

List #13: Recent Acquisitions

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BUFFALO SOLDIERS ON THE RIO GRANDE

1. [**African-Americana**]. [*Muster Roll for Buffalo Soldiers, Company C, 9th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry, in South Texas, for February to April, 1874*]. [Fort Ringgold, Tx.] 1874. Printed broadsheet form, completed in manuscript, approximately 20.5 x 32 inches. Some separations and several unobtrusive tape repairs along folds. Small chip at top edge, not affecting text. Light tanning and scattered small patches of dampstaining. Accomplished in a neat, legible hand. Good plus.

An outstanding example of a muster roll for a company of Buffalo Soldiers stationed in Texas during the first part of 1874, fully completed in manuscript. The 9th U.S. Cavalry, the first cavalry unit whose enlistees consisted entirely of African-Americans, was formed in New Orleans, and was sent to Texas to garrison forts along the Rio Grande from 1867 to 1875. The present form documents Company C of the 9th Cavalry, under the command of Capt. Charles Beyers, for the period of March and April, 1874. The roll is signed with the location "Roma State Co. Texas," and it is therefore likely that Company C was stationed during this time at Fort Ringgold in Rio Grande City, several miles east along the river from the town of Roma, in the most southerly part of Texas.

The roll forms a complete roster, with full names and places of enlistment of all members of the Troop, brief notes about particular individuals, expense and payment reports, and some detail of events while the unit was on duty in this sparsely populated and isolation section of the U.S.-Mexico border. The document records fifty-four enlisted troopers and thirteen officers, as well as two trumpeters, a blacksmith, farrier, wagoner, and saddler. The enlisted men received \$13 per month, and officers were paid \$15-\$17 per month, except the captain who was paid \$26. For the period covered by the roll, only one man died, apparently by drowning in the Rio Grande while attempting to bathe, according to the notes present. Four other men deserted, but were eventually apprehended, and a \$30 reward was paid for each of their captures before they were dishonorably discharged. The trooper named as farrier in this document, Clinton Greaves, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions several years later. Following the period documented here, the units of the 9th Cavalry moved further north in Texas to take part in the Red River War, and in 1875 were transferred to New Mexico.

An important record of African-American military service in borderland Texas during Reconstruction and the Indian Wars.
\$2,500

RARE AMERICAN POETRY BROADSIDE

2. [**American Verse**]. *Death of 2 Young People; &c. A Young Gentleman and Lady, - Drowned at Trenton Falls, in a Shocking Manner / 1831. - A Wonderful Account of the Conversion & Happy Death of Mrs. Sarah Pebbles... [caption titles]*. [New York? 1831?]. Broadsheet, 18 x 9.5 inches. Moderate foxing and soiling, dampstaining to one edge. Roughly cut along each side. Good.

A rare broadsheet of American verse, containing several ballads that recount tales of religious faith, both good and bad, and of tragic death. The verso contains two songs that tell of drownings at Trenton Falls, north of Utica, New York. The first incident

printed claimed a young man named Oliver Bill, who died there in August 1830, and the second killed a teenage girl named Eliza Suydam, who met her fate at the falls several years prior, in July 1827. The death of Suydam in particular seems to have inspired several versified commemorations, though we locate no other instance of the one present here printed a full four years after the episode in question. Between these two tragic stories is a column of verse entitled "The Romish Lady," about a Catholic woman who learned to read the Word of God on her own from a Bible, and was therefore scourged and condemned by the Pope.

The verso of the sheet contains a versified account of a religious conversion of another young woman, Sarah Pebbles, also in Upstate New York. The title continues from above, "...A young woman of our acquaintance who died at Rochester, N.Y., aged 24 years, formerly from the city of Albany, N.Y." Printed in three columns, this epic work is comprised of sixty-nine stanzas, each four lines, and focuses on the happiness found in a good Christian's death. We locate only one copy of this broadsheet, at Brown. Not at AAS, Yale, NYPL, or in the broadside ballad collection of the New York State Library. \$1,250

UNRECORDED CIVIL WAR BROADSIDE

3. Brewer, Clark K. [*Civil War Broadside with Three Poems by Clark K. Brewer of the 1st Michigan Engineers*]. [Tennessee? 1863?]. Broadside, 7 x 14 inches. Old folds. Minor toning and wear. Very good plus.

