

PACIFIC NORTHWEST AMERICANA

A History of Bellingham

Attention is here called to *A History of Bellingham, Washington*, recently issued from the Argonaut Press of 913 Harris Avenue, Bellingham, and for sale by them at \$1.50 the copy. This volume was compiled by Miss Edith Beebe Carhart, Librarian of the Bellingham Libraries, from newspaper articles, city directories and books of local history. She states the purpose of the volume in these words, quoted from the preface: "One of the demands made upon public libraries which is everywhere very difficult to meet is the request for something on the early history of the community. The compilation of articles contained in this pamphlet is an effort on my part to meet this demand in our library." Students of history will appreciate the service of librarians in not only collecting and preserving the records of local history but in making such material increasingly accessible and serviceable.

Americana in the Library of Congress

The *Report of the Librarian of Congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926* is of special interest to workers in the field of history. The resources of the national library surpass those of any other American library, comprising nearly 3,500,000 books and pamphlets, several million pieces of manuscript, and over 500,000 maps. In the field of American history it is already pre-eminent and its collections are growing rapidly in strength as well as in size. Several pages are devoted to a list of notable gifts of Americana during the previous year. Several pages are also given to important purchases of Americana. Among the latter mention is made of the Journals of the House of Representatives of Washington Territory for the sessions beginning in 1866 and in 1869. So rare are the legislative journals of Washington that for many years but one public library in this state has possessed a complete file. It is a great satisfaction to learn of the activity of our great national library in collecting the materials for the history of every section of the United States. Every possible assistance should be given to this library in its endeavor