# United States of America

# The Trans-Mississippi Issue of 1898



#### "WESTERN CATTLE IN STORM"

The \$1.00 value used on large corner card cover. Registered mail from New York to Bavaria in July, 1908.

The City of Omaha, Nebraska, was a worldwide focal point in 1898, when the community staged the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition. The set of nine stamps issued to commemorate the event are among the legends of United States philately.

In 1897, Edward Rosewater, editor of *The Daily Bee* newspaper in Omaha, asked the Postmaster General to issue stamps for the exposition. Consenting to the proposal, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing designed the stamps to appear in two colors. The idea was abandoned when the Spanish-American War caused the Bureau to spend much of its time producing revenue paper to support the conflict.

Nevertheless, with a stamp in the set considered to be the most beautiful ever produced by the U.S.—the \$1.00 "Western Cattle In Storm" issue—the Trans-Mississippi Issue became an enchanting set for philatelists. Its importance in commemorating America's successful western expansion cannot be underestimated.

Pages shown here—from the most extensive collection ever formed of this issue—offer important off-cover examples of the stamps (including major one-of-a-kind items) and significant domestic and foreign destination usages. Particular attention is called to the large multiples of the higher values.

#### Pre-Exposition Advertising



#### **Exposition Pass**

Trans-Mississippi International Exposition Pass, issued as complimentary card which was good for admission at any Pass Gate.



#### **An Early Exposition Corner Card**

Primitive-appearing Trans-Mississippi Exposition advertising corner card used on two-cent entire used on October 10, 1896, nearly two years before the opening of the exposition.

# Pre-Exposition Advertising In Omaha, Nebraska



Commercial firm added Exposition advertisement to their business envelope, as did a large number of local companies.



Philatelic-Related - 1898

Trans-Mississippi Exposition advertising logo as part of business envelope for local stamp collecting publication.

## First Day of Issue & Earliest Usage



Pre-First Day of Issue - "Earliest Known Usage of the Two-Cent Value" Postmarked at Harrisburg, Pa, June 16, 1898, the day before official first day.



First day cover of one-cent issue from Washington, D.C., on June 17, 1898.

### First Day of Issue



"The Cover From Which The Scott Listing Was Made"
One through 10-cent values from Washington, D.C. on June 17, 1898.

No other 10-cent value known on first day cover.

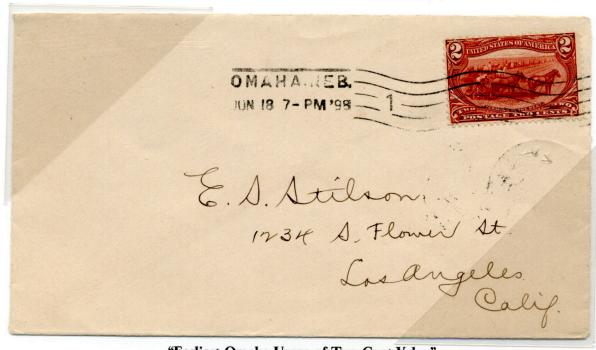


One-cent issue postmarked Pittsburgh, Pa., June 17, 1898. On Columbian Entire.

### Earliest Usages From Omaha



"Earliest Omaha Usage of One-Cent Value"
Postmarked on June 22, 1898. No known June 17 usage from Omaha.



"Earliest Omaha Usage of Two-Cent Value"
Postmarked on June 18, 1898. No known June 17 usage from Omaha.

### The One-Cent Issue "Marquette On The Mississippi"







Imprint Copies
Unused examples of pairs and a block of four showing the full Bureau of Engraving & Printing imprint.

# The One-Cent Issue Domestic Usages



One-cent printed matter rate on machine-cancelled cover from the Trans-Mississippi Exposition Publicity and Promotion Office.



Two-cent domestic letter rate on real estate corner card bearing advertisement for the exposition.

# The One-Cent Issue Domestic Usages



From Alaska Territory

Two-cent domestic rate cover with target cancels mailed from Koserefsky, Alaska Terr., in November, 1900.



Canadian-American Friendship Post Card

One-cent post card rate on mutli-colored post card from Lowell, Mass.