Broadside printing of three poems written by Clark K. Brewer of Company G of the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. Brewer, a native of Kalamazoo, mustered into the 1st Michigan Engineers in 1861 for a term of three years, surviving to be discharged in 1864. The poems commemorate the Battle of Stones River, fought near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, over New Year's 1863. We surmise that it was printed on a field press, given the nature of the printing and the immediacy felt in its content. The poems are printed next to each other on a single long sheet. The first is entitled "Stone River Battle Field," and it opens with the haunting lines, "Tread lightly o'er the graves where sleep the brave heroes / Who died in defence of our country and its laws, / They met on Stone River our haughty rebel foes, / And laid down their lives for the good of the cause." It is seven stanzas long, each four lines. The second poem is entitled "The Wounded Boy, on Stone River." It is written from the perspective of a wounded soldier, left alone on the field of battle, crying out for his mother. "And in my delirious moments, I see each well known face- / Father, mother, sisters dear, you'll miss me from my place, / And no one I well remember, that's lovely, kind and true- / Death! thou art cold and painful-I die, I die, adieu!" The third piece is titled "My Country" and is a lament on the war itself. The author asks when will it all be over, addressing "Southern traitors" firing on Fort Sumter, "vile Northern copperheads," and the death of innocent soldiers. "My country, oh, how changed thou art; each fireside has its gloom ... Where brother strives with brother to take each other's life." Rare and ephemeral. We find no record of this broadside in OCLC. \$750

RARE CALIFORNIA MINING PROSPECTUS

4. [California]. [Mining]. *Auburn & Rock Creek Gold Mining Company. Organized Under the Laws of New York. Gold Mines Situated in Placer County, State of California.* New York: Mining Record Press, 1880. 27pp., plus one plate. Original printed wrappers, riveted at gutter into heavy plain card covers. Previous vertical fold. Separations and chipping to wraps and covers; some loss to rear wrapper. Contemporary ownership inscription inside front wrap; a few pencil notations scattered throughout. Light tanning and wear internally. Good.

A rare 1880 prospectus and report on the Auburn and Rock Creek Mining Company, which was based a few miles north from the town of Auburn, California. The work contains a detailed report on the developments and prospects of the two principal mines being worked by the company, with financial figures and other relevant statistics. The majority of the text consists of extensive extracts of reports from supposedly independent mining engineers commissioned by the mining company, all affirming the soundness and profitability of the operation. The final leaf is a plate containing a cross-section map of extant and proposed diggings. Little information is available concerning the Auburn & Rock Creek Gold Mining Company; the president, who signed the introductory report contained here in type, was Pardon M. Bowen, and this copy bears the ownership inscription of Mason Bowen, likely his son. We locate one potential copy of this work in a small archive of Bowen papers at Berkeley.

\$750

DON'T CRACK WISE IN THE CCC

5. [Civilian Conservation Corps]. *How about the Other "Fella?" Company 755 CCC [cover title]*. [N.p. ca. 1935]. 16pp. Tall 16mo. Original printed wrappers, stapled. Light oxidization around staples. Light wear and soiling to wraps. Light tanning. About very good.

