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Opinion No. 6 PR125 Date 09/29/12

I have examined the enclosed United States 5¢ 1865
Unused Newspaper Stamp,
(Scott PR1)

for J. Dooley

and my opinion is; _____

It is genuine, no gum as issued, small closed
tear at lower left.

A photograph is attached below. Appears sound.



Signed *W.R. Weiss, Jr.*

Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)
United States Stamp Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society
U.S. Cancellation Club, U.S. Postal Stationary Society

Established 1972

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

In its early years, the post office suffered from having to compete with local express and delivery companies. Through legislation, the government effectively removed the competition. However, the express companies continued to be active and successful rivals of the Post Office when it came to handling newspapers.

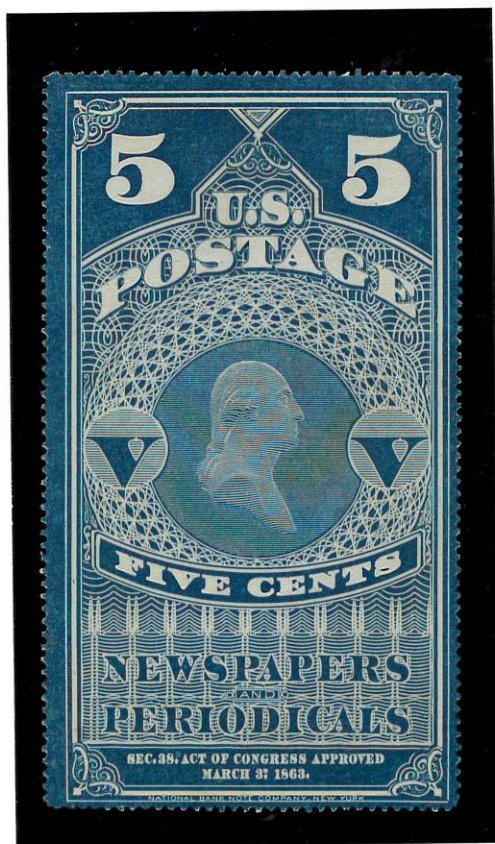
An Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1863, allowed

the Postmaster General to make arrangements with route agents for the direct delivery of newspapers, without having to be routed thru the post office. This return to the old system of settling accounts in cash proved unsatisfactory, and so in 1865 the first stamps designed solely for accounting for newspapers and other periodicals were issued.

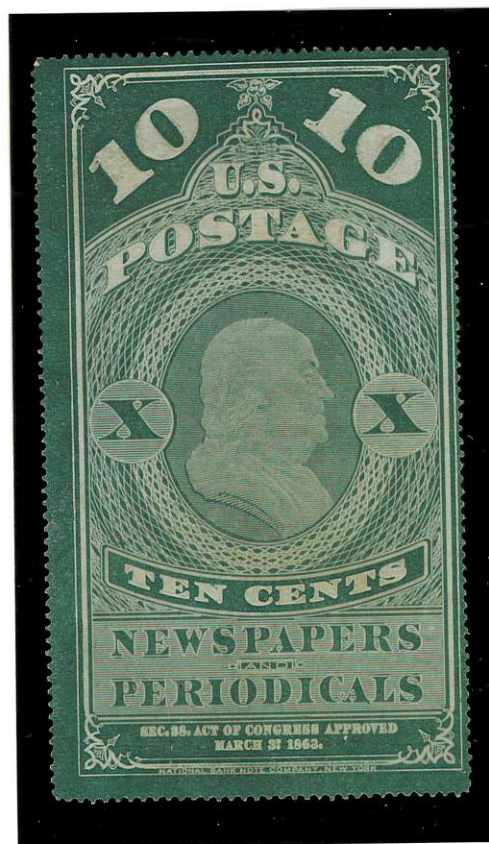
Printed by National Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Typographed and Embossed

1865



5c Dark Blue, Colored Border
Scott PR1



5c Blue Green, Colored Border
Scott PR2

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Opinion No. 9 PR425 Date 09/29/12

I have examined the enclosed United States 5¢ 1865
Unused Newspaper Stamp,
(Scott PR4)

for J. Dooley

and my opinion is; _____
It is genuine, appears sound but gum was added
to the back (issued without gum) and may hide

A photograph is attached below. faults.



