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### **1908 Calendar Usable Today**

Tom Brown is passing out New Year greetings to his Carmel friends in the form of calendars, but not just the usual calendar. These are dated 1908 and are illustrated with a colorful picture of "Sweet Genevieve". The reason for this unusual greeting is told in a printed insert from Tom:

"Fifty-six long years late? No, '64 is the same as ought-eight, and so this demure "Sweet Genevieve" carries '64 dates you can believe. Each day and month of 1908 matches exactly Sixty-Four's dates. The pad's correct, you can rely on this useful calendar of days gone by. You'll have fun, give friends a start with this Golden Girl of Calendar art, then check the pad and become a seer to predict what will happen in future years."

On January 3 the calendar predicts that Alaska will become a state 51 years from today (1959). Another prediction for January is that on the 16th of the month, 12 years later, prohibition will go into effect (1920). Another amusing item is that on January 21, Carrie Nation swung her first hatchet seven years ago (1901) and that smoking by women becomes illegal in New York City in 1908.

There has been an unusual number of interesting historical books printed in California this last fall season including publications from the Book Club of California, The Bancroft Library at the University of California, and the Talisman Press, Georgetown, Calif., just to mention three. There should be a fourth from the Book Club, "Stevenson's San Francisco".

Probably the largest, the most beautiful in printing, makeup, illustrations. etc., is the Book Club's Christmas publication for 1963, "The Wonderful City of Carrie Van Wie", with paintings of San Francisco at the turn of the century, and text by Oscar Lewis, in an edition of 500 copies, printed by the Grabhorn Press.

This attractive and colorful addition to the club's notable series of books reproduces for the first time, a group of twenty - two paintings of San Francisco scenes at the turn of the century as viewed through the eyes of a young artist whose work possesses a high degree of quaintness and charm. The Grabhorns have reproduced with great fidelity the subjects; well-known buildings and other sites of San Francisco during the 1800's and

the opening of this century, including a number of views of the Presidio during the Spanish-American War. All are depicted with pleasant naivete and primitive freshness that is both amusing and attractive.

The nostalgic charm of Old San Francisco has been delightfully portrayed in this series of ingenuous paintings. The price is \$21.00 plus four per cent sales tax in California. "Overland to California in 1846," the diaries and letters of the California - Oregon Trail, edited by Dale Morgan and published by the Talisman Press, in George town, Calif., comes in two volumes, 550 pages, with maps and illustrations, priced at \$17.50 per set for the regular edition.

Dale L. Morgan, the editor, an authority on the history of the West, presents in the first volume the diary of William Taylor and a letter by John Craig, respecting the Craig - Stanley Party, first to enter the Sacramento Valley with wagons in 1846; the diary and dictation of Nicholas Carriger, who took, the variant route from the Missouri to Fort Laramie: the incomplete diary of George McKinstry from Independence to the North Platte, and of James Mathers from North Platte to Mission San Jose. Also, a Frazier Reed diary.

There was a special pre-publication date price of \$17.50 per set after which the price is \$20.00.