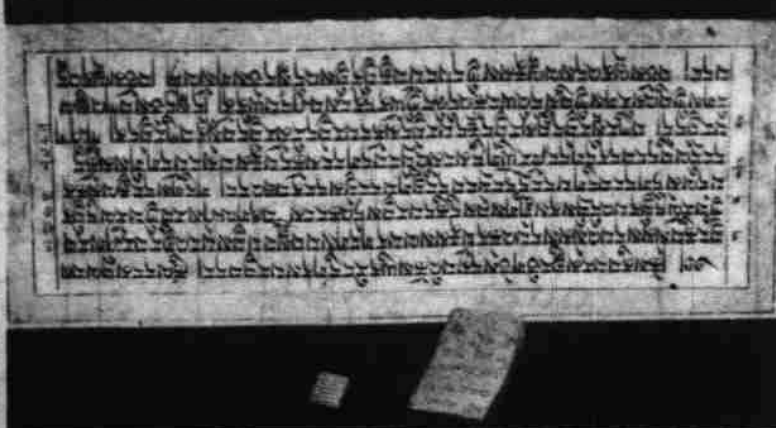




Salem printer, John K. Standish, has a major collection of famed Western painter Charlie Russell's paintings, sketches and writings. Standish considers some of the items in his collection of rare old printings and the Russell collection as "better than a life insurance policy for me." The display (above) features some of Russell's pen sketches and paintings, a book by him and a

signed picture of Russell and Will Rogers, who became great friends. This Tibetan scroll (top right), brought to this country by Lowell Thomas, radio commentator, is part of an extensive collection of old printings belonging to Standish (lower right), composing room foreman at the state printing shop.



Pancho Villa Gold Report 'Fantastic'

MEXICO CITY (UP)—Mexico's leading authority on Pancho Villa said here that Villa's gold may be hidden in Texas but he "wouldn't spend a cent looking for it."

Rafael Munoz, author and former Foreign Ministry press secretary, termed "fantastic" the story of Dolores Vasquez of Brawley, Calif., that Villa buried 1½ million dollars worth of gold coins in Texas graveyards.

Munoz, who has written two books on the famous revolutionary, said Villa was a "free spender, not the type to bury money."

He said the only time Villa ever got his hands on any large amount of gold was when he "hit the jackpot" in a Chihuahua bank.

The bandit drilled a hole in an iron column inside the bank and nearly a quarter of a million dollars in gold coins spilled out of the hiding place like a slot machine payoff. The coins were spent to buy supplies in the United States.

"The only things Villa ever buried were caches of arms and ammunition throughout Chihuahua

After 42 Years in Salem Practice Dr. Ross, One of Clinic Founders, in Retiring Process

"In the process of retiring" after 42 years of practice is one of the three doctors who founded the Salem Clinic.

Dr. D. R. (Dick) Ross, who with Drs. C. A. Downs and H. K. Stockwell opened up the clinic back in 1913, is making the transition from an active career as surgeon to one of comparative idleness in easy stages.

Ross' career as a doctor and student of medicine has spanned a half-century altogether and has seen great changes in its practice. Use of blood and wonder drugs are among them. Ross says in his opinion development of the use of blood was the greatest advancement in that time.

Born on Powers Creek about eight miles east of Silverton, Ross attended public schools there and at Silverton before going on to Willamette University where he got his medical degree in 1913 as a member of Willamette's last class of medical doctors.

Young Dr. Ross began practice that year at the state hospital

and was there until Army service called him in 1917. He was assigned to field hospital work at Camp Lewis and later in France, working on battle cases from St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. In 1918 he returned to the state hospital where he remained until opening private practice in Salem in 1923.

Two years later Ross associ-

ated with Dr. Downs, who is still a member of the clinic, and Dr. Stockwell, since deceased, in organization of the clinic which was established in the Masonic Building. Two years later they moved into the then new Lively Building where the clinic occupied offices on the tenth floor until recently when it was moved to the Griffin Building.

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Troops Starting To Leave Austria

VIENNA, Austria (UP)—About 25 per cent of the 60,000 Big Four occupation troops in Austria have left the country. Under the new state treaty all must be gone by Oct. 25.

By VINITA HOWARD
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Printing is more than a trade to John K. Standish; it's an art, examples of which he has been collecting since about 1930 when he found some old western print shop work in a deserted Nevada building.

From this rather so-so beginning, the Salem printer began his collection of old printings: a collection which now dates back to 1456. It also includes a Babylonian tablet from Persia, a Tibetan scroll, books published in England about 1534 and many other prize items.

Standish, who came here earlier this year to become composing room foreman at the state print shop, started work as a printer in Choteau, Mont., where he used to help hand-set a small weekly newspaper after school.

Worked With Guthrie
His "assistants" on the weekly were two other young Montanans named Bud and Charley Guthrie. In later years "Bud" became known as A. B. Guthrie Jr., spinner of western yarns and winner of the Pulitzer prize for distinguished fiction in 1950.

Standish met another man in Choteau, a small town about 55 miles from Great Falls, who was to whet his appetite on western art and history. His name was Charlie Russell, famed painter, who died in 1926.

Standish's basement study at 883 N. Cottage St., now contains about 300 to 400 prints — a complete collection — of Russell's paintings, sketches and writings. The majority are reproductions, but he owns a few originals as well as Russell's original manuscripts.

Tales of the Frontier
The cigar-smoking Salem printer not only became well-acquainted with Russell, but he printed the first and only historical collection by him—"Back Trailing on the Old Frontier."

Standish, who recently became public relations commission chairman of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen, has had a varied and, as is so often true of those who follow his line of work, much-traveled career. He has worked, sometimes as writer and other times as a printer, in Montana, California, Oregon, Washington and with the Hearst publications in Chicago. At one time, 1937-38, he was employed by The Statesman.

Although he received some of his schooling in Montana, Standish was born in Halsey, Ore., where his great-grandfather's donation land claim was located.

Start Trading
"Getting together a collection," Standish said, "is a racket." People interested in such items soon find one another through various publications and other sources. "Then, when you read someone has a certain old printing, you start trading items with them."

Standish's collection includes several books published in England in 1534 and obtained by him when an old and bankrupt English estate was sold. On a table nearby is a huge book containing 60 fine steel engravings made in 1786 of Capt. John Cook's third voyage round the world. Mounted on easels—remnants of a graphic arts exhibits in Portland last year which featured his collection—are among other items, menus and show bills printed during the Gold Rush Days in California.

The extent and variety of his collection is too lengthy to detail, but it includes virtually everything imaginable in the printed line, including a page from the Aiken Bible, first one printed in this country in about 1781.

Book By Gen. Custer

The amateur-historian, former editor of the Portland Craftsman, and author of several titles on printing, type designing and typography has trouble now getting all the material into one room.

Among his many prized items, one which is not duplicated and one which ties in with his collection of printings and early history, is a book written by Gen. George Custer, "Life on the Plains," in 1874.

What makes it a rarity is that Standish was given his copy by Custer's widow in 1933 in New York City. Custer had autographed it and given it to one of his wife's bridesmaids who, on her death, returned it to Mrs. Custer. The book now occupies a prominent spot in Standish's bookcase.

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