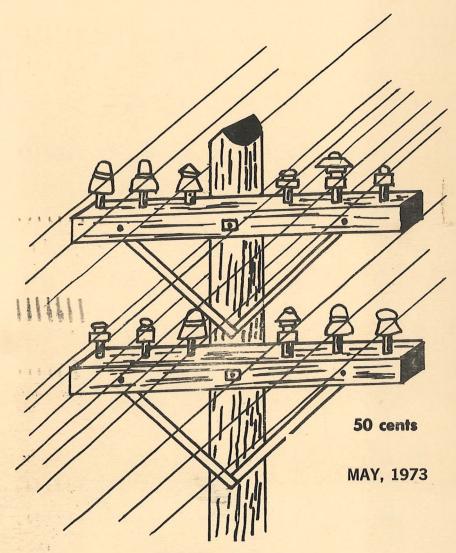
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# SHOWS AND SWAPS

# MAY 6- Bettendorf, Iowa

2nd Mississippi Valley Insulator Swap Meet, Holiday Inn, Middle Road at I-74 (Exit 2). Info: Dennis McHenry, Trexend, Rt. 1, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

# MAY 12-13- El Paso, Texas

El Paso Centennial Collectors Show at the National Guard Armory. Info: Bob Keyes, 1032 Burgess, El Paso, TX. 79909 Ph. (915) 598-2312. See classified ad section.

# MAY 12-13- Hutchinson, Kansas

Insulator, Lightning Rod Ball & Bottle & Collectibles Show, Sports Arena. Info: George Phillips, Box 1791, Hutchinson, KS.

# MAY 13-Middletown, New York

The 1973 Insulator Show & Trade Meet will be held at the Fancher Davidge Park. Info: B. S. Enterprises, 40 Lafayette Ave., Middletown, NY 10940.

# MAY 19- Westerville, Ohio

Mid-West Insulator Swap & Show will be held at the Grange Hall, 15 miles N. E. of Columbus, off I. S. 270. Info: Don Bauman, 6706 Charles Rd., Westerville, OH 43081.

# MAY 26- Moorestown, New Jersey

lst annual Southern New Jersey Insulator Meet at the High School. Info: Gene Bond, Jr., 15 E. Camden Ave., Moorestown, NJ 08057.

# JUNE 2-3- Independence, Missouri

The Missouri barbed wire Assoc. invites insulator collectors to a show in Independence, MO. Info: Piper Wrigley V.P., 2404 Harvard, Independence, MO 64052 or Marie K. Gordon, 411 E. Kansas, Independence, MO 64050.

# JUNE 9-10- Fort Scott, Kansas

3rd annual insulator, lightning rod ball, barb wire & related items, Fairgrounds 22nd & Horton St. Info: Paul Schroadter, 912 S. Margrove, KS 66701.

# JUNE 9-10- Dos Palos, California

3rd Annual Insulator Swap Meet at Del Hale Hall, 931 Center St. Info: Charles Zuspan, P.O. Box 716, Dos Palos, CA 93620.

# JUNE 9-10- Dearborn, Michigan

Metropolitan Detroit Bottle Club, Bottle Show & Sale at the Dear Born Sports Arena, 14900 Ford Rd. There will be insulators and lightning rod balls. Info: L.W. Promotions, Box #69, Gas City, IN 46933.

# JUNE 10- Carlisle, Pennsylvania

lst Pennsylvania Insulator Show at the Quality Inn. 2 miles north on Rt. 11 off Exit #16 on PA Turnpike. Easy access from I-81 & I-83. 15 minutes from Harrisburg. Info: Ed Szymala, J-137 Belmont Plaza Apts., King of Prussia, PA 19406 (215) 265-6679.

# JUNE 23-24-Sacramento, California

Central Valley Collectors Fair, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Cal Expo. Bottles, insulators, Avons, stamps, and all collectibles. Info: Joanne Berry, P.O. Box 941, Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

# JULY 7-8- Hutchinson, Kansas

4th National Insulator Show, Sports Arena. Info: Thomas D. Wolfe, Box 190, Auburn, NB 68305 or George Phillips, Box 1791, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

# JULY 14-15-Redwood Acres, Eureka

8th Annual Humboldt Antique Bottle Collectors Show & Sale, (Bottles, Insulators, Relics). Info: P.O. Box 6012, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-8726.

