

Buried Treasure
by Pinkney Gage



Stamp Recalls Days When Private Firms Ran Mails

"With the post office close to half a billion in the red for the coming year," said Charles, "you'd think the administration might give some thought to having it run by private enterprise."

"What happened today to remind you of that?" I asked.

"Well," he said, "aside from this depressing talk about ending Saturday mail service, I just bought this—for \$25."

He handed me a stamp of a greenish color, printed on a glazed surface paper. It was an old one. The design was an oval enclosing a globe on which stood an eagle. A rather crudely executed piece of work. About the oval were the words **BOYD'S CITY EXPRESS POST 2 CENTS**.

"There are 11 different types

of that stamp which the firm used in old New York," Charles said, "and this happens to be the oldest."

"My beef," said Charles, "is that Boyd's City Express, and a lot of other firms, would still be carrying mail at a profit if our government hadn't put them out of business, by law, back in 1883."

"Think of it. Boyd's City Express operated over 50 years before it was put out of business."

In an attempt to get my cholerical friend off the subject I asked how much he thought he would get for the stamp.

"I'll ask \$100," he said. "I catalogued at \$75, but I'll let them beat me down to \$75, or even a little lower."

He sold it for \$60 within the week.

SELLING LAMPS CAN BE A PROFITABLE BUSINESS

Five or six years ago my friend Harry acquired a gross of coach lamps, the brass-bound kind, brand new since they were still in their original wrappings of some 60 years ago.

I don't know what he paid for them except that it was less than a dollar apiece.

Naturally I wanted to know what he was going to do with a gross of them.

"Sell 'em, I guess," he said. "You want to buy them?"

I declined.

"I like coach lamps," he said. "I'm going to buy some more."

The past summer I sold him a pair of brass-bound lamps with six-inch bell-mouth lenses and big round side glasses. They were dirty, both the metal and the glass, but he willingly gave me \$4 for the pair. I thought

it rather foolish of him at the time.

But I don't now. Recently he quit the accounting business and opened a small shop in the Los Angeles area—one in which he features nothing but lamps, and especially the coach kind for people to put on the outside of their houses.

When he opened the place he had something better than 100 pairs displayed, and something like 400 more in reserve.

They sold rapidly. When I went to see him a couple of weeks ago, he had got down to displaying the pair I sold him last summer. The price tag on them was \$28, and they sold the day I was there.

"If you find any more," he said, "I'll be glad to take them off your hands, at the same old price."

EASILY COUNTERFEITED PAPER KEEPS COINS IN DEMAND

Florian pulled a gold coin out of his pocket and gave it to me. "I got this in Mexico City," he said, "for 300 pesos. I took a gamble."

The coin was a thin one, but a beauty. On one side it had a bust of Ferdinand, King of Rumania back in the days of World War I and up to 1927, one of the handsomest men ever to get under a crown. On the other side was a portrait of Marie, the beautiful queen who made a grand tour of the United States back in the 1920s, throwing scores of thousands of Americans into an absolute dither.

"I got it from a fellow in a cheap cafe, in one of the factory districts of Mexico City," Florian said.

"It isn't only ex-kings who load themselves up with gold. It's just about anybody who can

get it," he said. "Don't forget that there's far too much counterfeit paper money abroad. People can't be sure whether it's queer or not—and that goes for American money, too. But anyone with a bit of acid can tell whether a gold coin's gold. Take another look at that one."

I did. On the side with Queen Marie's likeness I could see that the coin seemed a little worn near the date 1922. I said so.

"Sure," said Florian, "I know it's been tested there three times myself. Well, how much is it worth?"

When I told him it was worth \$75, which represented a fair profit on his investment, he wasn't satisfied.

"It ought to be five times as much," grumbled Florian, taking it back.

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APPLIGATE-JACKSONVILLE Pioneer Kubli Ranch Leased

By HELGA MITCHELL

Appligate-Jacksonville — Edward Kubli, owner of the pioneer Kubli ranch here, has leased it for one year to Frank Hibbs of the community. Hibbs owns about 20 head of dairy cows, and last week started operating a grade A dairy on the place. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbs have moved into the pioneer ranch home which bears the date of 1857.

Edward Kubli has become associated with the T. J. Hight realty company of Medford, and will specialize in ranch property, country home sites, and river frontage. He will continue his residence here.

The Appligate Valley Garden club will meet at the Ruch school cafeteria Wednesday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Lance Offenhacher will give a talk on annuals, and Mrs. Lester Rich will discuss vegetable garden-
ing.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carlyn returned to Long Beach Thursday after spending two days here with their daughter, Mrs. Estell Cox. The couple also visited Mrs. Otis Buck and Mrs. Roland Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Buffington and daughter Lona motored to Boise over the week end where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyal Hard had as guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens of Jacksonville and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fitzsimmons of Griffin Creek.

The first four grades of the Appligate school, under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Ray Offenhacher and Mrs. LeRoy Offenhacher, gave a Moter's Day tea Friday. A short program of songs, folk dancing, and an opera, "Three Billy Goats Gruff," was presented.

Mr. and Mrs. George Redhead and daughter Nancy drove to Klamath Falls to spend Mother's Day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Redhead.

Local PTA groups have completed their meetings for the year, and new officers have been installed. Appligate officers in clude, president, Mrs. Leonard Miller; vice president, Mrs. Howard Piete; secretary, Mrs. Earl Hvall; treasurer, Mrs. Ashton Foerst. At the meeting the 4-H gun club, led by Mrs. Piete, gave a safety demonstration. Ruch officers installed include, presi-
dent, Ed Ramsey; vice presi-
dent, Larry Tweedy; secretary,
Mrs. Francis Gregory; treasurer,
Mrs. Glenn Travis. Robert Webb, past president was install-
ing officer.

Dave Winningham is con-
valescing at his home from an
appendectomy last week. Miss
Joy Dahl has returned home
after several weeks hospitaliza-
tion for injuries sustained in
an accident.

Local extension unit officers
were installed at Homemakers
Festival held in Central Point
early this month. Officers of the
Upper Appligate group include:
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Mrs. Truman Hard, vice chair-
man; Mrs. Glenn Travis, secre-
tary; and Mrs. Otis Buck, treas-
urer.

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Illinois Valley High Names Student Officers

Cave Junction — Stan Love-
son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R.
Love of O'Brien, was elected
president of the Illinois Valley
High school student body Thurs-
day. Other candidate for the of-
fice was Gary Meredith of Cave
Junction.

Mike Whiteley was named
vice president, and Donna Frost
was elected secretary. Next
year's treasurer is Mike McDer-

BANQUET SPEAKER

Cave Junction—Adin Hester,
of Canby, Ore., state president of
the Future Farmers of America
and regional winner in the FFA
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If weather permits, graduation ceremonies will be held on the football field at 8 p.m., May 29. Dr. Harold McCabe, former principal at the Illinois Valley High school will speak.

Other events planned for the last month of school include the junior-senior prom at the gymnasium, May 18, an overnight outing for the seniors following the Awards Assembly on May 23, and the annual mother-daughter tea May 20 at 1:30 p.m.

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