A scarce and ephemeral little handbook, published as a guide for the enrollees into Company 755 of the Civilian Conservation Corps, which worked on the McKenzie Bridge over the river of the same name, near Belknap Springs in central Oregon, during the mid-1930s. The guide offers directions on dress, decorum, and etiquette for the purposes of maintaining unit cohesion, and also emphasizes respect for CCC officers and fellow workers. "Friendship, Integrity, Accuracy, and above all, SUCCESS." Understandably not in OCLC. \$350

MINING AS A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS

6. [Colorado Periodicals]. *The Colorado Champion*. Vol. 1, No. 2. Denver: C.J. Kelly, 1881. [25]-52,[4]pp. Original pink printed wrappers. Light wear and soiling. Upper corner of rear cover and final leaf of text reinforced with tape. Light scattered soiling to text. Good.

The second issue of this obscure Western periodical, published in August 1881 under the auspices of the Colorado Champion Publishing Company. "The Colorado Champion is published every month, at Denver, Colorado, and contains the fullest and most reliable information concerning the Mines, Farms, Stock Ranges, Manufactures, Railroad and Industrial interests of Colorado." Contents of the present issue include articles on the gold mines of Gilpin County, an early history of Colorado, "Mining as a Legitimate Business," and some general news and editorial items. The last two leaves contain advertisements, including those for stock investments, which makes sense given that the manager of the endeavor, Luther S. Kauffman, appears to have been a corporate stock lawyer. Based on a dearth of information about the publication, we assume it was short-lived. We locate a single record for this publication, at Harvard. Rare. \$650

HANDSOME IMAGES OF COLORADO SPRINGS AND CRIPPLE CREEK

7. [Colorado]. [Group of Twelve Photographs from the Cripple Creek Mining District, and Colorado Springs, Showing Mines, Towns, and Local Events]. [Colorado Springs?] 1897-1899. Twelve photographs mounted on cards. Images approximately 3.75 x 4.75 inches; cards 5.5 x 6.5 inches. Minor wear to cards. Images clean with good contrast. Very good plus.

A series of twelve photographs by an unidentified photographer depicting the area in and around Cripple Creek. The cards are almost all dated on the verso in pencil, and the images are well-composed scenes with good contrast and clarity. Subjects include the Elkton Mine at Raven Hill; log homes in the town of Cripple Creek; two photographs of mines in Poverty Gulch, east of Cripple Creek; a handsome image of men sorting ore; a photo of the U.S. Indian International School float in the Colorado Springs Parade; a parade float for Victor, Colorado; the parade passing the Hotel Brunswick; an electric tram in Colorado Springs; wagons on the road to Cripple Creek; and an unidentified steamboat. A nice group of images. \$1,250

LOVELY MAP OF HAVANA

8. [Cuba]. *Monumental Map of the City of Havana & Suburbs Drawn Specially for the Blue Guide to Cuba*. Havana: Molina et Cie, 1936. Folding map, approximately 18 x 29 inches. Original pictorial wrappers. Lower corners of wrappers chipped. A couple of short separations along fold lines. Light toning. About very good.

Scarce issue of this map of Havana, also published with the Blue Guide to Cuba, which began annual publication in the mid-1930s. The present work was issued to be distributed by the Hotel Presidente, illustrations and advertisements for which are printed on the wrappers. The hotel opened in 1928, and still operates today. The map depicts the street grid of central Havana,

with small illustrations of attractions and hotels. An inset delineates the western portions of the city. An attractive example; we locate one copy in U.S. institutions, at UC Santa Cruz. \$350

RECORDS OF CUBAN SLAVE AUCTION HOUSE

9. [Cuba]. [Slavery]. [Contemporary Manuscript Records for an 1865 Slave Auction House in Santiago de Cuba]. [Santiago de Cuba. 1865]. [10] leaves. Removed from a larger volume and restitched. Minor wear and one small area of worming at edges. Light tanning and foxing. Accomplished in several legible hands. Very good.