# The One-Cent Issue Domestic Usages



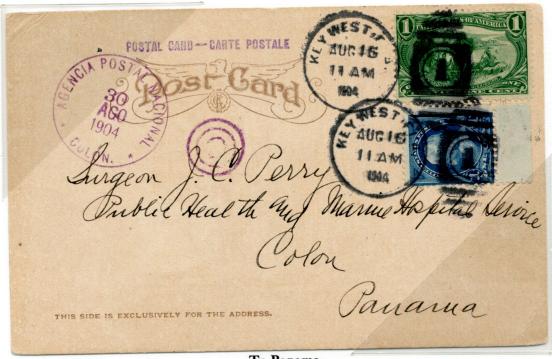
Flag Patriotic
Two-cent domestic letter rate from Grand Rapids, Mich., in Nov., 1898.



Early Stamp Dealer Corner Card With "Kicking Mule" cancels

Postage due on overweight domestic letter rate cover from Cleveland, Ohio, to Port Townsend, Wash. Mule cancels on due stamps.

### The One-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



To Panama

One-cent issue combined with one-cent definitive for post card rate from Colon, Panama, in August, 1904.



To Yokohama, Japan

One-cent issue combined with 3-cent Bank Note issue on one-cent entire to pay five-cent UPU letter rate to Japan in March, 1901.

# The One-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



To St. Martin, West Indies

Five-cent UPU letter rate on registered 2-cent entire to West Indies in November, 1899.



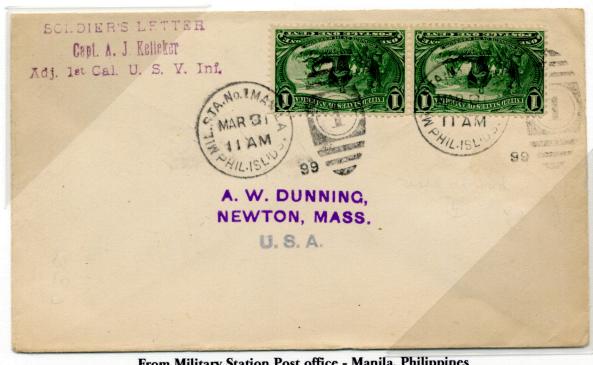
To British Virgin Islands

One-cent issue in combination with Columbian and Pan American issues on 2-cent entire. Registered to Hellebourg Reunion, BVI in July, 1902.

#### The One-Cent Issue Foreign Usages - From The Far East



One-cent value on one-cent postal card from Kiauchow, China with 1/2-cent Kiauchow adhesive paying postage to Shanghai, from which the card was dispatched.



From Military Station Post office - Manila, Philippines
Two-cent domestic leter rate for soldier's letter from the U.S.
military facility in the Philippines.

# The One-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



One-cent issue combined with 1, 2 and 5-cent definitives on 1-cent entire on registered cover to Tunis, Africa, in Nov., 1899.



#### To Russia

One-cent in combination with 3-cent definitive on 1-cent entire from Clveland, Ohio, to Warsaw...then a part of Russia. Machine cancel. Five-cent UPU rate, March, 1899.

# The Two-Cent Issue "Farming In The West"





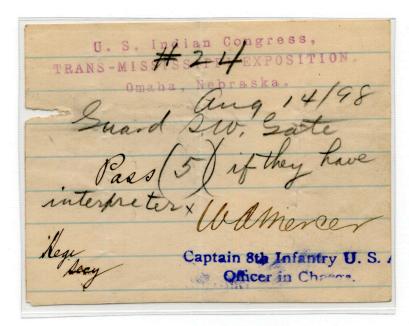


#### **Imprint Copies**

Unused examples of pairs and a block of four showing the full Bureau of Engraving & Printing imprint.

#### The Two-Cent Issue Local Use At Exposition





#### **Personally Signed Pass Enclosed**

Two-cent domestic rate on cover addressed to recipient (at the "Indian Camp") within the Trans-Mississippi Exposition grounds. Signed "U.S. Indian Congress" pass enclosed.

# The Two-Cent Issue Domestic Usages



#### **Exposition Machine Cancel**

Trans-mississippi Exposition official corner card cover with two-cent paying domestic letter rate. Exposition Station postmark. August, 1898.



The Origin of the "Kicking Mule" Cancel

Cover to famed Boston stamp dealer, Warren Colson, contains letter from Postmaster of Port Townsend, Wash., in which the latter describes the origin of the "Kicking Mule" cancel (used to cancel stamp on this cover).