# AUGUST 25-26- Denver, Colorado

Mountain States Insulator, Bottle and Collectibles Show & Sale. Info: Michael Bliss, 4640 E. Asbury Circle #22, Denver, CO 80222.

# SEPTEMBER 1-2- Hutchinson, Kansas

Insulator, Lightning Rod Ball & Bottle and Collectors Show, Sports Arena. Info: George Phillips, Box 1791 Hutchinson, KS 67501.

# SEPTEMBER 1-2-3- Bakersfield, California

2nd Annual Insulator Show ar Bakersfield Elks Lodge Hall. Info: Chuck Henry, 7400 Pembroke Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308.

# SEPTEMBER 9- Alexander. New York

Western New York Bottle Collectors Sale. Insulators Lightning Rod Balls & Bottles. Alexander Firemen's Hall Rt. 98 & Rt. 20, Alexander, N. Y. (near Batavia). 80 tables inside, club display. Info: Dennis Sobotka, 4316 Military Rd. Niagara Falls, N. Y. 14305.

# SEPTEMBER 23 - Binghamton, New York

1st Annual Bottle & Insulator Show & Sale, Masonic Temple, 66 Main St. Info: Chuck Purdy, 47 Dickinson Ave., Port Dick, N. Y. 13904.

SEPTEMBER 29-30- Columbia City, Indiana

Hoosier Insulator Collector's Fall Show. Info: Paul Houpt, 211 S. Chauncey St., Columbia City, IN 46725.

MOVEMBER 4 - Springfield, Virginia

A show and swap meet will be held at the Springfield Mall. Info: James Barron, 6815 Darby Lane, Springfield, VA 22150.

# INSULATOR CLUB FORMING...

Insulator Collectors Club-San Diego County has been formed with 25 and growing members. President Dennis Kotan, Vice President Maury Tasem, Treas. Edna Comstock. Club dues were set at single memberathip \$3.00 and family \$5.00 a year. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at Sears Community Room in El Cajon. Swap session from 6:30 to 7 pm and after meeting til 9:15. Business meeting at 7 pm. We selected the CD 200 California as our insignia. New members and visitors are welcome. We hope to grow locally to state wide.

<sup>1368</sup> to 1869- Samuel Oakman was the treasurer of Massachusetts Glass Co. located in Boston on Medford St.

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# JUNE 10,1973

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### SCHEMERS IN TELEGRAPH

1852.. A man from Brooklyn named Josiah L. Snow went to Canada and formed the Grand Trunk Telegraph Company (not connected with the railroad.)

Snow and Dwight were contractors with W.D. Snow as engineer. According to Josiah Snow the line cost \$250 per mile (probably closer to \$100.) After collecting their money, the Snows left Canada. The line limped along for several months but was disbanded with a loss of \$250,000 to investors.

1868... A charter was granted to H.B. and Sela Reeve, cousins of Mrs. Josiah Snow. Josiah Snow then in 1869 went on to Chicago to start the Great Western.

# ADDITIONAL PLEDGES TO KELLY "SLUSH" FUND

- \$10... Tommy Middleton, P.O. Box 45, Hawthorne, FL 32640.
- \$10... Claude R. Herdman, 1045 Edward Rd., Dun-edin, FL 33528.
- \$10... Joseph W. Dally, 17 Lake St., Monroe, NY
- \$10... Jim Willert, R.R.#2, Rice Lake, WI.
- \$10... Robery Maynard, 279 Forrest St., So. Wey-mouth, MA 02190.
- \$15... James D. White, 431 Riverview, Logansport, IN 46947.

The total of the fund now stands at \$535.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Dear Sir:

My father was the inventor of the Scott C. Cutter porcelain tree insulators first made in green glass and patented in April 26, 1904. The glass insulator was manufactured by the Pittsburgh Glass Co. and has not been in production for 40 to 50 years. The porcelain insulator replaced the glass and this was made by R. Thomas Co. of East Liverpool, Ohio, and later in Lisbon, Ohio. The first ceramic insulator was without moisture ribs, the later had ribs. The insulators were sold in middle west and the eastern states. People wanted their trees protected from high voltage burning and the utilities trimming holes through the branches.

