

was done with the University of California. It would scarcely be expected that the book's contents would bear upon the Pacific Northwest, and yet there are important references. These are in relation of the proposed railroads to the Pacific Coast and their influence on a larger Indian Territory. For example, on page 24: "After 1840 the pressure of the westward movement was shifted to the northern part of the larger Indian Territory. This region was intersected by the two great roads to the West, the Oregon Trail and the Santa Fé Trail; and, more important still, it controlled the only possible routes of the proposed central railroad to the Pacific. The rapidly growing states of the West and the Northwest needed an open door to the coast."

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*General Claxton: A Novel.* By C. H. HANFORD. (New York: The Neale Publishing Company. 1917. Pp. 263.)

Former United States District Judge Cornelius H. Hanford has surprised and delighted his many friends by the publication of this book. In the Prologue the author says: "The following narrative runs parallel with the thread of history, without pretense of accuracy as to either dates or details. Readers are expected to make allowance for the degree of license deemed legitimate by romancers in weaving historic events and personages into a fabric of imagination."

Thus is the critic silenced who would like to call attention to the fact that the hero could not have been Captain of Company M in the famous Seventy-ninth Highlanders, since the companies in that regiment exhausted the alphabet down only to the letter K. The author does not pretend to have written history. He has told a story and told it well. In the telling he has drawn some pictures of life in and around Seattle in the very early times. That is a valuable service. To render that service no one is better equipped than Judge Hanford. He was a small boy during the Indian attack on Seattle in 1856, and he has known this part of the country thoroughly from that day to this. His book merits a fine success, and it certainly will be prized by collectors of Northwest Americana.

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*Samuel Jordan Kirkwood.* By DAN ELBERT CLARK. (Iowa City: The State Historical Society of Iowa. 1917. Pp. 464.)

Here is another of the sumptuous, gilt-top volumes in the *Iowa Biographical Series*, edited by Professor Benjamin F. Shambaugh of the University of Iowa. Samuel F. Kirkwood is known as the "War Governor" of Iowa. He was a typical pioneer and Westerner. On page 373 is recorded a visit to the Pacific Coast, when, in a brief

address at a banquet in Tacoma, Governor Kirkwood referred to the West as "the grand college, the university where the great subject taught is common sense."

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*Texas Governors' Messages, Coke to Ross, 1874-1891.* Edited by SINCLAIR MORELAND. (Austin: Archive and History Department of the Texas State Library. 1916. Pp. 820.)

What was done for the Nation in the *Messages and Papers of the Presidents*, Texas is doing for her own executives. The large volume is well planned and made. It is supplied with an extensive index. There are many who would welcome a similar volume devoted to the State of Washington.

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*Montana, Contributions to the Historical Society of.* Edited by W. Y. PEMBERTON, Librarian. (Helena: Montana Historical and Miscellaneous Library. 1917. Pp. 376.)

The book is full of materials interesting to the pioneers of the western country. Frequent references to Indians, the fur-trade, pioneer courts, lumbering and mining enterprises, show how true it is to the mission of recording the origins before it is too late. A frontispiece photograph and the first article are devoted to Major Martin Maginness.

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*Grammatical Notes on the Language of the Tlingit Indians.* By FRANZ BOAS. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Museum. 1917.)

America's great ethnologist has here given out another portion of his wonderful collection of Indian linguistic materials. The Tlingit Indians occupy the southeastern coast of Alaska. This publication is Volume VIII, Number 1, of the Museum's Anthropological Publications.

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*Introductory Manual for the Study and Reading of Agrarian History.* By WILLIAM TRIMBLE. Fargo, North Dakota: The College Book Store. 1917. Pp. 47. Thirty cents.

As stated in the Preface, "The plan of this introductory manual is to afford references and suggestions for a survey of the general history of agriculture and for a more detailed study of that of the United States." Professor Trimble is doing pioneer work in the teaching of agrarian history, and this serviceable manual has been prepared primarily for his own students in the North Dakota State Agricultural College. It will have a wider usefulness, however, as