

Balch, *Bridge of the Gods*, 23 times.

Beach, *Silver Horde*, 23 times.

Beach, *The Spoilers*, 25 times.

It is not surprising to learn of the large number of novels as compared with the fewer number of works written from the distinctly historical point of view. One cannot escape the conviction, however, that there is need for better selection of these works of imaginative literature. Why should Balch's *Bridge of the Gods* be found in twenty-three libraries when Winthrop's *Canoe and the Saddle* is to be found in but eight and Cooper's *Yamhills* in none? Such a guide as Miss Rookwood's *Books on the Pacific Northwest for Small Libraries* should be utilized in every small library in the State.

An examination of Mr. Hitt's returns is not without encouragement. It shows that dependable histories such as Schafer's *History of the Pacific Northwest* and Meany's *History of Washington* are to be found in a majority of the libraries of the State while not a single library has reported a copy of Barrow's *Oregon*, once prevalent.

Stearn's "Guide"

In the October installment of this department, attention was called to a rare pamphlet entitled *Harrison's Guide and Resources of the Pacific Slope* (San Francisco, 1872). Another book in this class has just been acquired by the University of Washington Library. It is entitled *The Official Gazette and Travelers' and Immigrants' Guide to Oregon and Washington Territory*, by D. H. Stearns. It contains 192 pages and cover and bears the imprint of Portland: Geo. H. Himes' Steam Printing Establishment, 1877. A copy of this item is to be found in the public library of Portland as shown by the *Checklist*, No. 3827. A comparison of the two copies shows that each was printed by G. H. Himes for the Compiler and Publisher in 1877. Each copy, however, bears upon the wrapper the legend "Portland, Oregon, October 1, 1876". The volume gives much valuable information including state and county officers, lists of post offices, leading business names, newspapers, stage routes, etc. Like most other guidebooks written to attract Eastern immigrants, it contains a glowing account of the beauties and possibilities of the Northwest.