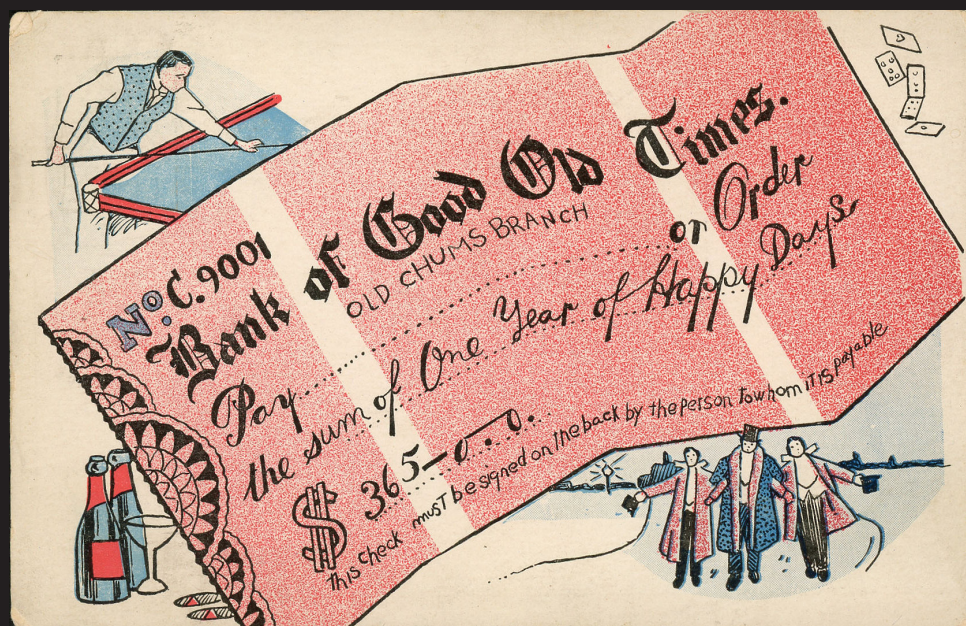
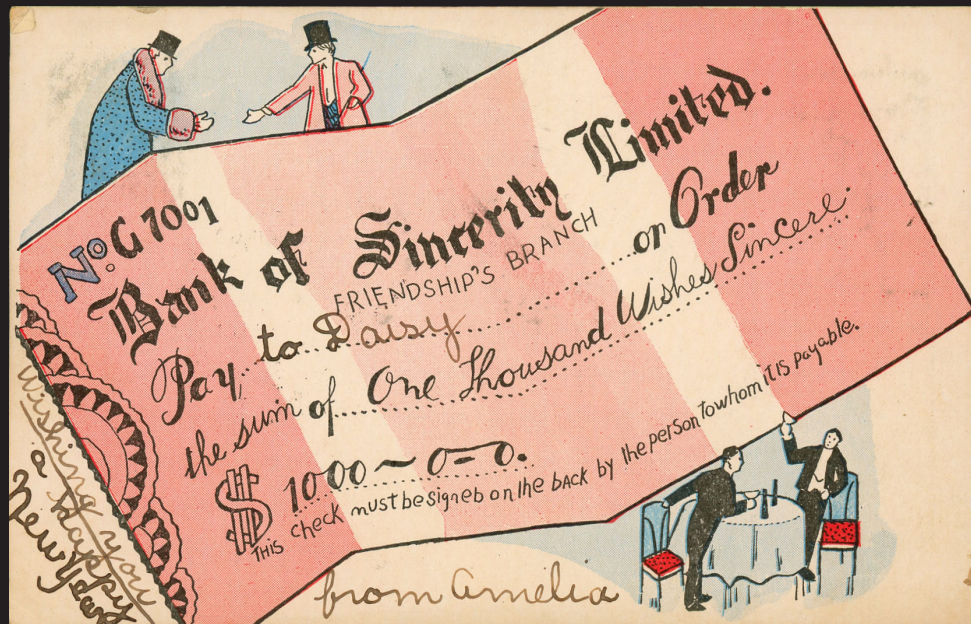


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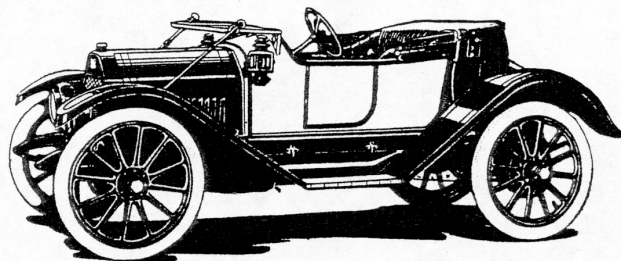
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In this issue Jim Adams shares with us some of his checks from early automobile dealers.

We also feature the first (?) attempt at a census of revenue stamped paper of Scott types G1a and G1b - the revenue purposely printed on the back of the check or draft.

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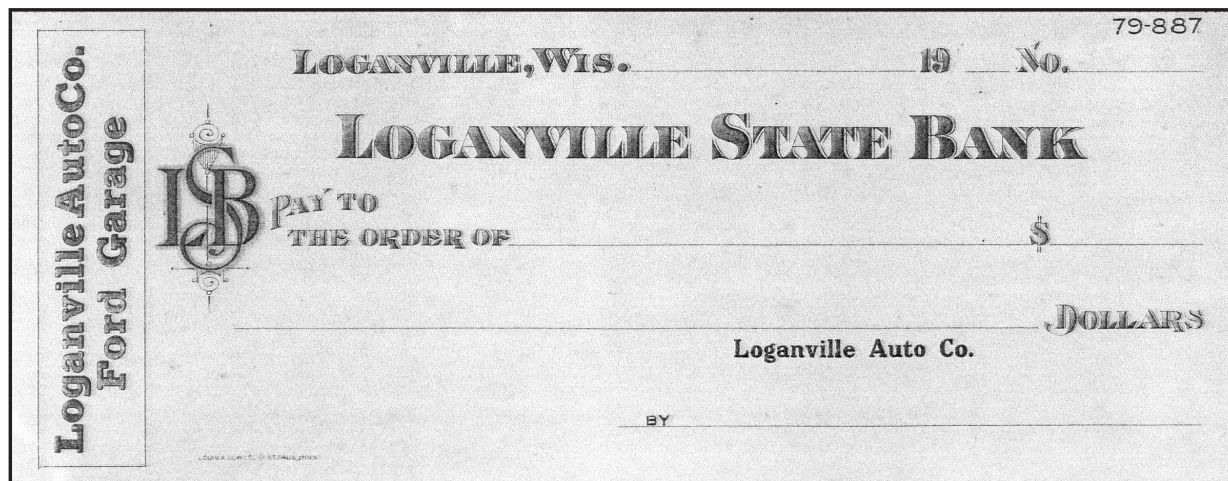
Take a Ride - Early Auto Checks

by Jim Adams

Finding early auto-related checks is not as easy as it might seem. I have been looking for them for a number of years. The ones that actually picture an automobile are especially hard to find.

Many early auto "dealers" also sold horses and buggies – note the W.P. Gearreld check (my oldest) and the Harry D. Ammon check. Harry also sold real estate and general merchandise!

I have two early Ford Garage checks. The sheet of three Loganville, Wisconsin checks are a recent discovery at a local antique store. They were found in an attic.

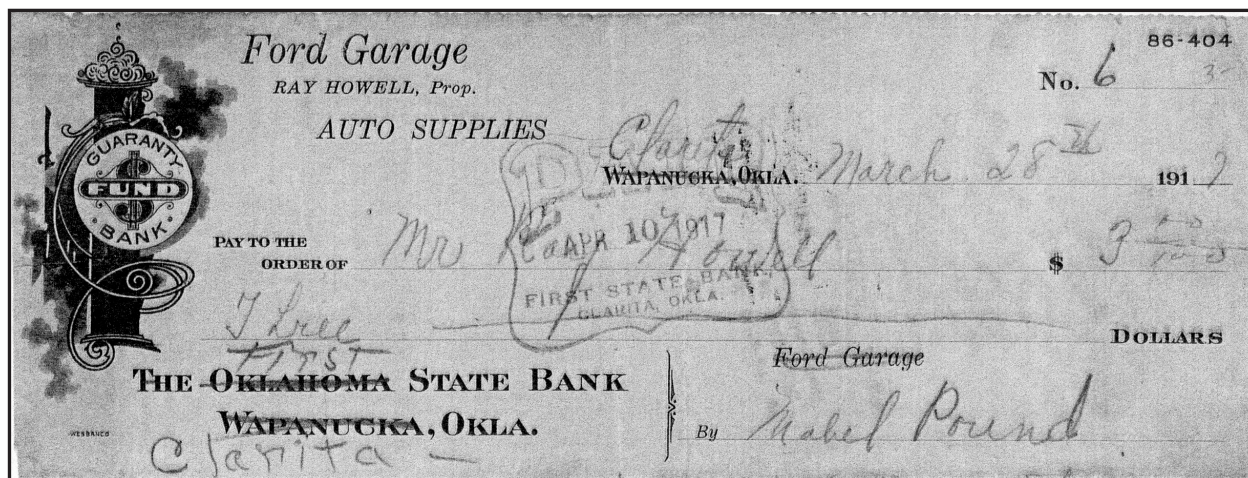


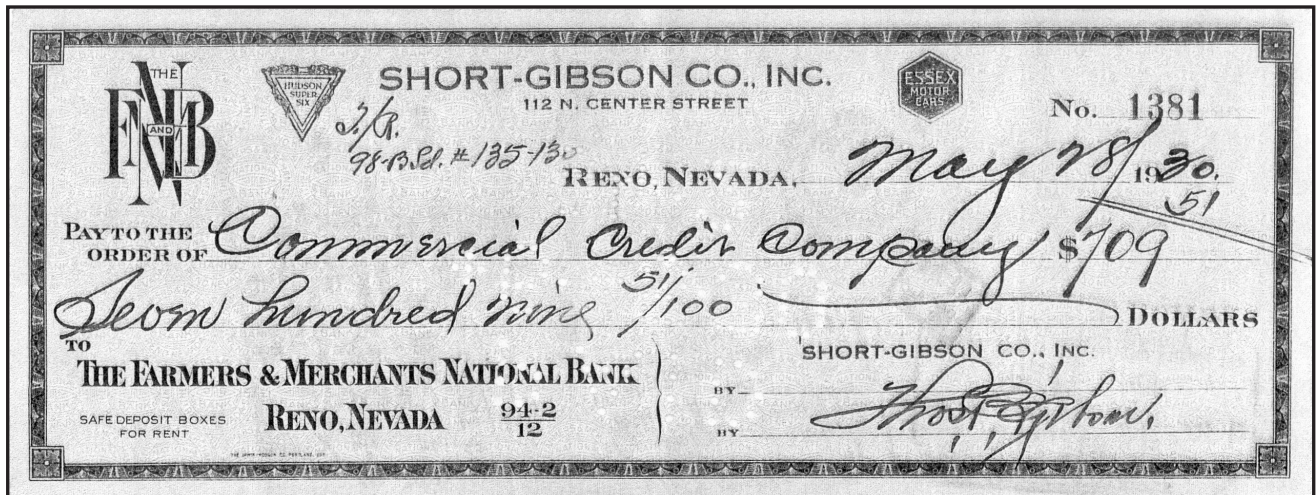
A Loganville Auto Company check, graphically cropped from a sheet of three.