### The Two-Cent Issue The Far East



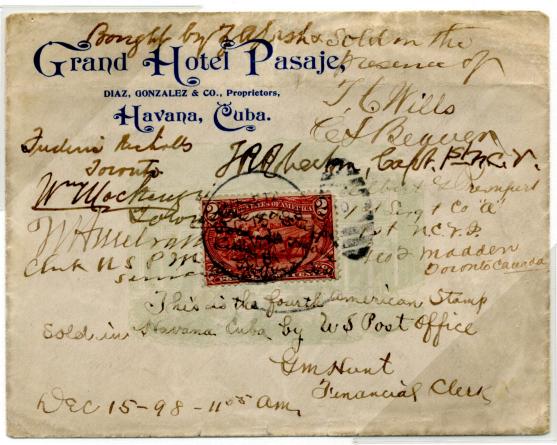
**Chinese Imperial Post stamps** 

Two-cent issue on postal card with Chinese stamps paying Shanghai Local postage...then dispatched by U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Dece., 1899.



**Soldier's Letter To Japan Bearing Japanese Stamps**Underpaid cover from Japan...then sent from U.S. Military Station,
Cavite, Phillippines, in May, 1899.

The Two-Cent Issue From U.S. Military Station, Havana, Cuba



"The Fourth U.S. Postage Stamp Sold At Military Station, Cuba" Hand-cancelled copy of two-cent value (not actually placed into the mails) that has numerous verification signatures that stamp was among the first U.S. stamps sold at U.S. Military Station, Havana, Cuba.

The Two-Cent Issue From Military Station Post Offices, Philippines



From the U.S.S. Bennington
Two-cent domestic letter from sailor on naval vessel. Postmarked
"Mil. Sta. No. 4, Cebu, Philippine Is.". August, 1899.



From "Military Station No. 1 - Philippines"
Two-cent domestic rate soldier's letter to Seattle, Wash., in April, 1899.

# The Two-Cent Issue Foreign Usage

### Swiss, Japanese & U.S. Frankings



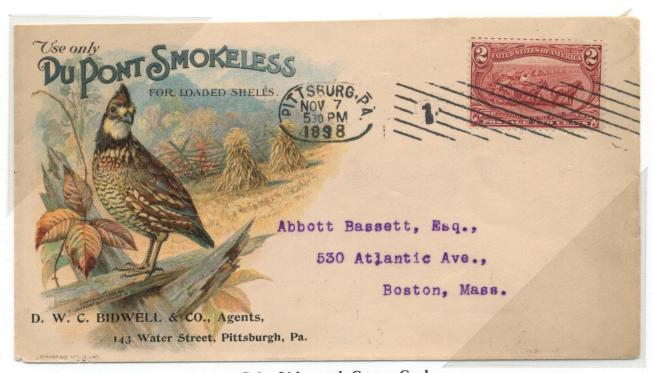
#### Originating In Switzerland

Mailed at Kriens, Switzerland, Sept. 1, 1898, to Port of New York. Through San Francisco, where cover languished in Dead Letter Office. Forwarded with U.S. postage to Yokohama, Japan, in November, 1898. Returned to Switzerland to arrive in January, 1899. Total elapsed time: 96 days. Returned to Switzerland with Japanese stamps.



Reverse showing Kriens receiver and U.S. Dead Letter Office marking.

#### The Two-Cent Issue Unusual Covers



Color Lithograph Corner Card
Two-dent domestic rate on colorful corner card for ammunition.



#### On Flag Patriotic Cover

Special Delivery usage with two-cent paying domestic letter rate on full-color patriotic cover from Crawfordsville, Indiana, on June 24, 1898,

### The Two-Cent Issue Usages On Philippines Postal Cards





#### **Unusual Combination Usage**

Two-cent issue combines with Philippines postage on postal cards mailed from U.S. Military Sta. Post Office, Philippines. May, 1899.

The Two-Cent Issue From Outside The U.S.



From Canada

On "Rule Britannia" corner card: mailed from Montreal with Canadian definitive and forwarded from Tenafly, N.J., with two-cent issue paying domestic letter rate.



From "Porto Rico"

UPU foreign rate of five cents on corner card cover from U.S. Military Station No. 1 in San Juan, Porto Rico. The latter was then still a Spanish possession.



#### The Two-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



To Canada - "Held For Postage"

Letter returned to sender from Boston, Mass., post office because of missing postage. Two-cent domestic rate (also good for mail to Canada).



Two-cent stamp underpays the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate. Austrian postage due stamp (30 centimes) applied at destination.

