"WASHED" STAMPS

Large Sums Made by Selling Them s Second Time for Usens of

AT LEAST TEN PER CENT.

Of the Stamps Used in Wall Street Daily Are Fraudulent-Messenger Boys a Convenient Tool in the Hands of the Swindlers-Wholesale Arrests to Come.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6,-Frank G. Thompson, chief of the internal revenue bureau in this city, declared that at least 10 per cent of the revenue stamps used daily in the Wall street district, having already been cancelled, vere fraudulent. Chief Thompson said this when asked

about the arrest by him in Newark, or Saturday, of Caleb L. Crockett and C. J. Lee, on a charge of restoring can-celled revenue stamps and selling them for use a second time. Mr. Thompson's jurisdiction extends to northern New Jersey, and he said that for two months he had been watching Crockett

It is estimated by Chief Thompson that the government is defrauded of at least \$5,000 a day by the use of second-hand stamps in the section of the city south of Fulton street. He says that revenue stamps worth about \$50,000 are daily required in the transactions of that district, and that 19 per cent of this total is represented in restored

Chief Thompson, who made the first arrest for this crime six months ago said the work of restoring cancelled revenue stamps was being carried on to a large extent and that he was striving to arrest the swindlers as fast as his varied duties would permit. He said there was no connection between the arrests in Newark on Saturday night and that in early October of Freeman Strait, in this city. Crockett, Chief Thompson said, "was

manager of a large establishment in Newark and his position was important and lucrative. He has been engaged in washing stamps for a time. I have been watching him for two or three months. This is the first case of this kind we have run down in ew Jersey. "I learned that Crockett had engaged

a room in the Palace hotel, Newark, and with several of my men I engaged the adjoining room. Lee was there and Crockett came in about 8 o'clock. let them go ahead for a little while and then we entered. I caught them at work with a lot of stamps and a bottle of acid used for this purpose was found on the table."

Chief Thompson said stamps taken averaged a higher denomination than any he had previously seized. Messenger boys, Mr. Thompson said, are engased to a large extent by the stamp swindlers in currying on their work. He told of finding ten \$50 bills on a essenger boy he recently called to his

will venture to assert," the chief suld, "that I can go through New or B oud street and take into custody the first fifty messenger boys indiscrimiintely and by searching these fifty boys in restored revenue stamps. houses allow messenger boys and clerks to affix and cancel stamps and even if the boys receive good stamps they of-ten substitute washed stamps and sell the good ones at a discount.

Whenever anyone offers stamps for sale at a greater discount than 1 per cent for \$100 worth, the person offering them and the stamps themselves should be looked upon with suspicion. The greatest discount anyone can get is 1 per cent upon \$100, which is the most the government allows."

Chief Thompson said that although the denomination of revenue stamps varied from % cent to \$1,000 he has never discovered any greater than \$50 being discounted. He said that stamps of the denominations of \$1, \$3, \$5 and \$10 wer most offered and that the \$1 stamps were used with greater frequency by swindlers. For this crime the penalty is five years in prison and a fine of \$1,000. Chief Thompson, as an indication of the extent to which the swindle was being carried on, said he had \$25,000 in cancelled stamps in his

Fata! Mine Disaster.

MAHONY PLANE, Pa., Nov. 5 .- Four men were killed and two were seriously injured, and one had a narrow escapfrom death by a rush of dirt in the mine operated by Lawrence & Brown, near here, to-day. The dead are: George Boxshes, of Mahoney Plane married; Michael Bornsky, of Maizeville, married; Joseph Roxshes, of Mahoney Plane, married; Michael Drahig, of Maizeville, married; The injured John Curry, back injured and less crushed; Michael Hansas, internally injured; recovery very doubtful. from death by a rush of dirt in the mine

Curling Iron-Lamp Exploded. HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 5.—Miss Marion Bowman, aged fifteen, was fataly burned this afternoon at her home, Her mother tried to save her daughter, and was also dangerously burned. Miss Bowman was using a curling fron over a lamp, which exploded.

No Practical Demonstration. WASHINGTON, Nov. L-General Greely, chief signal officer, says there



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and kidneys were affected.

