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## Pierpont Morgan's Rare Books

From a London dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle we glean the following concerning I. Pierpont Morgan's library.

The manuscripts of Meredith's novels, which Pierpont Morgan has purchased for his New York library, will form part of the rarest and costliest collection of books and manuscripts ever got together by any private person. Morgan owns the manuscript of ten of Scott's novels of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," masterpieces of Dumas, Bronte, George Sand, Reade, Lytton and Zola, originals of Horace Walpole's letters, notebooks of Shelley, writings of Dr. Johnson and of Swift, original manuscripts of Byron's "Corsair," Book 1 of Milton's "Paradise Lost," and many other literary treasures for which he has given great sums.

Here are some of his rare books and the prices he paid: Set of Aldines, \$150,000; "Evangelia Quatuor," bound in beaten gold studded with precious stones \$50,000; Syson Park Psalter, 5000 guineas; manuscript of Ruskin's "Seven Lamps of Architecture," \$25,000; manuscript of "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," \$4000; set of

Dicken's, \$50,000; Psalmorum Codex," described as the grandest book ever printed, \$30,000; William Morris' entire library of 700 books, including thirty-six Caxtons, for which Morgan paid nearly a million sterling.

## The Supreme Court on Streets

According to a decision of the United States supreme court, a city has the right to encroach upon private property for the purpose of opening streets. The case upon which the decision was made, was at Lewiston, Idaho, and the Washington dispatch is as follows:

"The Supreme Court of the United States today upheld the finding of the Supreme Court of Idaho in a case involving the question as to whether a city has the right to lay out streets so as to encroach upon private property.

"The action was brought to compel Louis F. Squier to remove buildings which encroached four feet on a street in the town of Lewiston. It was shown that the property had been occupied by Squier before the town was laid out and the Idaho Supreme Court held that under those conditions the streets could not be so run by the surveyor as to deprive the occupants of vested rights."

This coming from the source that

it does would seem to be final. It is to be presumed of course that the property owner must be paid a reasonable amount for his land and for any damages that might be incurred.

## East Against West

The eastern part of the country, a Washington dispatch states, will oppose in congress the proposition to issue bonds, as favored by President Taft, to carry on reclamation work in the west. It also stated that Speaker Cannon will lead this opposition in congress, and do everything he can to defeat aid to the reclamation of arid lands.

This is scarcely in the nature of news; but it is something worthy of some western thought—and action. Next year Oregon will elect members of the house. The two present members will be up for reelection. They are or have been unwavering followers of Cannon. To be so still they must stand against the west, and Oregon in particular, on this immensely important matter. Wouldn't we better elect men who will defy Cannon and who will have the courage and patriotism to stand up for Oregon and the west; for reclamation, open rivers and development?—Journal.

It might be added, however that both are strong men and while they may vote with Cannon in some instances they are doing as much as possible for Oregon, but if the Journal has any better men, let that paper bring them forth and show their merit and Oregon stands ready to support them.

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## Mr. Taft and the South

President Taft will never be able to capture the Southern vote, but he will return to Washington with an abundance of Southern admiration and affection. No president since the Civil War has so endeared himself to Southern people, and whatever differences may exist or rise between the South and President concerning politics, it is certain that the people of this section will ever regard him as a true friend. In all of his speeches in the South he has given evidence of his genuine admiration of Southern character, and of his sincere sympathy in all the internal problems that vex us. He has revealed a large heartedness to which Southern people are naturally responsive and they have met and received him in the same kindly spirit. Of course any President would be respectfully, cordially and hospitably received in the South, but the Taft gentility, the Taft gentleness, the Taft friendliness and the Taft loveliness are simply irresistible.—Houston Post.

## Praise For Captain Snyder

The crew of the lost steamer Argo after being marooned on the Columbia River lightship for several days, were safely landed in Astoria yesterday. It does not appear from their stories that they were in very serious danger at any time after they had pulled away from the sinking ship and vanished in the night with a wild November gale howling around them. The sea has, however, taken so much toll from the ships that tempt its dangers that there were many anxious hours among the families and

friends before the safety of the crew was reported. Whatever censure may be directed against Captain Snyder for a possible error of judgment which resulted in the wreck, there will be naught but praise for his skill and courage in steering his crew to safety through a very hard gale which left havoc in its wake.—Oregonian.

Merchants of the Northwest look forward to the largest Christmas business season that has ever been known. The last statement of banking institutions submitted to the government shows that there is more money on deposit in this part of the country than ever before. Marked gains are shown in the November report over September. And the best of it is, that all the money for the 1909 crops has not come in yet. The statement also shows an increase in loans, indicating business expansion; whereas the money centers on the other side of the Rockies have been calling in their accounts, because of local conditions, therefore, it can be seen that the people of the Northwest have money to spend for Christmas.

President Taft has decided in favor of Ballinger and against Gifford Pinchot. He has notified Gifford Pinchot that he may remain the head of the forestry service, but in the future he or no other official or employe must inspire or disseminate any story to the detriment of the Secretary of the Interior. Pinchot is also informed that he "must in all forestry matters proceed hereafter in strict accordance with the law and must desist in his former

practice of legislating by regulations." Now we will have peace and settlers on government lands have justice according to the law. This decision of the President will win for him the friendship of every homesteader in this part of Oregon.—Roseburg Evening News.

Another revolution is reported to be incubating in Cuba, and the government is likely to be overthrown, or attacked, soon. Cuba is under bond or contract to the United States to behave herself, and it Uncle Sam has to go down there again to straighten out her affairs and put the island in smooth working order, the chances are that he will use mildly compulsory means to require Cuba to give up the vain effort to maintain self government, and become a territory of the United States, like Porto Rico.—Journal.

Secretary Knox has given President Zelaya, of Nicaragua a proper calling down and has gone as far as he can without infringing on the rights of congress to declare war. From the news at hand the United States will have the support of all the Central American republics, except Honduras and will be firmly backed by Mexico. The two greatest powers on the western hemisphere say that there must be better conditions in Nicaragua and they usually get what they demand. That little country with its big headed president may yet be called to proper account for its high handed actions.

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