
STOLE A \$15,000 LETTER.

**W. R. Houghton Robs a Registered
Mail Pouch Near Omaha.**

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, Oct. 29.—Walter R. Houghton was arrested by United States Marshall McDermott here to-day, charged with stealing a registered letter from the United States mail, containing \$15,000. Houghton confessed his guilt when arrested. He says that he has sent \$400 of the money, and will at once refund the balance if he is not prosecuted. If he is prosecuted he says he will have the money burned.

Houghton, who is twenty-five years of age, is a postal clerk running between Cheyenne and Ogden. On Sept. 30 two registered pouches were turned over to him by the clerk running from Omaha to Cheyenne, who inadvertently took Houghton's receipt for but one pouch. This gave Houghton the opportunity to steal the extra pouch. On his return from his run he presented a woman of the town with three new one-hundred-dollar bills, and told her not to get them cashed in Cheyenne, but to go to Denver and have a good time with the money.

This transaction was discovered by Post Office Inspector A. P. Frederick, who has been working on the case, and when Houghton was confronted with the facts broke down and confessed. Despite his threats to have the money burned, he will be prosecuted.

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