

Coin Collecting Develops Into Realm Of Big Industry

By HAL BOYLE
 NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Coin collecting—the world's oldest hobby—is enjoying such a boom now that a ten-inch strand of Indian wampum costs a hundred bucks.
 But the price has zoomed too late to help the unwary redskin who fashioned this shell money centuries before John Smith's became the most popular name in the phone books.
 Wampum is just one of 100,000 specimens of money stocked in stacks by the Stack brothers—Joseph B. and Morton—since their grandfather became a coin dealer in 1858.
 If you think coin collecting is just an Indian-head penny game for the kiddies it may interest you to know that this year the Stack firm sold a \$3 gold piece minted in San Francisco for \$16,000.

Hoax
 But you have to be careful. The Stacks know a man who paid \$5000 for what he thought was a \$5 gold piece of 1815. When he tried to insure it, however, it turned out to be an 1813 gold piece worth only \$50. A counterfeiter had worked on the piece.

Coin collecting is now in the midst of its biggest boom with an estimated quarter of a million followers in this country alone. Joseph Stack estimates about 40,000 of these are "serious" collectors.
 "Prices have doubled since the

war," chiefly because of the increased demand," he said. One of the chief stimulants has been the sending home by American soldiers of souvenir coins from abroad.
 Coins proved a real wartime hedge against disaster for many Europeans.
 "I know of at least two dozen refugees who founded successful businesses here through the sale of coins they had brought to this country," said Joseph.

Texas produces 91 per cent of the mohair grown in the United States.
 A mere phone call can get you that policy from Hans Norland, 6060 or 3827.

Redmond Air Base Buildings Sold

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Thirty-four buildings at the Redmond army air base are up for sale.
 The war assets administration said they include an infirmary, cold storage plant, theatre, barracks and others.
 Bids from priority claimants will be received here December 12-13. Holders of HH priorities for veterans' housing will submit

both Eugene and graduates of the University of Oregon; and Oliver E. Dewa Jr., Ashland, Stanford university.
 They will compete with 15 other western students for six scholarships at Oxford university, England.
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Oregonians Take Rhodes Exams

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—Three Oregon students will represent the state in Rhodes scholarship examinations at Spokane Saturday.
 They are Donald W. Treadgold and Nicholas Raisonovsky,

both Eugene and graduates of the University of Oregon; and Oliver E. Dewa Jr., Ashland, Stanford university.
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