

Dr. Condon's New Book

"The Two Islands" is the subject of a new book that has just appeared from the pen of Dr. Thomas Condon, the pioneer geologist of Oregon, and for nearly 30 years professor of geology in the State University at Eugene. This is a work which will at once be accepted as a valuable addition to literature of the state, being one of a very few works treating scientifically on points of peculiar interest to this state. The numerous friends of the writer of this book will receive it with the greater welcome by reason of the fact Dr. Condon is now in his 81st year, and the book represents almost the life-work of its venerable author. It is the means of recording for preservation and for the use of future ages the results of the scientific researches and investigations of the recognized master of the geological history of the state. While much of the text has been roughly drafted for many years, its careful preparation and final representation the mature reflection of the scholarship of more recent years, much of it having been completed since the author's 80th birthday.

"Two Islands" makes less effort to fill the place of a technical work of science, than to meet a more popular interest in the great group of scientific truths which Oregon's natural resources are peculiarly fitted to illustrate. It consists of a easy and most interesting description of the geological development of Oregon's geological formation tracing it from its original two islands—"Skippy" and "Shoshone"—to its present outline and contour. The descriptive and narrative interest of the book is greatly enhanced by a wealth of half-tone plates illustrating many of the most typical fossils of extinct flora and fauna whose specimens are found in the author's geological collection at the State University.

As sidelights on the subject-matter of the main text, there are three chapters of old papers of the author on "The Fossils of the John Day Valley," "An Indian Legend," and "The Development Theory," which are of special interest to the older Oregonians, as they indicate the pioneer character of the thought of one of Oregon's most progressive scholars. The author also takes pride in the fact that the book is strictly an Oregon production from beginning to finish—Oregon for subject-matter, a typical Oregon pioneer the author, and is published by an Oregon firm and printed by an Oregon printing-house.

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