# The Two-Cent Issue To Turkey



**To Turkey**Five-cent UPU rate to Constantinople in October, 1898. Via London.



From Buffalo, N.Y. - seven cents overpays the UPU foreign letter rate. July, 1898.

# The Four-Cent Issue Domestic Usages



"Admiral Dewey" Cancel
Four-cent issue cancelled with highly uncommon
East Clarenden, Vermont, fancy cancel of Dewey.



Double the domestic letter rate of two cents. Postmark of the Exposition Station ties stamp to cover. August, 1898.

# The Four-Cent Issue "Indian Hunting Buffalo"



Imprint Copies
Unused examples of pair and blocks of four showing the full Bureau of Engraving & Printing imprint.

#### The Four-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



To Uruguay

Overpayment by four cents of the UPU 5-cent foreign letter rate and eight cents registry. To Montevideo in Nov., 1903. New York and Uruguayan registry labels.



To Denmark

Thirteen cents combination postage (with Columbian stamp on 5-cent entire) pays registry and 5-cent UPU letter rate to Kolding in Oct., 1898.

The Four-Cent Issue To India



To Karachi

Mourning cover with five cent UPU foreign letter rate to Karachi
from New York in October, 1898.



Registered To Quetta

Registered usage of five-cent letter rate to Quetta, Baluchistan, India, in Nov., 1899.

# The Four-Cent Issue To Russia





Five-Cent UPU Rate To Russia

Two covers to Russia, the latter a double weight cover that required postage due upon arrival in Novorossisk in June, 1899.

### The Four-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



Letter Sheet To Germany

Four-cent issue added to two-cent letter sheet to overpay by one cent the 5-cent UPU rate to Hamburg in 1899. Rubber stamped corner card.



To Belgium

Overall flag patriotic cover bearting 5-cent UPU rate to Antwerp on May 5, 1899.

# The Four-Cent Issue To The Pacific



Five-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Padang on machine-cancelled cover. March, 1899



Thirteen cents combination postage on registered cover to Sydney, Australia, then forwarded to Suva, Fiji, in March, 1900. From Lamar, Mo., via San Francisco.

# The Four-Cent Issue The Far East



From U.S. Postal Agency - Shanghai, China To Prague
"Red Band" cover to Prague (April 13, 1900) bearing Dowager Empress issue
tied by local Kiauchow, China, handstamp. Dispatched with 5 cents
UPU postage from U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai.



Seven Port Townsend, Wash, "Kicking Mule" handstamps tie 4-cent issue and one-cent definitives on two-cent entire to Manila. May, 1900.

# The Five-Cent Issue "Fremont On Rocky Mountains"





Imprint pairs

Plate number imprint pairs with full BEP imptint.



# Upper right sheet margin imprint plate number block of 10 with full Bureau of Engraving & Printing imprint. Plate No. 602.

## The Five-Cent Issue Domestic Usages



#### Imprint Pair On Cover

Ten cents postage for 8-cent registry fee and 2-cent domestic letter rate. From Boston, Dec., 1900.



#### **Combination Usage**

Five-cent issue with one, two and four-cent stamps on a six times domestic letter rate cover on June 23, 1898.

#### The Five-Cent Issue



#### **Exposition Cancel**

Five-cent issue overpays single weight domestic rate cover.

Postmark of Exposition Station post office ties stamp.

August 3, 1898. Less than 75 recorded examples of this duplex cancel.



#### On Patriotic Corner Card To Austria

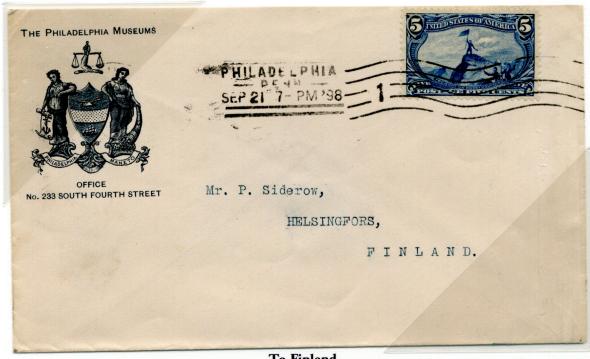
Five-cent and eight-cent issues combine for UPU letter rate and registry fee to Austria in July, 1899.

#### The Five-Cent Issue Scandinavian Destinations



To Iceland

Single letter rate registered cover to Dyrafjord, Iceland, from Cleveland, Ohio, in November, 1899. Via New York, Reykjavik and Kjobenhavin.



