



This wonderful pair of batwing chaps was made by H.H. Heiser of Denver Colo., in the 1940s. They are decorated with engraved silver conchos and brought \$3,575.

ing by Frank Schoonover, and it sold for \$6,150. A cowgirl advertising poster, circa 1905, for the Hamilton Brown Shoe Co. depicting a lovely cowgirl packing a pistol sold for a dazzling \$5,500. Another top selling cowboy action poster from the John Ruskin Cigar Company sold for \$7,700. Auction prices quoted include a 10 percent buyer's premium.

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the crowd by going all the way to \$13,200, almost double the pre-auction estimate.

The sale also included an important group of photographs featuring several Western notables. A tintype of the "Bandit Queen," Belle Starr, went for \$7,700. A photo of Calamity Jane sold for \$4,125.

If anything in the auction was a hot ticket, it would have been the Western-themed advertising art. A Colt firearms poster that bore the title "The Arm of Law and Order" was from an original paint-