

"Paul Bunyan" a Best Seller

Collectors of western books will be interested to know that *Paul Bunyan*, by Esther Shephard, (Seattle, McNeil Press) is having a record sale. The first edition, issued late in December of 1924, was promptly exhausted and a second large edition is being rapidly taken by buyers from all parts of the United States. The sale has proven unexpectedly large and of course proves particularly cheering to those who are most interested in the development of western literature. The success of this volume may be due in part to the epic qualities of its hero but much credit is due to the literary ability of the author. Its success is a matter for local pride, as Dr. Chittick pointed out in his review in the January issue of this *Quarterly* "not because the book is the work of a western woman, or a study of a western folk-hero, or a by-product of a course of training in a western university, or the offering of a western publishing firm, though it is all of these things, but because it is a piece of decidedly excellent craftsmanship."

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*Halcyon Days in Port Townsend*

Collectors of local books relating to the Pacific Northwest should not overlook an announcement regarding Judge Hanford's forthcoming *Halcyon Days in Port Townsend*. This volume is to be a historical novel in which real and created characters mingle in a story intended to reproduce the atmosphere of pioneer days. The volume will be illustrated with Curtis pictures taken in the Olympic Peninsula. The price is tentatively placed at \$2.50 and orders should be sent directly to Judge C. H. Hanford, Colman Building, Seattle.