Max Gilbert Cutter 170 Chicago Road Oswego, IL 60543 Box 208

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Dear Max,

Thanks for the letter. We collectors always appreciate any information that helps us to learn the history of our insulators.

Dear Jim,

In regard to the letter from Tom Jones (April '73) your questions concerning the relationship between Knowles and Hemingray. I have just found the following CD 252.

Front: KNOWLES CABLE PAT. MAY 2nd 1893

Back:

HEMINGRAY NO. 2 CABLE

Both front and back embossing is very strong. The ears on this insulator are very different from my Knowles #2 cable and my E.S.S. Co. No. 401, but kind of similiar to the ones on my Hemingray 62. We will probably never know why this insulator has both names on it, unless someone comes up with a Knowles or Hemingray purchasing record. Also recently found two beautiful CD 162's:

Front:

H.G. Co.

PATENT MAY 2, 1893

Back:

PETTICOAT

Both are in a nice medium purple-similiar to CD 121 Am. Tel & Tel Co. in purple. Since this color for this insulator is not listed in Milholland's Book, wondered if anyone has any information on this insulator?

Marjorie Rider 799 Cleveland Dr. Buffalo, NY 14225

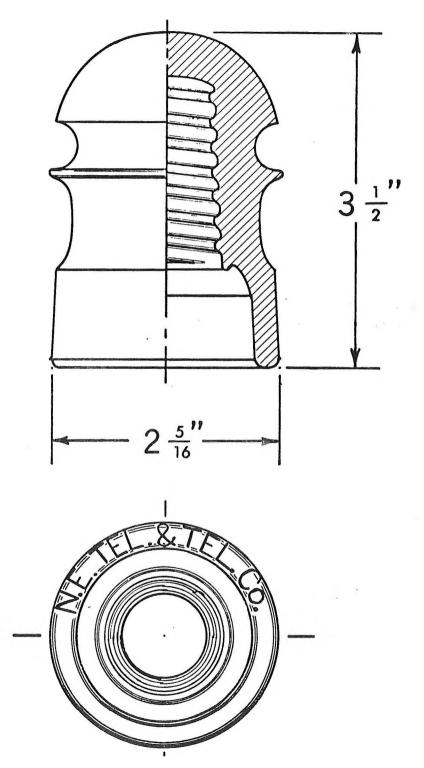
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Thanks for the letter, Marjorie. Your find is helping to tie in Hemingray Glass Co. with Knowles. At this point the connection is very weak, but it is a lead.

As far as your CD 162 purple's are concerned, I don't have an answer for you. I'm sure if one of our readers can fill you in, they will be in touch.

Jim: Enclosed is a drawing of the N. E. Tel & Tel toll. (note CA Vol 1 No. 3, April '72, pg. 21.) The insulator from which this drawing was made belongs to Jerry Turner, Goshen, Ohio.

Glenn Drummond 1287 Aldrich, Cincinnati, OH



### PATENT INFORMATION

George Floyd, of Cincinnati, Ohio--Letters Patent No. 64,654, dated May 14, 1867.

Be it known that I have invented a new and useful insulator.

The object of this invention is a construction of glass-insulating bulb and its shank, which enables the ready renewal of the former when broken, or of its temporary removal and replacement for any purpose.

