

REVIEWS.

Elements of Sales. By Wm. L. Burdick, Ph.D., LL.B., Professor in the University of Kansas School of Law. T. H. Flood and Company, Chicago. 1902. Buckram, pp. 214.

Compendiums of this nature are generally valuable merely as an outline course preceding a study more in detail, or as a review of such study. But this work will doubtless fulfill, to a large extent, an additional purpose as a substitute for the more exhaustive treatises, for it is not merely an enumeration of legal principles. In addition to the essentials of the law of sales, it contains a clear exposition of the reasoning and development of the subject. The author has also shown a careful discrimination in his selection of cases, indicating the doctrines of the several States where they conflict, and illustrating well settled points by a wide range of authorities. Another feature to be commended is a list of text-books relating to the subject together with the dates of their publication. In parts the sentences are long and somewhat involved, and occasionally an unnecessary repetition is made, faults, which it is needless to say, should be carefully avoided in a work of this character.

An appendix contains a copy of the English Sale of Goods Act (1893), the New York Factors Act (1830), and forms of a bill of sale and bills of lading.

J. H. S.

History of the Louisiana Purchase. By James Q. Howard. Callaghan and Co., Chicago. 1902. Law buckram, pp. 170.

It appears that the inducing cause for the writing of this book was the interest in the subject aroused by the Exposition at St. Louis. The author in his prefatory observations calls it a "relation of fact," and, strictly as such, it is a useful compendium of the chief historical facts connected with the Louisiana Purchase. If we call it a history we must class it as very elementary and narrative in form. It has many features in common with a work on the same subject written by Binger Hermann, of the Government Land Office, in 1898. The feature most open to criticism is the undue prevalence of awkward and badly selected figures of speech.

G. R. J.

Probate Reports Annotated, Vol. VI. By George A. Clement. Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York. 1902. Sheep, pp. 832.

This work on probate law is one which is increasingly commending itself to the average practitioner. As the volumes multiply from year to year their value is seen more and more, for even now this work, owing to the exceedingly good editorial notes at the end of many of the cases, is beginning to serve as a reference book, better adapted to the ordinary wants of the lawyer than most books on the subject. Among the many good cases in this volume we note that of *in re Fair's Estate*, which has been the subject of considerable comment and criticism throughout the country. Besides the index to the editorial notes, which are contained in this and previous volumes, there is a general index that has the unusual merit of being practically a digest of all the cases reported.

C. W. B.

The General Principles of the American Law of the Sale of Goods. By Reuben M. Benjamin, Professor in Bloomington Law School. 2nd edition. The Bowen-Merrill Company, Indianapolis and Kansas City. 1901. Sheep, pp. 409.

Professor Benjamin has greatly enhanced the value and usefulness of the second edition of his work on this important branch of the law of contracts by the addition of a chapter on the provisions of the Statute of Frauds relating to the sale of goods. The relevant sections of the statute are stated in detail, with an enumeration of the various states where they are in force. The different provisions of each section are thoroughly explained and commented upon, and illustrated by well selected cases. The author's treatment of the sub-heads, "What are 'Goods,'" and "Part Payment," is particularly thorough, and partakes of the same comprehensiveness and conciseness of expression that characterizes the whole work. The book follows the same general lines as did the previous edition, augmented by the citation of recent cases, and concludes with an index and table of cases. *W. J. D.*

Studies in Juridical Law. By Horace E. Smith, LL.D., former Dean of the Albany Law School. T. H. Flood and Company, Chicago. 1902. Sheep, pp. 359.

It has been the author's aim to present both the law student and the lay reader with a general and comprehensive treatise on the subject. Covering the whole field of municipal law, it has only been possible for him to sketch the merest outlines of its history and development. From a historical standpoint, the book is brief and interesting. The leading features of Mosaic, Roman and Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence are treated and the rise of equity, admiralty, international law and other branches are especially noted. A considerable amount of space is devoted to a justification of Blackstone's definition of juridical law, a technical matter which might well have been avoided. The topical discussions and the special papers which the author has appended also appear unnecessary in a work of the kind. The style is clear and logical and should appeal to the general reader. Another commendable feature is the careful selection of references. *R. H. S.*

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THE LAW OF JUDGMENTS. By Henry C. Black, M.A. 2nd ed. West Publishing Co., St. Paul. 1902. 2 Vol., pp. 1592. *Review will follow.*

THE HEALTH OFFICER'S MANUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. By L. L. Boyce. Matthew Bender, Albany. 1902. *Review will follow.*

THE ORIGIN OF MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION IN ENGLAND AND IN THE UNITED STATES. By Amasa M. Eaton. Reprinted from proceedings of American Bar Association, August, 1902. *Review will follow.*

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