The Ford Garage in Loganville was owned by the Leicher brothers, who traveled to LaVerne, Minnesota to learn the automobile business in 1913, according to a local paper. "Bert Leicher.... is making the trip in a 5 passenger Buick and when he arrives, he, in company with his brother Frank, will open a garage in which the many automobiles that travel our new automobile road may receive rest and repairs." The business opened in 1914.

The Leicher brothers did well and sold the business to a Mr. Farber in 1919. They then moved across the street and started the Wisconsin Truck Company, manufacturing fire fighting equipment and trucks. These trucks were named "LaVerne" and cost \$4,500 each. In 1924 half of the Loganville business district burned down, including the Ford Garage. Ironically, a fire engine was available, but there were no hoses. The Loganville State Bank was incorporated in 1915 and their building is still in use as a bank today.

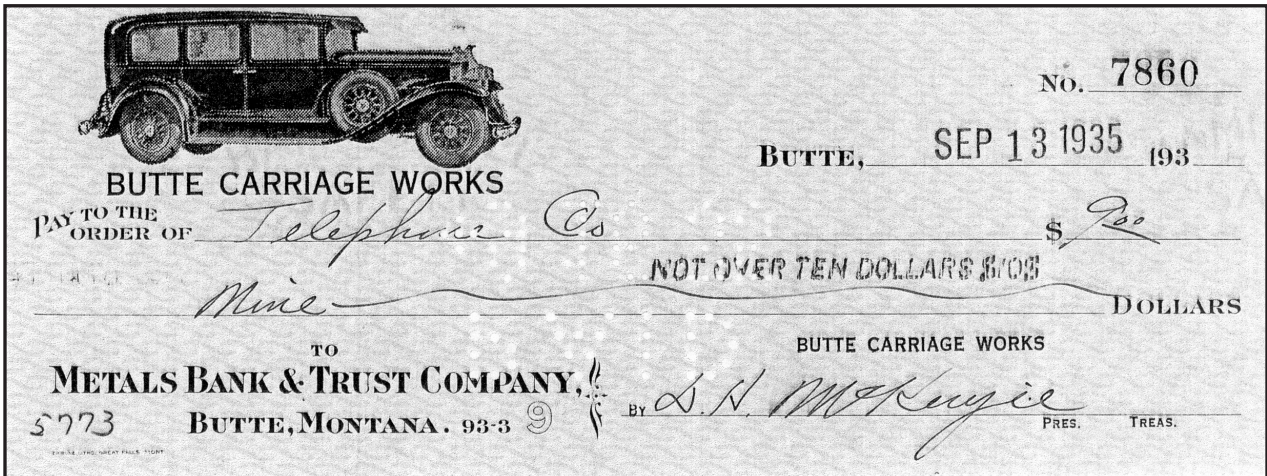
The Ray Howell Ford Garage check from Wapanucka, Oklahoma, made over to Clarita in the former Indian Territory of Oklahoma, is most likely a fairly scarce item, as is the Short-Gibson check from Reno, Nevada, featuring Hudson and Essex motor cars.



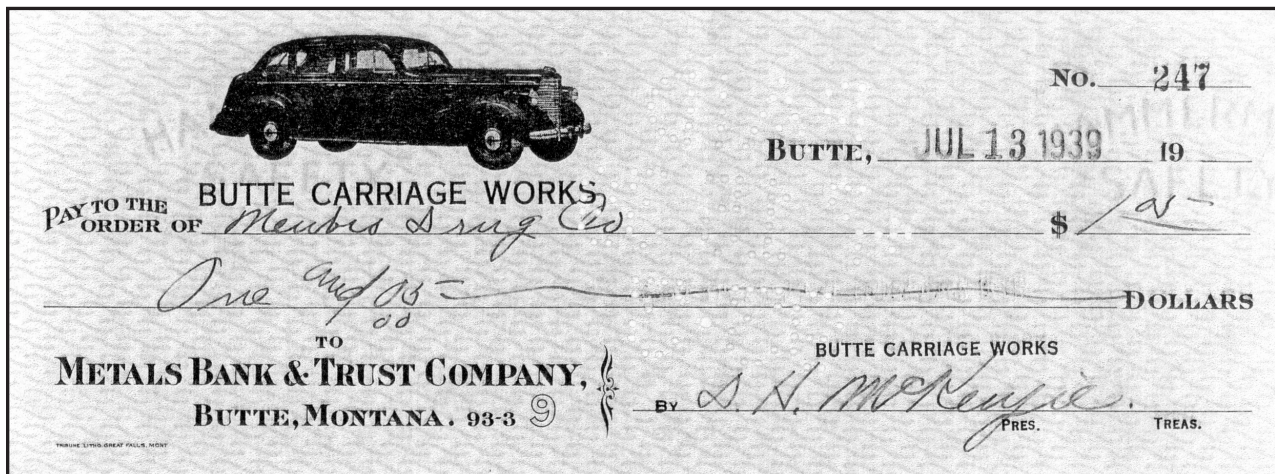


I love the two Butte Carriage Works checks from Montana. Evidently the dealership changed the vignette whenever the looks of the automobiles they sold changed. These came from ASCC member Lee Poleske several years ago.

The Rock Hill Body Company check (next page) is unusual in that it pictures the factory and offices on the check rather than a vehicle.



1935 model.



1939 model.

ESTABLISHED 1915

THE ROCK HILL BODY COMPANY 1817

MANUFACTURERS OF
COMMERCIAL TRUCK BODIES
SCHOOL BUS BODIES
FOR ANY CHASSIS

WRECKED CARS REBUILT

JOBBER TRIMMING MATERIALS

J. C. HARDIN, PRESIDENT

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Rock Hill, S. C. 5/28 1931

\$50.00

Fifty and no/100

DOLLARS

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK } THE ROCK HILL BODY COMPANY
Rock Hill, S. C. } BY J. C. Hardin
PRES. & TREAS.

PAYMENT OF FOLLOWING INVOICES

The Englemann's Garage check, 1926, has a neat vignette of an old auto with a woman driving, and another of a woman peeking out of a tire.

ENGLEMAN'S GARAGE

H. F. ENGLEMAN, MANAGER

AUTO SUPPLIES AND REPAIR WORK

No. 258

Fairfield, Va. Sept. 14 1926

Pay to the Order of *Standard Oil Co.* \$40.³³

Forty Dollars and thirty three cents

DOLLARS

To BANK OF FAIRFIELD
68-565 Fairfield, Va.

ENGLEMAN'S GARAGE
BY *H. F. Engleman*

518876 PAT'D. - 1908 - REGISTERED - N.Y.

The Hy-Way Service Station of Gibsonville must have changed owners around 1929, as R.W. Gerringer's name is crossed out. It looks like C.F. Kline of Lewistown specialized in batteries. Du Bois batteries are still being manufactured today, but it is not certain they were automobile batteries in 1926.

No. 407 GIBSONVILLE, N.C. 11/25 1929

HY-WAY SERVICE STATION

~~R. W. GERRINGER~~

GASOLINE, OILS, TIRES AND ACCESSORIES

AT SIGHT

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Town of Gibsonville* \$12.00

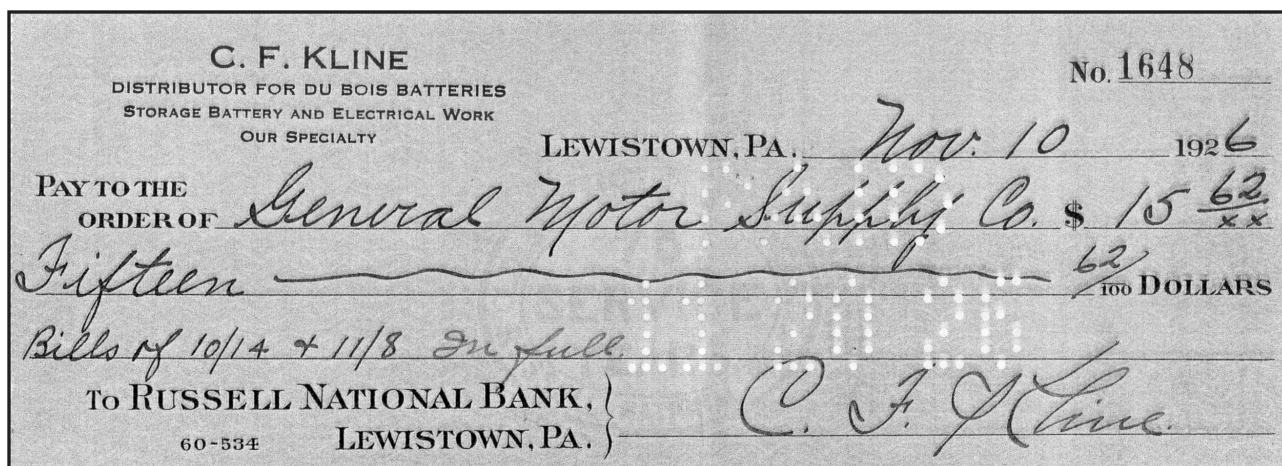
Sixteen and no/100

DOLLARS

WHEN PROPERLY ENDORSED THIS VOUCHER BECOMES A DRAFT ON

HY-WAY SERVICE STATION
GIBSONVILLE, N. C.

