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### **First Cattle Drive**

A few days ago, we wrote an article on rare books mentioned in a catalogue printed for John Howell Books by Lawton Kennedy in San Francisco in which there were two errors which we hasten to correct. We suspect that we just could not believe that books and manuscripts could be so valuable but the prices got misquoted in some unexplained manner and so today we will inform our readers and we hope that a period appears in its proper place.

Under the title "The Territory of California Now Belongs to the United States," there is a description and history of the first Californian Extra, printed in Monterey, September 5, 1848, and valued at \$4,500.00, not \$45.00 as the price appeared.

Another notable California document is S. W. Kearney's "Proclamation" printed in Monterey, March 1, 1847. Printed in both English and Spanish, it is valued at \$2,500, not \$25.00. Evidently several of our readers wrote to the John Howell shop thinking to pick up these rare books and manuscripts at a bargain price.

"California Trail Herd" by Cyrus O. Loveland, edited and annotated by Richard H. Dillon has just been published by The Talisman Press of Los Gatos.

Here published for the first time is a unique contribution to California history, the journal of a Missouri-to-California cattle drive in 1850 written by cowboy Cyrus Loveland. The scarcity of information on the northern cattle trail to California lends this journal important historical value. Loveland was an astute observer of the frontier scene and his journal is rich with observations on the overland trail to California.

The cattle drive was organized in Missouri by Walter Crow - patriarch of the famous Crow family of Crow's Landing and Mussel Slough - to capitalize upon the high price of beef in California's gold fields.

This drive was one of the first to the Far West and one of the first cattle drives to California from Missouri. Richard Dillon, librarian of the Sutra Library, San Francisco, and author of several books on California history, has written an introduction and supplied notes and an index to the journal.

This book has been designed in fine press format

in an edition limited to 750 copies. The price is \$6.

The Book Club of California has just issued a publication for the membership entitled "Oregon and California Drawings, 1841 and 1847," by Charles F. B. Guillou, surgeon, U S Navy. The club should be very proud of the spring publication of 1961.

Dr. Guillou made his views while on two different visits to the Pacific Coast. The first was with the Wilkes Expedition in 1841, when Guillou's ship the "Peacock," was wrecked at the mouth of the Columbia River. His Oregon scenes grew out of that disaster in 1847, he came to California in the ship "Columbus" and he then sketched in Monterey, San Francisco and Sausalito. All scenes are reproduced in their original sizes.

Permission to publish these drawings was kindly granted to the Book Club of California by Brig. Gen. Philip G. Blackmore, U. S. Army, grandson of Dr. Guillou. Emily Blackmore, wife of the general consented to write for inclusion in this book a biographical sketch of Dr. Guillou.

Also included in the book is a commentary of Guillou drawings written by Dr. Eliot A. P. Evans, curator of the Society of California Pioneers headquarters in San Francisco. Dr. Evans gives us an informative and sensitive evaluation of Guillou's historical artistry. The club also gives credit to Colonel Fred B. Rogers, who conceived this publication and assisted in research.

There are some 70 pages in the book, and it is limited to 450 copies which will someday make it, if not now, a collectors' item. The price is \$15.

Among the drawings in the book are: a two-page reproduction of The Landing at Monterey March 20, 1847, showing the Custom House and several other adobe buildings, the Royal Presidio Chapel as it looked on March 24, 1847; Monterey from the old fort, May 13, 1847, and Carmel Mission, drawn March 22, 1847.