stolen. In one or two circumstances the notes stolen were the only notes a particular bank had in circulation. After the robbery was reported to the banks involved, they began to take notice of their notes as they came in for redemption. Several months after the robbery, some of the stolen notes were redeemed and traced to Canada, where one of the thieves was found engaged in business.

The bank recovered some thirty or forty thousand dollars in real and personal property; the man was brought back to the United States, tried, and convicted for participating in the robbery. But he had cooperated with the authorities, and agreed to assist in the capture of his colleague; he was released from prison immediately after his conviction.

One particular note in the possession of the other robber was a $1,000 note, serial number 21, from a bank described as the Bank of Portland, Maine. It was hoped that a note of such a large denomination, with a known serial number, would eventually lead to the capture of the other thief. The note was redeemed several years after the robbery, and it was tracked to France; but there the trail disappeared, and the robber was never captured.

The Oneida Bank survived the robbery, and opened for business. On May 10, 1865, the bank was granted a national charter (1392) as The Oneida National Bank of Utica. On August 1, 1929, the name was changed to The Oneida National Bank and Trust Company of Utica. The bank is now known as Norstar Bank of Upstate New York.

The previous reference to the $1,000 note, serial number 21, from the "Bank of Portland", Maine, is taken from *Annals and Recollections of Oneida County*. According to *Maine Obsolete Paper Money and Scrip*, the Bank of Portland, Maine, which was in operation at the time of the robbery, did not issue $1,000 notes. Two banks in Portland issued $1,000 notes during this period, the Bank of Cumberland and Casco Bank. The specific name of the particular bank may have been confused in the story of the robbery.

It's nice to know the bank is still around, some 151 years after experiencing a premature "grand opening."

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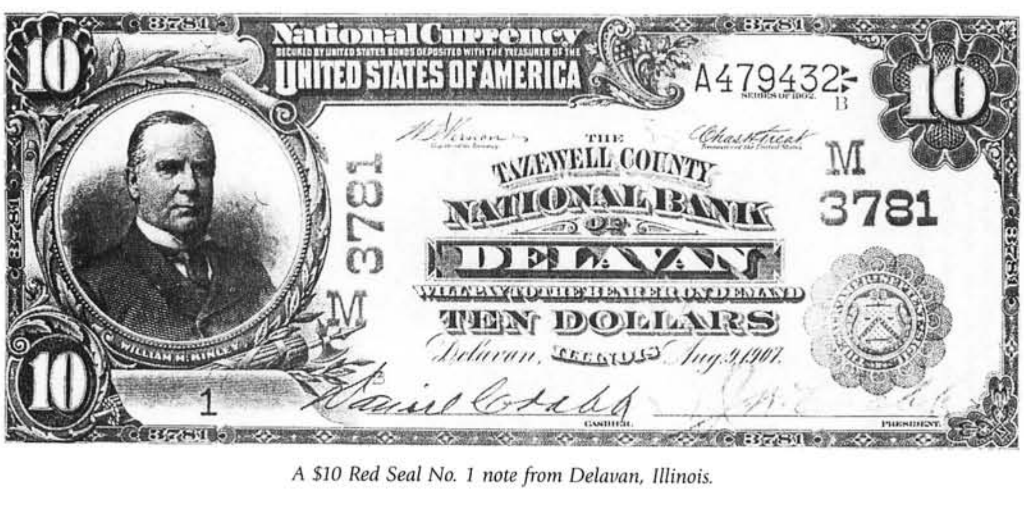
TAZWELL COUNTY NATIONAL BANK
OF DELAVAN, ILLINOIS

by WALTER HERGET

BOB Cochran's article "Another 'Mr. Phil' Story" in the May-June 1990 issue of *PAPER MONEY* sent me sorting through my records and collection of national bank notes. I, too, bought one of the "Mr. Phil" notes from the advertisement in the June 9, 1971 issue of *Coin World* and certainly agree that by today's standards these were incredible bargains.

