

## 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.

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### *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

to collect all books and pamphlets relating to any part of the United States. Items of Americana deposited in the Library of Congress are assured expert cataloging and the maximum of availability for historical students everywhere.

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*Books Added by the Library Association of Portland*

The following titles not in the Checklist of *Pacific Northwest Americana* have been recently secured by the Library Association of Portland: *Travels in North America* 168 pages, 3 plates, one frontispiece. (London, Rivington, 1831). This purports to be an account of one George Philips, an Irishman, who joined the Lewis and Clark expedition at St. Louis and remained with it until they reached Fort Mandan on the return. The other is the "*Memoirs of Brigadier General John Alexander Kress*. It includes his reminiscences of life at Fort Vancouver in the '70s and of the Nez Percé War.

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*A Notable Alaskan Item*

The University of Washington Library has recently received *A Journey to Alaska in the Year 1868: Being the Diary of the Late Emil Teichmann, Edited with an Introduction by his Son Oskar* (Kensington, Privately printed at the Cayme Press, 1925). One hundred copies of this book were printed and privately distributed, of which but three copies were sent to the United States. The present copy, the fourth for this country, was donated by the son, Oskar Teichmann, Esq. to the University of Washington because of its special interest in books on Alaska. The volume contains important material for the history of Alaska and the Northwest Coast. It is fortunate that this valuable diary has been printed and that one library in the Pacific Northwest owns a copy. It is to be regretted however that the size of the edition does not admit of a wider distribution in and near Alaska.