

The *Friends of the Western Mountains* is an informal organization, founded in 1926, to stimulate greater interest in and appreciation of the scenic beauty of the mountain regions of the western United States. Members receive a yearly series of picture letters dealing with some special district. One is mailed each week with a photograph and 500-word description. The subscription price, which also constitutes membership, is \$2.00 per year, which simply covers the cost of issuing the letters. The secretary is C. Edward Graves, Arcata, California. Both letters and pictures are of a high standard and of distinctly educational interest.



Messrs. K. A. Henderson and R. L. M. Underhill accomplished the ascents of three major peaks in the *Wind River range* in Wyoming, near Green River pass. From a camp on a minor pass between Trail Creek and Stroud Creek, a peak to the east, 13,500 ft., was climbed. This is located $43^{\circ}10'13''$ north, $109^{\circ}41'30''$ west on the U. S. G. S. Fremont Quadrangle map, although the altitude is there given as only 13,000 ft. The col to the north-west of the peak was reached and the northwest ridge ascended. The descent was via the snow couloir on the west face.

A mile and a half due south lie two peaks joined by a high serrated ridge. Both of these were climbed, the southern one first by a couloir to the west ridge and thence to the summit, then the serrated ridge was traversed, not particularly difficult, to the more northerly peak. The last 200 ft. on the second peak was very interesting. A gendarme on the west ridge was then climbed and the descent made via the couloir to the west.



Charles B. Newhall, accompanied by Dr. Alexander Forbes and B. M. Smith, made a partial ascent of Blacktooth (13,104 ft.) in the Big Horn mountains of Wyoming, reaching an elevation of about 12,600 ft., which they believe to be the highest point on this peak which has yet been attained.



We cannot omit to mention a new record hung up under the guise of mountaineering. A young American imbued with the hurry and bustle of his native land climbed the Matterhorn, last summer, in 1 hour 50 minutes, from the Hörnli Hut and after a ten-minute rest descended in 1 hour 15 minutes, giving a total elapsed time of three hours and fifteen minutes for the complete climb which was the former record for the ascent alone. We are informed that in order to make this record, he ascended the mountain three times the previous week so as to learn the route thoroughly.