

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-

actly suited for the production of such a book as *Storm Clouds Over Asia*. After successes as reporter and editor, he was sent to China by the *Chicago Tribune* to serve as war correspondent in 1927. On returning to the United States he resumed his connection with the Associated Press, and was assigned to the White House staff in Washington. He spent the last two years in the Orient studying the political and economic conditions in China, Japan and the Philippines.

United States Senator Clarence C. Dill says: "This book impresses me as being a fine presentation of facts, without fear or favor." Almost every reader will share that opinion. The style is swift and fearless while the facts are fortified by names and dates. One dislikes to lay the book down before finishing it. An idea of its scope is revealed by the seven chapter-headings: "The Lines Are Drawn in the Orient," "Jumpy Japan," "Some Fundamental Causes," "The Clever Chinese," "Political, Cultural and Commercial," "The Manchurian Graveyard," "A New Pacific Policy."

The author brings his work down to the present. He is interested in the entire Pacific area, but, being an American he stresses his discussion of Hawaii and the Philippines. His power is shown in his concluding sentences: "What a shameful thing it is that the United States is plunging the Philippines into the uncertainties of international politics at a time when those uncertainties are the most uncertain. In their new status they will constitute a constant source of danger in the Orient, much more so than when they were a part of the United States. Other countries are not illogical in arguing that if the United States was capable of granting the Islands the brand of independence she did, she will be capable of acting the poltroon in case they are attacked. On the whole, the Philippines are sparsely settled and there are land-hungry countries near by. There are vast mineral deposits within their borders, and there are mineral-starved countries near by."

Administocracy: The Recovery Laws and Their Enforcement. By GUY S. CLAIRE. (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1934. Pp. 118 \$0.50.)

Doctor Claire was formerly a member of the Law Faculty at the University of Oregon. He is now a practicing member of the Pennsylvania Bar. He discusses many of the agencies of the New Deal. In the introduction he says: "It may be that the United States