F. W. Howay in *The Canadian Historical Review*, Volume XIII., (June, 1932,) pages 208-209.

Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee in *The American Historical Review*, Volume XXXVII, (July, 1932,) pages 783-785.

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*Last Spaniards on the Northwest Coast*

Henry R. Wagner has rendered another distinct service to the students and historians of the Pacific Northwest with his article, "The Last Spanish Exploration of the Northwest Coast and the Attempts to Colonize Bodega Bay," in the *Quarterly of the California Historical Society*, Volume X., (December, 1931,) pages 313-345.

It has generally been accepted that the Spanish exploration on this northern coast ended after the futile negotiations of Don Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra and Captain George Vancouver at Nootka in 1792. Mr. Wagner now reveals much consideration by the Viceroy in Mexico and the sending of other expeditions in 1793, notably under Don Juan Martinez y Zayas and Don Francisco de Eliza. The latter was somewhat of a failure but the former was successful in his examination of the coast from the southern entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca to San Francisco Bay. Translations of both accounts are given.

Mr. Wagner explains his discovery of the materials as follows: "The volume containing the maps lay in the Library of the War Department in Washington unnoticed until about two years ago when it was turned over to the Library of Congress. Colonel Lawrence Martin, the chief of the map division, recognized the importance of the maps and showed them to me when I was there in May, 1929. With these as a clue it has not been difficult to trace the original journals. They are in Vol. 71, *Seccion Historia* of the Archivo General in Mexico, together with the related correspondence referred to in this article. A brief extract taken from both exists in the Archivo General in Seville."

Two of the maps are reproduced in this article, which prompts the acknowledgment that Mr. Wagner has loaned to the Library of the University of Washington photostat copies of seven original Spanish maps of the Pacific Coast from California to Alaska. They were mostly made just before and during the negotiations of 1792. Similarly he has loaned photostats of two manuscript journals in Spanish signed by Salvador Fidalgo and Manuel Quimper. Each is dated 13 November, 1790. They are reports to the Viceroy in

Mexico of explorations in northern waters. Mr. Wagner will undoubtedly edit these for one of his future publications.

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*Wyoming, the Completed Picture-Puzzle*

Under the above title, Mr. J. Neilson Barry has an interesting article in *The Bulletin of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia* for July, 1932, pages 153-156. He says that Wyoming's "story has been one of constant change as the result of the claims of five nations and the varying boundaries of ten territories, with here and there an occasional patch of nameless, unorganized area. Then, finally, as when a picture puzzle has been pieced together, the present state has come into being without anything to suggest the thirty moves on the chessboard of time which have resulted in the simple rectangle which appears on the map." One plate carries ten sketch maps to show the changes and there are nine citations to authorities.

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*History of Medicine in the Pacific Northwest*

In *Northwest Medicine* for August, 1932, there appears the first installment of "An Outline of the History of Medicine in the Pacific Northwest." It is the work of O. Larsell, Ph. D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland. This first portion deals with the physicians who accompanied the discoverers and explorers along the coast. He has gleaned a surprising amount of materials from the old journals and published records. Present day physicians and surgeons will be deeply interested in the experiences of the first pioneers in their professions here in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Clarence A. Smith has launched the series of articles with an appreciative editorial.

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*The Journal of Riley Root*

Mr. Edward Eberstadt of New York announces the discovery of the heretofore unrecorded Journal of Riley Root in the *Quarterly of the California Historical Society* for December, 1931. It is one of a very few of such finds since the publication of Henry R. Wagner's *The Plains and the Rockies: A Bibliography of Original Narratives of Travel and Adventure, 1800-1865*, (San Francisco, 1921.) Mr. Eberstadt adds: "Historically, it fills in one of the gaps previously existing in the chronology of the westward movement. Not until its discovery did we have any printed contemporary record of the migration across the plains in 1848." The book gives an account of a journey from St. Josephs to Oregon and includes information about the newly discovered gold mines in California.