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Dear Ken:

I too have been swamped. Glad to hear from you.

I note first that our communications started relative to Drummers and Dreamers, advance orders at this time to be billed for by publisher upon publication, his 40 per cent discount. You have made no reference to this in any of your communications. As I explained, I was attending to this at this time, helping the publisher so he could estimate the number to be issued come next year--at least eight months.

I hope in your next note you'll indicate 3, 5 or your customary order for such so in a communication to the publisher I can add this to the growing list. Of course you understand this is not a vanity book. I am confident from its reception thus far it will go in your area. Confidentially I believe the advance orders knock right around 750 now which has surprised the publisher. He of course has several hundred standing orders--every book he publishes is sent to certain stores and libraries.

I'm getting off a shipment of "histories." They are mostly as indicated in my first listing of books, but confined to the histories. Hence I'm somewhat stumped now that you requested pamphlets and small stuff because certainly the San Joaquin Valley ones don't qualify, but I think the ones sent will be acceptable. If not, I will pay the postage home of course.

You can look them over and make me an offer, excluding therefrom any offer for An Illustrated History of Southern California, Lewis Publishing Company (Back Strip off--tucked inside cover.) You're welcome to it and postage. The same applies for the Southern California 1914 booklet.

I'm better fixed on other Californiana etc. than histories. Somewhere I've a two vol set of the Saint Croix.

I've no "wrapper" material in the history line I think of right now.

Included in the shipment are History of Tulare and Kings counties Calif, Menefee and Dodge, Historic Record Co., Los Angeles 1913;

History of the State of California and Biographical Record of the San Joaquin Valley, Quinn, Chapman Publishing Co.

Peterson-Wilson, Who's Who in Kern County, Bakersfield, 1941, (of little consequence)

California as it is, Presented by Call, 1882

Memorial and Biographical History of the counties of Fresno, Tulare and Kern, Calif, Lewis Publishing Co.

I wouldn't think that too many of these have turned up since I was in Calif. and I know they came rarely to the fore then. You'll not find me difficult to please on a fair offer.

Incidentally I was touring in a remote area the other afternoon, stopped into a second hand store where there was a big box of books, reached in and started pulling out: Uncle Dan Drumhiller's days of 49, first of Saga of Billy the Kid, Ojibue Spelling Book, Boston, 1846 (which I have no idea what it's worth;) Hearn, Lafcadio, ~~Star~~ Stray Leaves from Strange Literature (Riverside Press); Hafen and Ghent, Broken Hand, the Life Story of Thomas Fitzpatrick, Chief of the Mountain Men, No. 97 of 100 autographed copies, Old West Publishing Co., Denver - an item I'm entirely unfamiliar with; James, Lone Cowboy, 1930 A; Cowboys North and South, Smoky; Lomax, ~~x~~ Cowboy songs, London, John Barrycorn, Vestal, Stanley, Kit Carson, 1928; Byrne, P.E., Soldiers of the Plains; Brown, Harriet; Grandmother Brown's Hundred years; Beach, William H: The First New York (Lincoln) Cavalry; Bussey, G. Moir, Fables Original and Selected, Appleton, 1863 and Fee, Rimes O'Roundup.

The only other books I pulled out in between were good ones on archaeology, ethnology and another item I'm not familiar with, Gillett; James B. Six Years with the Texas Rangers, Yale Press.

I copied them down in my book acquisition catalogue, that's how I can rattle them off. I don't hope to hit the jackpot like that again for along time, although hope you can. The charge was .25 cents a book.

I accumulated histories of Iowa, Illinois (regular 8vo size.) some Northern California ones but gave them to a university about a year ago. They came in pretty good for awhile, but I think people are much more selective now or something.

I'll keep on the lookout for them in my travels around and now that the Californians have gone home from vacation maybe a few will accumulate around. When I was in Walla Walla a month ago I encountered two from San Francisco the same day and the stores said they had been visited by others hunting California stock almost every day. A few years ago that wasn't noticeable. One Walla Walla dealer might be a good source for you. I'll mention you to him when I see him sometime.

Hope to hear an indicated order on Drummers and Dreamers when you get this.

Sincerely

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