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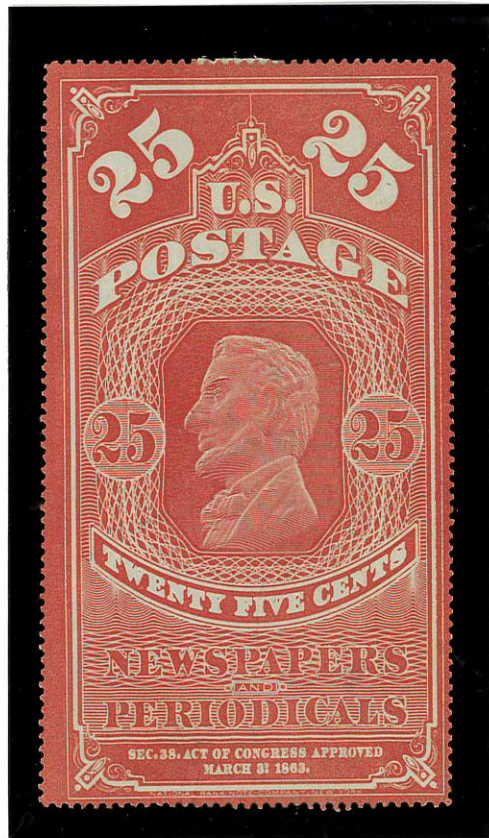
Established 1972

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

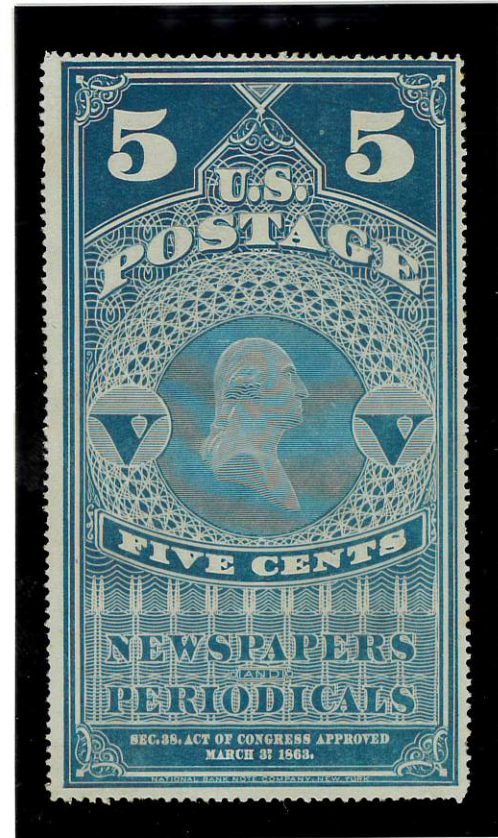
Printed by National Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Typographed and Embossed

1865



25c Orange Red, Colored Border
Scott PR3



5c Light Blue, White Border
Scott PR4

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Opinion No. 21 PR825

Date 03/06/13

I have examined the enclosed United States 5¢ 1881
Unused Newspaper Stamp,
(Scott PR8)

for J. Dooley

and my opinion is; _____

It is genuine, no gum as issued, appears sound
but has thin at upper right and light horiz-

ontal crease at bottom.
A photograph is attached below.



