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The Buffalo Stamps—now you have them what do you think about them? They will be issued until November 1, they cost 20 cents per thousand to print, as against 8 cents for the ordinary issue. Uncle Sam will print all you want, so step right up and gather them in. They are printed in sheets of 200 and sold in sheets of 100. The number of each denomination will be

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| 1 cent | 71 million, |
| 2 " | 160 " |
| 4 " | 5 " |
| 5 " | 8 " |
| 8 " | 3 " |
| 10 " | 4 " |

Plate number collectors will have to remember that there are two sets of numbers one for the border and one for the vignette and that consequently there is a possibility of many combinations.

It is definitely stated that there will be no more surcharged stamps for Guam, and let's hope it's true..

The "ring" in J. Ellwood Lee stamps seems to have been broken, a Chicago dealer now offering them for 35 cents seconds and 50 cents firsts.

There will probably be a new series of revenue stamps to fit the bucket shop clause of the amended war revenue act. The act imposes an additional tax on these shops, and the stamps will be distinctive, either by a surcharge or a new design.

Regulations to provide for the redemption of revenue stamps rendered useless by the amended act have been published. No amount less than \$2 will be dealt with, they must be presented for redemption

within two years of the date of sale, and the affidavits and vouchers required are likely to discourage many holders, and thereby Uncle Sam will turn a good many honest dollars.

It will probably be at least a year before the new series of U. S. postage stamps, with the name and dates of birth and death of the persons whose portraits are given comes out.

Cuba has now been given "domestic" rates of postage with the United States.

There are two classes of people who separate from a philatelic society, the honorable class who resign while in good standing, and the class who sponge on until dropped for non-payment of dues, and then fail to reinstate themselves, by paying up.

On April 1, 1901 the maximum amount of a money order issued in Canada for payment in the United States was increased to \$100.

The sender of any article addressed for delivery in a foreign country may cause it to be withdrawn from the postal service or have its address changed, as long as the article has not been delivered to the addressee; provided the legislation of the country of destination of the article allows such withdrawal or alteration.

Cards wholly in print, folded with open ends, and having the outer edge or flap sealed with a sticker in such a manner that the entire inner surface may be easily examined, are mailable at the third-class rate of postage; but the Department discourages the use of stickers, and especially the use of postage stamps, in this manner.

The following amendment has been made to the U. S. postal laws:—"During the heated term postmasters may permit letter carriers to wear a neat shirt-waist