A fantastic set of manuscript records for a slave auction house, the General Slave Depository in Santiago de Cuba, dating to January 1865. Santiago, along with Havana and Cienfuegos, was one of three major sites for slave sales on the island during the 19th century. The first leaf of the document provides a statement that the documents were assembled in accordance with the rules established for slave auctions, which had been updated and approved at the end of the previous year. The second two documents lay out mortgage agreements and financial obligations between the slave house and the Real Sociedad Economica de Amigos de Pais of the city, in which the auction owners acknowledge debts and forthcoming payments on the order of several thousand pesos. Following these are two leaves containing a "Relacion de los esclavos ecistentes en el deposito de esta Ciudad en el dia de la fecha," that is, a list of slaves at the depository on the day of the auction and their owners and renters, which perhaps were a part of the collateral for securing the loan. A total of twenty-nine slaves are listed, and the leaf that follows certifies that the list is correct according to the director and the auctioneer of the depository. The final two leaves provide official recognition of the loan from two distinct government offices. All documents are signed by the relevant parties and government officials involved in the agreement. In all, the present group of documents provides a detailed assessment of debts and (human) assets of the slave auction house in Santiago de Cuba in the mid-1860s, and is a fascinating and valuable document of the bureaucracy and regulation surrounding the financial realities of selling slaves in Cuba during this period. \$3,750

"IT IS GOING TO BE THE THING."

10. **Cunningham, George.** *The Most Beautiful Women in Michigan (with a Calendar of Fabulous Men)*. Detroit. 1974. 180,[13]pp. Folio. Original red cloth; printed pictorial dust jacket. Hinges cracked, text block separated. Internally clean. Dust jacket with several small chips and tears, some slight loss. Good.

A scarce publication by Detroit African-American author George Cunningham, promoting Black pride and beauty. "I have projected here for you some ladies imbued with inner-outer beauty and I am hopeful that this cultural collection of successful images will give perspective and encouragement to the youngsters of this great land. ... Out of this choice group of The Most Beautiful Women in Michigan and Calendar of Fabulous Men will emerge one of the finest, most hip, most progressive, productive organizations in America. It is going to be the thing." Full of illustrated biographies of African-American women and men from Detroit. Six copies in OCLC, half of them in Michigan. \$450

"HANGING WOULD BE TOO GOOD FOR SUCH CONDUCT"

11. **Forrest, French.** [Autograph Letter, Signed by American Frigate Captain Forrest French, Describing Early Developments in the Mexican-American War While at Anton Lizardo]. [Anton Lizardo, Mx. November 23, 1846]. [3]pp., plus docketing, on a bifolium. Previously folded. Remnants of seal and postmark on docketing leaf. A few small, light patches of dampstaining. Highly legible. Very good.

In this detailed letter, French Forrest, captain of the U.S. frigate Cumberland, provides a detailed account to a friend named John Morgan in Virginia at the end of November, 1846. Forrest served in the War of 1812 as a young midshipman, and led the American naval forces landing at Veracruz in 1847; he went on to become a leading figure in the Confederate navy during the Civil War. Writing from the small town of Anton Lizardo, near Veracruz, Forrest reports that:

"General Taylor will, after he receives instructions from the government, continue his line of march, and, after he is reinforced by General Wool, and perhaps General Kearny, he will move on to St. Louis Petosa, where General Santa Anna, at the head of fifteen or twenty thousand men, is posted, and where a most determined stand is to be made. The guns have been taken from

Tampico to fortify this place, and that city stripped of every regular soldier, that the American Army may be defeated, and prevented from penetrating any further into the Territory."

French continues to describe Matthew Parry's attack on Tabasco, in which American smugglers doing business with Mexico were captured:

"About a month since a detachment under [Matthew C.] Perry (next oldest officer in the squadron next to the Commodore) left here with a detachment of sailors & marines, attacked & nearly destroyed the beautiful city of Tabasco, commonly called Villa de Hermosa. He succeeded in capturing two steam boats, and five or six fine vessels, some with valuable cargo on board, and very shortly after, two American Brigs, loaded with cotton, from New Orleans, trading with the enemy on the coast. The masters of these vessels acknowledged the deed and said they had been engaged in the traffic ever since the war commenced. Hanging would be too good for such conduct. What will men do for money? I mean, SOME MEN. It is even said that arms & ammunition of all kinds, powder &c, have been furnished the Mexicans by the good people of New Orleans!!!!"