My note listed in the advertisement immediately above the subject of Cochran's is the $10, 1902 Red Seal #1 note, Charter 3781, position "B" from Delavan, Illinois. It is listed in the ad as Fr. 623, but that is in error; it is actually Fr. 615.

I feel a little information about this small town is pertinent. Delavan, Tazwell County, located in central Illinois, had a population of 1304 in 1900, with an additional 1008 persons living in the township. The first banking privileges offered in the village of Delavan were by the establishment of the private banking firm of Smith Brothers in 1869. This was a branch of the Smith Bank of Pekin, the county seat. The business was



A $10 Red Seal No. 1 note from Delavan, Illinois.

MORE LARGE SIZE NOTES FROM DIFFERENT STATES

Many paper-currency collectors are looking for large size National Bank Notes. Thirty-two different States were represented in my May ad. This was a sell-out. Below are notes, equally desirable, from thirty-four variant States. Also added are notes bearing serial No. 1 - from eight different Banks: Truly the remainder of my holdings. Likewise are offered eleven notes from Banks with charter numbers below 100. Also listed are nine notes with attractive charter numbers, including 1000, 3333, and 3456. First numbers are Friedberg's numbers.

611, $5, Siloam Sprgs., Ark., 13274, perfect ... 150.00
639, $10, Los Angeles, Calif., 2491, XF ... 50.00
653, $20, Greeley, Colo., 4437, VF 50.00
598, $5, Middletown, Conn., 1216, New ... 40.00
624, $10, Washington, D.C., 6716, VF ... 45.00
650, $20, Jacksonville, Fla., 6888, F 75.00
628, $10, Augusta, Ga., 1860, VF .. 58.00
615, $10, Shreveport, La., 3595, F 35.00
403, $5, Farmers City, Ill., 2156, Superb ... 300.00
633, $10, Fowler, Ind., 5430, perfect 45.00
652, $20, Fort Dodge, Ia., 1661, F 50.00
628, $10, Cherryvale, Kan., 4749, XF 75.00
607, $5, Louisville, Ky., 5312, XF . 40.00
587, $5, Baltimore, Md., 1325, perfect ... 85.00
598, $5, Monson, Mass., 503, AU .. 35.00
394, $5, Ionia, Mich., 275, VF 200.00
624, $10, S. St. Paul, Minn., 6732, New ... 50.00
616, $10, King City, Mo., 4373, XF 75.00
613, $10, Aurora, Neb., 2897, Brilliant ... 125.00
421, $10, Franklin, N.H., 2443, XF 350.00
600, $5, Kinston, N.C., F ... 65.00
647, $20, Newark, N.J., 1316, red seal, F ... 200.00
479, $10, Oswego, N.Y., 255, New 100.00
626, $10, Burns, Ore., 8691, VF ... 100.00
598, $5, Bridgeport, O., 6624, XF .. 30.00
466, $5, Media, Pa., 312, Superb .. 125.00
402, $5, Cumberland, R.I., 1404, VF 175.00
650, $20, Athens, Tenn., 3341, VF 60.00
626, $10, Salt Lake City, Utah, 9403, VG ... 150.00
397, $5, Hyde Park, Vt., 1163, VF 200.00
624, $10, Bluefield, W. Va., 6674, VF 75.00
656, $20, Tacoma, Wash., 3417, VF 100.00
615, $10, Oshkosh, Wis., 9347, F .. 40.00
642, $20, Norton, Va., 9746, F 75.00

