

### WEST POINT GIVEN NAPOLEON'S PISTOLS

HISTORY IS INTERESTING

Muzzle-Loading Firearms of Old Fashioned Type Presented to Academy by Son of Former Cadet

A collection of pistols, special rifles, and sabers manufactured or procured by the Ordnance department of the United States army, has been placed on exhibition here in the First Class (senior) club room. This has been done by Major Earl McFarland, professor of ordnance and gunnery at the Military academy, with the idea of aiding the cadets of the graduating class in making purchases of officers' equipment, which they will need before joining their regiments next fall.

The weapons now on display give the cadets of this class an excellent chance to compare the quality and prices with those of similar articles offered by civilian firms. The pistols and revolvers shown include the new model of the Colt automatic, .45 calibre, of which a limited number have been manufactured by the Cold company. They are not at present an item of general issue to the army. Its use is restricted to special firing units such as the cadet pistol squad and the service-at-large pistol terms.

#### Display of Pistols

There are also on exhibition at this time the .22 calibre Colt Automatic, model of 1911. Among the revolvers are the Smith and Wesson, calibre .45, model of 1917, which was used extensively during the World war but which is not now a weapon of issue to the army. In addition there is an interesting type of revolver on exhibition in the showing of the Colt army rifled revolver for metallic cartridges, a calibre .45 side-arm, model of 1872. It is the forerunner of the present revolver and is one of the many types of "six-shooter" used by the western plainsmen.

#### Sabres and Rifles

The sabres on exhibition include only the regulation officers' sabre, which is furnished in standard lengths of 30, 32, and 34 inches. The special rifles showing are the U. S. rifle, calibre .30, model of 1903, sporter type, and that of a calibre .22, model of 1922. The former weapon has the regular Springfield action, uses the standard ball cartridges, and has a Lyman rear sight, placed close to the eye, and a pistol grip stock with rubber butt plate. The calibre .22 rifle fires the long cartridge of the same calibre and up to 200 yards has the same accuracy as the service rifle. Its rear sight and pistol grip are the same as for the sporter type noted above. This sub-calibre rifle is being issued in small numbers to line organizations and has created a great interest in small bore shooting. The preliminary training with this weapon is of considerable value in preparing for the regular target practice.

#### Change Every Month

The present exhibit is a continuation of a policy introduced last summer by the Ordnance and Gunnery department. A complete change of exhibits is effected practically every month. The various showings give to cadets of the graduating class a very fine opportunity to observe not only the different types and makes of weapons but also the progress of small arms throughout the years.

Other exhibits in the First Class (senior) club room during the past few months have included a showing of the old U. S. Springfield smooth-bore, muzzle-loading percussion musket and bayonet, calibre .69, model of 1842. This model was altered, in 1843, from the old model flint-lock to the percussion type. Various bayonets have also been on exhibition, among them being the bayonet used in the Civil war, that in the Spanish-American war (model of 1896), the cadet bayonet, model of 1892, and the 1917 model of bayonet.

A complete showing of cartridges for the magazine rifles of various nations, was also given. Among the rifles for which the cartridges were shown, were models from 1893 (the French) to 1909 (the Argentine). Other nations represented were England, Germany, Austria, Japan, Chile, Sweden, Bulgaria, Portugal, Holland, Italy, and Norway.

### JOINT TEACHERS AND PARENTS INSTITUTE

Instead of the usual teachers' institute this fall at Spokane, Wash., a joint teachers' and parents' institute was held, in reality teacher-training courses, with the double purpose of giving teachers a new angle on their professional work and of securing the co-operation of parents in the work of the schools.

This joint institute was the outcome of a meeting held in June under the auspices of the Spokane Council of Parent-Teacher association of representatives of all the leading organizations of the city working on educational or child-welfare lines for the discussion of future study courses, when plans were made for the joint fall meeting. Later in the fall an evening parent-training course was conducted on the elementary and pre-school child.

### ROSES IN EXHIBIT AT HOTEL SHERMAN

"Queen of Flowers" Will Be Featured at Chicago Garden and Flower Show

"I sometimes think that nowhere blows so red The rose as where some buried Caesar bled."—Omar Khayyam  
Roses, history, poetry, music, romance, are inseparably linked, and the rose garden will breathe the spirit of all at the Chicago Garden and Flower show, to be given in the Hotel Sherman during the week of March 7 to 12.

Called the Queen of Flowers, no garden is considered complete without roses, and the garden at the exposition will be the supreme effort of the Wallace Floral Co. to whom that exhibit has been assigned.

