

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Juge



Items Can Be Worth More Than the Catalog Price

An important thing to remember for anyone with an antique to sell is this: just because something is said to be worth so much doesn't mean that it may not be worth a lot more.

The sale of a pair of flintlock derringers is a case in point. They were beautiful little guns, with their two-and-a-half inch, .46 caliber, octagon barrels and full length rosewood stocks. As they lay in their silver bound mahogany case against a background of blue velvet, they didn't look deadly at all. No more so than a coral snake curled upon a rock.

The lock was marked "Kent Co., London." Along the barrel was the street address, "63 Bond St."

The blade, front sight was of gold. The tiny gun balanced easily in my hand.

The owner called my attention to the pistol's auxiliary

LABEL ADDS GREAT VALUE TO MIRROR

It was a telescope, all right, but of the kind which we called a spyglass when I was a boy.

The outer part was sheathed in leather and measured nearly 18 inches from brass-rimmed eyepiece to brass-bound end-glass. The inner tube, when pulled out, added another 15 inches to the over-all length.

I pulled the inner tube out to its maximum and ran my hand lovingly along the metal that had been machined nearly a century and three quarters before. It was smooth, cool, and oddly enough, at one end, it had the feel of paper.

I turned the spyglass. There was a label on the tube, a little tattered but still legible. It read: "Cermant & Montano, carvers, gilders, picture frame and looking glass manufacturers, No. 2 State St., Boston where they kept constantly for sale in large and elegant assortment of looking glasses, prints, etc. from the best masters in Europe, also telescopes, barometers and thermometers made and repaired in the best manner."

RISE IN DEMAND FOR COLORADO GOLD COINS SEEN

Some people don't seem to realize it, but the law of supply and demand has just as much of an effect on old coins as it has on new automobiles.

When the supply becomes small in relation to the demand, the price goes up.

We mention this rather obvious fact for the reason that very soon we shall see in this country an example of the law of supply and demand working on a certain category of gold coins.

The demonstration is due to take place during the next three years which mark the centennial period of the great Colorado gold rush.

Inevitably the celebration of the centennial will generate a tremendous amount of public interest in the area's past and in the more important things connected with it.

And in the front rank of such mementoes will be the coins that were privately minted out of Pike's Peak gold.

Leukemia Victim Dies En Route to Hospital

Willits, Calif.—An 8-year-old Napa, Calif. boy, Dennis Lira, grandson of Mrs. Myrtle Collins of Willits, Calif., died last week in San Francisco while his parents were rushing him to a hospital, where he has been a leukemia patient for the past two years.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lira of Napa, had returned to Napa from the hospital for the holidays. His condition became critical soon afterwards and his parents decided



JAPAN'S PREMIER—Outspoken, 72-year-old Tanzan Ishibashi (above) was elected overwhelmingly as Japan's new Premier succeeding partially-paralyzed Ichiro Hatoyama. Ishibashi has been a sharp critic of U. S. occupation "reformers" but his election is expected to have little effect on Japan's basic policies of siding with U. S. views on most international matters.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Much Talk on 'New State'

By FRANK STRICKLAND
Cave Junction — Much discussion has been going on here about carving a new state out of sparsely-settled southern Oregon and northern California.

Rugged pioneers of this mountainous region kick over the traces now and then and demand a state of their own. Southern Oregonians claim up-state "dictators" are trying to crowd all of the state's political financial and industrial activity into the already over-populated and confused city of Portland.

Oldtimers here find a similarity between this practice and the man who was fortunate enough to own a mansion but forced his family to live in only one of its rooms. The people of southern Oregon want to see all of the state developed not just the upper left hand corner. They've watched fabulous cities spring from the barren sands of northern Nevada and would like to know why the same thing cannot happen to this mountain paradise. The average citizen here believes if the 49th state of "Shasta" ever becomes a reality with laws patterned after those of the state of Nevada, that the harbor at Crescent City, on the Oregon-California boundary, would be developed and funds made available to cut or tunnel our principal highways 99 and 199 through the present Siskiyou barrier.

They look upon the Siskiyou mountain range which parallels the border, as virtually a Chinese wall blocking automobiles and rail passage between northern California and southern Oregon. Only three highways and one rail line penetrate the proposed new-state area and due to grade and curves the railroad has long since discontinued passenger service. Two of the auto routes are so high and crooked as to be almost impassible in winter and so narrow and crowded in summer many travelers avoid them.

Reference has been made here, also, to the fact the U. S. west coast has only five active deep sea harbors all of which are crowded beyond capacity. That the bulk of population in the three coast states is concentrated at these five points and the people of southern Oregon and northern California would like to know why other suitable deep sea harbors, such as Crescent City, Calif., cannot be utilized to relieve the crowded ports and distribute population more equitably along the Pacific coast.

They see no reason why the state legislatures — which of course, are made up largely of representatives from these five cities — persist in holding back state-wide development of potential harbors and roads. So long, they say, as the present state of affairs exist the west coast will never be able to absorb any more people than San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle can accommodate.

Loyal citizens who are trying to keep the intervening stretches from going to seed would like to know what the so-called "dictators" propose to do about building up this great vastness of unoccupied territory if they continue to center their attention on the five metropolitan cities alone. Informed persons here say there would be little or no desire to secede from the mother state if the people in this part of Oregon were not treated by the big-shots up north as if they were poor relations.