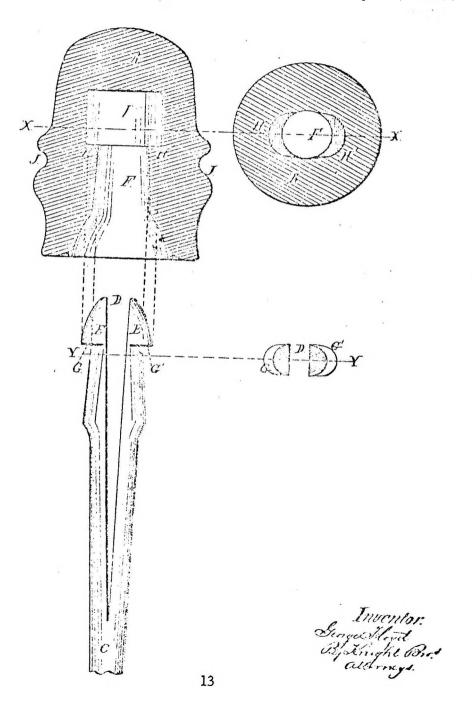
A is an axial section, and B a horizontal section, at the line XX of my glass insulator; D, a transverse section at the line YY of my shank, which shank may be of brass, steel, or iron, and be parted, D, at the top, and terminate in two similar tapering heads, EE' adapted for insertion up the axial aperture F of the insulator proper and having shoulders GG1, adapted to engage over ledges HH!, forming the bottom of the enlarged termination or chamber I of said aperture. The chamber I and bevelled head EE', being oblong in their transverse section, effectually prevent any rotation of the bulb upon its shank, and hold it firmly in position for the application of the telegraph wire, for which the customary groove J is provided. The aperture F flares or expands outwardly for the double purpose of facilitating the admission of the shank in the act of insertion, and of permitting of the application of a vise or pair of pincers to compress together the two heads EE' so as to enable the removal of a cracked or otherwise imperfect insulator.

I claim herein as new, and of my invention- The chambered insulator, provided with ledges HH<sup>1</sup>, approached by a flaring aperture, F, in the described combination, with the two-parted and shouldered shank, the said shank and chamber being oblong in their horizontal section, all substantially as set forth.

# G. FLOYD. INSULATOR.

No. 64,654.

Patented May 14, 1867.



### NEW FIND

Mr. Bill Teel of Toledo, Ohio displayed this insulator at the Toledo Show. It is 4" tall and 2 1/2" in diameter at the bottom of the skirt with no drips. It is embossed:

Johson and Watson Patd.





After several calls to knowledgeable collectors who attended the Toledo Show, I can say that this insulator is a modified version of a CD 409 "Harloe Claw." We are researching the name Johson and Watson--to date we have had no success.



CD ??? from Vern Russell of Gallion, OH

# THE M. T. BOTTLE COLLECTORS SHOW by Bill Dreggors

The M.T. Bottle Collector Association of Volusia County, FL, held its 3rd annual bottle and insulator show at the county fairgrounds on March 31 & April 1. There were 70 tables and 52 dealers. Tables were divided about 50 for bottles and 20 insulators; so there was a large selection of glass that would please about any collector. Attendance was good on both days and trading and sales were brisk.

Gerald Brown's gift, his new porcelain book was won by Charles McCormick. CROSS ARMS 1st place was won by Bill Dreggors and 2nd place to L. L. Linscott after a flip of the coin broke a tie between him and Fred Griffin.

Many thanks to all the people who made this show a success by their hard work; especially Mrs. Gladys Peterson, chairman of the food committee.

There was many fine insulators exchanged. Some of which were a large pilgrim hat, flint Elliot, Lynchburg 181, Locke SCA, large Chambers and a couple of threadless.

We're looking forward to a bigger and better show next year so, "You all come, you hear!"



Jo & Bill Dreggors, winners of CROSS ARMS ribbon first place.

# M. T. Bottle Show.



L.L. Linscott of Titusville, FL, winner of 2nd place CROSS ARMS Award.

Charles
McCormick of
Deland, FL
winner of
Gerald Brown's
"Collectible
Porcelain
Insulators."





Fred Griffin and guest.

Marlin & Lars Glasgow of Ormand, Florida.



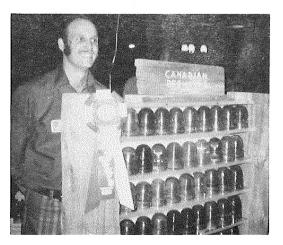
# GLASS CAPITOL SHOW

Report by Jack Snyder

The home of Libbey Glass, Owens, Illinois and Libbey Owens Ford was the site of the First Glass Capitol insulator show. on March 24 & 25. 28 dealers representing 8 states attended the two day affair. The log book had signatures of almost 400 collectors and curiosity seekers. The four judges were picked from the list of 28 dealers. They were: Janet Biggs (Northfield, Ohio), Al Studer (Toledo, Ohio), Russ Wagner (Marietta, Ohio), Ted Boughton (Corapolis, PA).

