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### **History Of Press In 1880s**

"A History of California Newspapers, 1846 – 1858," edited and annotated by Helen Harding Bretnor, comes from The Talisman Press at Georgetown, Calif.

This is the definitive account of early newspaper publishing in California. The arrangement is chronological, following the development of printing and publishing as it occurred, first in the cities - Monterey, San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton and Marysville - next in the gold mining camps - Sonora and the southern mines, Nevada - and the northern mines - and, lastly, in the agricultural and coast counties.

By 1858, hundreds of newspapers had been started, and hundreds had already perished, their fortunes rising and falling with those of the Gold Rush camps that gave them birth. Their history was in danger of perishing with them. The period of individualistic journalism was fast coming to an end; the transcontinental telegraph would soon bring uniformity. This volume preserves the story of California's early press.

There are 398 pages in the book, illustrations, indices, and bibliography. The price is \$10.

The Arthur H. Clark Company of Glendale announces for those who own and appreciate the 1933 edition of "The California Bibliography," that a supplement is to be published.

Robert. Granniss Cowan has produced an addition of 700 entries, "A Bibliography of the History of California, 1510-1930," aided by his renowned father, Robert Ernest Cowan. The original work was issued in two volumes of text, and one volume of index, and beautifully printed by John Henry Nash in an edition limited to 650 sets.