

WORKMEN DIG UP OLD BILLS AND HAVE BANKERS GUESSING

Rare Greenbacks Disclosed as Foundations for Building are in Match Case

They are \$50 Bills of 1864; Worth More Than the Face Value.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Several New York bankers have been busy seeking to appraise the value of a recent find in Wilmington, N. C. A report from there said workmen digging the foundations of a large building for the American Molasses Company had unearthed four \$50 United States greenbacks dated Dec. 15, 1864. They are believed to have been lost by a Union soldier who had fallen in a battle at the site. The currency was intact bearing, and compounded at that.

In Rubber Matchcase. The bills were in a small hard rubber matchcase, and were well preserved. They are about the same size and white on one side, and green on the back. Across the face is printed in large letters: "Compound Interest Treasury Note." On the left side of the front is a female figure in a statue representing "Loyalty." To the right is a picture of Alexander Hamilton. The notes were signed by S. B. Colby, Register of the Treasury, and F. E. Splinter, Treasurer.

The following inscription which reveals how hard pressed was the Northern Government in the Civil War to get gold in exchange for its paper is contained on the front of the bills: "This note is legal tender for \$50. Three years after date, Dec. 15, 1864, the United States will pay the bearer \$50 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. compounded semi-annually."

On the back the following compound interest table is given to show the value of the bills: "Value at end of six months, \$51.90; one year, \$53.84; 18 months, \$55.83; two years, \$57.87; 30 months, \$59.96; 40 months, \$62.10; 50 months, \$64.30; 60 months, \$66.56; 70 months, \$68.87; 80 months, \$71.24; 90 months, \$73.66; 100 months, \$76.13; 110 months, \$78.65; 120 months, \$81.22; 130 months, \$83.84; 140 months, \$86.51; 150 months, \$89.23; 160 months, \$92.00; 170 months, \$94.82; 180 months, \$97.69; 190 months, \$100.61; 200 months, \$103.58; 210 months, \$106.60; 220 months, \$109.67; 230 months, \$112.79; 240 months, \$115.95; 250 months, \$119.16; 260 months, \$122.42; 270 months, \$125.73; 280 months, \$129.09; 290 months, \$132.50; 300 months, \$135.96; 310 months, \$139.47; 320 months, \$143.03; 330 months, \$146.64; 340 months, \$150.30; 350 months, \$154.01; 360 months, \$157.77; 370 months, \$161.58; 380 months, \$165.44; 390 months, \$169.35; 400 months, \$173.31; 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