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WILD WEST NOTES.

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It is reported that the John Adams post card, which is meeting with so little favor, is to be withdrawn. This is a good thing. They would be a disgrace to the postal system of any other country. The U. S. has always prided herself on having the homiest post cards in the world, with this John Adams emission she has beaten everything else she has attempted in that line. With the cheap card-board for printing, and the most hideous design that ever happened, beside which an afghanistan is a dream of beauty, the U. S. has the 'never' to call it a 'LADIES CARD'. The withdrawal will make them exceedingly rare, but few were issued and still fewer are the post-offices that have them on sale.

Collectors will do well to treasure the first printing of the Omaha's. This printing is distinguished by the richness of color, and in some cases,

in connection with a slight blurring of the design. The later printings are clearer and the color is in every case lighter.

The xmas stamp has met with prime favor in Hastings. Nearly all local collectors specialize somewhat in Canadian and are never averse, no matter how much it may worry some, to placing new varieties of the interesting country in their collections. The colors might blend better, but in all things it is easy to find fault.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ cent prop. has been found in a distinct red-brown and in the shade has easily secured the price of ten cents. The $\frac{3}{8}$ cent in lemon has been sold for six cents. Rumors that all revenues are soon to be perforated has caused bounds in prices for all values.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent each is the price which is easily secured for fine copies of the 1 cent Omaha the 4 cent is selling for face, the eight commands a price of five cents. Pretty good isn't it? This is for used copies of course.