All the world knows and loves roses. When Omar Khayyam was penning his immortal words centuries ago in Persia, American Indians were singing the "Song of the Wild Rose"; weaving them into crowning wreaths and garlands for brides. Consider also "The Last Rose of Summer," and a dozen others of the songs that reach man's heart.

History records the "War of the Roses," when the House of York and the House of Lancaster fought it out in old England and used for their emblems, one a red, the other a white rose.

Warriors and lovely women have been commemorated for all time by naming roses for them. Consider the Marechal Neil, the General Jacqueminot, the Kaiser in Augusta Victoria; respectively a rich, golden yellow; the deepest crimson red, and the purest white in color.

Romance? Thousands of lovers have begged, for what? A rose from milady! And the hearts of 60,000 damask roses are required to make one ounce of attar of rose, the base of very many of the exquisite perfumes that delight lovely women.

Climbing over a trellis in the rear of the rose garden will be a colorful riot of bloom. Franking the sides and in the center will be roses, roses, roses. There will be tea roses, hybrids, remontants, June roses; roses of all sizes and colors, from the tiny, fragrant, dainty tea rose to that magnificent Rose of Roses, the American Beauty.

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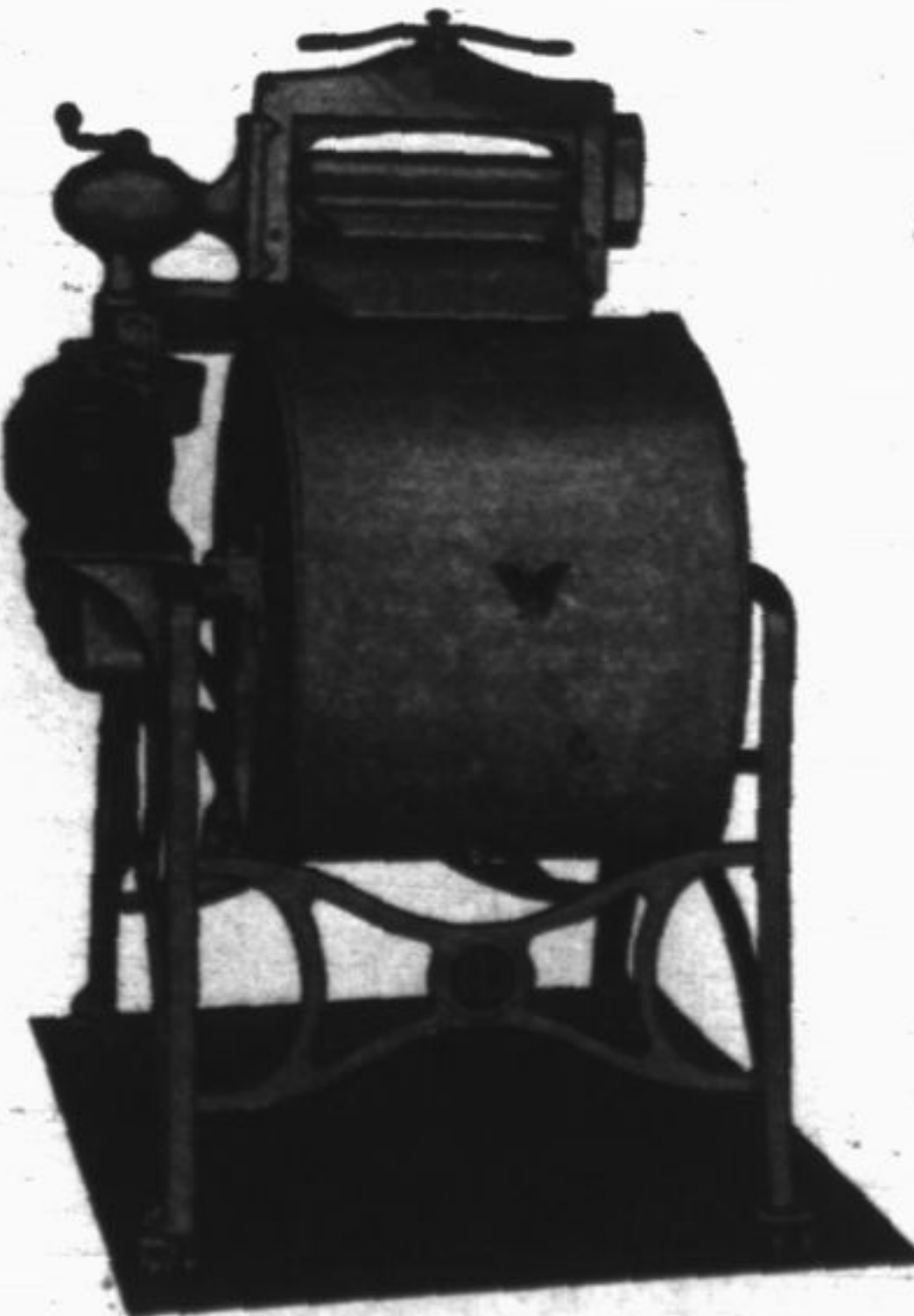
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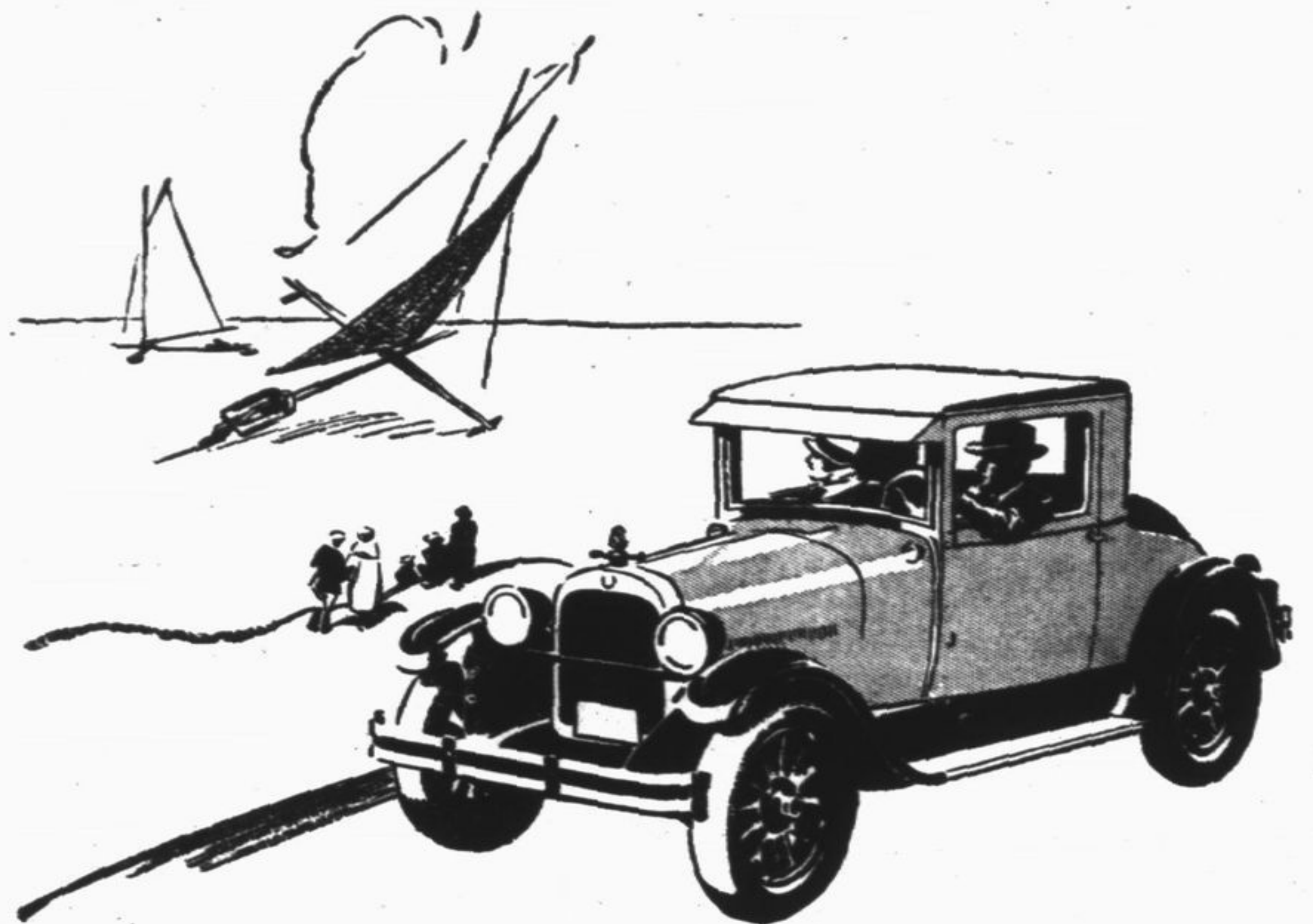
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