Signed _____

W. R. Weiss, Jr.

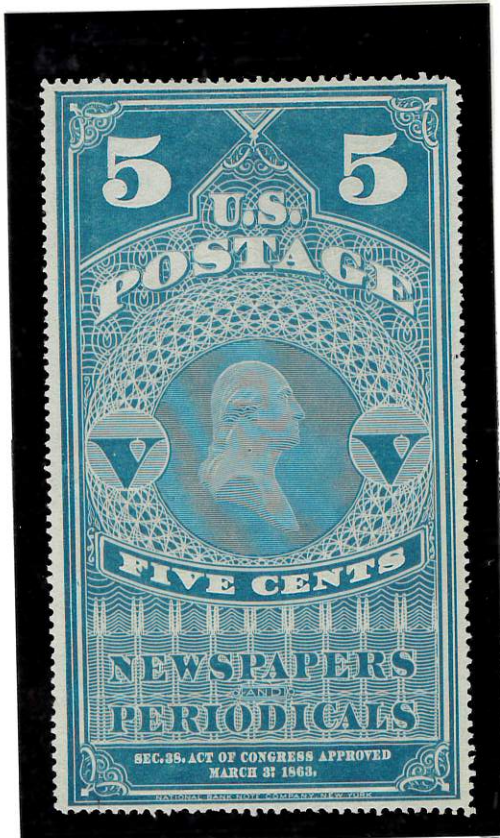
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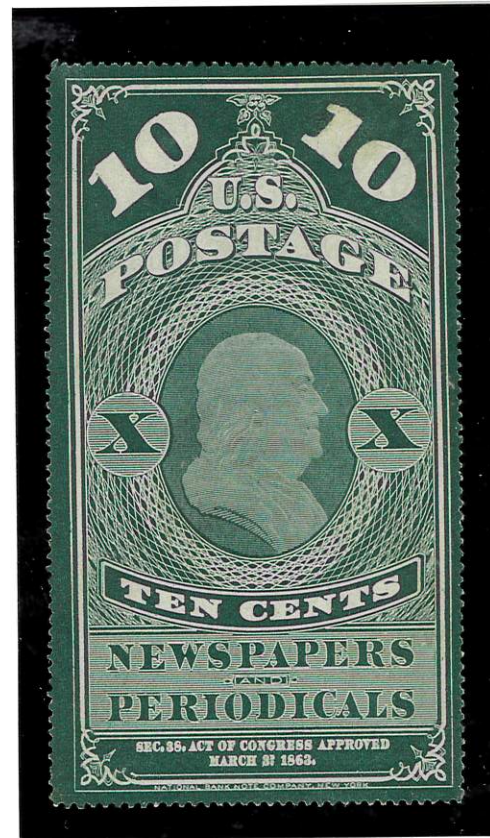
Established 1972

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

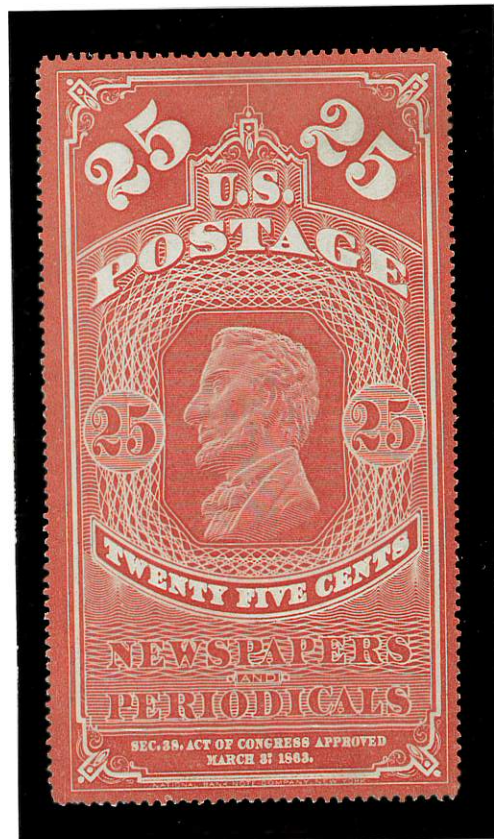
1875 REPRINT OF 1865 ISSUE



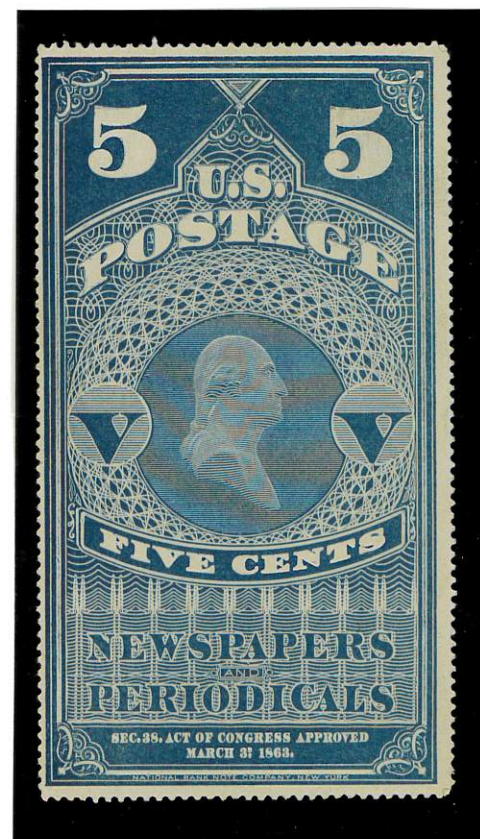
5c Dull Blue, White Border
Scott PR5



10c Dark Bluish Green, Colored Border
Scott PR6



25c Dark Carmine, Colored Border
Scott PR7



5c Dark Blue, White Border
Scott PR8 (Issued in 1881)