"After birth of each child I grew weaker, and hearing so much of the good you had done, I wrote to you and have taken six bottles of Lydis E. Finkham's Vegetable Compound, one box of Lozenges, one box of Liver Pills, one package of Sanative Wash, and to-day I am feeling as well as I ever did. When I get up in the morning I feel as fresh as I did when a girl and cat and sleep well and do all of my work. If ever I feel wenk again shall know where to get my strength. I know yourmedicine cured me."—MRS. SALINA ARCHANGO, CHARLEMONT, MASS.

The present Mrs. Pinkham's experi-The present Mrs. Phiknam's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled; for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometime past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand siling women a year. All women who suffer are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for advice, which will be promptly given without charge.

Marconi system of wireless telegraphy in connection with the signal service of the army. It is understood that the instruments brought by Marconi to this country are unsuited to greater distances than twelve miles by land and thirty miles by water. The signal corps, which operates a system of its own at a distance of twelve miles, was unwilling to have demonstrations made unless there could be assurances of sreater distances than those promised. This concluded the negotiations, which have been in progress for some time. It is understood Marconi will sail to merrow for England, in connection with the use of the wireless system in South Africa. Marconi system of wireless telegraphy

Peter A. Watson Has Hunted the

Pesky Things Ten Years. From the Country Gentleman: Probably the only remaining wild beast hunter in Nebraska to-day, a survival of the pioneer days, is Peter A. Watson, of Omaha, who has just distinguished himself by killing a great gray wolf in a hand-to-hand struggle with a small revolver as his only wea-

Watson is a profesisonal wolf hunter. and his prowess is recognized by the Nebraska Live Stock Association, which employs him annually on a salary to slay wolves on the range and thus protect young cattle. For ten years Watson has been on the pay roll of this association and has killed an average of 400 big gray wolves annually. Of late the catch has dropped down to less than 200, but for the first few years of his occupation as wolf hunter for the association Watson killed as high as 500 wolves. In his pursuit he has ridden his horse through the whole of northwestern Nebraska and has enjoyed many stirring adventures. He is the only man in the state to-day who makes his living regularly by slaying wild beasts. This class of men has been regularly disappearing from this state, driven further the advance of civilization. Trapping used to furnish occupation for a large number on the streams of the western part of the state, but all of that numerous class of dare devils has been swept further into the mountain fastnesses by the farme and stockman. Probably Peter Watson will not be able to earn his salary many more years, so rapidly are the ferocious wolves disappearing from western Nebraska He is always ready to take the sad-

die, and his methods of conducting a bunt of extermination are his own. Watson rides into the section where the woives are reported to be killing young stock and, with his dogs. jogs along until a wolf is sighted. He carries a powerful field glass and is constantly sweeping the surroundings with it. In this way he frequently sees the wolves before they see him. If the game is off and away Watson simply notes carefully the general direction taken, then he swings his pack around behind a hill, drops out of sight only to reappear ahead of the game, on to sengers under special appointment and which he rides with a rush. Then the dogs take up the chase. The wolf sel- vice. dom holds out for more than a mile; sometimes a particularly strong antmal manages to run two miles before the hounds overhaul him. The pack works together. If they did not they would not last long, as the average gray wolf can kill in relays any pack of hounds that ever attacked him, for the gray woives of the west are stronger than any dog, and their teeth are long and sharp, while their claws are very dangerous weapons. But when the Watson-trained pack jumps on a welf that is the end of him. They fight together and seldom get more than a scratch. They follow the wolf closely and attack him altogether. Such a fight lasts but a minute or two.

Watson, In all his experience as a wolf hunter, has never found it neces-sary to aid his dogs in dispatching wolves. In fact, it would be hard to render service after the attack because of the indiscriminate mixture of dogs and wolf. On these hunts the wolf slayer is armed with nothing but a large revolver. He has several times been forced to use this weapon in self-defense, for while wolves when not pressed will never at-tack a man except in packs, and the prairie gray wolf is not so numerous as form many packs in western Nebraska, occasionally a hard-pressed wolf will turn on his pursuer, as if to die facing his enemy.

