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Dear Ken:

I've been swamped, as usual, but managed to get a box of books packaged up today (Saturday night) and should get them to the PO early in the week. I think you will find some good stock books among the lot, some saleable ones and a couple to "play with."

The lot contains: Western Classics, Vols 1 and 2, published by Paul Elder, Stevenson's The Sea Fogs, and Tennessee's Partner; Mrs. Dr. J. Milton Bowers Dance of Life, San Francisco 1877 (obvious nom de plume) and one that will bear checking; John C. Van Dyke, The Desert; Pt. 1, Vol II Society of California Pioneers; Coulter's Adventures in Southern America and Interior of California; Easton's Two Vol. History of the Saint Croix Valley; Hall, A Yosemite Flora Guide; William White (William Gray) Pioneer Times in California (I bet you seldom see that one) and Cronise The Natural Wealth of California.

Enclosed as gifts are Soil of Rafael and A Summer in a Canyon.

Send me a lot estimate if you care to and if it's within striking distance of my estimate, they belong to you. The postage is on me.

We've had snow every day now for about two weeks; 3 below one night; earliest and worst weather remembered here so it looks like a bad winter.

I've been named by the government as an "observer" for the very hot Yakima Tribal Council election on which much policy hinges. Emmons sent out a personal representative to attend the general council.

I'm chairman of observers which include a state senator, two preachers, two authors and president of State Federation of Women's Clubs. Much "history" being written at such sessions. Two have been recessed, because of tribal councilman's death, but will reconvene Monday and will probably go through Tuesday. Construction permit has come through for Priest Rapids ~~Dam~~ which will run \$340,000,000 (million) and \$18,000,000 transmission lines for Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams ; project people now want conference with me relative to compensation for my little bedraggled non-treaty Wanapums (five in all ) who are protected by Article 42 of construction permit.

Of course I have to handle all the research, negotiations etc. at my own expense, whereas a tribal attorney for a treaty tribe would be guaranteed, by government, 10 per cent. Oh well, it will mean much preservation of culture, the last of the real old culture, and perhaps recognition that few obtain or achieve in the Indian field. Construction will start midsummer, rock paintings will be removed from the island that is the genesis of the Wanapums etc. etc. which will be good publicity in this region at least for Drummers and Dreamers.

The future of all Indian tribes in America is being pattered on "consultation" and "termination" of three tribes, one being the Yakima, so it may be that things will move fast enough I can do a little editing of proofs of Drummers and Dreamers and get some real history therein. That is just my suspicion. It will be more evident later.

Hope your last sale went well.

Regards

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