

## Book Reviews

on older historical scholarship and contemporary articles from which the IWW was seen as a labor "disorganization" with nothing of value to offer the American working class. The author shows no sign of being conversant with the historiography or methodology of the new social or labor history and the work suffers as a result.

*Forging the Copper Collar* is a valuable addition to state and local history in its account of corporate influence in politics and on the Bisbee strike and deportation of 1917. The interpretive chapter on the IWW will not, in this reviewer's opinion, withstand critical examination by historians of American labor.

COE COLLEGE

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*Oklahoma: New Views of the Forty-Sixth State*, edited by Anne Hodges Morgan and H. Wayne Morgan. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1982. pp. x, 308. Notes, index. \$16.95.

*Oklahoma: New Views* is a collection, and, as such, it shares the one characteristic common to all collections. The quality of its contents is highly variable. The essays range from the exceptional through the mundane to the atrocious. However, because there is only one atrocity, *Oklahoma: New Views* is above average. Of the six items in the work, two are exceptional and another, while not especially inspiring, is probably the most useful of all.

The most carefully researched article is by Douglas Hale, "The People of Oklahoma: Economics and Social Change." In sixty pages Hale traces the evolution of the economic structure of the state and ties that economic process to the social development of the people. In the most highly organized and most easily read of the essays, Hale develops the patterns and processes of the past century. His contribution is sufficient in itself to justify *Oklahoma: New Views*.

Also of merit is the essay by Danney Goble on the political history of Oklahoma. Being the most knowledgeable historian of Oklahoma politics currently active, and having produced one major monograph in the area and co-authored another, Goble could not easily do otherwise than provide a solid summary of his major efforts. "Oklahoma Politics and the Sooner Electorate" devotes a solid forty pages to the task, and the results are excellent.

The most useful of the essays is the sixty-page historiographical essay by Rennard Strickland. The task of making historiography interesting is difficult, if not impossible, so it comes as no surprise that this essay lacks the excitement of some others in the collection. But a deficiency of excitement is not the same as a shortage of fascination.

## THE ANNALS OF IOWA

As Strickland methodically examines each of the aspects of Oklahoma history, he reveals two surprising elements. First, there is more written Oklahoma history than might be expected. For such a new state, Oklahoma has enjoyed examination by an incredible number of researchers, especially in certain areas such as the Indian period. On the other hand there are major gaps in Oklahoma historiography. Strickland is careful to note where work needs to be done, and he also indicates where it might occur without the major difficulties caused by absence of records or other problems. Strickland's essay is a valuable tool for historians of Oklahoma.

Other essays are by Anne Morgan, Sheila Manes, and Jerome O. Steffen. They deal with literature, the Okies in California, and an attempt to place Oklahoma history into a larger context. Their quality varies, but all tend to fall short of the exceptional essays described above.

The collection is a legitimate contribution to increased understanding of Oklahoma. It is much better overall than most recent collections in Oklahoma history. And, as expected, the press has produced another well designed and clean product.

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### Book Notices

*Fire Insurance Maps of Iowa Cities and Towns: A List of Holdings*, comp. Peter H. Curtis. (Iowa City: Iowa State Historical Department, Office of the State Historical Society, 1983. pp. 50, \$2.50 paper.)

This is a survey of the holdings of the three largest fire map collections in the state of Iowa: Office of State Historical Society, the University of Iowa Library, and the State Archives. In addition, a list of the Iowa holdings in the Library of Congress is provided for the Bennett Map Company and Sanborn Map Company. Fire insurance maps provide genealogists, historians, urban planners, and other scholars with a wealth of data and this book brings that information together into a very useable source. An absolute "must" for all reference collections of libraries in Iowa.

*I Remember Mamie*, by Donald L. Kimball. (Fayette: Trends and Events, Inc., 1981. pp. 235, illustrations, bibliography, \$13.95 cloth.)

The author does not claim this to be a scholarly work nor an intimate biography, but rather the narrative of the life of a noted Iowan and one of the nation's First Ladies. Kimball first met the Eisen-

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