The Philatelic Foundation

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New York, NY 10016
EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 548364

05/23/2018

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Denom.</u>	<u>Color</u>
PR33a	1875	2¢	gray black

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, HORIZONTALLY RIBBED PAPER.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS NOT SCOTT PR33a, RATHER, IT IS AN UNUSED SCOTT PR9, NORMAL PRINTING WITHOUT GUM. *****

*** PF GRADED XF 90 ***



548364

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For The Expert Committee
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by Continental Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Thin Hard Paper

1875

Prior to the beginning of 1875, payment for sending newspapers and periodicals was paid in money, which led to accounting irregularities. Starting January 1, 1875, publications issued more than once a week were charged a rate of 3 cents per pound (or fraction of a pound), to be weighed in bulk and affixed to each stack, or to a memorandum with details of the sending. The new system was viewed as a great improvement by both publishers and the post office. These were issued concurrently with the Bank Note issue stamps (Scott 156-166), and were printed by the same company.



2c Black
Scott PR9



3c Black
Scott PR10



4c Black
Scott PR11



6c Black
Scott PR12



8c Black
Scott PR13



9c Black
Scott PR14



10c Black
Scott PR15



12c Rose
Scott PR16



24c Rose
Scott PR17



36c Rose
Scott PR18



48c Rose
Scott PR19



60c Rose
Scott PR20

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by Continental Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Thin Hard Paper

1875



72c Rose
Scott PR21



84c Rose
Scott PR22



96c Rose
Scott PR23



\$1.92 Dark Brown
Scott PR24



\$3.00 Vermilion
Scott PR25



\$6.00 Ultramarine
Scott PR26



\$9.00 Yellow Orange
Scott PR27



\$12.00 Blue Green
Scott PR28



\$24.00 Dark Gray Violet
Scott PR29



\$36.00 Brown Rose
Scott PR30



\$48.00 Red Brown
Scott PR31



\$60.00 Violet
Scott PR32

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Opinion No. 432 4012 Date 06/08/09

I have examined the enclosed United States 12¢ 1875
Unused Newspaper Stamp
Special Printing (Scott PR40).

for M. Morrow

and my opinion is; _____

It is genuine, no gum as issued, black
ink and paper hinge adhesions on back.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed _____

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Established 1972

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by Continental Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Hard White Paper, Without Gum

1875 SPECIAL PRINTING OF 1875 ISSUE

The 1875 Special Printing is part of a program which is also issued Reprints (of demonetized designs), Re-Issues (of stamps valid for postage but no longer in production) and Special Printings (stamps in current production). It is the same program that produced Scott 167-177, 180-181, and others. Stamps were sold through the offices of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, and a record was kept of each stamp sold. Quantities sold are listed below.



2c Gray Black
Scott PR33
5,000 sold



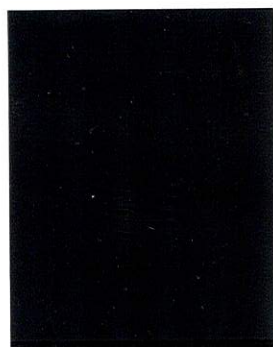
3c Gray Black
Scott PR34
5,000 sold



4c Gray Black
Scott PR35
4,451 sold



6c Gray Black
Scott PR36
2,348 sold



8c Gray Black
Scott PR37
1,930 sold



9c Gray Black
Scott PR38
1,795 sold



10c Gray Black
Scott PR39
1,49 sold



12c Pale Rose
Scott PR40
1,313 sold



24c Pale Rose
Scott PR41
411 sold



36c Pale Rose
Scott PR42
330 sold



48c Pale Rose
Scott PR43
268 sold



60c Pale Rose
Scott PR44
222 sold

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by American Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Soft Porous Paper

1879

In February 1879, the leading bank note companies in New York City were consolidated under the name of American Bank Note Company. The new entity assumed production, using the same printing plates as its predecessor. The paper is noticeably different, with a very soft and porous appearance. The colors are also slightly different.



