

It would be extremely hazardous to generalize from the records of a few unusual items. If a sufficient number of the more standard items are taken and the record is made to cover a considerable number of years, Mr. Waldman's observations will doubtless be substantiated. The following records on two well known books cover the American auction records of the past ten years:

Townsend, *Narrative of a Journey Across the Rocky Mountains*, (Checklist 4006): 1915, \$6.25, \$9.25; 1917, \$6; 1918, \$6.50; 1919, \$10.10; 1920, \$12.50; 1921, \$7; 1922, \$11; 1923, \$15; 1924, \$8.

Catlin, *Letters and Notes on the Manners, Customs, and Conditions of the North American Indians*, London, 1841 (Checklist 629): 1916, \$6.50; 1917, \$19, \$9.25; 1918, \$6.30, \$9; 1920, \$16; 1921, \$9.50; 1922, \$11.50; 1923, \$11.

Records of 1923-1924

Volume XXX of *American Book-Prices Current*, covering the auction season of 1923-1924, has recently appeared. An examination of the titles listed reveals the sale of many items of Western Americana. Some of these, notably files of early newspapers, brought extreme prices. On the whole it would appear that buyers have used greater caution than in previous years. The following records seem to point toward a stabilization of scarce and rare items at a somewhat lower level than the high plane of the two or three previous years:

Anderson, <i>Dominion of the West</i> (Checklist 94).....	\$22.50
Bolduc, <i>Mission de la Colombie</i> , 1843. (Checklist 378)....	25.00
Broughton, <i>Voyage of discovery</i> (Checklist 485).....	36.00
Brown, <i>Political History of Oregon</i> (Checklist 491).....	27.50
Burnett, <i>Recollections and Opinions</i> (Checklist 541)....	10.00
Eells, <i>History of the Congregational Association of Oregon and Washington</i> (Checklist 1091).....	10.00
Kane, <i>Wanderings of an Artist</i> (Checklist 2003).....	27.50
<i>The same</i> . Another copy.....	17.00
Lander, F. W. <i>Remarks on the Construction of a Railway to the Pacific</i> (Not in Checklist).....	10.00
Lee and Frost. <i>Ten Years in Oregon</i> (Checklist 2146)..	8.50
Sproat, <i>British Columbia</i> (Checklist 3811).....	7.50
Stevens, <i>Address on the Northwest</i> (Checklist 3846)....	15.00
Wade, <i>Founding of Kamloops</i> (Not in Checklist).....	10.00
Wilkes, <i>Western America</i> (Checklist 4402).....	15.00