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Rare Old Maps

The Old Print Shop's Portfolio, published in New York, has for sale: "A handsome colored map of California-Mexico (1667) by Peter Goos, Amsterdam, Nova Granada en t'eylandt California. 17 ½ x 21 ½ plus margins and outline coloring." The price is \$125.

The same firm also advertises "three California Sea Ports - 1798, by La Peouse," and a "Plan of Bay of Monterey, N. Cal. 10 ½ x 14," priced at \$10. These maps would be a valuable addition to a collection of maps already hanging in the Old Custom House in Monterey.

Lovers of old maps - and it is an intriguing hobby - should ask to be included in the mailing list of the Old Print Shop, 150 Lexington Ave., New York, established in 1898.

One old map' marked rare is labeled as "World by Peter Goos, Amsterdam, 1667," and priced at \$145. Its size is described as 17x21 plus margins, fine coloring, unusual decorations, birds of many varieties including Snow Geese at top center, whales surrounding upper cartouche and a beautiful group of figures in lower center.

The maps are not reproductions, they are originals. Maybe some generous citizen would enjoy the privilege of giving one or all of the historical maps to the Monterey History and Art Assn. to be displayed in one of the historical monuments in Monterey to be studied and enjoyed by the citizens and visitors to the Peninsula.

The third "Noticias del Puerto de Monterey," Vol. 2 No. 3, has been delivered to the membership of the Monterey History and Art Ass. In this quarterly bulletin of the association there are articles of considerable interest to local residents:

"New Light on California's First Jury Trial," as written by Walter Colton, first American Alcalde of Monterey. He wrote as a closing to his diary for Friday, Sept. 4, 1846: "If there is one thing on earth, I would die for, it is the right of trial by jury."

In the Noticias there is also another in the series of the records from the pioneer merchant William Curtis, as written by James F. Cosgrove. Curtis was with Milton Little, D. R. Ashley and Phillip Roach, a member of the

first tax-supported school boards in 1853-54, was county treasurer for two terms, and U. S. Postmaster in Monterey, 1855 to 1857. He was appointed in charge of all federal buildings in Monterey, including the Cuartel, by the quartermaster's department of the U. S. Army.

In conclusion there is published several items of interest to members of the association such as dates for various tours, new members, programs, purchases and gifts for the various Historical Monuments in Monterey and a list of new junior members.

The Save the Redwoods League has sent to the membership and to the various historical associations in California, the following comment on the protection of Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe.

"The outstanding character of Emerald Bay State Park and adjoining D. L. Bliss State Park, on Lake Tahoe, are praised in a resolution passed unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Save-the-Redwoods League. The League in 1953 contributed funds to add the state preserve to the forests at Emerald Bay. The urgent need for keeping this scenic gem unharmed is expressed in the resolution.

"If the improvement of highway conditions (expected to take place in the comparatively near future) is planned, conservationists, travel organizations and others who recognize the outstanding beauty of Emerald Bay, with the attendant defacement of unspoiled landscape by several miles of approach roads, urge every effort and all the ingenuity of the highway engineers be devoted to the design of an improved highway along the approximate line of the present spectacular 'high-line' route, whatever the cost. This would prevent destruction of one of the truly great landscapes of America."