

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Sharp Spur-Like Hammers Identify Original Colts

A Colt automatic pistol is about as common a weapon as can be found. As a result, unless a given gun has a history, or an exceptional feature such as fine engraving or gold inlay, it is not usually regarded as a collector's item.

And so I was more than a little surprised to see a plain Colt .38 automatic bought in by a jump bid to \$125, and the man who made it was one I recognized as a collector of considerable experience. Naturally, I wanted to know why he had made such a jump.

"This just happens to be the first automatic Colt ever produced, and it may be the first produced in the country, and its condition is almost factory new," he said.

EMBLEM INCREASE VALUE OF LAFAYETTE-GLASS

As a general rule, pieces of glass with the word "Lafayette" on them, whether or not accompanied by a likeness of the famous Frenchman, have an exceptional value.

And if there happens to be a Masonic emblem also shown, the probability is that you have come across a rather rare collector's item.

In this case, the likelihood is that the piece is one of the many that were made in commemoration of Lafayette's last visit to the United States, August 1824 to September 1825, at the invitation of President Monroe.

During his visit he went to every state then in the Union and was feted by practically every Masonic Lodge in the country.

The occasion was something of a protracted field day for American jewelers, button makers and glassware producers, judging from the number of items produced and their diversity.

RARE MELVILLE WORK BRINGS PREMIUM PRICE

If you come across a book called "The Confidence Man," and it is on the used book table, don't fail to look at it.

There are several books by that title, but if it happens to be an old one it may well be valuable.

In that case, the author should be Herman Melville, the one who wrote "Typee" and several other books that made him famous in both England and America during the mid-1800s.

If the book is in the original binding, so much the better. When first published it appeared in green or in a purple cloth. But if you find one bound in some other color, or in leather, it may still be a first edition.

The date that should appear on the title page is 1857. If the publisher is D. G. Edwards & Co., of New York, it is the first edition. But if it has the name of the publisher as Zangwill, London, it is the first edition, published in 1857.

International Group To Tour Dam Sites

Systems — The International Joint Commission will begin a tour Monday of water power projects in the Pacific Northwest and Canada.

The 30-member group will pay particular attention to the Lillooet dam site on the Kootenai river.

Construction of the dam has been delayed by a disagreement between the two countries. The dam would be in this country but the reservoir would extend into Canada.

The American section of the commission is headed by Douglas McKay, former Interior Secretary and governor of Oregon, and the Canadian chairman is A. G. L. McNaughton.