A fine Mexican-American War letter, full of detail and by a prominent figure in the American Navy, written from near Veracruz prior to the siege and occupation of the city, which took place in early 1847. \$875

ICELANDIC CANADIANS

12. [Hymns in Icelandic]. *Salmar og Adrir Söngvar Bandalaganna og Sunnudagsskólanna*. Winnipeg. 1905. 112pp. 12mo. Original green cloth, cover stamped in black. Light wear, corners rubbed. Minor soiling and wear internally. Very good.

A Lutheran hymnal printed in Icelandic for the immigrant community in and around Manitoba, the title of this work translates as, "Hymns and Other Songs of the Community and Sunday Schools." Canada has the largest Icelandic population outside of Iceland, established in 1875 when a group of immigrants fled a volcanic eruption and settled in Winnipeg. This work is rare, with only five copies located in OCLC, at Cornell, University of Minnesota, North Dakota State Library, University of Victoria in B.C., and Library and Archives Canada. \$650

MAP OF ROADS AND THE ELECTRIC GRID

13. [Iowa]. *Complete Map of Iowa Showing Principal Automobile Roads...* Chicago: Geographical Publishing Co., [1915]. Folding map, 20.75 x 27.75 inches. Original printed wrappers. Light wear and dust soiling to wraps. Several short separations along fold lines. About very good.

Handsome map of Iowa, with each county printed in color, delineating all the automobile roads in green. Also titled "Premier Series Map of Iowa," it was published by the Geographical Publishing Company of Chicago. The verso has the 1915 census data for each town in the state. Interestingly, in addition to the roads being marked in green, the map indicates that "electric lines are marked in red" ~ thus this is also an early depiction of the spread of electricity across the state of Iowa. Electric lines and roads all spider out from Des Moines in the center of the state. We locate one copy in OCLC, at Grinnell College in Iowa. A good visual record of the march of progress across the state. \$450

RARE KANSAS COOKBOOK

14. [Kansas]. [Cookery]. *The Kansas Home Cook-Book Consisting of Recipes Contributed by Ladies of Leavenworth and Other Cities and Towns*. Leavenworth, Ks.: Crew & Bro., 1877. [2],265,[3]pp. Original black cloth, cover gilt. Corners worn, one quite heavily. Extremities rubbed, some soiling. Initial leaves of ads lacking, one remaining leaf of ads partially perished. Corners of first few leaves damaged. Some interleaving for notes. Light scattered soiling. Good.

Self-described "third edition" of this rare Kansas cook book, published to benefit the Kansas Home for the Friendless. Contains numerous recipes grouped by subject such as poultry, puddings, pies, breads, soups, and vegetables, including a section on Oysters, Economy Dishes, Diet for the Sick, and table etiquette. Interestingly, it also contains a section for useful tips, among which is how to kill bedbugs, and a section on medical hints for the homemaker. All of the 19th-century editions are rare, recorded in

only one or two copies. We find two copies of an 1878 edition (Kansas State Historical Society and SMU) which is also noted as the third edition. This edition is unrecorded. \$875

"...THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IS UNCERTAIN ENOUGH WITHOUT UNCERTAIN MEDICINES."

15. **Layton, I. E.** *Specific Cures or Rare Reliable Remedies*. Topeka: Crane & Company, 1907. 46pp. 12mo. Original green cloth, front cover stamped in black. Light soiling and wear, some fraying to top edge.

