

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST AMERICANA

### *The Passing of a Great Book Collector*

The death of Henry E. Huntington on May 23, removed from the book world its greatest collector. His famous library, securely housed and adequately endowed, had already been given in perpetuity to the nation. A few hours after his death came the announcement that Mr. Huntington had left a trust fund of \$8,000,000. to be used exclusively for research in American and English history. This beneficent gift makes a fitting climax to an unusual and dramatic career. The Huntington library will become increasingly a great laboratory for the increase of knowledge in special fields.

Western students have reason to be thankful that this research library is located on the Pacific Coast. It is unusually strong in English literature and history. It contains the finest collection of Shakespeariana in the world and authorities on both sides of the Atlantic agree that in the great rarities of English literature published prior to 1500, it ranks first not even excepting the British Museum. While not its most distinctive field, the Huntington library is known to contain rich holdings of Western Americana.

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### *The Auction Season of 1926-1927*

Two striking features of the auction season now closing have been the large offerings in autographs and first editions and the sensational prices brought by each of these classes of collectanea. The sale of Western Americana has been somewhat overshadowed. A considerable amount of good material, however, has come upon the market and the prices have in many cases matched those of two or three years ago. The two most important sales from the standpoint of Pacific Northwest Americana were the Holmes sale of January 26 and 27 conducted by the American Art Association, and the Braislín sale of March and April under the auspices of the Anderson Galleries.

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### *The Holmes Sale*

The material sold by the American Art Association on January 26 and 27 related largely to California and the West and

was drawn principally from the collection of H. C. Holmes of Oakland, California. The following items may serve to indicate the trend of the prices paid:

Brown, <i>Early Okanogan</i> (Checklist 500).....	\$ 9.00
Damon, <i>Trip from the Sandwich Islands to Lower Oregon</i> (Checklist 892) .....	132.50
Dunn, <i>Massacre of the Mountains</i> (Checklist 1056).....	10.00
Eells, <i>History of the Congregational Association of Oregon and Washington Territory</i> (Checklist 1091).....	11.00
Gass, <i>Journal of the Voyages and Travels of Lewis and Clarke</i> (Checklist 1371).....	36.00
Grover, <i>Oregon Archives</i> (Checklist 1552).....	130.00
Meacham, <i>Wigwam and Warpath</i> (Checklist 2405).....	4.00
Denny, <i>Pioneer Days on Puget Sound</i> (Both Editions); and Swan, <i>Northwest Coast. The Three Volumes</i> ...	7.00
Gray, <i>History of Oregon</i> (Checklist 1480).....	5.00
Schooling, <i>The Hudson's Bay Company</i> (London, 1920) ..	32.50

#### *The Braislin Sale*

On March 21, 22 and April 4, 5, and 6, occurred the sale of the important library formed by Dr. William C. Braislin of Brooklyn, N.Y. This was an event of more than ordinary importance as the collection comprised the largest single offering of Western Americana to come upon the auction market in recent years. A total of 1,993 lots brought the sum of \$48,376.50. The following are sample items showing prices realized:

Bolduc, <i>Mission de la Columbie</i> (Checklist 378).....	\$ 90.00
Chittenden, <i>American Fur Trade</i> (Checklist 675).....	45.00
Hastings, <i>The Emigrants' Guide</i> (Checklist 1624).....	410.00
Kip, <i>Army Life on the Pacific</i> (Checklist 2041).....	8.00
Leonard, <i>Narrative of the Adventures of Zenas Leonard</i> Edition I. ....	710.00
Coues, <i>Lewis and Clark</i> (Checklist 2181).....	57.50
McCain, Charles W. <i>History of the S. S. Beaver</i> (Check- list 2281) .....	37.50
Montana Historical Society. <i>Contributions, Vols. 1-3</i> .....	30.00
Ogden, <i>Traits of American Indian Life</i> (Checklist 2746) ..	47.50
Oregon Historical Quarterly. Volumes 1-26.....	80.00
Oregon Pioneer Association, 1875-1925. 48 pamphlets....	55.00
Thompson, <i>Narrative of his Explorations</i> (Checklist 3975).	110.00
Washington Historical Quarterly, Volumes 1-11.....	41.00