BY *L. D. Haven*



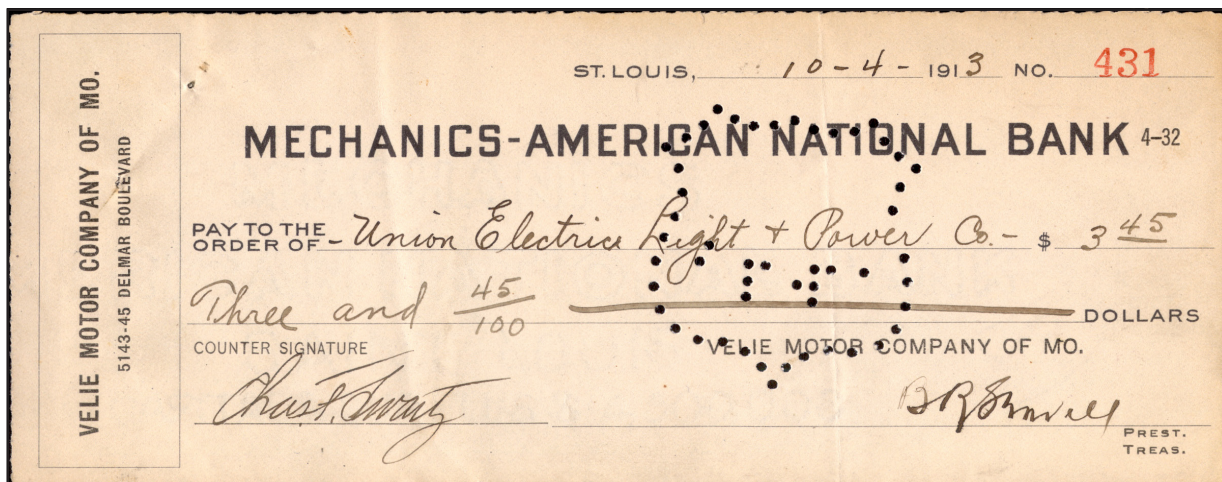
In the early days of the automobile sales and repair business, most were true garages and the owners were pretty much self-taught mechanics with good mechanical skills. We are lucky if we can find such a repair shop today.

Do any ASCC members have interesting old auto-related checks to share?

(Unfortunately, Jim did not submit these illustrations in color.)

Editor's Postscript

Here is an early auto-related check that has been buried in a stack of non-revenue checks for all too long. Setting Jim's article reminded me that I had it, so I tried to find out more about it.



The Velie Motor Car Company was headquartered in Moline, Illinois, and did not do manufacturing in Saint Louis. A representative of a group who attempts to keep track of all the existing Velie cars and trucks suggested that the Velie Motor Company of MO was probably a dealership. The company may be long gone, but they apparently made quality cars and are far from forgotten.

Otto Mears

Colorado Toll Road and Railroad Builder

by Coleman Leifer

The illustrations of the stock certificates are courteous of A Prominent Western Scripophilist Who Prefers to Remain Anonymous. Both of them are issued to Otto Mears and signed by him as President.

Otto Mears (1840-1931) was the principal developer of toll roads and railroads in southwest Colorado in the latter half of the 19th Century. He constructed several toll roads and four railroads, the Silverton, the Silverton Northern, the Silverton, Gladstone and Northern and the Rio Grande Southern.

Mears emigrated from Germany when he was 10-years old. He saw service in the Civil War and was discharged at Las Cruces NM. He then moved to Colorado and became a merchant. He built a wagon road as means of transporting wheat he grew to a flour mill. The former territorial governor of Colorado, William Gilpin, suggested he apply to the Colorado legislature to operate a toll road to recoup his expenses. Gilpin also suggested he grade the road so it would be suitable for a railroad. Some of the toll roads were later used for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad.

Following his adventures in Colorado, Mears left in 1896 and moved to New York. He was one of the founders of the Mack Motor Company, later the builder of the Mack Trucks. It was while he was in the East he became involved with the Chesapeake Beach Railway.

In 1903, Mears returned to Colorado. In 1910, he moved to California where he lived until his death in 1931.

One of the toll roads Mears was instrumental in constructing was the so-called "Million Dollar Highway", a road from Ouray to Silverton over Red Mountain Pass. The name originated either from the cost of building it or from the gold ore in the gravel used for the road bed. Built from 1881 to 1884, much of it is carved out of the side of a mountain. The road is now part of U.S. Highway 550 and, if you have ever driven over it, you can imagine what an engineering feat it was



The first three railroads he constructed were short lines to serve the mines in the Silverton area. The Rio Grande Southern, considered his greatest achievement, was constructed in 1890 and 1891. It twisted and turned its way over 162 miles of three-foot gauge track between Ridgway and Durango in Colorado's San Juan Mountains. It was built to reach the rich mining districts of Telluride and Rico. To achieve this task it had to travel over two mountain passes using four percent grades. The line opened for business in 1890.

The railroad had more than its share of ups and downs but continued to survive until 1952. In 1931 a series of seven motorized railcars, each called the Galloping Goose, were built to replace the line's steam engines. These Galloping Geese kept the line running until it was finally abandoned.



Mears became part owner of the Chesapeake Beach Railway in 1897. This line, originally incorporated in 1891 as the Washington and Chesapeake Beach Railway, was to run from Washington DC to Chesapeake Beach MD (28 miles) where lavish hotels, a casino and a race track were planned. A number of problems caused a delay in the project and, in 1895, the line went into receivership without having constructed any track. The railroad company was sold in 1897 to a group including Mears and David Moffat (after whom the Moffat tunnel was named). Construction of the railroad was finally completed in 1898. It took another year before the hotels and other facilities were opened.



Financial problems still plagued the line partly because the casino was never built. Moffat, who provided most of the funds for construction took control of the line and Mears resigned as President. The line had a few good years, even occasionally showing a profit. But, with the increasing popularity of the automobile, the line to Chesapeake Beach ceased operation in 1935. Two miles between Chesapeake Junction and the Benning Road power plant in Washington became the East Washington Railway, and was used primarily to transport coal. The power plant converted to oil in the 1970's and the East Washington was abandoned.

The railroad station in Chesapeake Beach is now the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. It is located on Mears Avenue.

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Match Book Covers and Checks

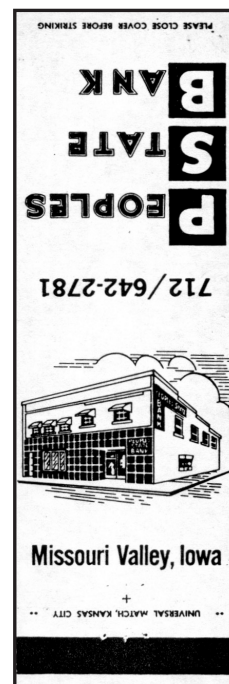
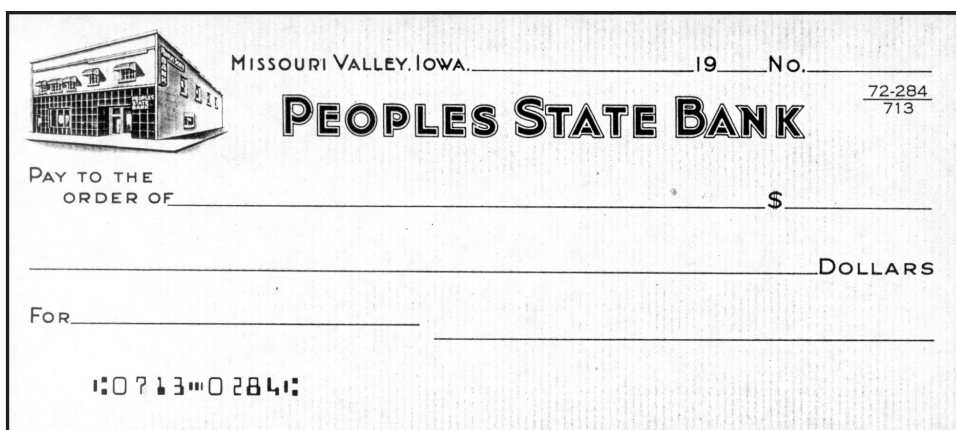
by Lee Poleske

Augmenting your check collection with related items can be fun and challenging. Two good examples of this idea are matching a check with a postcard picturing the bank that issued it, or with a token put out by that bank. Another item to consider is match book covers.

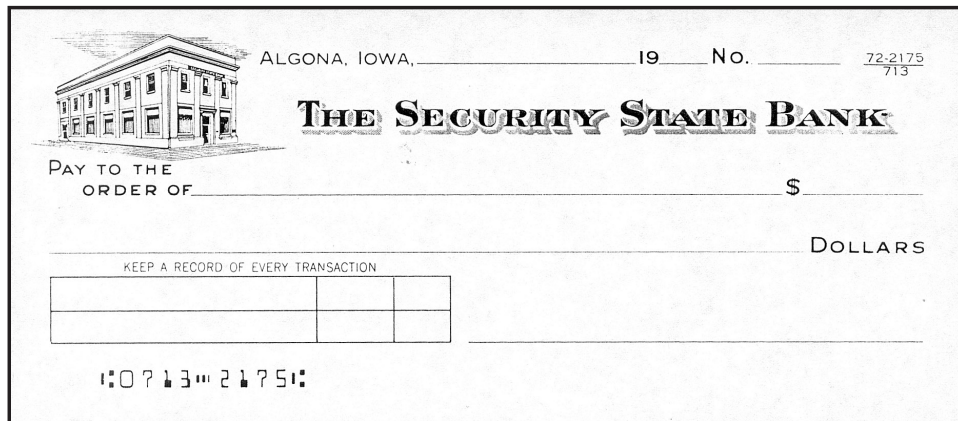
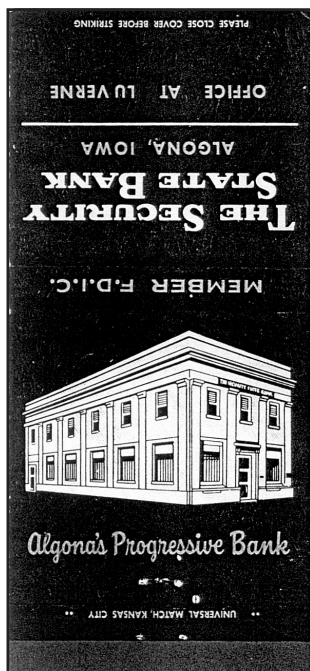
At this time when smoking is banned in so many places, it is hard to remember that years ago match books were widely used for promotional purposes. Among the businesses that gave them away were banks. Although all match book covers advertising banks could be considered a collecting sideline for check collectors, a more challenging idea is to find covers and checks with the same bank vignette. A couple of samples are illustrated.

Remember these are match book covers, the matches have been removed, so there is no fire danger.

It is generally accepted that the match book was invented by Philadelphia patent attorney Joshua Pusey in 1892. Diamond Match Company bought his patent in 1894 and started production the next year.



Matching vignette on a check and a matchbook cover from Missouri Valley, Iowa.



Another matching vignette from the Security State Bank of Algona, Iowa.

A salesman for Diamond Match, Henry C Traute, redesigned the match book in 1896 by putting the striking surface on the outside of the book and adding the phrase: "Close cover before striking." He also promoted the use of match books for advertising. The first large company to use match books for advertising purposes was the Pabst Brewing Company; ordering 10,000,000 covers in 1902.

