

November Eighteenth,
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University of California Printing Office,
Berkeley,
California.

Gentlemen:

Will it be possible for me to get about 15
copies of your bulletin 365, AVOCADO CULTURE
IN CALIFORNIA? If so, kindly let me know
what the cost will be.

Yours truly,

AK

October Twenty-first,
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Ticket Department,
A.S.U.C.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I turned in my application together with check for
six tickets to the California U.S.C. game to be held
in Los Angeles November 2nd.

This application went in about a month ago.

Since the application did not return with my
check can I take it for granted that the tickets
will be forthcoming when they are mailed to
everybody else?

Please let me know for if I am not going to get
them I must endeavor to obtain some from some
one else who might have been luckier than myself.

Sincerely yours,

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REVIEW

of

MEMOIRS OF ED FLETCHER BY LAWRENCE C. POWELL OF
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PUBLISHED IN U.C. OFFICIAL MAGAZINE

WESTWAYS

The relentless pressure of time and the proficness of the modern printing press prevent a reviewer from reading every last word of every book that crosses his desk. I must confess to having been frightened by the length (751 pages) and the weight (5 lbs.) of a recent volume entitled MEMOIRS by Ed Fletcher, so that I lifted it gingerly and sampled a few pages here and there. Whereupon I was lost. Back I turned to page one and read my eager way through to the end.

Here is a great pioneer story, told without literary style, but with sincerity and unflagging energy; the autobiography of Ed Fletcher, who came to San Diego in the 1880's, is there yet, and still going strong. His pioneer work in developing water supplies, roads, agriculture, real estate and harbor, and his 12 years in the State Senate, are recounted by Colonel Fletcher with magnificent gusto. Particularly choice is the story of how he "stole" for San Diego the monument of Cabrillo which his political foe, Governor Culbert Olson, had slated for erection in Oakland!

Fletcher's massive volume is lavishly illustrated with photographs and facsimiles of letters and documents illustrative of a career, in the course of which he knew everyone from the Prince of Wales to General MacArthur. The book is privately printed in a limited edition "to be presented to our family, close friends and associates." If enough readers wrote to Colonel Ed Fletcher, San Diego, perhaps he would make available a second edition for sale to the general public. It is truly an important and primary source book on the economic development of the farthest Southwest corner of the U.S.A.

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September 2, 1952

Colonel Ed Fletcher
1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Colonel Ed:

I hope this letter catches up with you and Mrs. Fletcher on your travels. Certainly my wife and I had a most wonderful and memorable day with you in a county which you have really made your own. Words cannot be found to thank you for your extraordinary courtesies to us. We loved every minute of it, and did we sleep that night after getting home!

The two copies of the book arrived. Many, many thanks for them and for the inscriptions in them.

You wanted me to write you in some detail about what I should like to have from you for our archives collection here in the Library. As I told you, we are seeking to collect original source materials in the form of correspondence, journals, scrapbooks, photographs, maps and so forth, which will serve as a basis for histories of this region. We already have a characteristic archive on an oil company, I am turning over my father's collection on the citrus industry, we have a good deal on land and real estate developments in Los Angeles county, but we are very weak on materials for San Diego county.

When I first read your book I became immediately aware of the fact that you had based it on documentary materials and not on mere recollections. It is these materials on which you based your book that I should like to have here in an Ed Fletcher archive. This would include your in-coming and out-going correspondence, any journals and diaries which you may have kept, scrapbooks and photographs of your activities, maps and specifications for your land and water projects and so forth. I realize of course that much of this latter material would still be active in your company's files, but I should like to have from you as much material as you now regard as historical.

As I also told you during our extended conversation the other day, any and all materials you turn over to us can be made a restricted collection for as long as you like, which means that access to them can be had by researchers only upon specific permission from you or your heirs. This will give complete protection to any of the documentary material in your possession which you wish regarded as confidential. We already have several such restricted collections here, one of a doctor's diaries is completely sealed from all access until 1965.

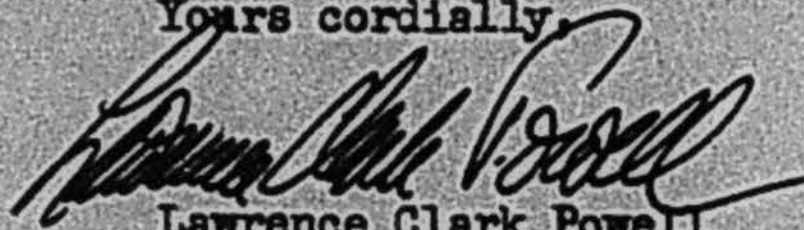
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We are prepared in our Department of Special Collections to give fireproof and lasting housing to such valuable materials, we have a staff of experts in the care and use of manuscripts and other research materials, and I modestly believe that we have a model set up for such activities. Please do not take my word for this, but come and see the show for yourself upon your return from your trip. I would like to have a luncheon here for you, President Sproul, Regent Dickson and Vice-President W. W. Robinson of the Title Insurance and Trust Company, a great admirer of your work. Do let me know as soon as you are back and let us see if we can't work such a visit out.

If this does catch up with you on your travels, it brings along with this request for your cooperation, the most hearty thanks from my wife and me to you and Mrs. Fletcher for all your many kindnesses. A safe homecoming to you!

Yours cordially,



Lawrence Clark Powell
Librarian

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Ed Fletcher Papers

1870-1955

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