Charming book of medicinal remedies written by a physician in Enid, Oklahoma. Among the "specific cures" listed are those for burns and scalds, boils, cystitis, cancers, dysentery, drowning ("drowned persons can be resuscitated after being to all appearances dead for an hour"), fistulas, earache, and gonorrhoea, among others. This copy has the ownership inscription of Dr. J.G.W. Entwistle, a physician in New York State. No copies found in OCLC. Rare. \$750

MANUSCRIPT POETRY

16. **Miller, Francesca Falk.** [*Five Original Typed Poems, Signed, and One Typed Letter, Signed by Illinois Poet Francesca Falk Miller*]. Chicago. 1926. Six octavo leaves, typed on recto only. Old folds, some light wear and soiling. Three leaves signed, some dated, other notations. Good.

Six manuscript pieces from early in the career of Chicago poet and author Francesca Falk Miller (1888-1969), comprised of five poems and one letter bearing a verse. Three of the pieces are dated at Chicago, 1926, and we assume they are all of similar vintage. Poems present here are entitled, "Prayer for a New Love"; "Illinois"; "A Woman in a Garden"; and two pieces for the Daughters of the American Revolution entitled "When They Speak of Her! ~ written for the President General Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, and dedicated to her by one of her Illinois 'Daughters'" and "The Tenth Birthday of the General Henry Dearborn Chapter, D.A.R." The sixth manuscript present here is a typed letter to a Mrs. Hanley, discussing a co-written poem. Herein Miller includes the fifth verse, seven lines long, with a post script that indicates she feels the fourth verse is a bit stronger, but this may be a better ending. Miller, a native of Chicago, authored several works of poetry, as well as the historical fiction "The Sands: The Story of Chicago's Front Yard." She founded the Chicago chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters in 1944, and was actively involved in the organization. \$250

FROM A MONTANA GHOST TOWN

17. **[Montana].** *Beauty Spots and Thots. Presented by Arrivee Mercantile Company, Mondak, Montana [cover title]*. [Minneapolis: Shedd-Brown Mfg. Co., ca. 1905]. [8] leaves. Original brown printed wrappers, stapled. Light soiling and wear. Very good.

An odd promotional piece courtesy of the Arrivee Mercantile Company in Mondak, Montana. Mondak is a ghost town in Montana, on the border with North Dakota near the Canadian border, which existed from 1903 to about 1925. Mondak was founded to provide alcohol to residents across the border in "dry" North Dakota ~ it was primarily a town of saloons and liquor warehouses. Prohibition and the closure of the railroad to this remote outpost finally killed the town. The present imprint is, therefore, of particular interest and oddity. Set up in a format similar to a calendar, the front cover has a cutout window which shows the Arrivee Mercantile Company printed on the first leaf. There is, however, no calendar. Instead, each spread (and there is a notch cut out to hang this item on a nail) has a scenic image on the top page and a pleasant maxim on the lower page. The images are tinted in color, and the maxims are printed in brown with a blue capital initial. The first is of Take Glacier, in Alaska, followed by Niagara Falls, Old Faithful, Big Basin Grove, Mount Shasta, and Luray Caverns. A strange and ephemeral piece from a Montana ghost town. \$250

MORE THAN JUST A COOK BOOK

18. **[Native Americans].** *Blackfeet Cookbook*. Browning, Mt.: Blackfeet Educational Program, 1969. 27pp. plus two typed letters laid in. Folio. Original pictorial printed wrappers, stapled. Light toning and soiling. First leaf lightly toned, else internally clean. Very good.

Cultural compilation assembled by a group of volunteers on the Blackfeet Reservation in Browning, Montana. In addition to recipes, it also contains a history of the people, artwork, stories and legends, and other information on the material culture of the Blackfeet. Recipes included are both historic and modern, including pemmican, elk roast, "baked rabbit Indian style", dandelion wine, bannock turn over bread, and choke cherry soup, among others. We locate three copies in OCLC, at the Blackfeet Community College Library in Montana, the Montana Historical Society, and Augustana University in South Dakota.

