

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Conquering Our Great American Plains. By Stuart Henry. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. 1930. Pp. 395. Plates. This volume is the dramatic and colorful story of the West during the high tide of the Texas cattle trade in the seventies and eighties. Abilene, Kansas, is the geographical center of the story as it was the junction of the Abilene and Chisholm trails. The chief attention of the author is given to the social aspect of history — how the people lived. He includes the stories of two of the western heroes, Thomas James Smith and James Butler (Wild Bill) Hickok, both of whom served as marshal of Abilene.

The Story of the Red Man. By Flora Warren Seymour. New York: Longmans, Green and Co. 1929. Pp. 421. Plates, maps. Many books have been written about the Indians, but this one volume history by Mrs. Seymour makes a most satisfactory addition to the list. It is a general survey of the Indians in the United States, with special reference to their relations with the white people as the frontier of friction between the two races moved across the continent. The titles of the twenty chapters suggest the scope of the volume — History Dawns for the Indian; The Prologue: Pontiac; The Revolution on the Border; The People of the West; Tecumseh; Creek Country; The Western Frontier; Forest Folk; The Westward Trail; The Seminole; Oregon Country; The Old Southwest; The Fighting Fifties; The Civil War in the West; Warfare on the Plains; Last Stands; The Fires Die Down; The Red Man at School; The Red Man and the Land; and The Red Man at Home. The volume is written in an entertaining style and is supplied with bibliographical notes and an index.

America in the Forties II The Letters of Ole Munch Raeder. Translated and edited by Gunnar J. Malmin. Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press. 1929. Pp. 244. This volume is made up of a collection of letters written by Ole Munch Raeder, a young

Norwegian who was sent by the government of Norway in 1846 to study legal procedure in America. His official report was published in 1847. These letters, however, were not a part of his official report, but were written to a Norwegian newspaper and published in twenty-five installments during 1847 and 1848.

Raeder was interested in American life from the standpoint of a foreign observer and his comments give an interesting picture of life in the United States, especially in Wisconsin. As a Norwegian he was also interested in the condition of the Norwegians in America. The book is divided into twenty-seven chapters and different letters are not clearly marked.

The style is that of an educated man writing informally of things which he observes in a new country. The value of the narrative is increased by the introduction and notes provided by the editor, Gunnar J. Malmin of Drake University. The volume is provided with an index and is attractively printed and bound.

Stagecoach and Tavern Tales of the Old Northwest. By Harry Ellsworth Cole. Edited by Louise Phelps Kellogg. Cleveland: The Arthur H. Clark Company. 1930. Pp. 476. Plates, maps. Harry Ellsworth Cole, the author of this volume, was for several years president of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Mr. Cole died before the manuscript had been finally revised for the printer and this work was done by Dr. Louise Phelps Kellogg. The title suggests the general theme of the volume. It tells the story of the taverns where travelers in the Old Northwest spent their nights, describes the cooking and the entertainments, and incidentally tells much about life on the frontier. Most of the particular taverns described were located in Wisconsin, but the descriptions must have been true for the Middle West. The pictures and maps add to the value of the book.

The style is interesting and the physical make-up of the volume is unusually attractive. There are no notes, but a comprehensive index is provided.

William Best Hesseltine is the author of a volume entitled *Civil War Prisons A Study in War Psychology*, which has been pub-

lished by the Ohio State University Press. An annotated bibliography and an index complete the study.

Cooper: Interpreter of the Real and the Historical Indian, by Jason Almus Russell; and *The Remarkable Story of Clark's "Bloodless Conquest" of the Territory Northwest of the Ohio River*, by Daisy Belle Fuller, are two articles in Volume XXIII of *The Journal of American History* which are of interest to students of middle western history.

Archaeological Work in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties, 1929, a report by Robert M. Engberg, with an introduction by J. Walter Miles; *The Principal Indian Towns of Western Pennsylvania*, by C. Hale Sipe; and a continuation of *The Development of the Tinsplate Industry*, by W. C. Cronmeyer, are the three articles in the April issue of the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*.

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Two Girls of Old Detroit, by M. M. Quaife, makes up the May issue of the *Burton Historical Collection Leaflet*.

One Hundred Years Ago, by Inez Smith Davis, appears as a short article in the April, May, and June, 1930, issues of *Vision*.

The Lead Traffic on the Upper Mississippi, 1823-1848, by William J. Petersen, has been reprinted from *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for June, 1930.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has recently published the *Proceedings* of the Society at its seventy-seventh annual meeting, held at Madison on October 17, 1929.

Going West to College in the Thirties, selections from letters in the Oberlin College Library, edited by Robert S. Fletcher, has been published as number one of Volume II of the *Oberlin College Library Bulletin*.

