

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

American Museum of Natural History and the Canadian Bureau of Mines.

In the preface to this volume she says: "As in all other volumes of this series, only the quaint, the pure, and the beautiful, has been taken from the tales of the Indians. Anyone wishing pure ethnology, good and bad together, would do better to go to ethnological reports." These stories are prepared for young readers. The book is well illustrated.

Alaska, the Great Country. By ELLA HIGGINSON. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1917. Pp. xii+583. \$2.50.)

Mrs. Higginson's well-known book has been given a new edition unchanged except for the addition of a chapter at the end of the book, bringing the information about remarkable recent developments "along the lines of commercial, mining, agricultural, and government development" down to date.

The book is descriptive of the wonders and beauties of the country as well as of its marvellous material wealth. It is beautifully illustrated. As in the original edition, the dedicatory page reads: "To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott Holmes."

Washington State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Register. (Seattle: The Society. 1917. Pp. 216.)

The newly issued volume of the Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution follows the traditional form of the Registers of State Societies. Information is given in regard to the State Society and the several chapters in the State of Washington. The roll of active members in the State comprises about one-half of the volume.

A special feature is the list of Revolutionary Reference Books compiled by State Librarian J. M. Hitt. This check-list was prepared with the cooperation of the State Library and the State University Library and the public libraries of Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma and locates the revolutionary rosters to be found in each of these libraries.

The History of the Forty-ninth Parallel Survey West of the Rocky Mountains. By OTTO KLOTZ. (New York: American Geographical Society. 1917. Pp. 382 to 387.)

The pamphlet of six pages reprinted from *The Geographical Review* for May, 1917, opens as follows: "The object of this paper