A mountain of earth is rising above the treetops on formally flat terrain here in Cave Junction. Seven of the largest types of earth-moving equipment are taking thousands of yards of naturally-mixed sand, gravel and rock from a dry bed of the Illinois river and stock-piling it on a high and convenient location.

The material will be used to top the mile of high fill now being graded across the east and west fork river bottoms. The project is a part of the bridging and realigning on U. S. highway 199 in this vicinity.

By HELEN BOTTEL
Two Boy Scouts of Illinois Valley Troop 20 passed their Eagle board of review here Monday night. They are Loren Meredith, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Meredith and Carl Hammer Jr., 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer Sr. The Eagle court is planned for February.

Five miles of the narrow winding Happy Camp road have been replaced by a new two-lane forest road on Page mountain, local Forest Service officials announced this week. The newly completed stretch was built by Bernie Hughes, local logging contractor, and goes to the Bolan Lake junction.

District Forest Ranger John Mattoon has been transferred and promoted to a position in the supervisors office at the Olympia National Forest. He will be replaced here by Ralph W. Ellstrom, now project staff assistant in timber management on the Deschutes National Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon have been honored at a number of Forest Service and private parties in the Valley during the past two weeks. They will leave for their new home in Olympia, Wash., on Jan. 3.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Rita A. — My mother-in-law should go to work.

Kenneth A. — My mother doesn't need to work.

Rita A. — I have been married four years and have one child. My husband's father died when he was very young and he is an only child. He and his mother are very much attached to one another and we have always lived with her.

I have never objected to living with my mother-in-law. I realize my husband could not be happy if he thought she was alone. Just the same, it hasn't been easy for me. My mother-in-law is a well-meaning person, but two women in one kitchen is not a good state of affairs.

My mother-in-law is young and healthy and I think it would do her no harm to go to work. If she were out of the house a good part of the day I could live with her happily. This way I feel I am under her supervision. I want to be boss of my own home.

Kenneth A. — I told my wife when I proposed to her that my mother would always have to be part of our household. She has nobody in the world but me. I see now that my wife is trying to ease my mother out of the way.

My mother doesn't need to work. She has insurance money from my father's policies. Every one thinks it's all right to send Grandma out to work these days, but I don't. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I think the old woman shouldn't have to work.

My mother is a very fine woman and not at all the bossy type. I know for a fact that she is very fond of Rita and does not want to "supervise" her. It's just that Mom is an active per-

son and likes to keep busy. I wonder how Rita would feel if her son someday sends her out to work.

The Council: Kenneth is indeed, rather old-fashioned in his viewpoint. The old ways may have been better in some respects, but Kenneth should realize he is not living in the world of yesterday.

In the old days when Grandma stayed in the home of her children, there were many important tasks for her. There was a great deal of sewing, canning, polishing — plus many grandchildren that she could help care for. In this day of small families, small apartments, frozen foods, inexpensive ready-made clothing, there isn't too much for two women to do in one household. They have to get in one another's way.

Kenneth is also old-fashioned in his viewpoint about sending Grandma out to work. In this day of nine-to-five jobs with rest periods, or part-time jobs, innumerable grandmothers and older women are finding regular work outside the home far more pleasant than a life of complete leisure.

Rita does not seem to be trying to ease Kenneth's mother out of the household, but only aiming for a little more freedom and privacy. This is important to her welfare and happiness as a wife and mother and it should be Kenneth's first consideration.

If Kenneth brings up the issue of jobs for older women tactfully, he might find that his mother will joyfully jump for the idea by herself. If she doesn't, she may need a gentle intuition by seeing the example of other older women who like to work.

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Produce Inspection Peak Reached Here

A total of 3,188 carloads of fruits, vegetables and nuts were inspected for grade at the Medford inspection district from July 1 to Dec. 1, according to the state department of agriculture.

This was a peak total for the Medford district in recent years, according to the report. The local district was second in the state in inspections. First in the state was the Ontario district with 5,832 cars.

Certification at the eight Oregon shipping point inspection districts totaled 16,121 cars during the period.

Joe Noble Accepts California Position

Cave Junction — Joe Noble who has been fire protection officer for the Illinois Valley Protective Association for five years has accepted a position with the forest service as fire protection officer in the Shasta-Trinity national forest. He will be stationed at Redding, Calif.

Dissolution of the IVPA will be considered at a meeting of the association Dec. 28 at the American Legion hall. Although effective work has been done in fire prevention, members feel that fire protection can now be

What's New in Insurance was the topic discussed by A. L. Lomley, who outlined various changes in 4-H and FFA insurance. He also described the development of the Farm Bureau as a grass roots rural organization.

At "Dunloggin," the J. J. Villair home on the Redwood highway, last weekend was their daughter, Mrs. R. G. Davis of Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Piller of Kerby are expected home Sunday from a vacation trip to Reno. Piller is superintendent of Cabax Mill in Kerby.

Sunday school members at the O'Brien Community church presented an entertaining play at the Christmas program given Sunday morning. The play, which showed the deeper meaning of Christmas, was directed by Mrs. M. O. Mikkelsen, wife of the pastor. Music was provided by Mrs. Karl Preston. The program also included a reading by Letha Cooke and a solo by Art Drews.

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TSK, TSK!—Steven Gorman, 1½, stares at the accusing finger of his mother as he is caught red-handed jumping the gun on Christmas in their Mill Valley, Calif. home. Shucks, mom, those brightly colored packages were just too much for a little fellow.

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