

Mr. P. McMann,

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Old Oregon Book Store,

630 S.W. 12th Ave.

Portland 5, Oregon.

Dear Mr. McMann:

I wrote you some time ago concerning my forthcoming book [strictly not a vanity publication] and am sorry I have not yet heard from you.

I am enclosing an advance circular. The book is not due for publication until early summer or spring of 1956, but it will be of much assistance at this time to get an idea as to what stores plan to stock it, and to obtain some advance orders. As you well know Caxtons does not have an elaborate promotion system.

I am also sending you another copy of the publication 1855-1955 The Yakimas. I was asked to write several sections and edit this by the Yakima Nation and considered it an honor since the Yakimas, as you know, have always been very reserved and held themselves aloof. Today I was invited to make one of the principal speeches at the dedication of the new Satus long house, and also considered that an honor. I am sending the yakima treaty booklet in the belief you may have your personal collection of material and wish to add it to that.

I am also at this time engaged in making preliminary plans for a book tour at time of publication. I am to be in Portland I believe as well as Seattle, Spokane etc. I will have some of these very interesting "anapums along with me. One is a nephew of the prophet, Smowhala of Priest Rapids (See Smohalla in Moone's Ghost Dance BAE Report No. 14, pt. II.) This is a historic Northwestern Indian, one of the greatest but overlooked until recently by historians.

The circular does not state that Dr. F.W. Hodge wrote the introduction to the book nor that one of the Priest Rapids Dams has been named Wanapum in honor of these people. They will be much in the news later.

Neither does it state that E.B. Quigley of Portland, a friend of mine, did the four color cover. It is an Indian horse race scene at Priest Rapids. At the time of publication the publisher will provide me with lithographic copies, wide margins, suitable for framing, of the cover, less the title words. At the stores where book parties are held I will give out several hundred of these to whoever comes into the store. Moreover, I have an extensive mailing list [over 200 very good prospects in the Portland area alone] and personal invitations will be sent out, inviting them to come in and meet the Indians, get a litho. etc.



As you also know Caxtons gives 40 per cent discount to dealers. The advance orders I receive in this manner I forward to the publisher. He will acknowledge the order and advise as to publication in due time.

It will be impossible to do all the things I will have to later, plus my regular work, so that is why I am starting at this time. I sincerely hope you may see your way clear at this time to place at once an order, returning to me the enclosed advance circular.

I trust too that Mrs. Churchill has made connection with you. She consulted me a few weeks ago and you should have heard from her by now.

I had thought I might be in Portland but find that vacation schedules at the office prohibits that at the present. On my last trip there I added extensively to my collection from your stock and was looking forward again to visiting your store, but will have to forego that until later. One of my previous purchases was a very good copy of Gray's California.

I am enclosing a clipping of the Satus dedication story.

Please feel free to quote me any Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs you have on hand at present. I have some 15 copies now, a few in the 60s, but most in the 70s and 80s. Or I would also be interested in any of the War of the Rebellion Records of Union and Confederate Armies pertaining to the Northwest. There were three vols. as you know. I have Series 1, Vol I, Part II.

Sincerely

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