The OBX ribbon for showmanship went to Tim Askew from Brighton, Michigan. The "Crown Jewels" ribbon for best display went to Jerry Turner from Goshen, Ohio. The CROSS ARMS first place ribbon went to Paul Kelly from South Bend, Ind., for the best combination sales and display table, the second place CROSS ARMS ribbon went to the Sharers' from Des Moines, Iowa. Gerald Brown's porcelain book was given as a door prize and the winner was Coi Drummond from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gary and I would like to thank everyone.



Tim Askew of Michigan winner of OBX ribbon.

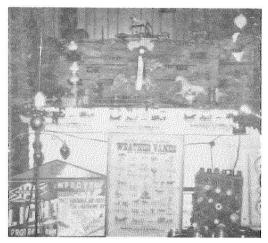
# Glass Capitol Show.





CROSS ARMS ribbon winners. Left-first place the Kellys of Indiana and right; 2nd place the Sharers of Iowa.





right: Crown Jewels winner, Jerry Turner of Ohio. left: Al Studer of Ohio, one of the show judges.

Membership now stands at 151 and all members should have received their directories. Be sure to tell any potential members about our club and the advantages to be gained through membership.

A site has been selected for our 1973 show and swap meet. The meet will be held in the Springfield Mall, Springfield, VA., on Sunday, November 4. The mall is enclosed and there will be restaurants available. Admission will be free to members, 50¢ for guests. Member tables will be \$4, non-members, \$6. Half tables will be available for \$2.50.

The club has invited Mr. and Mrs. Milholland to attend and we hope they will be able to fit this date in their busy schedule.

This month brings the 129th anniversary of the beginning of electric communication. On May 24, 1844, Samuel Morse sent the message "What Hath God Wrought" from the chamber of the Supreme Court, which was located in the basement of the Capitol in Washington D.C. Alfred Vail, a friend and associate of Morse, ruceived the message in the Pratt Street Station of the B & O Railroad in Baltimore, MD.

Without this invention I wonder where we insulator collectors would be? Thanks, Mr. Morse, for creating the need for insulators!

With this column your club secretary, Peg Hotton, must with regret resign my position to become the first E.I.C. member in Illinois, where my family will be relocating in June. I hope to add many mid-west-erners to the membership.

Bye!

Peg Hotton, Secretary

# THE WESTERN HALF OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEGRAPH

In 1853, after the reorganization of the California State Telegraph Company, the Alto Telegraph Company ran a wire from Sacramento to Nevada City and nearby mining towns.

1856, the Northern Telegraph Company built a line from Marysville to Treka. The line was constructed by J. E. Strong and I. M. Hubbard.

1858, the Placerville, Humbolt and Salt Lake Telegraph Company headed by Frederick Bee was organized. They intended to build a line across the Sierras and through the Humbolt Valley to the Great Salt Lake. By 1859, their wire reached Carson City and by 1860, the wire reached out to Virginia City and Fort Churchhill. This is as far as the line could afford to build. Because of the construction running from tree to tree the line earned the nickname "Bees Grapevine."

The Placerville Humbolt Company asked the Federal Government for financial help to finish their project but they were turned down.

The "Grapevine" was a part of the Washoe Silver Mining days.

1860, the California State Telegraph Company absorbed the Alto Telegraph Company.

1860 (winter), J.H. Wade (an agent of the W.U.T. Co.) called a meeting in San Francisco to discuss a transcontinental telegraph. Three prominent names in attendance were:

- I. M. Hubbard, superintendent of Northern Tel. Co. James Street, superintendent of Atlantic and Pacific Tel. Co.
- Fred A. Bee, superintendent Placerville & Humbolt Tel. Co.