2c Black
Scott PR57



3c Black
Scott PR58



4c Black
Scott PR59



6c Black
Scott PR60



8c Black
Scott PR61



10c Black
Scott PR62



12c Red
Scott PR63



24c Red
Scott PR64



36c Red
Scott PR65



48c Red
Scott PR66



60c Red
Scott PR67



72c Red
Scott PR68

Cert No. 0575431

5/16/2017



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EXPERT COMMITTEE OPINION:

Cat#	Issue	Denom.	Shade
PR75	1875	\$12	Yellow Green

*"it is genuine unused, og hinged with thins and
REPERFORATED AT TOP".*



Acting Committee Chairman

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by American Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Soft Porous Paper

1879



84c Red
Scott PR69



96c Red
Scott PR70



\$1.92 Pale Brown
Scott PR71



\$3.00 Red Vermilion
Scott PR72



\$6.00 Blue
Scott PR73



\$9.00 Orange
Scott PR74



\$12.00 Yellow Green
Scott PR75



\$24.00 Dark Violet
Scott PR76



\$36.00 Indian Red
Scott PR77



\$48.00 Yellow Brown
Scott PR78



\$60.00 Purple
Scott PR79

1883 Special Printing
of 1879 Issue



2c Intense Black
Scott PR80

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by American Bank Note Company

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Soft Porous Paper

1885

Starting July 1, 1885, the rate was changed on second class printed matter sent thru the mail by publishers and news agents, to one cent per pound. This required a new 1c stamp. Other values to the 96c were also printed from existing plates, in a slightly different color.



1c Black
Scott PR81



12c Carmine
Scott PR82



24c Carmine
Scott PR83



36c Carmine
Scott PR84



48c Carmine
Scott PR85



60c Carmine
Scott PR86



72c Carmine
Scott PR87



84c Carmine
Scott PR88



96c Carmine
Scott PR89



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2/24/04

EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
PR92	1894	4¢	black

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED OG

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED WITH SLIGHTLY
DISTURBED O. G. * * * * *



For The Expert Committee
Chairman

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Submitted by

CENTURY STAMPS

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked, Soft Wove Paper, Pale Whitish Gum

1894

On February 21, 1894 the Postmaster General awarded the Bureau of Engraving and Printing the contract to supply Newspaper and Periodical stamps, starting July 1, 1894. New plates were not ready in time, so the old plates previously used by both Continental and American Bank Note Companies were used. The plates were re-entered, so impressions are sharp.



1c Intense Black
Scott PR90



2c Intense Black
Scott PR91



4c Intense Black
Scott PR92



6c Intense Black
Scott PR93



10c Intense Black
Scott PR94



12c Pink
Scott PR95



24c Pink
Scott PR96



36c Pink
Scott PR97



36c Pink
Scott PR98



36c Pink
Scott PR99



\$3.00 Scarlet
Scott PR100



\$6.00 Pale Blue
Scott PR101

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked

1895

New plates with new designs were prepared, and were issued on February 1, 1895. The 1c thru 10c are the same basic design and are printed in the same color.



1c Black
Scott PR102



2c Black
Scott PR103



5c Black
Scott PR104



10c Black
Scott PR105



25c Carmine
Scott PR106



50c Carmine
Scott PR107



\$2.00 Scarlet
Scott PR108



\$5.00 Ultramarine
Scott PR109



\$10.00 Green
Scott PR110



\$20.00 Slate
Scott PR111



\$50.00 Dull Rose
Scott PR112



\$100.00 Purple
Scott PR113

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Perforated 12, Double-Line Watermark

1895-1897

At a certain point in 1895, watermarked paper was introduced. This mirrors the production of the regular issue U.S. stamps, which started out unwatermarked (Scott 246-263) and shifted to watermarked paper (Scott 264-278).



1c Black
Scott PR114



2c Black
Scott PR115



5c Black
Scott PR116



10c Black
Scott PR117



25c Carmine
Scott PR118



50c Carmine
Scott PR119



\$2.00 Scarlet
Scott PR120



\$5.00 Ultramarine
Scott PR121



\$10.00 Green
Scott PR122



\$20.00 Slate
Scott PR123



\$50.00 Dull Rose
Scott PR124



\$100.00 Purple
Scott PR125