I. H. Lionberger is the author of *The Annals of St. Louis and A Brief Account of its Foundation and Progress 1764-1928*, recently

published in pamphlet form by the Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis.

The three contributions in *The Filson Club History Quarterly* for April are: *An Outline of the Origin and Settlement of Louisville, in Kentucky* (written in 1832), by Mann Butler; *Map of Louisville, 1832*, by E. D. Hobbs; and *Robert Craddock and Peter Tardiveau*, by T. C. Cherry.

The April issue of the *Indiana History Bulletin* contains the *Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Indiana History Conference*, including a number of the papers read. The number for May contains, among other things, a list of historical organizations and county historical societies in Indiana.

The January issue of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* contains an address by James W. Good on the occasion of the unveiling of the Ohio monument to General Anthony Wayne; an article — *Wayne's Strategic Advance from Fort Greenville to Grand Glaze*, by O. W. Priddy; and *The History of Educational Legislation in Ohio from 1851 to 1925*, by Nelson L. Bossing.

The Founding of Durango, Colorado, by Mary C. Ayres; *Days of the Cattlemen in Northeastern Colorado*, by J. N. Hall; *Fraeb's Last Fight and How Battle Creek Got Its Name*, by LeRoy R. Hafen; *Frontier Firearms*, by Chauncey Thomas; and *Major Thompson, Chief Ouray and the Utes*, by Thomas F. Dawson, are papers and articles in *The Colorado Magazine* for May.

The *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for April contains the following articles and papers: *The Texas State Convention of Germans in 1854*, by R. L. Biesele; *History of Fannin County, Texas, 1836-1843*, by Rex Wallace Strickland; part two of *The Consular Service of the Republic of Texas*, by Alma Howell Brown; and an installment of the *Diary of Adolphus Sterne*.

The April issue of *Mid-America* contains the following articles: *Bandelier: Archaeologist of Our Southwest*, by William Stetson Merrill; *An Episode in Quebec-Louisiana History*, by Patrick W. Browne; *Propaganda and the Suppression of the Jesuit Relations*,

by William R. Corrigan; and *Catholic Beginnings in Southeastern Iowa*, by Charles F. Griffith.

Historical Reprints 1830-1930 The Oregon Trail Centennial, edited by Archer Butler Hulbert, has been published as *Sources of Northwest History No. 9*, by the State University of Montana. It contains an introduction, a letter from General Ashley to General Macomb, March 1829; a letter from Joshua Pilcher to J. H. Eaton, 1830; and a joint letter from Jedediah S. Smith, David E. Jackson, and W. L. Sublotte to J. H. Eaton, October, 1830.

A Historical Note on the Boundaries of New Mexico, by P. M. Baldwin; *Apache Misrule*, by John P. Clum; a continuation of *Documentary History of the Rio Grande Pueblos, New Mexico*, by Adolph F. Bandelier; and part two of *The Supply Service of the New Mexican Missions in the Seventeenth Century*, by France V. Scholes, are four articles which appear in the *New Mexico Historical Review* for April.

The April issue of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* contains a continuation of *Excerpts from Executive Journal of Governor Isaac Shelby*; *Limestone, A Gateway of Pioneer Kentucky*, by Eleanor Duncan Wood; *Tandy*, by Henry T. Allen; an installment of *History in Circuit Court Records*; and a continuation of *Revolutionary Soldiers*, compiled by Nina M. Visscher.

The June issue of *Minnesota History* contains *The Early History of Steamboating on the Minnesota River*, by William J. Petersen; *Ralph Waldo Emerson in Minnesota*, by Hubert H. Hoeltje; and *Minnesota as Seen by Travelers—Up the Minnesota Valley to Fort Ridgely in 1853*, edited by Willoughby M. Babcock. Under the heading *Notes and Documents*, there is a communication concerning pioneer life, by John Talman.

The Attainment of Statehood, edited by Milo M. Quaife, has recently been published as Volume XXIX of *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, and Volume IV in the *Constitutional Series*. The volume includes the proclamations and laws relating to statehood, selections from several Wisconsin newspapers, proceedings of Con-

gress, the journal and debates of the Constitutional Convention of 1847-1848, records of votes on roll call in the convention, and biographical sketches of members of the convention of 1847-1848.

Centennial of the Covered Wagon, by Albert Hawkins; *Jane Barnes, First White Woman in Oregon*, by Kenneth W. Porter; *Woolen Mills of Brownsville, 1860-89*, by Alfred L. Lomax; *In Memory of Edgar W. Wright, Historian*, by Henry E. Reed; *University Preparatory School, 1876-1904*, by J. F. Santee; part two of *Early Oregon Scenes: A Pioneer Narrative*, by James D. Miller; and a second installment of *Indian Slavery in Pacific Northwest*, by Elsie F. Dennis, are the articles and papers in *The Oregon Historical Quarterly* for June.