To Finland

Five-cent UPU foreign letter rate on corner card cover from Philadelphia, Pa., to Helsinki in September, 1898.

### The Five-Cent Issue Usages In The Pacific



Double weight registered letter to the Hawaiian Islands; Nov., 1898.



**From U.S. Postal Agency - Shanghai, China**Five-cent UPU foreign letter rate to San Mateo, Calif., Sept., 1899.

#### The Five-Cent Issue To South America



To Venezuela

Single weight registered cover with five-cent issue in combination with Columbian 3-cent issue on 5-cent entire to Caracas in Nov., 1899.



To Argentina

Two five-cent issues on double weight cover to Buenos Aires per Steamship Luciana from New York in October, 1898.

# The Five-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



Five-cent UPU rate to Hamilton, Bermuda, in Feb., 1922. Very late usage.



Five-cent issue underpaying double letter rate cover to Guayaquil. Ecuadoran postage due applied on arrival. April, 1899.

# The Five-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



Five-cent issue pays foreign letter rate to England, March, 1899. forwarded to Kioto, Japan, from London. Japanese forwarding tryptych on front.



To Italy

Thirteen cents pays UPU foreign letter rate and eight cents registry on cover from Hiram Deats (early president of American Philatelic Society) to Rome, Italy, in December, 1898.

#### The Five-Cent Issue To India



#### Registered To India - Returned To Dead Letter Office

Thirteen cents pays 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate and eight cents registry on cover to Baluchistan, India. Return to U.S. and "Unclaimed". Numerous transit markings on front and reverse.



Machine Flag Cancel On cover To Assam, India

Five-cent UPU foreign letter rate from Portland, Oregon, in March, 1899.

## The Five-Cent Issue From Philippines To Norway



### Via Hong Kong - Double Weight Cover

Two five-cent issues pay twice the UPU foreign letter rate of five cents on cover from U.S. Military Station Post Office, Manila, Philippines, to Bodo, Norway. April, 1899.

# The Five-Cent Issue Mixed Frankings



Postage Due To Belgium

Double weight cover underpaid by 5-cent stamp on cover to Antwerp in October, 1899. Fifty centimes Belgian due stamp applied on arrival.

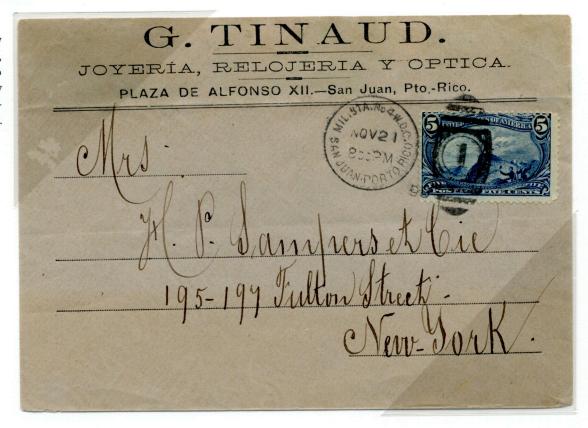


**Underweight Letter To France** 

Five-cent issue underpays double weight cover to Paris. Fifty centimes French due stamp applied on arrival. Boston, Mass. machine cancel.

### The Five-Cent Issue From Porto Rico

From Military Station No. 4, San Juan, Porto Rico, to New York. November, 1899.





From Military Station, San Juan, Porto Rico, to Copenhagen, Denmark. Transit through France. March, 1899.

# The Five-Cent Issue To Germany



**To Baden**Five-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Germany in August, 1898.



Double UPU foreign letter rate to Germany. From Washington, D.C., July, 1898.

The Eight-Cent Issue "Troops Guarding Train" (Two different plate numbers)



Imprint Block - Imperforate Between Horizontally
Unused top sheet margin plate number imprint block of four with full Bureau of Engraving & Printing imprint. Plate. No. 609.



Unused top margin plate number block of six. with full ABNC imprint. Plate Number. 643.

# The Eight-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



From Montana To England With Straightline "FOREIGN" cancel. Eight-cent issue and 5-cent definitive on 5-cent entire for double weight postage and registry on cover to London in Nov., 1899. Illustrated in Luff.



Eight and four-cent Trans-Mississippi issues on one-cent entire. Registered single weight cover to Island of Hayti in June, 1899.

