

North which was awarded the July selection of the Book of the Month Club. It was told by Mr. Welzl to two reporters in Czechoslovakia who have written the narrative and it has been translated by Paul Selver. The tale begins in Siberia where the author was working on the Trans-Siberian railway and traces his journey with horse and cart across Siberia to the Arctic Ocean. He settles on the New Siberian Islands and the book chronicles thirty years of life and adventures there, not the least of which is when the author is made chief of the Islands, with power of life and death in his hands.

The book is a good story and will doubtless find many readers. It cannot be depended upon, of course, as authentic history, but it does present a vivid picture of Eskimo life and customs.

The Girl in the Silk Dress and Other Stories. By M. EUGENIE PERRY. (Ottawa, Canada: Overbrook Press, 1931. Pp. 144, \$1.00.)

A collection of seven short stories by a Victoria author. Several of them are semi-historical romances of Vancouver Island.

Montana in the Making. By NEWTON CARL ABBOTT. (Billings: Gazette Printing Company, 1931. Pp. 520.)

This text-book on Montana history makes use of the problem method of teaching. The story as told includes much adventure and romance. The excellent illustrations and maps, together with the Questions and Problems which follow each chapter, all add to the teaching value of the book. At the end of each section are Supplementary Reading Lists.

240 *Chinook Jargon Words.* By GEORGE COOMBS SHAW. (Seattle: Johnson, 1932. Pp. 16.)

This little booklet has been compiled for popular use by the author of a standard work on the *Chinook Jargon and How to Use It* (Seattle, 1909). Speaking of the Jargon, the author states: "It has not only been the source of great and varied benefits, but its place in the history of the Pacific Northwest and the world-wide recognition given to it by philologists and historians, encourages us to believe that the day will never come when interest in its strange savage vocabulary shall wane."

A Historical Resume of Exploration and Survey—Mammal Types and Their Collectors in the State of Washington. By F. S.

HALL. (Reprinted from *The Murrelet* for September, 1932. Pp. 63-91.)

Attention is here called to a painstaking article of interest to historical students as well as to naturalists. *The Murrelet* is published by the Northwest Bird and Mammal Society, Drawer P, University Station, Seattle, Washington.

Tscemicum; Snake River People: Poems. By DONALD BURNIE. (Missoula, Montana: Harold G. Merriam, 1930. Pp. 65. \$1.)

"Tscemicum" is the aboriginal word for the site of Lewiston, Idaho, at the junction of the Snake and Clearwater rivers. The author of this volume does not attempt to write history. By means of verse, however, he revives much of the courage, gaiety, and grim realism of mining days. The characters, historic and otherwise, each tell of the part they played in the stirring drama of the gold rushes. The book might well be called "A Snake River Anthology."

Nome, Alaska. By the Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce. (Nome: Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce, 1932. Pp. 40. \$0.50.)

This booklet is designed to set forth facts concerning the extent and vastness of the resources of Northwestern Alaska. The cover map shows Nome as a strategic point on international airplane routes from the United States to the Orient.

Historical Scholarship in America; Needs and Opportunities. Report by a Committee of the American Historical Association on the Planning of Research. (New York: Ray Long and Richard R. Smith, Inc., 1932. Pp. 146. \$2.00.)

Authority is ample for the launching of this book into the cordial appreciation of the guild of historians. The introduction is written by J. Franklin Jameson, one of the best known patriarchs of the profession. The committee sponsoring the work consists of A. M. Schlesinger, of Harvard, chairman; William L. Langer, of Harvard, secretary; Charles W. David, of Bryn Mawr; William S. Ferguson, of Harvard; Guy Stanton Ford, of Minnesota; Carlton J. H. Hayes, of Columbia; and Dexter Perkins, of Rochester, ex-officio.

The body of the work deals with reports of conferences on Ancient, Medieval and Modern European History, and the Eastern and Middle-Western Conferences on American History.