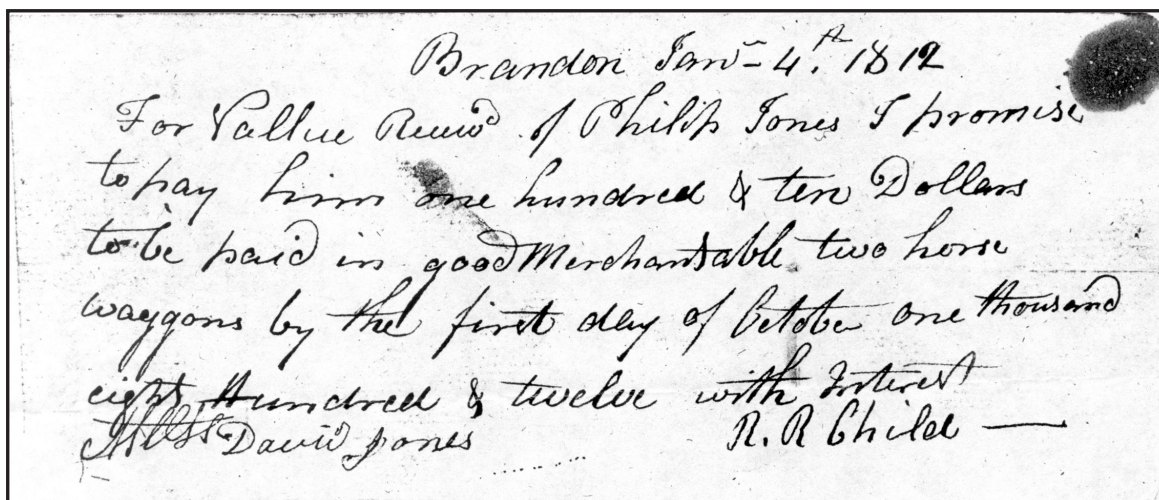
The golden age for match books was the 1940s and 50s. In the 1980s the industry collapsed, due to high labor costs, overseas competition, anti-smoking laws and disposable lighters.

Repaying a Loan in "Waggons"

An Unusual Manuscript Promissory Note

by Sheldon Rabin

One of the most interesting aspects of collecting manuscript or handwritten checks and notes is that the narrative sometimes reveals an interesting sidelight of local business practices. In this note, from Brandon, Vermont in 1812, R.R. Child borrowed some \$110.00 from Philip Jones. The note was witnessed by a David Jones (presumably a relative; both Joneses lived thirty miles away in Pittsfield, VT per the 1810 federal census). What appears to be somewhat unique is Child's promise to pay the loan back not in cash but in "good merchantable two horse waggons." (sic). I've never seen terms quite like these before but somehow it all worked, as the back of the note indicates that the loan was paid in full on the due date of 1 October. No mention is made of just what the wagons looked like and if they were filled with merchandise.



Would welcome comments if anyone has seen this type of promissory note before and whether it was largely a New England practice or whether other parts of the country used it as well.

Waggons like this one?



Appropriately, the vignette from a cut square of a Kenosha GIa revenue imprinted check. All known copies are cut down this way. Read about the other GIa's on page 20.

Revenue Stamped Paper of the Spanish American War Tax Era

By Bob Hohertz
(Part 6)

Two-Cent Imprint Usage Time Drafts

Excerpt from SCHEDULE A, STAMP TAXES: "... order for the payment of any sum of money, otherwise than at sight or on demand... for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, two cents; and for each additional one hundred dollars or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars, two cents."



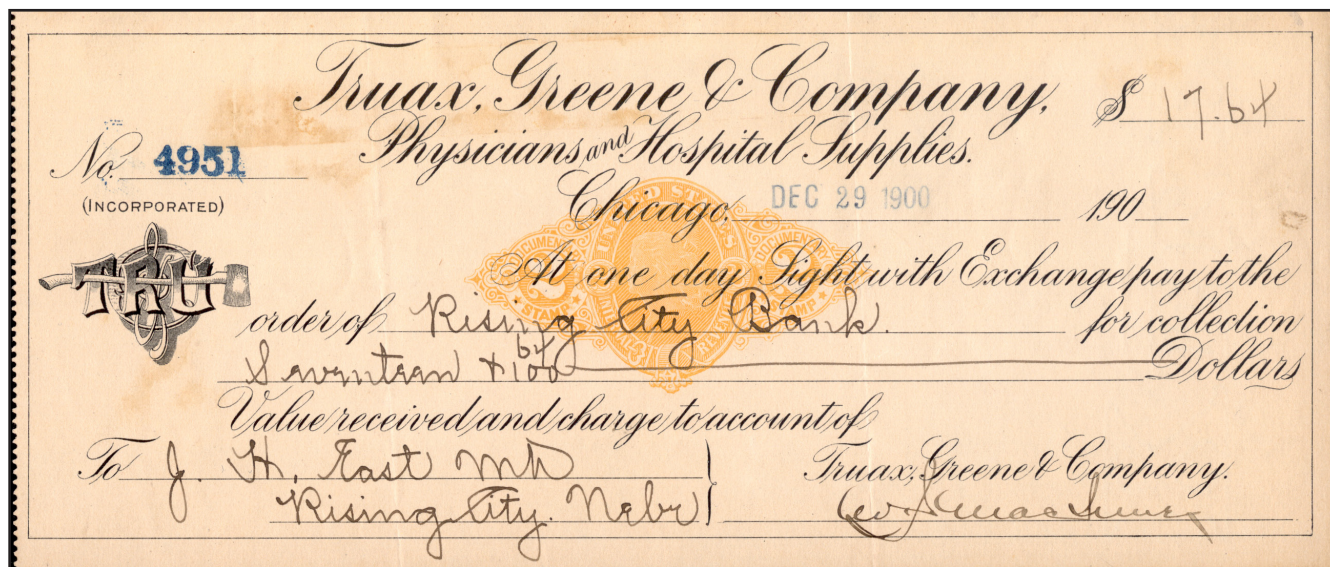
An unused mining check from Arizona payable at one day's sight. If drawn for more than one hundred dollars, additional revenues would have been needed to pay the proper tax.



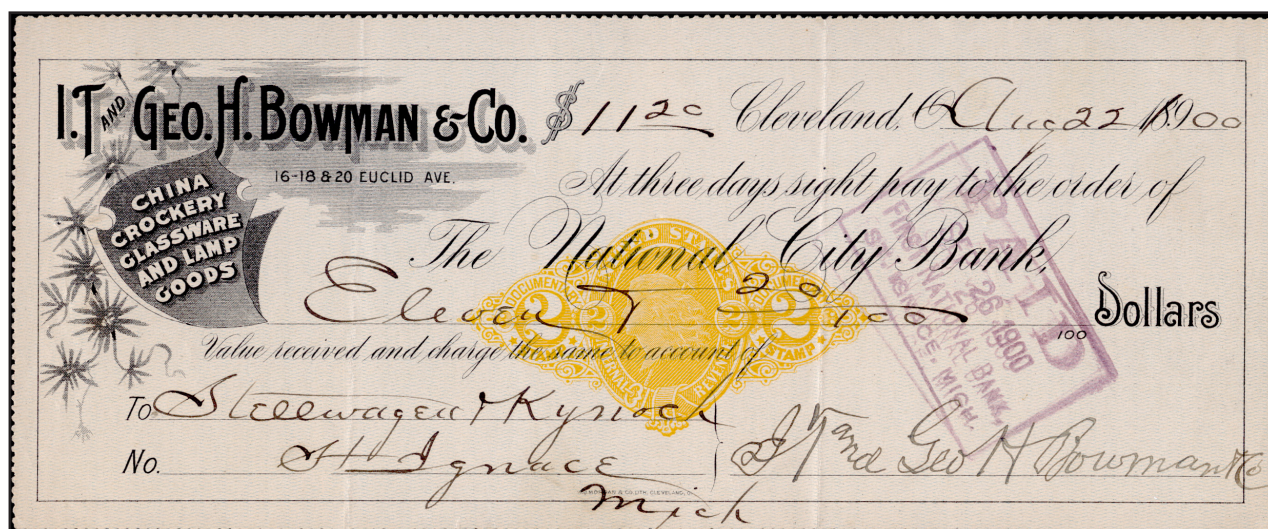
A merchant's draft payable at one day's sight. Since it was written for less than one hundred dollars the imprint pays the proper tax.

Revenue Stamped Paper
of the Spanish American War Tax Era

Two-Cent Imprint Usage
Time Drafts



Another merchant's draft payable at one day's sight. The stipulation that it is to be paid "with Exchange" does not change the nature of the instrument, and since it is for less than one hundred dollars, the imprint pays the proper tax.



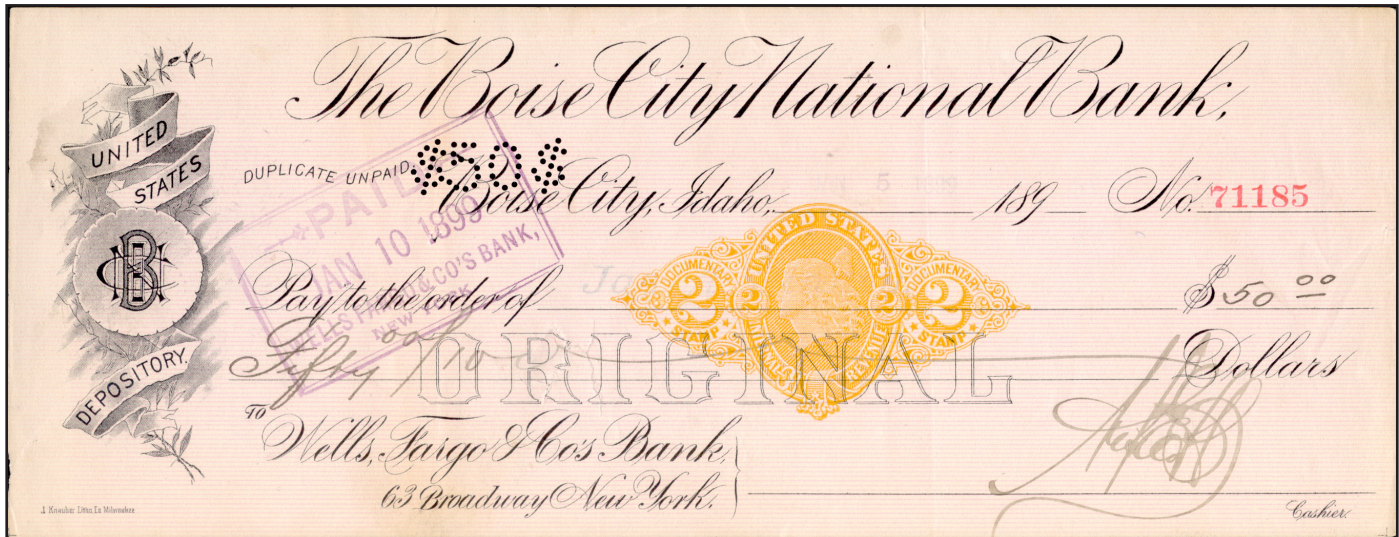
A draft payable on three days' sight. The amount payable is less than one hundred dollars, so the imprint pays the proper tax.