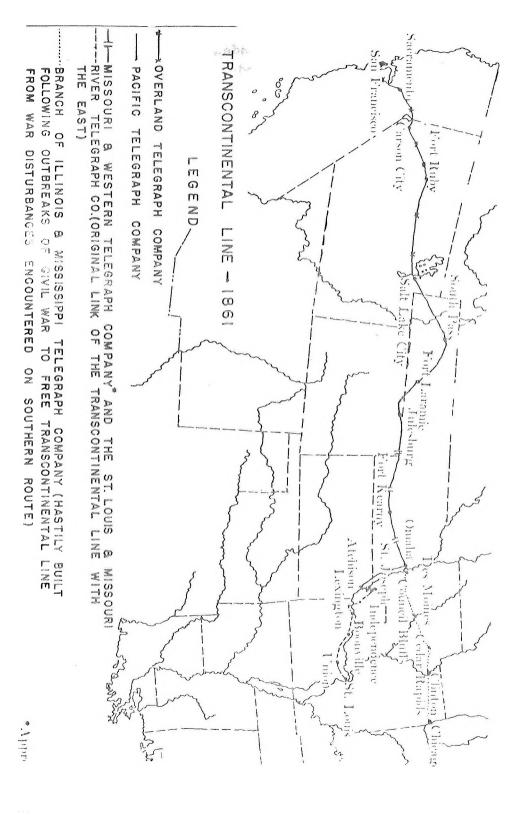
Three weeks later, all companies were merged together under the name California State Telegraph Company with a capital of \$1,250,000.

April 27, 1860, with the help of a federal grant, a company was formed under the name Overland Telegraph Company (most of the shares were purchased by California State Telegraph Company stockholders.) James Gamble was general superintendent, I. M. Hubbard was superintendent of construction and James Street was general agent.

October 26, 1861, the East met the West at Salt Lake, Utah, and the Transcontinental Telegraph was a reality.

November 6, 1861, the Overland Telegraph Company was absorbed by the California State Telegraph Company. The company's capital at this time was \$2,500,000.

In 1867, the California State Telegraph Company was absorbed into the Western Union Telegraph Company.

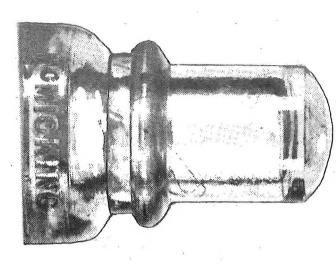




# LIST OF EMBOSSINGS:

Front: McMICKING back. VICTORIA, B.C. 75 (small glass button under side of crown.)

No name. Smooth base. (this one has a flat top)



CD 734 is a threadless telegraph insulator from Canada.

It is not known why the name McMicking is embossed on this insulator, but research does turn up the name in Canadian history.

Robert McMicking, born 1843, died 1915. During his lifetime, he held positions with Collins Overland Telegraph, Victoria & Esquemalt Telephone Company and B. C. Telephone Company.

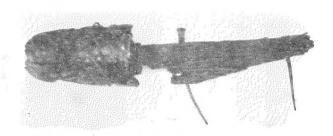
# MARKET NEWS

Beware of the cheaper styles of California's in yellow. Some were originally purple, but turn yellow after treatment.

Another	fake that	has been see	n is a CD	unembossed
Mulford	and Bidd	le threadless	in apple	green.

Going prices of insulators at the shows.

Manufacturer	CD	Condition	Color	Prices			
Woodbury, New Jersey Show							
Whitall Tatum	155	mint	purple	<b>\$3</b> 5			
Hemingray A/B	194/195	mint	purple	65			
National	410	mint	aqua	295			
Ithaca Show							
Hemingray	219	mint	amber	\$ 6			
Manhattan	256	mint	aqua	12			
Hemingray	175	mint	green	8			
Whitall Tatum	529	mint	amber	25			
California	160	mint	purple	10			
Whitall Tatum	108	mint	SCA	7			
Hemingray	168	mint	amber	7			
Am Tel & Tel	460	$\mathbf{mint}$	aqua	65			
C. P. R. R.	143	mint	purple	8			



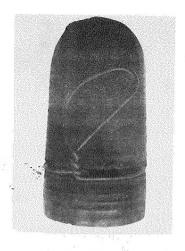
THE MORMON WADE

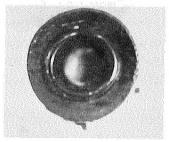
This threadless dot and dash glass Wade insulator was found at Fort Casper, Wyoming. It was originally used at the North Platte River Crossing in the Wyoming Territory. This important crossing was a part of the Old Oregon Trail and was also known as the Mormon Crossing. This crossing was built by Brigham Young and the Mormons for their wagon trains going south to Salt Lake, Utah. It was also used as the route westward to the California goldfields in the 1840's to 1860's.