# The Eight-Cent Issue Domestic Usages





Registered On Corner Card Covers

Eight-cent issue is used for registry fee on corner card cover from Wisconsin State Seminary (1899) and on cover from stamp dealer in Boston, Mass. (1900).

### The Eight-Cent Issue To Canada



#### Registered From Early Stamp Dealer Double weight letter with 12 cents postage to Napierville, Quebec in December, 1898.



Single weight registered letter to Lenoxville, Quebec in August, 1898.

### The Eight-Cent Issue To Belgium



Registered To Belgium

Eight-cent in combination with one and four-cent Trans-Mississippi issues and 5-cent definitive pay registry fee and double weight letter rate postage to Antwerp in October, 1899.

# The Eight-Cent Issue To Cyprus



From Baltimore, Maryland

Eight-cent issue in combination with 4-cent Columbian and one-cent definitive pay for UPU letter weight registered cover to Larnaca, Cyprus in April, 1900.



From Sterling, Illinois

Eight-cent and five-cent on registered cover. Transit through London in August, 1898. To Larnaca, Cyprus.

## The Eight-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



A plate number imprint pair of the eight-cent issue overpays by three cents the five-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry. Sept., 1898.



Eight and one-cent Trans-Mississippi issues and 2 and 1-cent definitives on registered cover to Philippines from New Whatcom, Wash., in October, 1900.

# The Ten-Cent Issue "Hardships of Emigration"





#### **Imprint Copies**

Unused examples of pairs and a block of four showing the full Bureau of Engraving & Printing imprint.

### The Ten-Cent Issue The Far East



From U.S. Military Station - Philippines
Ten-cent issue pays double UPU foreign letter rate to
Madrid, Spain in April, 1899.



Ten and eight-cent issues pay double the UPU foreign letter rate and eight cents registry from San Francisco to Hong Kong July, 1898.

### Combination Usages



One through 10-cent values on cover to Wave Island, Fla., from Port Townsend, Wash.



Registered Usage To England

One through 8-cent values on June, 1895, registered cover to London.

## The Ten-Cent Issue To Europe



To Switzerland

Ten-cent issue used with eight-cent stamp paying double letter weight and registry fee to Zurich in March, 1899.



To Italy

Two ten-cent and one five-cent Trans-Mississippi issues combine with one and two-cent definitives to pay two-ounce letter rate to Florence. June, 1899.

### The Ten-Cent Issue Domestic Registered Usages

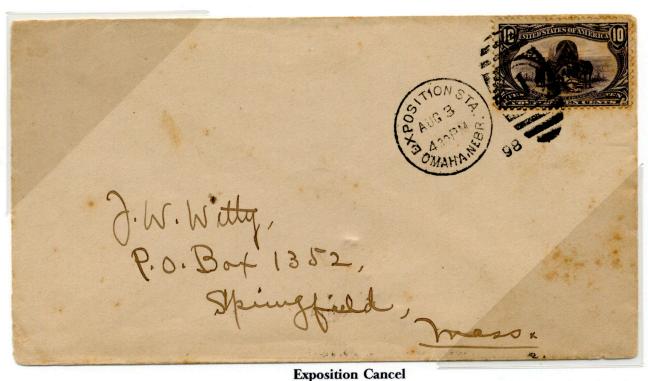




Two usages showing domesticletter rate postage of two cents and eight center registry.

Top cover is on official Post Office Dept. corner card cover.

### The Ten-Cent Issue Domestic Usages



Ten-cent used on cover postmarked with the Exposition Station duplex cancel. August 3, 1898.



Used With Revenue Stamps - From Hawaii

Ten-cent on 2-cent entire accompanied by two 2-cent proprietary revenue stamps. November, 1900. All stamps tied.

### The Ten-Cent Issue Registered To Switzerland



#### From U.S. Military Station Post Office - Manila, Philippines

Ten and four-cent Trans-Mississippi issues combine with definitives to pay six times UPU letter rate and eight cents registry. Transit through Hong Kong and Brindisi en route. April, 1899.

### The Fifty-Cent Issue



Unused Imprint Pair - Full Bureau of Engraving & Printing Imprint



Used Imprint Pair - Full BEP Imprint
Plate number imprint pair used from Eastwood, N.Y., March, 1902.



**Unused Imprint Block of Four - Full BEP Imprint** 

# The Fifty-Cent Issue Domestic Usage



On piece used from U.S. Military Station, Philippines in 1899.

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United States National Bank

Omaha, Neb.

