

taken by counties and smaller localities. Stone, Cement, Coal, Clays, Kaolin, Iron, Lime, Marl, Mineral Waters, Oil, Gas, Peat, Pyrite, Road Materials, Sands, Fertilizers and less valuable products are discussed in order.

The discussion throughout though strictly scientific is simple and easily understood. Altogether the state has not published a more valuable volume.

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*The American Struggle for the British West India Carrying Trade*, by F. LEE BENNS, Assistant Professor of History in Indiana University. Indiana University Studies X, Bloomington, 1923, pp. 207.

This book deals with a period the American History from 1815 to 1830. So thoroughly and scholarly did Dr. Benns do this work that the American Historical Association awarded him the Justin Winsor Prize in American History for 1920.

In order to explain properly our relations with Great Britain, concerning the West India trade, the author went back to the year 1783; he showed that the war of 1812 did not settle this question with Great Britain, and that the real trouble came up during the period of 1815 to 1830. During that time we had one of our greatest diplomatic contests with Great Britain.

In discussing this contest the author has preserved an impartial attitude showing how unreasonable our government was at times; on the other hand, he also shows how unreasonable the British ministers were, at certain other times.

A great deal of space is devoted to explaining the meaning of diplomatic notes and the interviews held between the diplomats of the two countries. Newspapers are frequently quoted to show trend of public opinion concerning the different agreements, and legislative acts by each nation.

The author seems to have used practically all source material available on this subject. The explanations are usually clear. The political bearing this question had on the election of 1828 is emphasized. The book is clear, interesting, unbiased, well-organized and deals with a subject and period that have so far received little emphasis in American history.

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