[The Head Centre and Tranquillity Mining Company check on the previous page is printed on a tan safety background.]

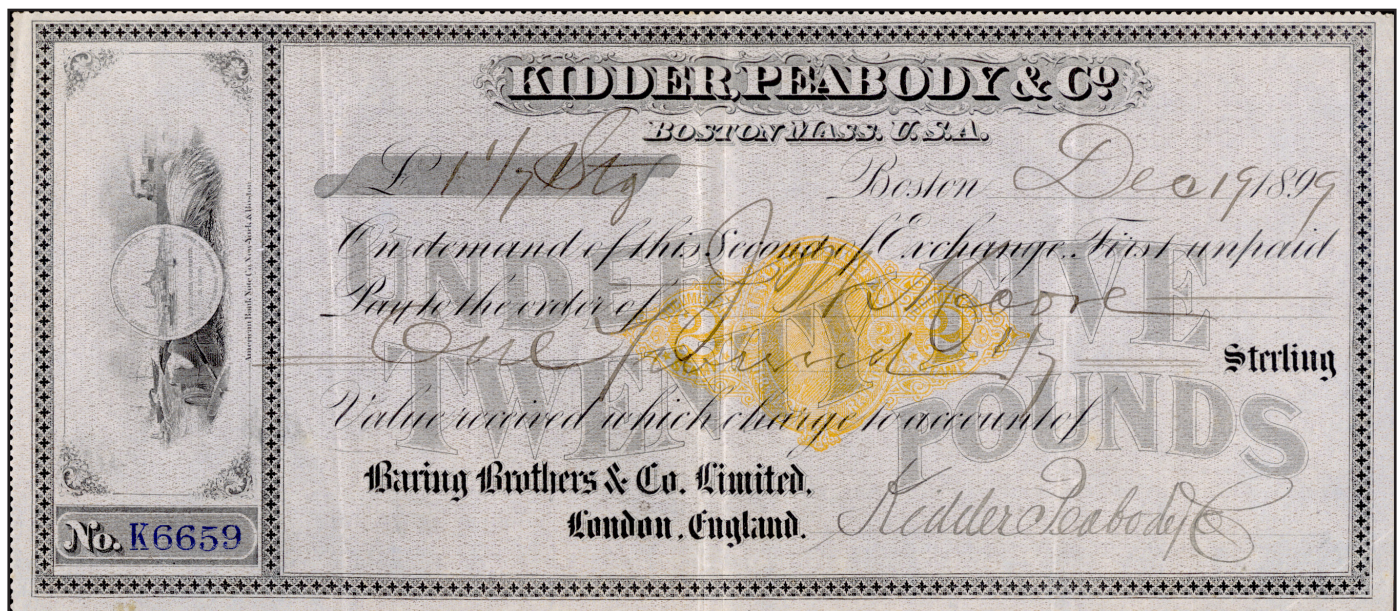
Revenue Stamped Paper
of the Spanish American War Tax Era

Two-Cent Imprint Usage
Bills of Exchange

Excerpt from SCHEDULE A. STAMP TAXES: "Bill of Exchange (inland)... for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, two cents; and for each additional one hundred dollars or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars, two cents."



An "original" bill of exchange issued at Boise City, Idaho, payable in New York.



Excerpt from SCHEDULE A. STAMP TAXES: "Bill of Exchange (foreign)... if drawn in sets of two or more: For every bill of each set, where the sum made payable shall not exceed one hundred dollars, or the equivalent thereof, in any foreign currency in which such bill may be expressed, according to the standard of value fixed by the United States, two cents; and for each one hundred dollars or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars, two cents."

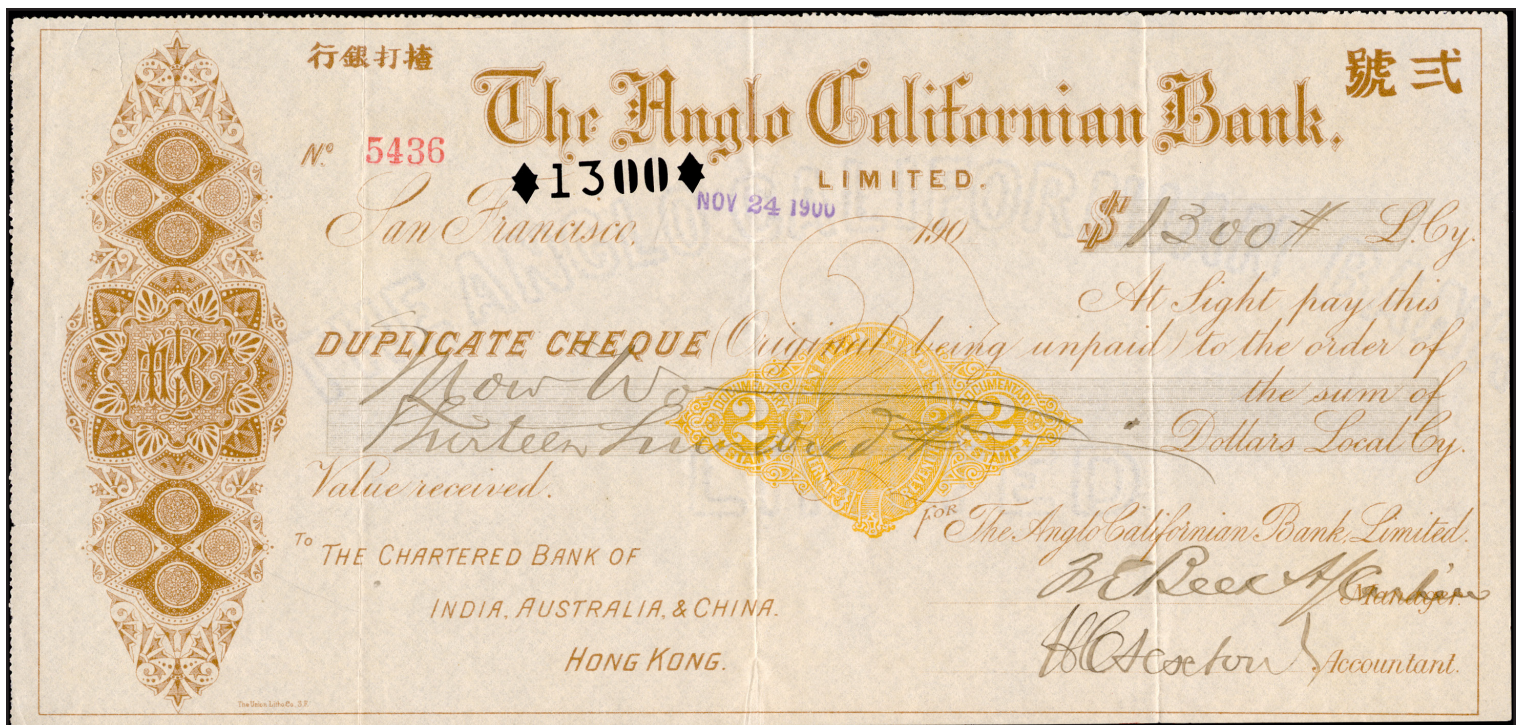
Second of exchange document drawn by Kidder, Peabody and Company of Boston in 1899, payable at Baring Brothers and Company, London. Written for less than two pounds sterling (about ten dollars), so properly taxed.

Revenue Stamped Paper
of the Spanish American War Tax Era

Two-Cent Imprint Usage
Bills of Exchange



Documents like the "Original Check" above were of the form of bills of exchange, but claimed to be checks. This must have been acceptable so far as having them taxed as checks, as the tax would have been far greater than two cents on this one if taxed as a bill of exchange..



In this case, treatment as a "cheque" meant that two cents tax was paid instead of twenty-six cents. Issued in San Francisco on a Hong Kong bank.

[The Idaho bill is printed on pink safety paper. The Kidder, Peabody bill has a grey underprint, and the New York "check" is on pink paper. The Anglo Californian Bank "cheque" is printed in brown.]

Revenue Stamped Paper
of the Spanish American War Tax Era

Two-Cent Imprint Usages Receipt/Checks

Combinations of receipts for grain purchases and checks. Receipts were not taxed, so they are taxed as checks.

FOR FLAX, COARSE GRAINS, ETC.
VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO.

\$ 2.20 BOWDLE, S. D. Station, 11/2 1899 No. 61720

Bought of J. Schme the grower

30 bushels No. 20 Wheat

@ 1.10 cents per bushel \$

less storage and insurance charges. Ticket No. \$

Gross 2 Bu. 10 lbs. Net Value, \$

Dock 12 lbs. THE VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO.

Net 2 Bu. 02 lbs. By J. Schme Agent.

Received of the VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO.

Two and 25/100 Dollars,

in full payment of the above grain.

Form 17 A. 3M-98. (Signed) DEC 4 1900

These Victoria Elevator Company instruments read only as receipts. However, they were cashed by banks in each location.

FOR WHEAT ONLY.
VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO.

\$ 2.40 OLIVIA, MINN. Station 11/2 1899 No. 45222

Bought of A. G. Johnson the grower

thirty six 36 bushels No. 1 Wheat

@ 6.7 cents per bushel \$

less storage and insurance charges. Ticket No. \$

Gross 37 Bu. 00 lbs. Net Value, \$

Dock 40 lbs. THE VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO.

Net 36 Bu. 20 lbs. By J. Schme Agent.

Received of the VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO.

twenty four 24/100 Dollars,

in full payment of the above grain.

Form 17.—21M-98. (Signed) NOV 10 1900

FOR WHEAT ONLY

\$ 2.320 VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO. Series C No. 32884

IPSWICH, S. D. Station, 11/22 1899

Pay to J. Schme or Order,

Twenty three 23 DOLLARS,

For 48 Bu. 00 Lbs. No. 20 Wheat, Price 49

Gross 49 Bu. 00 Lbs.

Dockage 1 Bu. 00 Lbs.

Net 48 Bu. 00 Lbs.

Not good unless properly receipted.

Received payment from VICTORIA ELEVATOR CO.

