

sea fishery, which is prosecuted on the codfish and halibut banks off the coast. At the same time they hunt seals and sea lions, and use the whales that drift ashore. The people of the villages along the river courses and deep fiords of the mainland are also energetic hunters, who pursue particularly the mountain goat, but also the bear and the deer."

There are three full-page plates and twenty-four textual illustrations. The bibliography covers fifty-eight items, seventeen of which are from the writings of Doctor Boas, himself. The appendix includes an index, a glossary, list of Tsimshian proper names and place names, a summary of comparisons, and Bellabella and Nootka tales.

A History of the United States. By EDWARD CHANNING. Volume IV, Federalists and Republicans, 1789-1815. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1917. Pp. 575. \$2.75.)

The present volume by Prof. Channing is similar in style to the preceding volumes and continues the narrative from the organization of the new government under Washington down to the close of the War of 1812. In taking up a volume that covers a field traversed by McMaster, Schouler and in part by Henry Adams one wonders whether he is to find a new treatment of old material, or new material. Prof. Channing contributes both. Good use has been made of the newspapers and the footnotes and notes at the close of each chapter form a practically complete bibliography of the period. The chapters on High Finance 1789-1800, and The Revolution of 1800, which was not a revolution, are especially interesting. The volume is an excellent example of the very highest historical scholarship.

Librarian's Fifth Biennial Report. By JOHN HAILEY. (Boise: Historical Society of Idaho. 1916. Pp. 54.)

The report very naturally deals with finance and with accessions to the library and museum of the society. These show a wholesome and growing condition.

One article records business changes in Boise. A list is published of men who had entered business there during the sixties and who have passed away in later years. A much shorter list gives the names of such old-timers who are still living.

Pages 29 to 54 are used to record the "Early Reminiscences of 'Uncle' Tom Beall of Lewiston, Idaho." This old pioneer came to the Pacific Coast in 1853 and to Walla Walla in 1857. He was with

Colonel E. J. Steptoe in the Indian battle near Rosalia, which has been commemorated in the naming of Steptoe Butte. The old man recounts the details of that battle and tells also about a number of less dramatic happenings.

The Mexican War Diary of George B. McClellan. Edited by WILLIAM STARR MYERS, PH. D., Assistant Professor of History and Politics, Princeton University. (Princeton: Princeton University Press. 1917. Pp. 97. \$1.00 net.)

McClellan graduated from West Point in the summer of 1846 and in September left for General Taylor's Army in Mexico as a brevet second lieutenant of engineers and the diary begins with his leaving West Point and continues *The Narrative of McClellan's Experiences Through The Battle of Cerro Gordo in 1847*. The youthful soldier, but not yet twenty years of age, gives us a picture of himself as a happy-go-lucky, joyous, carefree individual; at times, ill at ease, restless, critical and faultfinding.

The book adds nothing to our knowledge of the war, but it does present some interesting pictures of the deficiencies of the volunteer system and the "political" generals who had charge of them. Critical notes of value are supplied by the editor, many of them from *The Life and Letters of General Meads*. The book is well worth reading.

Touring Afoot. By C. P. FORDYCE. (New York: Outing Publishing Company. 1916. Pp. 167. 80 cents, postage 5 cents extra.)

The author, Dr. C. P. Fordyce, is well known among out-of-doors people in the Pacific Northwest. He has prepared this book from experience in the open. The book is Number 52 in the series known as *Outing Handbooks*.

Myths and Legends of British North America. By KATHARINE B. JUDSON. (Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 1917. Pp. 211. \$1.50.)

This is the sixth volume in the series of myths and legends of American Indians compiled by Miss Judson. The other five relate to the Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes, the Great Plains, Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, California and the Old Southwest. Miss Judson frankly acknowledge that she uses the publications of the Bureau of American Ethnology, the Jesup North Pacific Expedition, the