The United States Army's lith Volunteer Calvary was detailed to the Fort Casper area to protect this single strand telegraph line which was such a vital link to the west during this period in our history. They were also to protect the pioneer wagons from the marauding Sieux Indians who were still engaged in hostilities with the whiteman until about 1868. The wooden shield or cover was fashioned to protect the fragile glass insulator inside the Sioux'stone-tipped arrows.

The original pin is still intact even to the very old newspaper that was soaked in adhesive and wrapped around the pin to better secure the pin and insulator to each other. The old square nails are still intact and in place. One can, by gently removing a loose piece of the wooden cover, display the glass part of the Wade and there is still a small piece of canvas present that was used to act as a padding at the top of the insulator.







The three photos above show different views and the pin of another Wade insulator. This Wade wasn't dug it was found in a small Kansas Museum. The insulator and pin have never seen any use but they show exactly what a Wade looks like. Notice the outside wood covering, the included tie wire, and the glass cylinder inside the wood protector.

Neither history or research has uncovered the manufacturer of the Wade insulator. The only thing that can be said at this time is that the Wade type insulator was popular in the West, apparently because of its wood covering and because of the shortage of wire in the wilderness, the manufacturer furnished a tie wire with each insulator.

## HISTORY OF BLOCK RAMSHORN

In 1858, the Placerville, Humbolt, and the Salt Lake City Telegraph Company was organized. People of Carson Valley subscribed \$1,2000,000toward the project. Fred A. Bee was the manager and because wires were strung to trees, this line was called Bees Grapevine Line.

The Federal Government helped to build a line across Nevada to Salt Lake City in 1861. The project was divided in two from Carson City to Ruby Valley, Nev., and from Ruby Valley to Salt Lake City, Utah. It took less than 7 months for them to build the entire line.

The line replaced the Pony Express and operated in connection with the Overland Stage and Mail line through Central Nevada. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Fort Churchill became a communications center in Western Nevada.

The telegraph and stage across Nevada were the only means of communications. For this reason overland mail coaches were guarded by dragoons, mounted infantry, the entire distance. When the first telegraph line was complete in 1861, the first territorial legislation was in session in Carson City, Nevada, and they sent the first through message to Washington, D.C., addressed to President Lincoln.

When the Central Pacific Railroad built its road across Nevada by the Humbolt Route in 1868-in 1869 its telegraph line along the right of way caused the first telegraph line across Nevada to be abandoned. Near by ranches cut the poles up for fence posts and strung the wire from post to post.

The first telegraph pole was planted in Salt Lake City going west on July 10, 1861, on East Temple St. The first pole at Placerville, California, was set in 1858, for the Overland Telegraph to Genoa, Nevada, to Virginia City, Nevada, in 1859. This was financed with private money.

The Overland Telegraph was organized in 1860 and work started. Thirty wagons left Sacramento, California, with wire and insulators (wood block type ramshorns.) They had all provisions and several hundred head of oxen, horses and mules. Four months later the west was connected with Salt Lake City, Utah.

# Our thanks to:

Bob Wilson of Philadelphia, PA for his pictures of the Wade insulators (both are from his collection) and the "Mormon History."

Mrs. G.M. Wheeler of Nevada, for her article on "History of the Block Ramshorn."

The artical "Western Half of the Transcontinental Telegraph" and the map are the efforts of several research trips by CROSS ARMS to the Philadelphia Free Library and the Franklin Institute.

# ITHACA SHOW

On April 14 & 15, some 70 collectors assembled at Ithaca, New York, High School to participate in the 2nd Annual Eastern National Show hosted by Brad and Nancy Cook of Ludlowville, New York.

