

Librarians in the Pacific Northwest have but followed the logic of the situation in preparing a bibliography of the literature of a large area having historical and geographical unity.¹ Most of the fundamental source items for the history of Washington are identical with the source items for the history of Oregon, and many of these same titles would prove just as essential in a bibliography of Idaho, Montana, or British Columbia. The regional bibliography serving adequately each political division therein affords a happy compromise between a laggard national bibliography and a shelf full of state lists each in a large measure duplicating the others. The cooperative method, moreover, which has in this instance been employed, served to hasten the completion of the work and to reduce the expense involved. The usefulness as well as the completeness of the list was augmented by combining the titles from fifteen contributing libraries into one union list, indicating at the same time the location of all copies recorded.

New Items for the Checklist

One result of the recent publication of a *Checklist of Pacific Northwest Americana* has been the bringing to light of additional titles and editions. While new books will be published from time to time, especial interest will attach to the locating and listing of the older and rarer material. Such unregistered items should be reported to the compiler of the *Checklist*.

One such item recently obtained by a contributor is an abridged edition of George Vancouver's *Voyages*, translated into German by M. C. Sprengel and published in 1799, the year after its first appearance in English. This prompt translation illustrates the eager thirst for geographical knowledge in the early years following the French Revolution.

Another more recent title has been added to the list of Pacific Northwest Americana: *The Shenandoah; or, The Last Confederate Cruiser*, by Cornelius E. Hunt, one of her officers. (New York: Carleton, 1867. Pp 273.) This volume recounts the exploits of a confederate expedition designed to destroy the New England whaling fleet off the Northwest Coast of America. The book records the capture of thirty-eight prizes, most of them whaling

¹ *Pacific Northwest Americana*: A checklist of books and pamphlets relating to the history of the Pacific Northwest. Compiled by Charles W. Smith. (New York: H. W. Wilson Company, 1921. Pp. 329. \$4.00.)

vessels take off from the coast of Alaska. The frontispiece pictures the *Shenandoah* towing prisoners from three burning whaling vessels in Bering Straits, June 25, 1865, or some ten weeks after Lee's surrender at Appomatox.

Auction Prices of Western Americana

Buyers in Western America have taken unusual interest in the sales of Western Americana at the Anderson Galleries in New York on November 28 and 29, 1921. Many standard titles and some unusual items were offered. The prices realized on the former were in a number of instances well under the second hand market. The rarer books and pamphlets brought prices well beyond the reach of the average buyer. The following prices illustrate the tendency in both directions:

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Checklist 122	\$130.00
Burnett, <i>Old Pioneer</i> . Checklist 541.....	9.50
Canfield, <i>Report on Northern Pacific Railroad</i> . Not in Checklist.....	145.00
Dunn, <i>Oregon Territory</i> . Checklist 1059....	6.50
Eells, <i>Hymns in Chinook</i> . Checklist 1092--	8.25
Grover, <i>Oregon Archives</i> . Checklist 1552--	160.00
Hewitt, <i>Across the Plains</i> . Checklist 1665..	18.00
Lee and Frost, <i>Ten Years in Oregon</i> . Checklist 1092	4.00
Thom, <i>Claims to the Oregon Territory</i> . Checklist 3971	1.00

The outstanding feature of the sale was the offering of the Fort Sutter Papers, recently discovered after more than a half century of search. These valuable documents neatly bound in 39 folio volumes brought the respectable sum of \$8,450.00.

Union List of Canadian Books

The *Quarterly* is in receipt of a mimeographed "List of Canadian Books contained in the Victoria Public Library and the Provincial Library, Victoria, B. C.". This list of 42 folio pages is classified by subject. Eleven pages are devoted to books on History, while much additional material of similar nature is to be found under the heads of "Travel", and "Biography". Items are located in each or both of the Victoria libraries.