Little Essays on the Police Power, an address by Homer C. Hockett; *The St. Joseph Mission*, by George Paré; *The First English-Speaking Trans-Appalachian Frontier*, by Alfred P. James; *The Lead Traffic on the Upper Mississippi, 1823-1848*, by William J. Petersen; *An Appraisal of the Contributions of George Rogers Clark to the History of the West*, by James Alton James; and *The Dictionary of American Biography*, by M. M. Quaife, are the addresses, articles, and papers in the June number of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. Under *Documents* the number contains *The Diary of Heinrich Egge, a German Immigrant*, edited and translated by Esther Bienhoff.

The Missouri Historical Review for April contains the following papers and articles: *Advisory Constitutional Opinions of the Missouri Supreme Court*, by Buel Leopard Smith; *Some Impressions of Frank P. Blair*, by C. B. Rollins; *Experiences of Lewis Bissell Dougherty on the Oregon Trail*, by Ethel Massie Withers; *Public Opinion and the Inflation Movement in Missouri, 1875-1879*, by J. A. Leach; *John Bradbury, the Earliest St. Louisan of Botanical Note*; and a third installment of *Ducharme's Invasion of Missouri, an Incident in the Anglo-Spanish Rivalry for the Indian Trade of Upper Louisiana*, by Abraham P. Nasatir.

The Oregon Trail Memorial Association is sponsoring the Covered Wagon Centennial, commemorating the departure on April 10,

1830, of the first wagon train from St. Louis bound for Oregon and the birth of Ezra Meeker on December 29, 1830. During the period between these two dates, the sponsors of this centennial celebration hope to arouse an interest in the westward march of the covered wagons one hundred years ago. A high school essay contest is one feature of the program. Marking and charting the trail, promoting interest in historical events, and the erection of a memorial to the pioneers are likewise objectives. *The Covered Wagon Centennial*, by Arthur Chapman, telling the story of the events to be commemorated, has been reprinted from the *New York Herald Tribune* for April 6, 1930.

The March number of the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* contains a number of papers and articles, among which the following may be listed: *Early Day Courts And Lawyers*, by A. G. C. Bierer; *The Dragoon Campaigns to the Rocky Mountains*, by Joseph B. Thornburn; *The Government of the Creek Indians*, by Ohland Morton; *Early Navigation and Commerce along the Arkansas and Red Rivers in Oklahoma*, by Muriel H. Wright; and *Entertainments of the Spanish Explorers*, by Winifred Johnston. The June issue contains the following articles and papers: *Notes on Perryville*, by Muriel H. Wright; *The Life and Work of Sequoyah*, by John B. Davis; *Jacob Fowler's Journal*, by W. Julian Fessler; a continuation of the *Government of The Creek Indians*, by Ohland Morton; *Fort Towson*, by W. B. Morrison; and *John Chisholm, A Soldier of Fortune*, by Kate White.

The April number of *The Louisiana Historical Quarterly* contains a number of articles and documents, among which the following may be listed: *Early Census Tables of Louisiana*, by William Beer; *Mississippi in the Transfer of the Louisiana Purchase*, by Dunbar Rowland; *The Funeral Ceremony of Napoleon in New Orleans*, by A. E. Fossier; and continuations of *Louisiana Politics, 1845-1861*, by James Kimmins Greer; *Records of the Superior Council of Louisiana*, translated by Heloise H. Cruzat; and *Index to Spanish Judicial Records of Louisiana*, translated by Laura L. Porteous. *A Criminal Trial Before the Superior Council of Louisiana, May, 1747*, with an introduction by Henry P. Dart; *Documents*

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The Key City Gas Company of Dubuque has published a booklet entitled *Dubuque — Past, Present and Future*.

A Few Outstanding Iowa Industries, by F. A. Welch, in collaboration with Edward A. Kimball, is an article in the *Midland Schools* for May.

The April issue of the *Annals of Iowa* contains the first installment of *August P. Richter*, by F. I. Herriott; and *The Arbor Day, Park and Conservation Movements in Iowa*, by L. H. Pammel.

Early Algona The Story of Our Pioneers 1854-1874, by Florence C. (Mrs. Gardner) Cowles, has recently been published by the Register and Tribune Company of Des Moines. As the title indicates this is a story of pioneer life in northwestern Iowa.

Dubuque First in Iowa History, by H. G. Langworthy, is one of the articles in *Dubuque Business* for May, 1930. Another article in this number is entitled *City Welcomes New Archbishop*, by A. C. Bordeaux. The archbishop installed was the Most Reverend Francis Joseph L. Beckman.

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