This was the case a few days ago

over in Boxbutte county, where Wat-son was exterminating blg gray wolves, which had killed and eaten several young helfers. His puck had started a wolf, and was far in advance of their master, when suddenly a huge gray wolf, which had evidently been asleep word, which had sylperity been askey in the rank underbrush until disturbed by the wolf hunter's horse, sprang upon Watson. The animal buried his claws into the side of the horse and his fangs sank deep into the rider's leg. He was one of the largest beasts of the kind Watson had ever seen, and the suddenness of the attack gave the an-

tack was made from the right side, and the only weapon the wolf hunter car-ried was beneath the body of the feroclous beast. Watson struck the animal repeatedly across the snout with his quirt. Then he thrust his hand down under the growling wolf to secure his pistol. Instantly his arm was seized by the animal and the skin torn from his wrist. Watson reached over and grabbed his pistol with his left hand. The wolf still had his right hand between his faws and was chewing it indus-

Watson retained his presence of mind and fired two shots with great care into the breast. He was forced to be careful to avoid wounding his horse. Still the animal did not release his hold. All the time Watson's horse was rearing and plunging over the prairie and screaming in agony. This made the rider's aim uncertain. Four times he fired at the wolf, and had but one bullet left. Blood was streaming from his lacerated arm and leg, the horse was covered with blood, and the wolf was bleeding profusely. With an effort the wolf hunter thrust his revolver into the mouth of the wolf, and at the risk of blowing off his own arm, fired the remaining shell in his pistor. The wolf's head was shot nearly off and the body dropped on the prairie Weak from loss of blood, Watson climbed down, tied up his wounds, and, throw-ing the body of the fierce animal across his horse as a trophy of the desperate battle, started for home, ten miles away. He was in a precarious condition when he reached home. The heavy leather covering he had over his limbs clone saved his leg from being almost torn to pleces.

Watzon declares that this was the most exciting experience of his entire The wolf was a female, and Watson thinks must have had young in that locality, or she would not have fought so desperately. The ani-mal weighed eighty-six pounds, and was capable of carrying away a large calf. Most of the animals the woives kill are not eaten, but their blood is sucked and their carcasses left to rot. Watson, the wolf hunter, has thinned them out so much in the past years that he has about worked himself out of a job. He carries the scars of a dozen interesting encounters as souvenirs of his long service as a wolf hunter.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

The System Has Many Good Points in Its Favor-Postal Officials' Plea for Its Extension.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 .- A vigorous plea for rural free delivery is made in the annual report of First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath, made public to-night.

Mr. Heath says the service so far has resulted in increased postal receipts, enhancement of the value of farm lands reached by rural free delivery of from \$2 to \$3 per acre; a general improve-ment of the condition of the roads traverse, by the rural carrier; better price; for farm products, the producers being brought into daily touch with the state of the markets, besides educa-tional benefits conferred by relieving the monotony of farm life through ready access to wholesome literature and knowledge of current events.

On November 1 rural free delivery was in successful operation over 383 services, radiating over forty states and one territory, Idaho, Wyoming, Mississipp; and Montana being the only states unrepresented.

Between the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 1899, and November 1, an additional expenditure of \$150,000 rural free delivery has been extended to nearly 180,000 persons at an annual cost of \$2 50 in small towns of 5,000 pop-

Rural carriers are shortly to be au thorized to receive and receipt for letters for registration as city carriers do The report recommends the adoption of some uniform style of mail box for the rural free delivery service, with two compartments, one for delivery and one for collection, with one master key for the carrier to open the collection compartments of all the boxes and a key for the delivery compartment to be furnished to each patron of the de-

A modification of the postal laws is ecommended to permit star route mesoath to perform rural free delivery ser-vice. Four additional postal wagon routes, with auxiliary carriers in the traveling rural postoffice whose experimenta, operation in Carroll county, Maryland, has attracted general interest are suggested.

Little Pimples Turn to Cancer.

