

Tales of an Old Sea Port. By WILFRED HAROLD MUNRO. (Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press. 1917. Pp. 292. \$1.50 net.)

Bristol, Rhode Island, is the old sea port and the interest of this book here in the Pacific Northwest lie in the fact that nearly one-half of its pages are devoted to "Northwest John" (John De Wolfe) and the remarkable voyage of the *Juno*. This latter includes a cruise to the North Pacific and a journey through Siberia. He sailed from Bristol on August 13, 1804. The old sailor tells a fine story of remarkable experiences and closes as follows: "I arrived there [Bristol] on the 1st of April, 1808, and thus terminated an absence of three years and eight months. In two years and six months from the time of my departure, the owners were in receipt of the proceeds of the voyage, which resulted in a clear profit of one hundred thousand dollars."

California: The Name. By RUTH PUTNAM, with the collaboration of HERBERT I. PRIESTLEY. (Berkeley: University of California Press. 1917. Pp. 293 to 365.)

This is Volume IV., Number 4, of the *University of California Publications in History*. On first reading the title, one naturally recoils with the feeling that the late Dr. George Davidson had fully explained that topic in 1910 when the Geographical Society of the Pacific published his *The Origin and the Meaning of the Name of California*. However, Miss Putnam mentions that work on her first page and adds: "The following consideration of the question simply offers a fuller examination of the circumstances attending the discovery of Lower California, and of the possible way in which a term fabricated for fiction reached its dignified status on the map of America, after traveling up the coast from the point, until it covered the two Californias." She makes the fuller examination, comes to nearly the same conclusion as Dr. Davidson, but adds some valuable materials in two appendices giving emphasis to the need there was for this new study of the interesting theme.

Idaho: Its Meaning, Origin and Application. By JOHN E. REES. (Portland: The Ivy Press. 1917. Pp. 12.)

The pamphlet is a reprint from the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Volume XVII., Number 2. Mr. Rees was a resident near the Shoshoni Indians for forty years, and during fifteen of those years he was an Indian trader among them. He says the name Idaho comes from a

Shoshoni exclamation "Ee-dah-how," with the accent on the second syllable. It means "Behold! the sun coming down the mountain." It was used first in Colorado among the same tribe of Indians and was there applied by the first white men as a geographical term—Idaho Springs. There and later in the farther Northwest the sentimental meaning "Gem of the Mountains" was given as the meaning. Mr. Rees also traces the legislative history to show how William H. Wallace, Delegate to Congress from Washington Territory, introduced the bill; how Senator (afterwards Vice-President) Henry Wilson suggested the name of Idaho and how Senator Benjamin F. Harding of Oregon assented and added that the word in English meant: "Gem of the Mountains." This idea will probably persist in the affections of the people even after Mr. Rees has shown the real meaning of the word.

Writings of John Quincy Adams. Edited by WORTHINGTON C. FORD. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1917. Pp. 516. \$3.50.)

Previous volumes of this series (of which this is Volume VII.) have been noticed in this *Quarterly*. This volume covers the years 1820 to 1823, momentous years of the Monroe Doctrine, in which Mr. Adams had a most important part. He was Secretary of State, and since Russia was claiming part of the old Oregon Country this consistent friend of the Northwest injected into that Doctrine "no more colonization on American soil by European powers." This volume will henceforth be a source book of American history for the important period covered.

The Mountaineer. Edited by WINONA BAILEY. (Seattle: The Mountaineers, Incorporated. 1917. Pp. 106. Fifty cents.)

Mazama. Edited by ALFRED F. PARKER. (Portland, Oregon: The Mazamas. 1917. Pp. 127-219. Fifty cents.)

The Friendly Mountain. Edited by ED. B. WEBSTER. (Port Angeles, Washington: Klahane Club. 1917. Pp. 48.)

This is the time of year when the mountain clubs issue their annual publications. Three of such beautiful books have been received at the *Quarterly's* reviewing desk.

The Mountaineer is Volume X. and is devoted largely to the club's summer outing to Mounts St. Helens and Adams. The frontispiece is a splendid photograph of Mount St. Helens by Mabel Furry. There are twenty-six illustrations by such well-known photographers in the club as A. H. Denman, L. F. Curtis, W. H. Anderson, Rodney L. Glisan, H. W. Playter, F. A. Jacobs, E. W. Harrison, H. B. Hin-