

note is signed D. P. Hulbert, evidently the widow, Mrs. Dorothy Printup Hulbert.

The book is a serviceable collection of documents by and relating to Hall J. Kelley, Nathaniel J. Wyeth, John Ball, John K. Townsend and Lemuel Ford. Some of these documents are easily available elsewhere but some others are rare. The assembling of them all in one is a real service as are the introductions and notes by Mr. Hulbert, recognized as one of the very best authorities on the subjects treated.

On the blurb, the publishers, The Smith-Brooks Press, Denver, announce that the big program is to be concluded. *The Cruisers, 1800-1834*, four volumes was to be ready in 1934, and *The Crusaders, 1834-1847*, four volumes, in 1936. The entire three series were designed to present a "history of the West in the words of the pioneers themselves." They will comprise good source materials for generations of students and writers.

True Anecdotes of An Admiral. By ROBERT E. COONTZ, Admiral of the United States Navy, Retired. (Philadelphia, 1935. Pp. 123. \$1.75.)

Admiral Coontz is well and favorably known in the Pacific Northwest. Upon retirement from the Navy he returned to Puget Sound and made his home in Bremerton near the Navy Yard where he had successfully served as Commandant from July 20, 1915 to August 31, 1918. This new book is copyrighted as of 1935, but the publishers sent the author some advance copies for autographing at Christmas time. While thus engaged he was sent to the Navy Hospital and the newspapers began daily bulletins of his slow struggle toward recovery. His daughter, Miss Bertha Coontz, forwarded those advance copies for her sorely stricken father. The book contains 109 anecdotes (some of them quite brief) extending well around the globe. There are many jokes but most of the anecdotes are sterner experiences of an officer of the Navy. Many friends will welcome this second book by Admiral Coontz. His first one, *From the Mississippi to the Sea*, appeared a few years ago.

Storm Clouds Over Asia. By ROBERT S. PICKENS. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1934. Pp. 251. \$1.50.)

This book will be widely discussed by those interested in the Pacific Rim. The author is a newspaper man with an experience ex-