Cancer often results from an impurity in the blood, inherited from generations back. Few people are entirely free from some taint in the blood, and it is impossible to tell when it will break out in the form of dreaded Cancer. What has appeared to be a mere pimple or scratch has developed into the most malignant Cancer.

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was never able to get anything that would cure me. The doctors said my disease was constitutional kidney trouble and that I would never be well again, as my case was incurable. I suffered constantly with an aching pala across the small of my back, and the discharges of the kidney secretics were at times excessive and at other times excessive and at other times excessive and at other times very frequent, but scant, and attended with pain.

"I had about given up all hope of ever getting well, believing the doctors were right when they said my case was incurable, when I read about Morrow's Kid-ne-olds and where they had cured just such cases as mine. As Chas, It. Goetze guarantees them to cure or redunds the smoney, I setured them at his store and began using them according to the directions. It was remarkable how autickly they gave me relief from the distressing pains across my back and the other troubles as well. They are all the manufacturers claim for them without any doubt."

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ALASKAN BOUNDARY QUESTION

Ex-Congressman Lewis, of Scattle Gives His Impressions-England Desires a Naval Mustering Station in Alaska.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 .- Ex-Congress man James H. Lewis, of Seattle, who went to England to look after the interests of the Atlin miners in the set-tlement of the Alaskan boundary question returned on the American line steamship St. Paul, which arrived here to-day. Mr. Lewis said in regard to his

"I was present during the consideration of the Alaskan question in London. I did not go there officially, however, but simply as a representative of the owners of disputed property within the boundary. I was informed by no less a person than Sir Louis Davies, of Cansda, who was in consultation with Messrs. Choate and Chamberlain, at the conclusion of an interview, that on be half of his government he had made an offer to take the question up and arbitrate on the same terms that the United States impressed upon England

in the Venezuelan matter.
"It is understood that Mr. Choate could not accept this basis of settlement. Mr. Davies told me that he assured Mr. Choate that Canada would cede Skagway and Dyea absolutely and without claim, though in the disputed territory, in return for pyramid harbor, the remainder of the dispute to be set-tled on the basis of the Venezuelan arbitration. This proposition was pending when the temporary modus agreed to in Washington.

"My objection to this modus is that it accords to Canada all the privileges in the Porcupine mining district, which are allowed to Americans. American territory this course is op-posed to the one Canada has pursued by a late legislative act prohibiting any mining rights taken up by us in the At-

"I pointed out to the house a year ago that there was a misconception as to what was meant by a boundary line in a Russian deed and an English grant. The Russian boundary, where it touches water circles the water side and follows the course of either low land or mountains. This gives us all the water ports in the disputed territory. With the new arrangements the line

is drawn horizontally from mountain top to mountain top. Water ports between these mountain tops are consid-Canada wherever the water across the line. In this way Canada enjoys one part of the water and we the other. What impressed me was that Canada was willing to abandon and yield the disputed territory for a water port. England sees ahead a war in the east and so she wants a naval mustering station in Alaska."

COLLISION AT SEA.

Vessels Come Together Outside New

York Harbor-No Lives Lost. NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The steamer Tallahassee, Captain Askins, which left her dock at 6:40 p. m. last night, for Savannah, returned to her pier at mid-night. Captain Askins reports that when off Long Branch, at 9:40 p. m., his steamer coilided with the four-masted schoner, Senator Sullivan, which struck on the forward port bows, the jib boon going through the plates on the main deck in the forecastle. The bowsprit deck in the forecastic. The bowsprit then struck the ship about fifteen feet further aft, and ten feet lower down, about five feet from the water line. Each hole is from four to six feet square. The steamer was stopped, and after investigating to see what damage was sustained, circled around to find the schooner, but could see nothing of her. The Talahassee then steamed back to her dock. The steamer discharged today, and will go on dry dock in the morning. She had but few passengers on board, and they will probably sail day, and will go on dry dock in the morning. She had but few passengers on board, and they will probably sail Monday on the steamer City of Macon, of the same line.

The Senator Sullivan was towed here to-day, badly damaged. She lost her jib boom, bowsprit, cat water, and had all her head gear carried away. She left Fernandino October 10 with lumber.

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