On Bank Commercial Cover

Fifty-cent combined with two 2-cent definitives pay eight cents registry plus 23 times the domestic letter rate on heavy business-sized cover from Omaha to Fremont, Nebraskain June, 1899.

### The Fifty-Cent Issue



Eight cents registry plus overpayment of eight times 5-cent UPU letter rate to Germany in January, 1899.



Single On Cover

Eight cents registry plus 21 times domestic letter rate from Omaha to Fremont, Nebraska, in July, 1899.

# The Fifty-Cent Issue Foreign Destinations



To Belgium

Sixty-eight cents postage for letter rate and registry on business cover to Brussels. Twelve times UPU 1/2 oz. rate, plus eight cents registry. Feb., 1899.



### To Germany

Two 50-cent and nine onecent Trans-Mississippi issues combine on registered usage to Nuremberg in January, 1899.

### The Fifty-Cent Issue To Hungary From The Philippines



From The Philippines
Two 50-cent and three ten-cent issues combined with Philippines overprints on registered letter to Budapest, Hungary in November, 1899. From U.S.
Military Station Number 1, Manila.

### The Dollar Values From The Heusler Correspondence





From Heusler, Indiana
Two registered covers from Dr. Ernst Heusler who mailed them from his namesake hometown, June and November, 1898.

## The One-Dollar Issue "Western Cattle In Storm"



**Unused Imprint Block** 

Upper left sheet margin plate number imprint block of ten showing full Bureau of Engraving & Printing imprint. Plate No. 606.



Never hinged right sheet margin pair with partial arrow.



Single used from Manila, Philippines in Sept., 1899.

# The One-Dollar Issue To Germany



The \$1.00 issue combined with two one-cent stamps on registered cover, per Steamer *Campania*, to Muhlhausen in Aiugust, 1898.

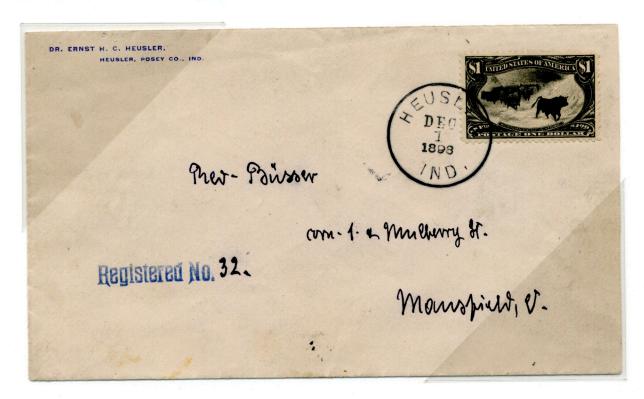
New York registry oval cancels tie stamps.

# The One-Dollar Issue To Germany



The \$1.00 issue used alone on registered cover from Boston to Baden in December, 1898.

### The Dollar Values From The Heusler Correspondence





From Heusler, Indiana
Two registered covers from Dr. Ernst Heusler who mailed them from his namesake hometown, June and November, 1898.

The Two-Dollar Issue "Mississippi River Bridge"



Imprint Strip
Upper left plate number imprint strip of five with full
BEP imprint. Plate No. 613.



Imprint Block
Upper sheet margin plate number imprint block of four. Plate No. 613.



Used In Tandem With \$1.00 Value On piece from Heuser, Indiana, July, 1898.

### The \$2.00 Value Registry Usages



Used on piece with New York oval Registry cancels In combination with 50-cent value and 8 and 15-cent definitives.



Registered to Hungary

Solo usage of the \$2.00 value on cover mailed from Yonkers, New York, to Budapest in December, 1900. Transit through New York City.

### The Two-Dollar Issue Combination Usage To Europe



#### To Germany

The \$2.00, \$1.00, 50, 10, 8, and 4-cent Trans-Mississippi issues in combination on foreign letter rated cover to Berlin on Sept. 22, 1898. From Brooklyn, New York.

#### The Two-Dollar Issue



\$2.00 issue used with other Trans-Mississipppi issues on letter mail to Berlin, Germany in September, 1898.



#### To Switzerland

Single on business corner card cover to Basel. Registered usage from Baltimore, Maryland, through New York in August, 1898.

#### The Full Set On cover



#### Registered Usage To Germany

The one through \$2.00 values cancelled by New York's Madison Square Post Office Station oval registry cancels on cover to Munich in July, 1898.