\$250

SALE OF LAND IN INDIAN TERRITORY

19. [Oklahoma Indian Lands]. *Patent Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations to William E. Brown...Town of Purcell, Indian Ter., Chickasaw Nation [printed title completed in manuscript].* Purcell, Ok. 1908. [1]p., docketed on verso. Folio. Old folds, light wear and soiling. Very good.

Printed form completed in typescript and manuscript granting William E. Brown seven parcels of land in Purcell, Oklahoma, on the Chickasaw Nation for the sum of \$105. It is signed by Green McCurtain, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, and by Douglas H. Johnston, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. Purcell, once bearing the moniker "Queen City of Indian Territory," is located south of Norman and situated on the Canadian River. Interestingly, this document is dated January 28, 1908, about three months after Oklahoma became a state, though the patent still indicates the area as Indian Territory. \$350

SIGNED BY T.R.

20. Roosevelt, Theodore. *Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter.* New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1905. xi, 369pp. plus plates. Original half calf and paper boards, blind-tooled leather label on spine. Some light scuffing and wear. Light scattered foxing, heavier to first and last few leaves. Untrimmed. About very good.

Copy number 96 of an edition limited to 260 copies, signed by Roosevelt and printed on Ruisdael paper by the De Vinne Press. A handsome limited edition of this work by prolific writer, avid outdoorsman, and 26th President of the United States, Teddy Roosevelt. Extensively illustrated with photogravures. \$3,250

LEAD MINING IN THE MIDWEST

21. Seely, David J. [Seely Family]. *[Extensive Archive of Letters and Documents Belonging to David Seely and the Seely Family, Concerning the Lead Mining Boom in Galena, Illinois, as Well as Life and Business Operations in Elk Grove, Wisconsin].* [Various Locations, primarily in Illinois and Wisconsin. 1829-1887]. More than 250 letters, documents, and receipts. Contents generally clean and legible, with some wear and soiling. Overall, condition quite strong. Very good.

Large archive of correspondence and business papers from the Seely family, primarily centered on the lead mining activities of David J. Seely in Galena, Illinois and the greater lead-bearing region around it, including parts of Iowa and Wisconsin. David J. Seely (or Seeley, at times) was born in Missouri in 1805 and ended up mining in Galena by the 1820s. He married Sophia Shattuck in 1828. He seems to have been quite successful in his business ventures, eventually moving to Elk Grove, Wisconsin, where he served as treasurer of the school district. In 1867, the year before his death, Seely served in the Wisconsin state legislature representing Lafayette County, and was active on the committee on mining and smelting.

Lead mining in Illinois began in earnest by 1820, shortly after Illinois became a state, and the first lead mine lease was granted by the government in 1822. The town of Galena was officially founded in 1826. Located in the northwest corner of the state, Galena sits near the edge of the Upper Mississippi Valley lead mining district, which encompasses most of Jo Daviess County in Illinois, much of Lafayette and Grant counties across the border in Wisconsin, and parts of Iowa to the west, including Dubuque. This area experienced a boom in settlement in the 1830s, due in part to lead mining. By 1830, the population of Galena was estimated at about 10,000 people ~ rivaling the size of Chicago to the east. Lead production continued to boom until the late 1840s, when reserves were depleted and many miners struck out instead for the promise of the goldfields of California.

