

*An Economic History of the People of the United States* by Dr. Fred Albert Shannon of the history department of Kansas State College, Manhattan, has very recently appeared. It is a very comprehensive and complete treatment which runs to more than nine hundred pages. The work is published by the Macmillan Company. Professor Shannon is a native of Indiana, a graduate of the State Teachers College at Terre Haute and also of Indiana University. He is the author of a two-volume work, *The Organization and Administration of the Union Army* (Cleveland, 1928). The new history shows extensive research and it has been written with great care. It will be received as a scholarly and valuable college text and as a useful reference for intelligent men and women in this period when economic problems are so completely in possession of the stage.

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*The First Capitol of Indiana Territory (1800-1813) and of The District of Louisiana (1800-1805)* is the title of an illustrated pamphlet by Curtis G. Shake of Vincennes. His brief account is published by The Territorial Hall Committee of the Vincennes Fortnightly Club. The text of the pamphlet and the illustrations relate to the Harrison Home and its furnishings, but some of the history of that early and important period in the Old Northwest is woven into the description to add to its interest and vitality. On the last page of the pamphlet the author furnishes a list of the officials who served in the Old Territorial Capitol from 1800 to 1813. In regard to the wider significance of this center of government, the following passage may be quoted:

This old building at Vincennes was something more than a capitol; it was a laboratory, the federal experiment station, where were worked out and perfected the territorial policies that were to be followed until the last foot of continental America was absorbed into the Union of the States. Even today, in far away Alaska, in Hawaii, and in Porto Rico our government is making practical use of the lessons learned in Old Vincennes as to the most efficient method of administering territorial possessions.

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Indiana History *Bulletin*, No. 8, Vol. XI (May, 1934), *Proceedings* of the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society (1929-1933), has just come from the press. There is a "Foreword" by Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, a list of officers of the

society and a summary of the programs of all meetings held during the years 1929 to 1933 inclusive. Because of the death of Judge John E. Iglehart on April 18, 1934, the greater part of the *Bulletin* is very fittingly devoted to certain matter prepared by him which embodies his conclusions relative "to the significance of the settlement of southwestern Indiana during the frontier period of the Middle West". The first paper is a discussion of the "Turner Doctrine" by Judge Iglehart. This is followed by a reprint of an article by Dr. Merle E. Curti of Smith College, the subject of which is "The Section and the Frontier in American History: The Methodological Concepts of Frederick Jackson Turner". The last article is another by Judge Iglehart, under the title "Local History". This number of the *Bulletin* which will no doubt be desired by many friends of the man who was so unselfishly devoted to the history of southwestern Indiana in addition to members of the Society of which he was the founder, may be obtained from the Indiana Historical Society at fifty cents per copy.