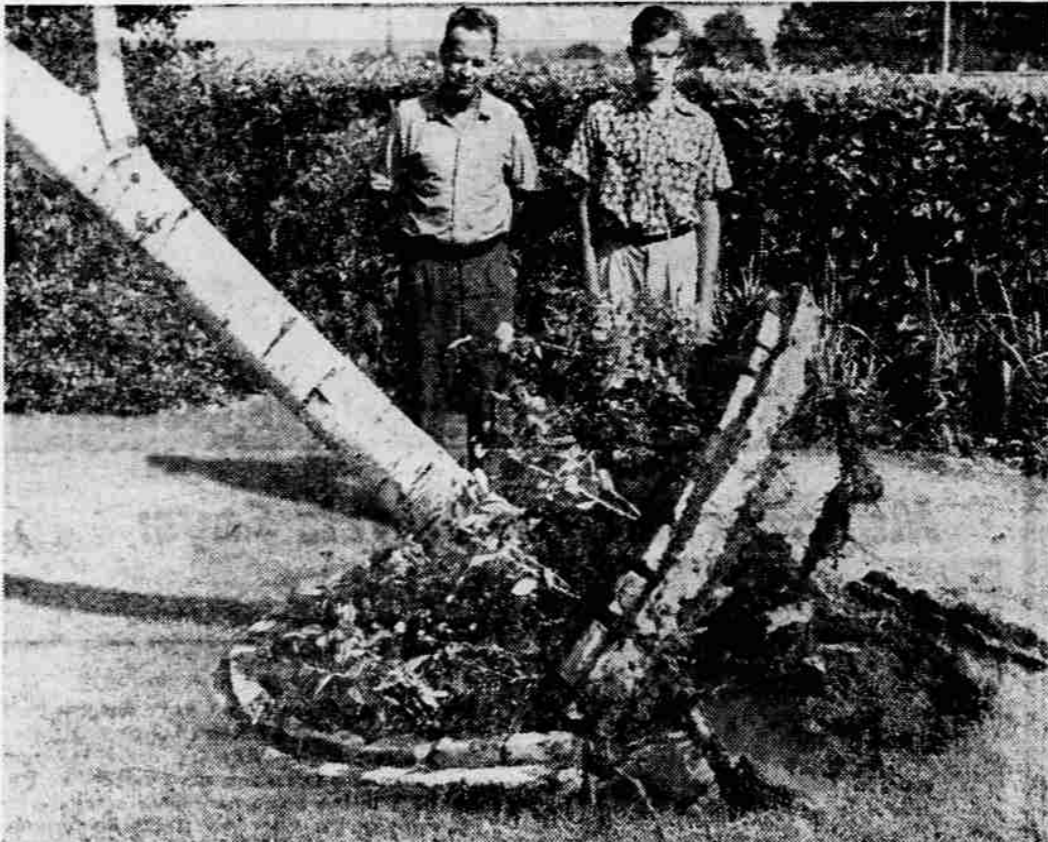
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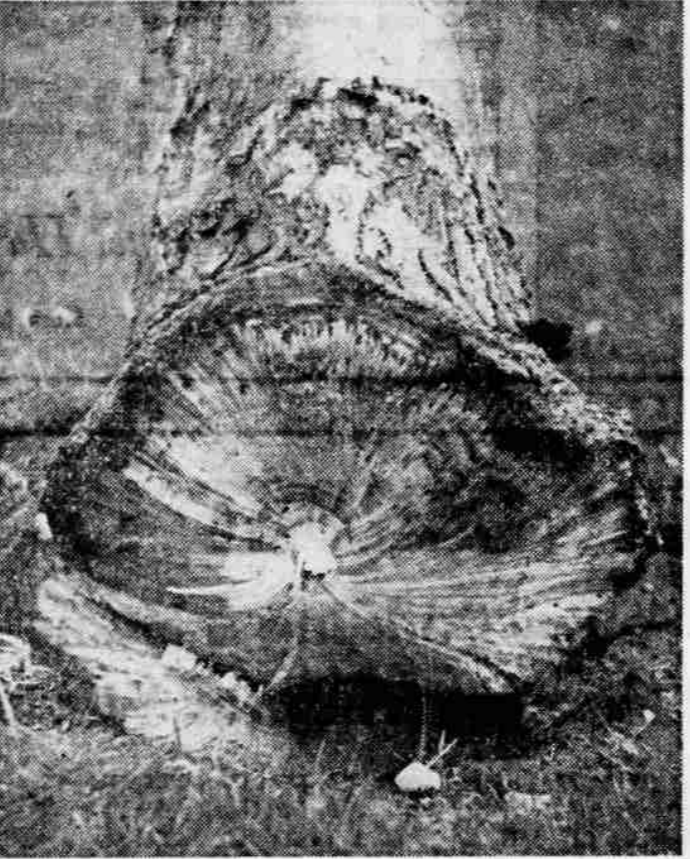
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TREE TIPPED — Ray Dallaire and son, Vic, 1060 Crater Lake ave., are shown above wondering how they will straighten the tree which tipped, taking with it the flower bed, in one of last week's storms. By late Friday, they had the flower bed back and tree back in position.



FREAK BREAK — This closeup shows the unusual way that a maple tree belonging to G. B. Feltman, Medford, was twisted off by the wind during one of the storms last week. The wood didn't splinter but snapped off like a raw carrot right at ground level.

Idaho Fires Said Contained by BLM

Boise — UPI — The bureau of land management reports all of the major fires on Southwestern Idaho range lands, including one which blackened 25,000 acres north of Emmett, were under control Saturday.

The BLM fire dispatcher said he had been advised by the Gem county sheriff's office that the wind-fanned fire north of Emmett struck a ranch Friday night. Aside from the fact that the ranch was located in Paddock valley between Emmett and Council, the BLM had no further details.

The bureau's fire dispatcher in Boise said that unless a high wind comes up and

Warehouse Hit By Saturday Fire

Portland — UPI — A four-alarm fire caused heavy damage to the Fisher Flouring Mills warehouse in East Portland and to a large quantity of sacked grain and feed early Saturday.

The fire broke out at 7 a.m. and was controlled by firemen in less than an hour. The blaze sent a towering pillar of thick smoke high into the air over the East Portland waterfront. The concrete-block, two story structure covers a quarter block.

Fire Marshall Dale Gilman said cause of the fire was not immediately determined. He had no immediate estimate of the amount of damage.