IPSWICH, SO. DAK. 1899

This version is written more like a check, but does not specify any particular bank, and in lower left specifies that it serves as a receipt.

[The top receipt/check is printed on vivid purplish-red paper.]

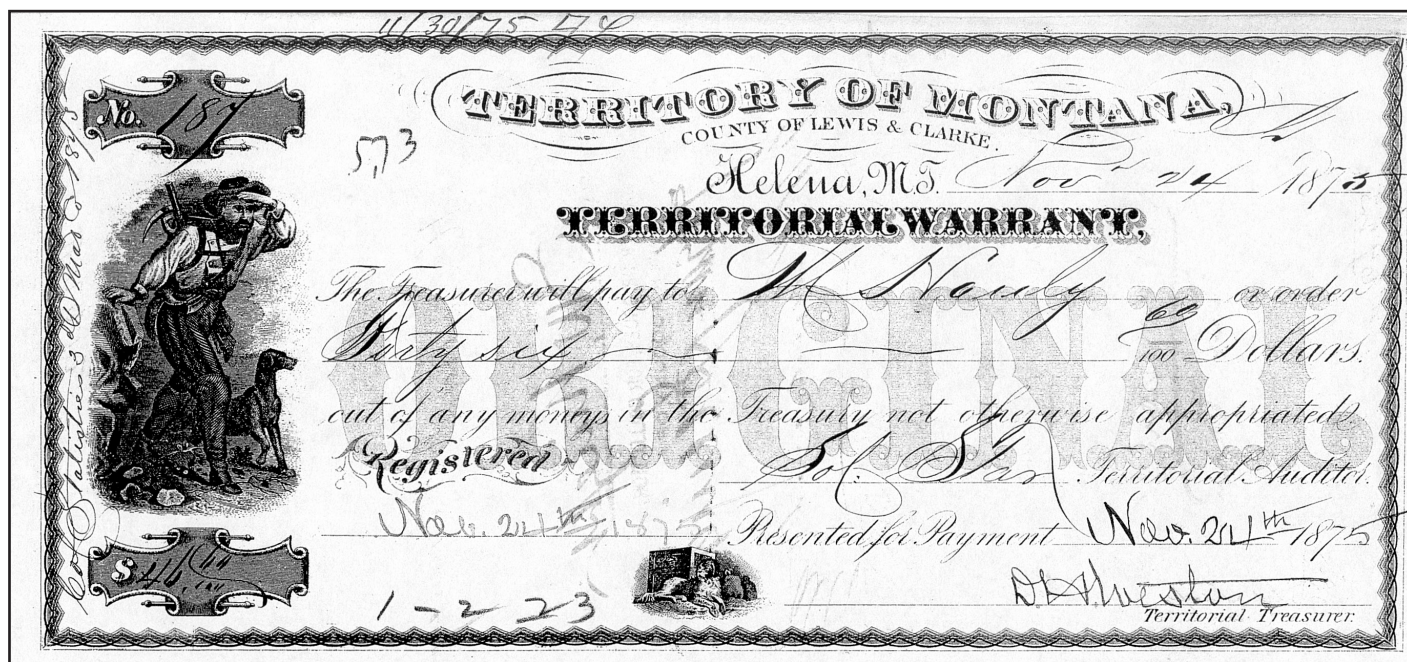
This is the sixth installment in a series designed to reprint the editor's gold-medal winning exhibit of Spanish American War revenue stamped paper. Comments in brackets were added to supply information about color.

Redemption of a Montana Territorial Warrant by Paul Calhoun

A warrant is essentially identical to a corporate draft, but is issued against and drawn upon territorial, state, city or county funds, etc.

In the "Old West" territorial governments were chronically short of funds, as will be demonstrated by the illustrated warrant. (Note its similarity to the contemporary "Hirshfield" drafts.)

This warrant was issued at Helena, Montana Territory on November 24th, 1875 in the amount of \$46.60, and made payable to M(ichael) Hanly for Col(lection) (of) statistics, 3rd D(istrict) Mad. Co. 1975. He endorsed the warrant, "Hanley."

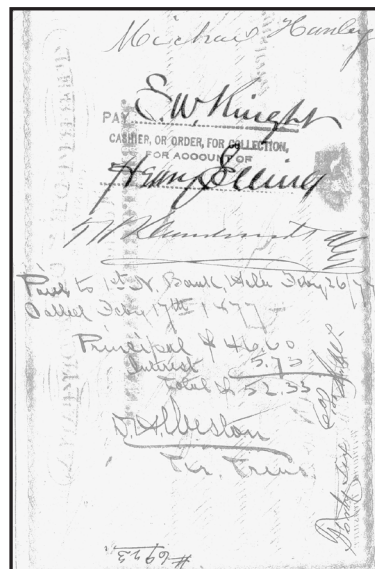


It is signed both by Sol Star, Territorial Auditor and D.H. Weston, Territorial Treasurer, and was presented for payment the same day as issued. The original payee (Michael Hanly) evidently persuaded a Mr. Henry Elling to accept the warrant. It was deposited in his account at the First National Bank of Helena, to be collected for payment by E.W. Knight, Cashier. There is a further endorsement by T.H. Kleinschmidt (Atty?), who possibly represented the bank to pressure the government to make good the warrant.

This evidently succeeded, because written below (in red ink) is the following:

Paid to 1st N. Bank, Hela Feby 26/77
Called Feby 17, 1877
Principal \$46.60
Interest 5.73
Total \$52.33
(signed) D.H. Watson
Ter. Treas.

It took approximately a year and three months for the warrant to be paid!



Jenny Revisited

by Michael Mahler

Charles Kemp's "Jenny Lind Captures America" (*The Check Collector*, July-September 2006, 18-9) mentions that while "Lindomania" held sway, among the array of things named for her was a small town in California. This stock certificate of the Salt Spring Valley Mining Company provides tangible confirmation. The place of issue, nearly always printed, was left blank on these certificates; evidently there was some question as to where they would be offered and issued. On this one "Jenny Lind" was written in, in the Secretary's hand, on May 25, 1864. The certificate tells us the company's works were in the Salt Spring Valley [Mining] District, Calaveras County, California. The listings in Gudde's *California Gold Camps* for Salt Spring Valley and Jenny Lind-related sites are reproduced below (county names are in brackets). The "Jenny Lind" of the certificate is evidently the town of that name in Calaveras County.



Salt Spring Valley [Calaveras]. Between Bear Mountains on the east and Gopher Ridge on the west, in the southwest part of the county, in the Hodson area. A gold belt extends from the vicinity of Copperopolis through Salt Spring Valley in a northwesterly direction to the region near Valley Springs. The geology of the area is described in Mining Bureau, XIII (pp. 118 f.). Shown on the USGS Jackson 1938 quadrangle.

Jenny Bar [Calaveras]. On the lower Calaveras River. According to Coy (p. 46), the river cut through rich auriferous deposits at this place. It is probably the same as Jenny Lind.

Jenny Lind. When the great Barnum brought the "Swedish nightingale" to the United States in 1850 and the singer was received with great enthusiasm in the East, her name became a popular place name in the mining towns. The legend that she sang in California has persisted to the present day.

Jenny Lind [Calaveras]. On the Calaveras River, near Highway 8. The camp was the center of a mining district, and it had a post office as early as 1857. For various explanations of the naming, see *California Place Names*. Around 1900 it was still a center of hydraulic mining, although the Register, 1899, lists only one stamp mill. More recently there was dredging in the river (Bull., 57, p. 14). Historic Landmark 266. Shown on the USGS Jackson 1938 quadrangle.

Jenny Lind Diggings [Nevada]. Near Lola Montez Diggings, in the vicinity of Grass Valley. The diggings, which had apparently been worked for some time, were deserted in 1870 (Whitney, *Auriferous Gravels*, p. 183).

Jenny Lind Flat [El Dorado]. Between the North and South forks of American River. It is now covered by Folsom Lake. There was gold mining here as early as 1852, according to the County History, 1883 (p. 202). The yield was reported to have been rich, "as high as \$90 to the bucket," according to Hutchings in his diary, April 24, 1854. It is mentioned in the El Dorado County Records, May 11, 1876 (Mining Book A, p. 249), in connection with a claim near Massachusetts Flat. The name was misspelled Gene Lind Flat.

Jenny Lind: Flat, Tunnel [Placer]. Near Forest Hill, on the Blue Lead. It was "supposed to be richest pay to the hand ever realized in the state," 6 to 10 thousand dollars per day (but not to the hand). The total yield had reached a million dollars in the 1860s. It is mentioned in Transactions, 1858 (p. 189) and 1860 (p. 85). A Jenny Lind claim at or near the site was reported in 1936 as having been opened in 1915 and active intermittently since that time (Mining Bureau, XXXII, p. 59).

Jenny Lind Mine [Mariposa]. One of the best mines [in the vicinity of Hornitos] was the Washington or Jenny Lind Mine. It was discovered in 1851 and was equipped with a 6-stamp mill as early as 1851, which reportedly produced for a time one thousand dollars of gold per day (!). The vertical depth of the Washington Mine was 1,600 feet and that of the Jenny Lind around 1,500 feet, and the workings connecting the two extended a distance of almost two miles. The estimated production to 1954 was 2.377 million dollars."

