

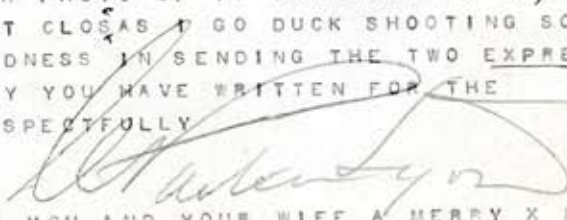
Facts concerning Faked Western Franks

Stein

To V.M.B.

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I FIND THAT IN THE EARLY NINTIES THAT QUITE AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN
WAS IN CALIFORNIA GATHERING FRANKED COVERS. THEN IS WHEN THEY MADE
PRINTS FROM ORIGINAL DIES IN THE HANDS OF ONE MAN NAMED STEIN.
STATIONER FOR WELLS FARGO, THE MAN WHO HAD ATTENDED TO HAVING
FRANKED ENVELOPES MADE FOR WELLS FARGO CO. WHEN WELLS FARGO CO
TOOK ALL THE OTHER COMPANIES, THEY INHERITED THE DIES WHICH NATURALLY
CAME INTO STEIN'S HANDS. THEN ALONG IN 1895 MEKEEL PUBLISHED HIS CATALOGUE
OF WESTERN STAMPS, AS WELL AS FRANKS. THEN THEY FAKED ALL SORTS OF
CREATED WORLDS OF NEW COVERS. SO I AM INCLINED GOING TO ITS EXTREME
TO THINK THIS PENNY POST IS A FAKE. MAYBE I OUGHT TO SEND YOU
COPIES ITSELF, BUT, OWING TO THE FACT A PHOTO OF IT WAS SENT TO ME,
IT WAS SENT TO YOU TOO. WELL I MUST CLOSE AS I GO DUCK SHOOTING SOON.
TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS IN SENDING THE TWO EXPRESS
AWAITING WITH IMPATIENCE THE STORY YOU HAVE WRITTEN FOR THE
YOURS RESPECTFULLY



W.M. LYON JOINS WITH ME IN WISHING YOU AND YOUR WIFE A MERRY X MAS