There was a lot of good glass and porcelain at the tables. Most of the action was between dealers as the off-the-street trade was a little slow. Prices on intermediate glass were low and even a lot of good glass was priced low.

Jack Tod attended as part of his research trip and a lot of good porcelain was floating around. Here are pictures of the ribbon winners and some interesting close-ups.

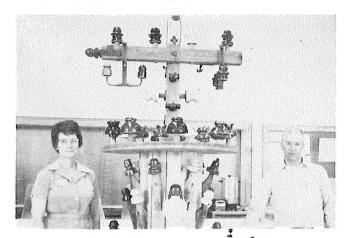


CROSS ARMS ribbon First Place to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Barnes of Elmira, New York.

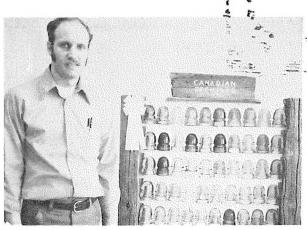
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Second place CROSS ARMS ribbon winner, Jerry Turner of Goshen, Ohio.

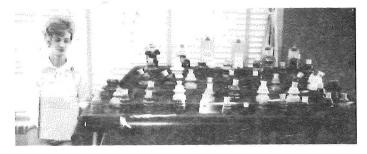


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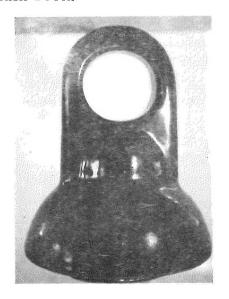


Tim Askew of Michigan Crown Jewels Third Place.

# Ithaca Show.



Ellie Dutcher of NY, winner of Gerald Brown's porcelain book.





left: a new pin type porcelain 6 in. high, brown, extended inner skirt and embossed (on top of loop) JUNE 7, 1898 NY from John DeVolder, 1304 Countyline Rd., Webster, NY 14580.

right: the top 2/3 of a CD 268 embossed: THE CROWN, PAT ALLOWED found mounted upside down in a tunnel by Dave Fein of Summit, New Jersey.

# FRESNO. CALIFORNIA SHOW

by Addie Tasem

On March 24 & 25, Bill Heitkotter had his first insulator show. Every show has some problems but this one had its share. Bill arranged for the show to be held at the Town and Country Lodge in Fresno. They cancelled his show on 3-22 because they wanted, and booked the Hager Bros. in the same room. signed his contract in Jan 73 and so the management found a very small loop hole and used it. The contract read "Sat. and Sun." hours "8 AM to 7 PM." You'd assume he had the room for 2 days but at 7 PM Sat. we had to be out! Bill explained the problem and everyone did their part to help fellow collectors move and set up again that Sunday. Bill and Madeline want everyone to be aware of such contracts as to prevent it from occurring to someone else. Even though everyone was upset over this, it just proves how great insulator people are in any circumstance.

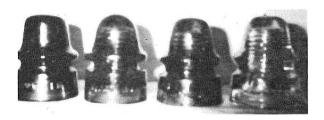
The 43 tables were filled with the BEST display of glass yet to be seen this year! Prices were below book and in many cases - half! But no buyers were there to take advantage of it all! You, who live in the West, really missed the boat! Many dealers swapped glass and enjoyed meeting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Milholland of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Don Harned of Chico (Crown Jewels' editors) and many other big insulator collectors and dealers were there. Where were you?



left: CD 168.5 right: CD 123 Fresno Show.



Bill Heitkotter with Bob Thorpe and son, winners of the OBX ribbon for date nails.



CD 162, four different ones. left to right: (A) large flat top dome (B) squared wire groove with straight skirt sides (C) flat base (not rounded like others) (D) large wire groove.



Ray Rehkop & Mark Hagen of Long Beach winners of Crown Jewels Award.

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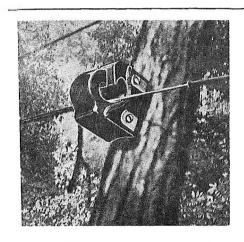
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