~~NO. 1 NATIONAL~~ BANK NOTES - LARGE SIZE

623, $10, Tazewell Co. NB, Delavan, ~~Ill., Ch. 3781, red seal, New ... 175.00~~
597, $5, Central NB, St. Louis Ch. 8455, red seal, XF ... 75.00
~~587, $5, Irving NB, N.Y., Ch. 345,~~ red seal, VG ... 50.00
615, $10, Douglas NB, Roseburg, Ore., Ch. 9423, XF ... 150.00
595, $5, 2nd NB, Brownsville, Pa., Ch. 2673, New ... 175.00
621, $10, 1st NB, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 380, New ... 200.00
490, $10, 1st NB Cameron, W. Va., 6020, VF ... 250.00

LARGE NOTES - CHARTER NUMBERS UNDER 100

479, $10, 1st NB, Erie, Pa., superbly New ... 175.00
626, $10, 5th-3rd NB, Cinn., O., 20, XF ... 50.00
466, $5, 1st NB., Cinn., O., 24, Superb ... 150.00
595, $5, Same Bank, Red Seal, 24, Brilliant ... 100.00
624, $10, 1st NB, N.Y., 29, perfectly New ... 60.00
416, $10, 1st NB, Centreville, Ind., 37, New ... 300.00
613, $10, 1st NB, Canton, O., 76, F 40.00
392, $2, 3rd NB, N.Y., 87, F, but dirty ... 400.00
621, $10, 1st NB, Toledo, O., red seal, 91, VF ... 150.00
479, $10, 4th NB, Cinn., O., bb, 93, XF ... 125.00
621, $10, 4th NB, Cinn., O., red seal, 93, XF ... 135.00

LARGE NOTES - ATTRACTIVE CHARTER NUMBERS

480, $10, Farmers NB, Mansfield, O., 800, VF ... 90.00
416, $10, NB of the Republic, N.Y., 1000, VF ... 350.00
490, $10, N. Herkimer Co. Bk., Little Falls, N.Y., 2400, XF ... 125.00
471, $5, 1st NB, Somerset, Pa., 4100, New ... 125.00
621, $10, City NB, Evansville, Ind., 6200, AU ... 200.00
533, $5, Merchants NB, S. Paul, Minn., 2020, XF ... 175.00
489, $10, Merchants NB, Middletown, N.Y., 333, Unc. ... 250.00
599, $5, 1st NB, KC, Mo., 3456, New 60.00
504, $20, 1st NB, Carlisle, Ky., 5959, BU ... 250.00

These items go to first checks received. I do have other notes from many States in acceptable condition.

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Baldwin Bank.

Tazwell County National Bank before new building was constructed; served 1887 to 1961.

purchased by Daniel Crabb in 1871 and the name was changed to the Tazwell County Bank. The only other bank in Delavan was Baldwin's, a private bank which existed from 1875 to 1932.

In 1887 the Tazwell County Bank was organized under the National Banking system. The name was changed to The Tazwell County National Bank with a capital of $50,000.

Daniel Crabb was a large landowner in the area who not only farmed but had large livestock holdings. His son, J.W. Crabb, became the president of the Tazwell County National Bank in 1890, at the age of 36, and served in that position for 36 years. He also served as alderman and mayor of Delavan and had large landholdings in the area. J.W.'s son Daniel became cashier of the bank in 1899, at the age of 23, and served as cashier until his death in 1919. Upon the death of his brother, W.W. Crabb, J.W.'s younger son, became cashier and served in that capacity until 1926 when, at the age of 34, he succeeded his father as president of the bank. W.W. Crabb served as bank president until 1969, when he retired at the age of 76.

The Tazwell County National Bank celebrated its centenary in 1987. It is still in business today.

At the start of the red seal issuing-period there were only three national banks in Tazwell County. At the end of this period there were eight; quite an expansion in this short time.

The bank issued Brown Backs, Red Seals, both 1902 Date and Plain Backs and both types of 1929 notes. These bills are relatively scarce with thirteen large-size and seven small-size reportedly known by John Hickman. I am aware of four large-size and two small-size. The Brown Back and the 1902 Date Back are missing from my collection.

There are now two notes reported from the Philpott June 1971 ad. Are there others?

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