Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

Stamps Stand for More Than Their Sale Value

Jack's father picked up one of the stamps from the young man's collection. It was a two-cent, 1931 Yorktown commemorative, dark blue and black in color, rather than the usual carmine red and black.

"Do you know how much this stamp is worth, son?" he asked.

"Sure," said the young fellow. "But what's that got to do with what the French ever did for us?"

"Okay," said the father, "and now why are these the pictures on here of Rocheambeau and DeGrasse, as well as Washington? Why not Lafayette's? As a matter of fact, why did we commemorate Yorktown?"

"Because we beat the British there," said Jack.

"Listen, son. It's all right to use the word 'we' if you mean the French as well as the Americans.

"There's only one reason why we could beat the British at Yorktown, and that's because we had 3,000 crack French troops to pin them down so they couldn't get away, plus a French fleet to prevent their being reinforced by sea."

"What about our own ships? John Paul Jones always . . ." "Jack didn't get a chance to finish the sentence.

"John Paul Jones couldn't be everywhere at once, and our navy simply wasn't big enough to do the job. We had to have help and the French supplied it. . . . And now, just how much is that stamp worth?"

"It catalogues at $15, and I've got a block of four that I've been offered $60 for," said Jack. "Why?"

"Because I just want to point out that you'd be a lot better off if you made it a point to learn as much about what the stamps stand for as you do about their money value. If you had, you wouldn't have uttered the ridiculous ideas about the French that you expressed a little while ago."

AUTHENTICITY OBSCURED ON CURRIER & IVE'S IMPRINT

There was terrific action in the picture that occupied the place of honor above the mantelpiece in Tim's study. It showed Indians on horseback attacking grizzly bears with lance and war clubs, and the bears were getting their licks in, too, as one could tell by the bloody flanks of the horses.

I put my glasses on for a look at the small type beneath the title. It was a Currier & Ives imprint.

"Where did you get it, Tim," I asked, trying to make out the name of the artist which had been partly obliterated by a slight foxing?

"I found it in the back hall at the farm," Tim said, "but you know, there's some doubt as to whether it is a real Currier & Ives."

I asked him to explain.

"Well," said Tim, "this is one of the pictures that George Catlin painted, and they were first brought out in England. After their publication there, Currier & Ives brought out some with their imprint in this country — and this is one, all right — but whether the firm imported the British stones to print from, or had their own lithographers cut new ones, is a point that hasn't yet been decided."

It didn't seem a point of very much importance to me. There was no question as to the authenticity of the Currier & Ives imprint on the lithograph. I looked at it with renewed interest.

Catlin, a Philadelphia lawyer turned artist, was one of the most remarkable painters of his day. He lived with the Indians for years, with the result that when, in 1844, he published his "North American Indian Portfolio" "Hunting Scenes and Amusements of the Rocky Mountains" and "Prairies of America," it met with an immediate success.

"It interests me, the value that is put on this picture," said Tim quietly. "I looked it up when I took it to an art gallery for reframing. The average valuation of it is $200, but I have been offered $150 for it by one man and $325 by another.

BELIEVED PHONY COIN PROVES A REAL FIND

"You and your coins," said a voice behind me. "Next time I take your advice I hope I break a leg before I can act on it."

It was Steve Freitas, an old acquaintance and one with an eye for a fast buck. I asked him what the trouble was.

"You know those coins I called you about the other day," he said.

I nodded. He had phoned to ask whether it would be a good buy to give $200 for a complete run of small cents up to 1900, and I had told him it would be if they were in good condition.

"Well, I took your advice and bought 'em from a guy who had been given them by an aunt. Included in the deal was an official catalogue put out by the U.S. mint."

"And so. . ." I said.

"And so, when I went to look up the very first coin," he went on, "an 1856 cent, it wasn't even listed in the official catalogue. In other words, this is a phony," and he took the coin out of his pocket and handed it to me.

The coin was in very good shape. It had been circulated, but there were only a few signs of wear. There was a slight nick in the wreath that surrounds the words ONE CENT on the reverse side. On the obverse, the flying eagle, which is the main feature of the design, was almost perfect.

I put a glass to my eye and held the coin under the light. The 6 in the date 1856, below the eagle, did not have the thick look one finds when an 1858 coin has had its final 8 altered to a 6. Furthermore, the center of the O in OF, in the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, was almost square, as it ought to be in the genuine coin.

"Well," said I, handing it back to Steve, "if you think I gave you a bum steer, I'll take this coin off your hands right now for $50."

Giving me a suspicious look, he dropped it back in his pocket. "What's the gimmick," he demanded.

I told him the coin was one of about a thousand that were run off before a law authorizing the change in the size of the cent had been enacted. Delay in the passage of the act resulted in the first real issue of small cents being dated 1857.

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LEGAL NOTICES

The State Board of Accountancy announces that an examination for admission to the Roster of Accountants authorized to conduct municipal audits will be given on September 22 and 23, 1955. Applications for this examination should be in the hands of the Board not later than September 2, 1955.
Burton M. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer
Oregon State Board of Accountancy
637 American Bank Building
Portland, Oregon.

Posse Announces Winners in Parade

Winners of the Rogue River Roundup parade held recently were announced yesterday by the Jackson county mounted sheriff's posse.

A yet-unidentified man mounted on a Palomino stud received honors as the best horse and rider of the parade. In the Riding Groups division, the Rogue Rangers and Medford Trail Riders tied for first place. Hobb's Trading Post won first prize in the comic division, and Glenda Crum earned the same position in the novelty section.

The youngest unassisted rider in the parade was Jerry Bunker, aged four. The youngest rider was Debby Dillenquist, aged two. Winners of the Commercial and Historical sections were the City Appliance and Sandy Smith and his four-horse team, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Lillenquist and family took first place in the largest family division and Elmer Parker won the "oldest rider" distinction. The best walking group was Bliss Heine's Juniors. Eve Prentiss accordion band and the Ashland Kilty band received honorable mentions.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

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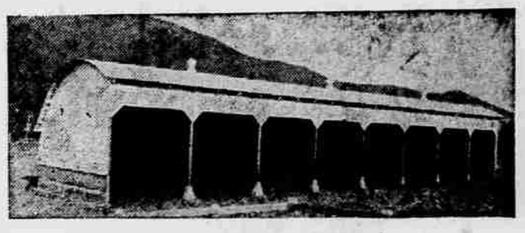

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