The collection is comprised of more than 250 documents and letters, mostly dated from the 1840s to 1860s. There are approximately seventy letters from family, friends, and business relations, and approximately fifty documents from the 1830s through the 1850s specifically relating to Seely's lead mining business. The earlier documents list the company as Seely and Hodges ~ possibly David's cousin ~ while later efforts indicate Seely struck out on his own. Much of the business in the 1840s was done with the firms of James Carter & Co. or Smith & Carter. They record payment for iron "pigs," and the hauling thereof. One is headed, "A List of Lead Sold Jas. Carter & Co. of Galena Ills. Manufactured at Blue River Furnace Comencing [sic] 23 Feby. 1846." Another is headed, "Account Sales of 480 Pigs Lead Sold in St. Louis for Account of D.J. Seely Esq. Blue River, W.T." Several of the letters present here are from Sophia's brother and father; others are from David's cousin David Hodges, and a handful are from his brother, Hiram. Hiram seems to have been less fortunate than David, and the letters written from St. Louis are full of his poor health and financial difficulties. One of his letters, written in 1827, mentions the hazards of travel due to Indians. The letters from George C. Shattuck, David's father-in-law, are written from Waukon, Iowa, in the 1850s, expressing political opinions, family matters, and discussing the development of the town; letters by her brother, Scott Shattuck, are also written in part from Waukon, and later from Kansas where he emigrated. Later letters in the archive, written after David's death in 1868, are written to David's daughters or to Sophia, who survived him by nearly thirty years.

All told it is a wonderful archive documenting the important lead mining boom in the Upper Mississippi River region, as seen through the lens of one man's successful business ventures. Worthy of further study. \$2,500

SOUTH DAKOTA ~ "LET'S TRY"

22. [South Dakota]. *A Message from Central South Dakota: Opportunity Land [cover title]*. Pierre. [1911]. [18]pp. Original illustrated self-wrappers, stapled. Light wear and a few unrelated pencil annotation to wrappers. Small chip at foot of front wrapper. Light dust soiling and tanning. Good.

Rare promotional pamphlet for Pierre, South Dakota, and the surrounding region. This booklet contains numerous photographic reproductions that depict the architecture of Pierre at the beginning of the 20th century and the agricultural pursuits of the region, including a bird's-eye view of the town. The text discusses the "production of wealth unequalled" possible in South Dakota, and promotes opportunities in natural gas and oil in addition to a plethora of farming possibilities. Also with several testimonials of successful farmers and a section wonderfully titled, "A Plea for a More Manly Life, with South Dakota the Open Door." Not in OCLC. \$500

WESTERN REGIMENTAL FOR THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

23. [Spanish-American War]. [Nebraska]. *Roster of the 2d Nebraska Volunteer Infantry*. Chattanooga: Times Print, 1898. [29]pp. Narrow 12mo. Original red cloth, cover gilt. Spine heavily chipped, corners worn. Contemporary ownership inscription on front pastedown, contemporary notations to several leaves. Very good.

Regimental roster for the Second Nebraska Volunteers, mustered into service for the Spanish American War at Lincoln, in May 1898. The regiment consisted of forty-six officers and 975 enlisted men, each detailed herein by company. The regiment never saw active duty, spending time training at Chickamauga before being transferred to Omaha and then mustered out in October of the same year. This copy with the ownership inscription of Irene G. Courtney, dated September 2, 1898. Irene has made notations about several of the men ~ presumably friends or acquaintances ~ in the Remarks section of some pages. On the page for Company B she has written, "Ernest G. Briggs drowned in Chickamauga Creek. 1st death in 2nd Neb. Regiment." Rare, and likely produced in limited numbers for friends and family. Only a single photocopy reproduction located in OCLC. An interesting piece of Western Americana from this mostly-forgotten episode in American history. \$500

ORPHANS OF JAPAN

24. Tassinari, Renato C. *Japan's Vagrant Youth*. Tokyo: Salesian Orphanage, 1949. 84pp. Original pictorial printed wrappers, stapled. Minor wear and soiling. Very good.

Second edition. Written by a Catholic priest, this work reports on the efforts of the Church and others to assist with the orphans and other wandering persons, particularly children, displaced in the wake of World War II. It particularly highlights the work of the Salesian Orphanage, where it was printed. The work is illustrated with images of the orphans, their caretakers, and the various facilities of the orphanage. This second edition includes a section on the inauguration of the new orphanage building and the continued rise in vagrant children on the streets of Tokyo. One copy of a 64pp. edition published in 1948, presumably the first, located at Columbia University. We find no copies of this lengthier, second edition. \$750