

This is a new issue of the author's "Pioneer Seattle and its Founders." It contains a chapter entitled "The Bethel Company" and is embellished with numerous full page prints of early Seattle views.

Cow Country. By WILL JAMES. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1927. \$3.50.)

Another book of cowboy stories or "pieces" as the author calls them! There is much genuine merit to these pictures from the cattle ranges. No finer interpretation has been given to the life of the cowboy on the open frontier.

History of the Willamette Valley, Oregon. By ROBERT CARLTON CLARK. (Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1927. Pp. 888.)

This book is large, well made and abundantly illustrated. Some of the pages carry more than one picture, the total number reaching 217. No mention is made of the fact but the work has the appearance of being one of those fine histories to be accompanied by one or more volumes of paid-for biographies.

The author is well known as professor of history in the University of Oregon. He frankly admits that he has been gathering the materials for years and has had the assistance of advanced students and associates. For the period prior to statehood, the history of the Willamette Valley would overlap that of Oregon itself. On this, the author says: "Since the history of Oregon has been covered so exhaustively, especially the early period, in the volumes of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Horace S. Lyman, and Charles H. Carey, not to mention works of lesser value and importance, it has not seemed desirable to make this history a mere repetition of what has been written before. Acknowledgment of great indebtedness to the writers just mentioned is here made together with expression of appreciation that their work has been so well done as to free the present writer from the task of writing a simple narrative history. The effort has here been made to supplement and fill out by the use of new materials the histories that have been written before and the reader of this history is urged to seek in the books mentioned more ample and more thrilling accounts of many noble deeds and many important events that may seem to be herein touched upon all too lightly."