CENTRAL POINT Ex-Residents Visit

By DORIS HUGHES

Central Point — Recent guests in the Central Point area were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melby and children of Monmouth. While here, they visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. John Smock, Mr. and Mrs. Don Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Warren. They also spent a day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris at Fish Lake. The Melbys are former residents. Melby was on the teaching staff of the high school here.

Guest speaker last Sunday at the Central Point Church of Christ was the Rev. Donald Whitney, former pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney and children visited last week from Springfield, Ill. From here the Whitneys went to Sheridan to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baldwin are new residents in Central Point, having moved here recently from Washington. Baldwin is employed at a plywood plant at Camp White.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Geiger moved from Central Point to Brookings recently.

Mrs. Lawrence Leonard gave a shower Tuesday honoring Mrs. Gene Monia. Mrs. Wayne Vincent was cohostess. Mrs. Everett Grissom was game chairman. Thirty-two guests attended.

Mrs. Ruby Colgan, Mrs. Maude Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, Dale and Gerald Morgan, Miss Judith Wallace and Chester Wolf returned Saturday from a vacation

camping on the coast. The group went from Crescent City to Longview where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Smith. Smith is the son of Mrs. Ruby Colgan.

Mrs. Ruby Colgan, Chet Wolf and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ivey went to Hyatt Lake Tuesday.

Don Denning, Crater chapter FFA reporter, announced that members of the FFA entering animals in the Jackson county fair will be required to have the animals tested for tuberculosis and Bangs disease one month prior to the date of the fair. This is done to prevent spread of the diseases.

Denning also stated that boys who are interested in taking animals to the Oregon state fair should have them vaccinated for shipping fever in the near future. He said that Dr. Hanawalt is available to do the testing and vaccinating.

Carl Simmons, Crater High school senior, was elected 1958-59 FFA tractor manager at the recent executive council meeting at Crater High school. Carl has been an FFA member for the past three years.

During this time he has taken an active interest in farm mechanics and general agriculture shop work. In his sophomore year, he helped build a Chapter trailer and also remodeled several pieces of equipment. The tractor manager has the responsibility of accounting for tractor hours and maintenance of Chapter equipment.

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Robbery Attempt At C. P. Store

A youth who attempted to hold up the Crater Department store in Central Point yesterday is being sought by law enforcement officials today, according to Deputy Sheriff Joe Walsh.

The youth is described as either in his late teens or early 20s, of medium build, with short blond curly hair, tattoos on forearms and backs of hands, a "clean-cut" appearance, and standing about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, according to Mrs. James Glenn, wife of the store owner.

Mrs. Glenn told officers the youth came in just before 5 p.m. ostensibly to purchase clothes. He changed to slacks and a sport shirt he had selected. Then, while she started to ring up the sale, he pressed something into her back. Mrs. Glenn, who was alone in the store at the time, told officers she refused to open the cash register and told him there was nothing in it.

Noticing he was holding a large pocket knife in his trembling hand, Mrs. Glenn turned on the youth, grabbing his wrists. He became frightened and ran out of the store and down Pine st. toward Highway 99. Mrs. Glenn ran to the nearby city hall and notified Police Chief Wallace Bowen. Bowen in turn notified state police, Medford police and the sheriff's office.

Walsh said he thinks the youth is a local resident. Mrs. Glenn said she has seen him somewhere before. He was wearing a shiny black sport shirt with white yoke and tan ivy-league trousers when he escaped, Walsh said.

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Ex-Medford Man Named to OCE Job

Monmouth — A 1943 graduate of Medford High school, Wallace E. Johnson, Eugene, has been appointed director of information at Oregon College of Education, according to Dr. Roy E. Lieuellen, OCE president.

Johnson also will teach journalism classes and serve as advisor to the "Lamron" school newspaper — and the yearbook, "The Grove." He comes to Monmouth from the University of Oregon campus, where, in addition to his duties as press representative for the state board of higher education, he has completed graduate work on a master's degree in journalism.

His prior experience includes positions as staff writer for the United Press, news editor of the Madras "Pioneer," and associate editor of "Crow's Lumber Digest."

OUTNUMBERED

Burlington, Vt. — (UPI) — Vermont residents continue their battle to outnumber dairy cows in the state. The Extension Service reports the state population at 376,000 and dairy cows at 301,000, but there are 422,000 young dairy animals.

The youths were sponsored by civic organizations, service clubs, boys' clubs and Navy League chapters in cities and states in the 10th Naval District. The boys came from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

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Passports to Poland couldn't be had when rioting broke out in Poznan. Cavendish got one — and got there.

He worked magic again to reach Budapest during the revolt, wangling a visa and a ride into Hungary on a plane unauthorized to take off.

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