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- The texts in this Special Issue represent an interesting combination, covering as they do two contrasting historical studies of the North West Pacific: the sweeping ambitions of Russian imperial designs on the western coast of North America, and the closely-observed ethnographic studies of native peoples in that region by the Norwegian explorer Johan Jacobsen. I hope that the publication of these articles further confirms the value of *EJAS* as a portal for innovative research on North America from different national backgrounds and study fields.
- The article by Andrei Grinev was originally published in Russian in *Voprosy istorii* (Questions of History), 3 (2009): pp. 48-65. The translation of the original article was done by Dr Richard Bland of the University of Oregon.
- The notation 'A.G.' in the text refers to additional information added by the author.
- The articles by Johan Jacobsen were also translated from their original German by Dr Bland. The originals were published as follows:
- ⁵ 'The Kosiyut Society' appeared as 'Der Kosiyut-Bund der Bella-Coola-Indianer,' Das Ausland: Wochenschrift für Erd- und Völkerkunde 65(1892): pp. 437-441.
- 6 'Secret Societies' appeared as 'Geheimbünde der Küstenbewohner Nordwest-America's,' in *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 23 (1891): pp. 383–395.
- ⁷ 'The Second Type of Secret Society' appeared as ,Der zweite Typus der Geheimbünde bei den Nordwest-Americanern,' Zeitschrift für Ethnologie 26 (1894): pp. 104–115.
- The notation 'J.A.J.' in the notes of these articles refers to an original note from Jacobsen. The notation 'Translator' refers to an added comment by Dr Bland.