

is to tell the—one may almost say—romantic story of the survey in 1857-61 of the boundary between the United States and Canada along the forty-ninth parallel west of the summit of the Rocky Mountains and to relate how the final report, which had been lost until that time, was found in July, 1898."

The story, though briefly told, is well authenticated with citations and a sketch map adds to its value. It is one of the fugitive little items which collectors of Northwest Americana will prize in the future.

Proposal to Change the Name of Mount Rainier. By CHARLES TALLMADGE CONOVER, VICTOR J. FARRAR and Others. (Seattle: Privately published. 1917. Pp. 58.)

The Mountain. By JUSTICE TO THE MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE. (Tacoma: The Committee. 1917. Pp. 24. 50 cents.)

Here we have the two pamphlets or briefs submitted to the United States Geographic Board at the open hearing in Washington City on May 2, 1917.

The Washington State Legislature by joint memorial had asked that such a hearing be given. The above two pamphlets represent the principal testimony submitted, though much oral testimony was offered at the same time. The pamphlet entitled "The Mountain" presents the Tacoma side of the case and puts forth every possible argument against continuing the name of Mount Rainier and makes a strong plea to substitute the supposed Indian name Tacoma. Indian evidence is offered in abundance and a rather extensive bibliography is added under the title, "Authorities Consulted." The pamphlet ends with a reproduction of a pamphlet issued by Hon. James Wickersham in 1893. This was a paper read by Judge Wickersham before the Tacoma Academy of Science under the title of "Is It 'Mt. Tacoma' or 'Rainier'? What Do History and Tradition Say?"

The other side, as represented by pamphlet first cited, opposed the change of name from Mount Rainier. The original discovery and naming of the mountain by Captain George Vancouver in 1792 is established by accurate citations and much evidence is given to show the solid foundation of this fact. The general and continued use of that name is shown. The validity of Tacoma as the real Indian name is attacked and it is shown that there were several Indian names for the mountain. It is a stronger and more logical brief than the other. It would be stronger if the same identical evidence were not repeated in the different portions of the pamphlet.

This pamphlet is also marred by an absurd blunder on page 21,

where General Kautz is credited with having made the first ascent of Mount Rainier in 1857. That blunder would never be made by anyone who had read General Kautz's narrative and who had himself made the ascent of Mount Rainier or of any other snow mountain for that matter. The narrative carries its own denial. No point is gained by this false statement and the compilers of the pamphlet having misplaced the credit for the first ascent, speak of the real first ascent by General Hazard Stevens (page 25) as "his ascent in 1870."

Under the caption "The Decision," Mr. Conover reproduces a letter he received from C. S. Sloane, Secretary of the United States Geographic Board, under the date, May 28, 1917, as follows:

"In compliance with the petition expressed in Senate Joint Memorial, No. 14, of the Legislature of the State of Washington, the United States Geographic Board held a public meeting on May 2, 1917, to receive evidence and hear arguments for and against changing the name of Mt. Rainier in the State of Washington.

"At a special meeting held May 11, the evidence presented on May 2, together with other data collected, were carefully considered, and after discussion, the United States Geographic Board declined to reconsider its former action establishing the name Rainier for the mountain.

"The name Mount Rainier, given by Vancouver in 1792, fixed by a century of world usage, was confirmed by action of the United States Board on Geographic Names in 1890.

"For a hundred years the name of Mount Rainier has been used wherever the mountain has been mentioned in the histories, geographies, books on travel and exploration, scientific publications, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and atlases of many nations—by the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Russia, Spain, and even Arabia. In recent years a few dictionaries and encyclopedias have added the word Tacoma, usually in parenthesis, following the name Mount Rainier, but general usage is overwhelmingly in favor of Rainier.

"The mountain is within a national park and Congress has decided the name of the park to be Mount Rainier National Park. The mountain is also located in a forest reserve, known as the Rainier National Forest. It would appear, therefore, that the name Rainier is well established, both by an executive order and by act of Congress.

"No geographic feature in any part of the world can claim a name more firmly fixed by right of discovery, by priority, and by universal usage for more than a century. So far as known, no attempt has ever

been made by any people in any part of the world to change a name so firmly established."

Other Books Received

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- MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION. *Fourth Annual Report, 1916.* (Lansing: The Commission. 1917. Pp. 34.)
- MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. *Nineteenth Biennial Report, 1915-1916.* (St. Paul: The Society. 1917. Pp. 88.)
- NEW JERSEY ARCHIVES, SECOND SERIES, No. 5. *Newspaper extracts relating to New Jersey, October, 1780, to July, 1872.* (Trenton: State Gazette Publishing Company. 1917. Pp. 490.)
- SKELTON, O. D. *The Language Issue in Canada.* (Kingston, Ontario: Queen's University. 1917. Pp. 40.)
- WEYFORTH, WILLIAM O. *The Organization of Labor.* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press. 1917. Pp. 277.)
- YOUNG, L. E. *Mine Taxation in the United States.* University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences, Volume 5, Number 4. (Urbana: University of Illinois. 1916. Pp. 274. \$1.50.)