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Yet More Jenny courtesy of Jim Adams



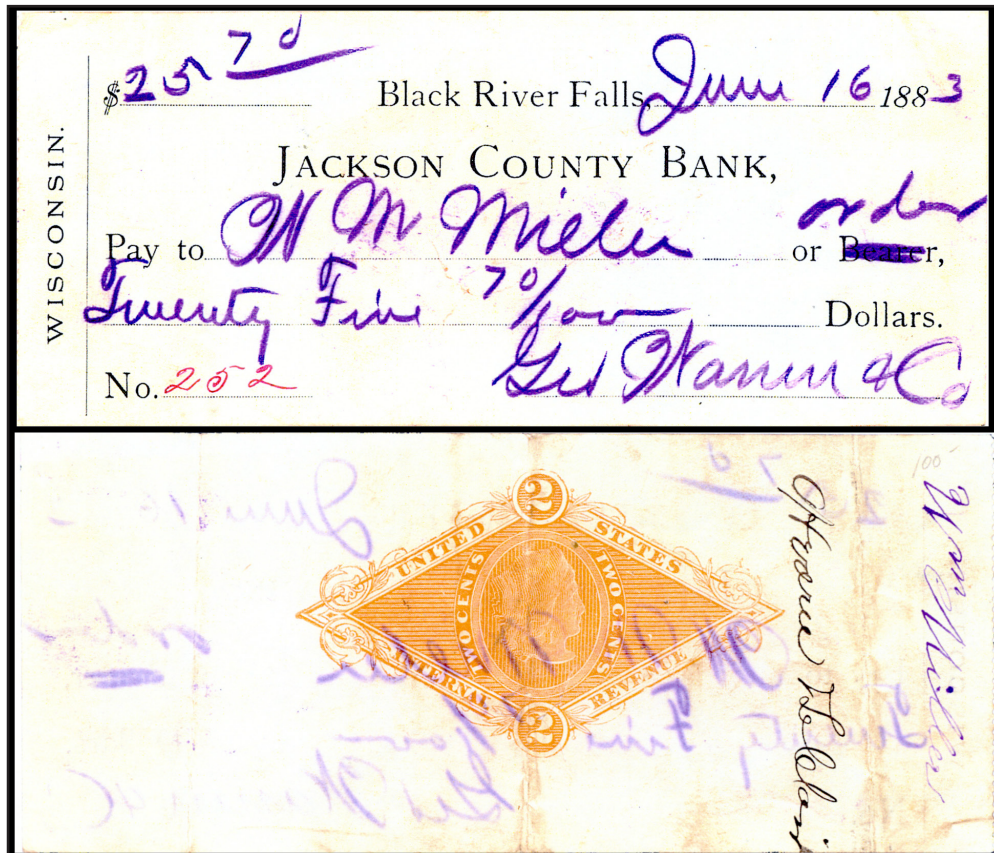
Re the Charles Kemp article on Jenny Lind. She was honored by Sweden on this beautiful 50 kronor banknote.

Revenue Stamped Paper Inventory

Bob Hohertz

Proceeding with inventories of less common types of revenue stamped paper, here is an initial listing of G1a's and G1b's, consisting of those known to the compiler.

G1a's are checks or drafts with the Graphic Company of New York imprint on the back, right-side up. G1b's are the same, but with the imprint upside-down in relation to the check face. G1b's are not errors, as all examples known from the half-dozen recorded users are printed the same way.



The Black River Falls G1a.

In some cases it is logical to find the imprint on the back of the check, as the front is ornate. In other cases the check front is plain, so one wonders why the revenue was not printed there. I am not aware of any instance where an adhesive revenue was added because the user did not know the imprint was on the back, at any rate.

The listing was put together from items in the Castenholz Field Guides, others in my own collection, and several in other collections. No doubt there are more. Please send me good, color scans or paper copies of any you may have that are not represented, and I will add them to the list.

It is interesting to note that there are 27 distinct G1a's and b's in the lists on the next page and 41 verifiable users of G3's in last issue's lists, plus two more altered ones from Lewisburg being offered now on Eric Jackson's website, for a total of 43. And this does not even count seven G3's either listed as Unknown or Vanished. (See page 23 of this issue for a report of another copy of one on the Vanished list.)

G1a – imprint on back of instrument, right-side up

Checks

AR, Little Rock	German B, part gray tint, D&B	Redeemed, used	
CO, Leadville	B of Leadville, Manville & McCarthy	used	
CT, New London	Union B, Quinnpiac Fertilizer Co., green, SHW	used	
IA, Guttenberg	Commercial NB of Dubuque, Red, part orange tint, Gug		used
IL, Jacksonville	Jacksonville NB, John I. Chambers, CSP	used	
IN, Indianapolis	First NB, Red, yellow tint, Kor	unused and used	
MA, Boston	Shawmut NB, dark blue	unused	
MA, Springfield	Chapin NB, Wason Manufacturing Co., gray tint, CLC		Redeemed, unused
MA, Taunton	N Webster B, Old Colony Iron Co., D&G	used	
MI, Grand Haven	First NB, White, Grank & Co. lined out, Green, green, WmM	used	
MI, Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids NB, blue, MCJ	used	
NY, Buffalo	Farmers & Mechanic's NB, C&R	Redeemed, used	
NY, New York	NB of the State of New York, Thomas Rutter & Co., Blue, JGo		unused
OH, Cleveland	N B of Commerce, ms change from N City B,	used	
OH, Cleveland	N City B	used	
PA, Philadelphia	Girard NB, J.M. Rhodes	used	
SD, Sioux Falls	First NB, Sioux Falls Water Power Co., orange vignette, WBN		used
WI, Black River Falls	Jackson County B	used	
WI, Kenosha	First NB, green vignette, WBN	Redeemed, unused, cut square only	

Drafts

KY, Paducah	American German NB, United States NB, NY, Black, Red, blue tint, StL	used
MO, Kansas City	B of Kansas City, ms, part blue tint, StL	Redeemed, used

G1b – imprint on back of instrument, upside-down

Checks

MO, Saint Louis	Mechanics NB, LaGrange Iron Co., gray tint, GDB	used	
MO, Saint Louis	San Antonio NB, Missouri Pacific Railway Co., Brown, tan, RPS		used
NY, New York	Chemical NB, Atwater, Asten & Co., gray, gray tint, DoB	used	
NY, New York	Chemical NB, Atwater, Asten & Co., olive, olive tint, DoB	used	
NY, Niagara Falls	B of Niagara, blue-green, Gie	used	
OH, Cincinnati	Union NB, Amazon Insurance Co., Black, Green, Red, Kre	used	



A copy of the Cincinnati G1b.

E-mail to the Editor

Good evening Bob:

The following is a draft of a proposed introduction to any listing of Pennsylvania checks which may come to fruition. I have also appended the two lonesome checks that I have from Adams County. Your previous comments and suggestions have been noted and I thank you for same. My intent is to invite other interested collectors to add detail to my listing as he/they see fit. Check collecting is, as I have said I think, a sideline for me and I (at this point at least) can not get too interested in variations in printer, design, color, etc. for a given bank. Your reaction and frank comments are seriously invited.

" As a relatively new eBayer, I have noticed that U.S. checks, even attractive and desirable ones, sell for very little money as compared to, for instance, International Reply Coupons of the world (which I avidly collect). I am old enough to have watched the collecting (and resale value) of foreign paper money go to rather astounding heights compared to the '60s when I could count the number of collectors on both hands and one foot. The reason for this, I suggest, is the lack of a comprehensive catalog of checks with catalog numbers and valuations. Too many of us collect "by the number" and if there is not a number, general interest is lacking.

The pioneering work of Bill Castenholz covering RN stamped checks is well known to all check collectors. Years ago, I asked if he would be interested in working with me on Pennsylvania checks in my collection. As is also well known, Bill declined to publish any updates.

We all know that there are any number of ways that checks can be collected;

Philatelically by tax stamp,
Regionally (home town, county, state, etc.),
Esthetically (by appearance; nice vignettes),
Thematically (I have a side collection of checks with bank buildings pictured),
Autographically,
Chronologically (during a given time period), and
Universally (any new check is a good check).

My own collection consists of Pennsylvania items issued up until 1903 along with the above-mentioned bank building vignettes. I limit myself to a representative example of a given bank with every available tax stamp plus untaxed pieces. I do not try to get each and every format or printer variation.

Based on the above, I have offered to provide Bob Hohertz with a county-by-county listing of my holdings. I seriously invite any member or members to work with me in an on-going project to list at the very least all known banks which have issued checks in the Commonwealth. Who knows? The day may come when future enthusiasts may have a comprehensive catalog on which they can build their own version of the Perfect Collection."

Readers may comment to: Peter Robin
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Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
Fax 610 664-8807
e-mail: peterrobin@att.net



Happy Holidays from the ASCC Board!



E-mails to the Editor

Dear sir;

I used to collect checks before but have stopped four years ago. I am offering to your members a variety of different recent Philippine checks that have gone through the check clearing house here for free to any of your member requesting for it. I only request that they used nice commemorative stamps on the cover & enclose mint U.S. stamps with a total face value of one Dollar to cover postage. I am a life member of the American Philatelic Society, a life member of the American Topical Association & used to be a member of the American Society of Check Collectors about fifteen years ago. I have exchanged checks with the late Mr. Herman Boraker for about ten years.

Mr. Romy C. Go
c/o C.A.B. Hardware
467 McArthur Highway
Balibago, Angeles City 2009
Philippines

Robert:

This is in response to Sheldon Rabin's article in Number 78 of The Check Collector where he asks about the reference to "one and a half Taler" in the German language receipt that is the subject of the article. One and a half Taler was the equivalent of 11 shillings 3 pence in Pennsylvania in 1798.

During the early days of the United States, foreign coins had legal tender status. This was the case until 1873. Although Congress established the official tariff for foreign coins, there were regional differences in the values.

In Pennsylvania, a Taler was valued at 7 shillings 6 pence and was equivalent to 1 US dollar. Since there are 12 pence to a shilling, one Taler was equivalent to 90 pence. One and a half Taler would therefore be 135 pence or 11 shillings 3 pence.

Even though they were equivalent, I suspect that the Taler reference in the receipt actually refers to the US dollar and not the Germanic coinage of the same name. The English word "dollar" is derived from the German word "thaler" or "taler".

Jim Downey

Member Georgette Cornio reports that she has a copy of one of the "Vanished Items" in last issue's G3 inventory. The listing would now appear as: MI, Port Huron, Port Huron Savings B, Violet, violet tint, WBN used.



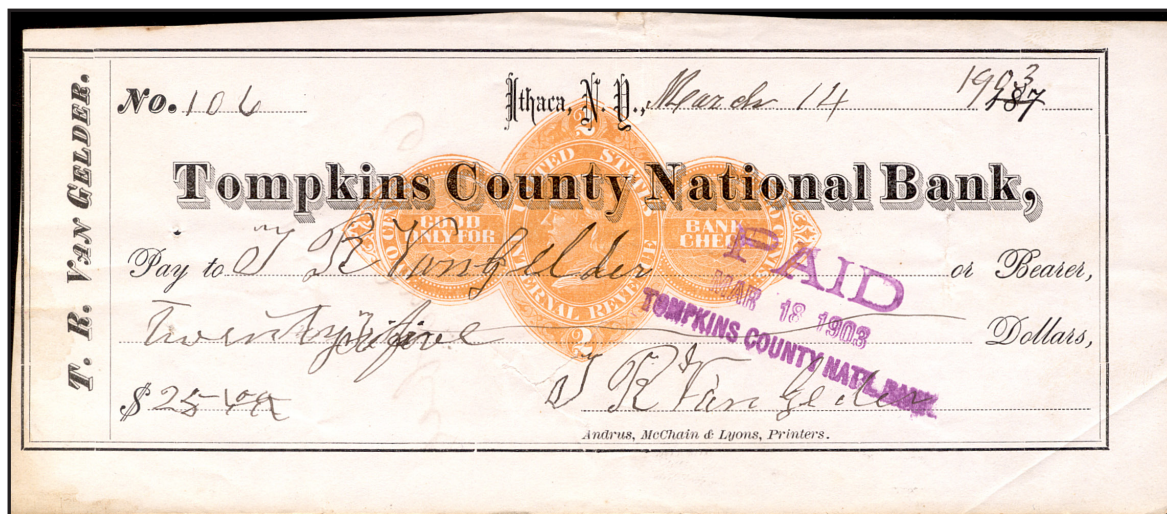
Announcements

Elections. Having received no nominations for Directors for 2007 as of this writing, Coleman Leifer, Dick Naven, Phillip Ryman and Michael Turrini will be reappointed as provided in our Bylaws. Providing any nominations arrive in the last weeks of December, elections will be held.

