

Rare Edition of Suckley and Cooper

The Library Association of Portland has recently obtained a rare edition of Suckley and Cooper's *Natural History of Washington Territory and Oregon* . . . published in 1859. George Suckley, M.D., and J. G. Cooper, M.D., were scientists attached to the Pacific Railroad Exploration under the direction of Isaac I. Stevens. The results of their observations were published by the Government in 1860 as Volume XII, Part II, of the *Pacific Railroad Explorations* (U. S. Congress, 36-1, House Executive Document 56). It was also issued the same year by Ballière Brothers of New York. The Checklist of *Pacific Northwest Americana*, No. 3890, locates three copies of this latter edition in the libraries of the Pacific Northwest.

Interest in the 1859 edition, also published by Ballière Brothers, centers in the fact that it antedates by one year the publication of the official government report. It is the only copy reported by any library in the Pacific Northwest.

Collation by Miss Rockwood of Portland shows considerable variation in the two Ballière editions. The edition of 1859 contains a "Comparison of the Climate of Nebraska with similar regions of Europe", 26 pages, not in the 1860 edition. It contains but 55 plates as compared with 58 of the later printing but has a map not to be found in the edition of 1860. Both of these editions contain plates not to be found in the government report.

Notes on Early Libraries Requested

At the Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association to be held in June a series of papers will be given on the beginnings of libraries in the Pacific Northwest. Students who have in their possession information, documents, or citations to sources not likely to be generally available will perform a service to the cause of history by sending an account of the same to the President of the Association, Mr. M. H. Douglass, Librarian of the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

Auction Records

During the present auction season, the offerings of Western Americana have not been large. The most important sale to date has been that of the American Art Association on March 9, including books and autographs from the library of the late Judge Rush R. Sloane of Sandusky, Ohio. At this sale a few items of

extreme rarity were sold together with a considerable number of the more ordinary books of Western interest. The following list indicates the range of prices:

Corney, <i>Voyages in the Northern Pacific</i> (Checklist 810) ..\$	4.50
Gass, <i>Lewis and Clarke's Journal</i> (Checklist 1375).....	6.00
Fisher, <i>Account of the Voyages and Travels of Captains Lewis and Clark</i> . Baltimore, 1813. (Not in Checklist).	8.00
Wyeth, <i>Oregon; or, A Short History of a Long Journey (Checklist 4478)</i>	385.00
Tucker, <i>A History of Oregon</i> (Checklist 4029).....	380.00
Lee and Frost, <i>Ten Years in Oregon</i> (Checklist 2146)....	15.00
Robertson, <i>Oregon, Our Right and Title</i> (Checklist 3329).	230.00
Allen, <i>Ten Years in Oregon</i> (Checklist 48).....	12.00
Hines, <i>Oregon, its History, Condition and Prospects (Checklist 1703;)</i> Bulfinch, <i>Oregon and Eldorado (Checklist 538)</i> ; Leighton, <i>Life at Puget Sound (Checklist 2151)</i> . The lot of three volumes.....	4.00
Beeson, <i>A Plea for the Indians</i> (Checklist 309).....	8.00
Ambler, <i>Life and Diary of John Floyd</i> (Checklist 59; Steel, <i>Mountains of Oregon</i> (Checklist 3829); Strahorn, <i>To the Rockies and Beyond</i> (Checklist 3871). The lot of three volumes.....	11.00
Coyner, <i>The Lost Trappers</i> (Checklist 835).....	12.00