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Wild West Notes.

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"Hang on to your Omahas" that is the best advice that can be given to the collector these days, "get all you can" is just as good, however. All values are unusually rare for a stamp which has been in use for six months in the United States.

Many collectors think that their boom will "fall flat" in a manner similar to the Columbian issue, many dealers are offering but little for them, fearing a drop.

That they will become as common as the Columbians is impossible, they will be in use but several months; the Columbians were in use over a year. They are furnished to post offices only on special request of the postmaster and then the public, in turn, gets them by an expressed desire; the Columbian issue was furnished to every post office in the United States and were used instead of the regular small sized issue,

hereby finding their way on every package.

"Save your Omahas" again I say. Because dealers do not offer face for them is not a sign that they will not be worth that to everyone before long.

Every collector in the U. S. who purchased a complete set of the maple leaf issue while they were current, is hugging himself at every bound they take.

A stamp which will have a high figure set after it in the next catalogue, will be the five cent dark blue of 1898. It was used in that color such a short time and then its use was largely hindered by the Omaha of that value, so that speculators are investing largely in that denomination.

The writer has lately been trying to complete his sets of Hawaiian stamps and has had the misfortune to find it almost impossible. Everybody is holding back for the next catalogue, and the stamps are unobtainable at anywhere near 58th figures.