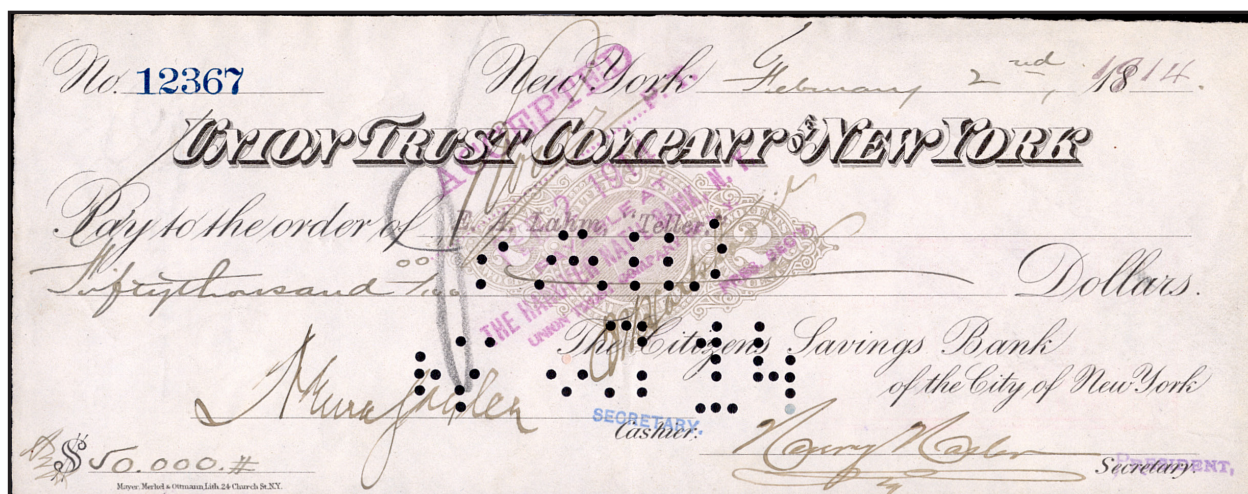
Dues. The dues for 2007 will remain at the 2006 level.

This unusual item was found by Lyman Hensley. The imprinted revenue is type D7, with "Good only for/ bank check" added as part of the design to left and right of the central vignette. Ron Leshner documents that such instructional legends were no longer necessary after October 1, 1872, so this check was very likely prepared for T.R. Van Gelder before that date.

The check was used in 1903, more than thirty years after it was printed.



The only later use of Civil War era revenue stamped paper that I am aware of involves all of the known copies of type M printed in gray. These were used in 1914. No earlier use is known.



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Secretary's Report

Lyman Hensley

REINSTATED

0949 Judith Murphy
1432 James Kaarlela
1242 Dennis Brown
1597 Alvan Jones
1645 Alan Ackroyd

NEW MEMBERS

1809 John Bentley 1230 Young Pl St Joseph, MI 49085 from internet	4, 9, 12 (lumber,agriculture), 22, 24, 25, 30 (bonds)
1810 Arthur A Jolly Petri 3754 S. 67 th St Milwaukee, WI 53220-1859 from IBNS	2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22, 23, 26, 30, 31
1811 Dempsey & Baxter 1009 East 38 th St Erie, PA 16504	1
1812 Richard Hopp 4936 Worster Ave Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 from Paper Money Collectors	4, 8, 9, 24, 25, 30, 31
1813 Dale Ennis Box 14 Coalgate, OK 74538	
1814 Robert Guzowski 9912 Lorelei Lane NE Albuquerque, NM 87111-1246 from Coin World article	1, 4, 20, 30
1815 Col Donald A Woodworth Jr USAF (ret) 1104 Timber Run O'Fallon, IL 62269-3127 from Bob Hohertz	2 (CT revenue stamped paper), 22, 31

The Thirteenth Annual Chicago Paper Money Exhibition will be held March 9 - 11 at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare on North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Entry is \$5 Friday and/or Saturday, free on Sunday.

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Member Exchange

Four different India Hundi (Bills of Exchange) with revenue imprints for two U.S. checks with two vignettes I need, or \$10. **Neil Sowards**, 548 Home Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807-1606.

Wanted: US Government checks and Wisconsin financial documents. **James A. Downey**, 1534 Pennsylvania Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. E-mail mufelika@itol.com.

New member is interested in pre-1950 Wisconsin checks. Will purchase or trade for any needed. **Tom Casper**, 3581 S. 75 St., Milwaukee, WI 53220-1137. E-mail tcasper57@hotmail.com.

Collector needs old Philippine TREASURY checks, 1900-1915, with portrait of Gen. LAWTON or Pres. McKINLEY. Top prices paid for nice examples, \$100 and up. Send checks or photocopies for my offer. **C.M. Nielsen**, PO Box 71005, Salt Lake City, UT 84171-0005.

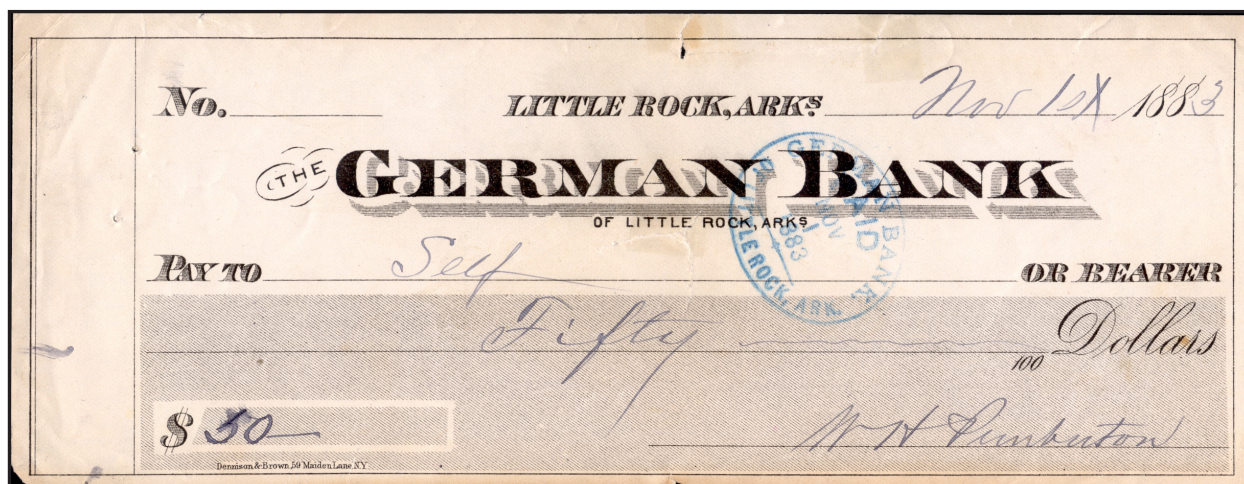
Wanted - Checks and related memorabilia from US branches of Canadian banks (Bank of British Columbia, Bank of British North America, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Merchants Bank of Halifax, Royal Bank of Canada.) Also pre-1910 Canadian checks. Please contact **Stephen Oatway**, PO Box 7325, Riverview, NB E1B 4T9 Canada. E-mail soatway@nb.sympatico.ca.

Wanted: MEXICO checks and financial documents with Mexico revenue stamps affixed or imprinted. **Bob Bergstrom**, 1711 Driving Park Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, USA. E-mail: bobanne@sbcglobal.net

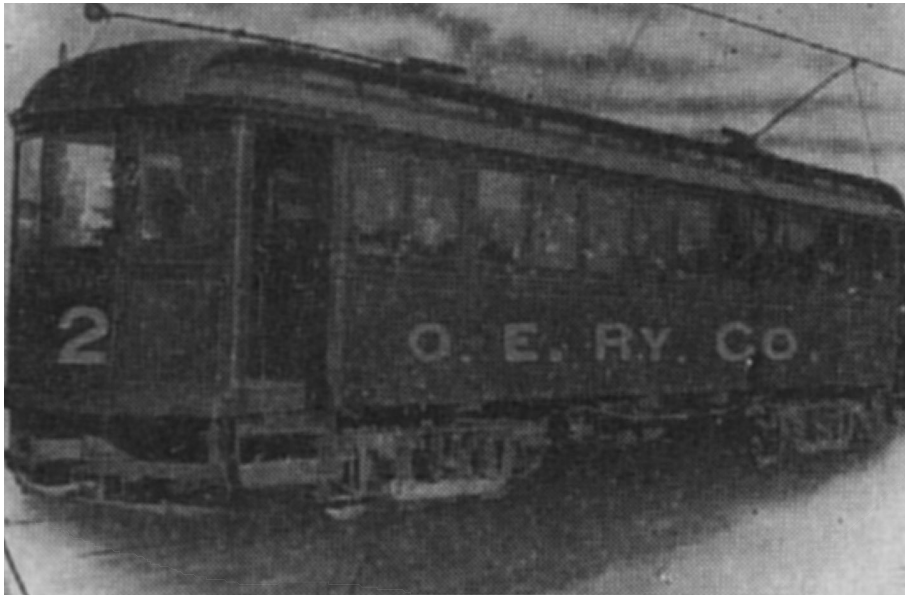
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More on G1a's



Front of a Little Rock G1a check. It is a bit battered, but any revenue stamped paper from Arkansas is a real find. Two of these are known to the writer. Are there any more?



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And Another G1a



The front of the South Dakota G1a. Again, the writer knows of two copies. Are there more?

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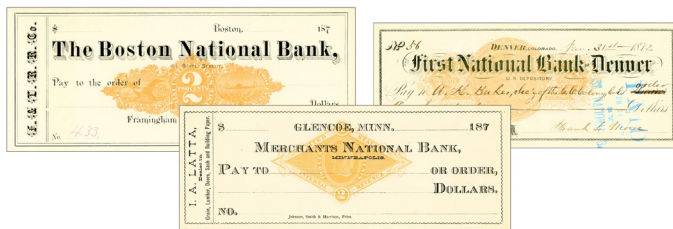
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