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have been counterfeited by the Boston gang.

Hunt's Despatch.—Never Existed.

International Express.—Never Existed.

Johnson's Box.—A mere advertisement.

Ker's City Post.—Never Existed.

Langton and Co.—Steamer in centre. Entirely fictitious.

Lathrop's Express.—Never Existed.

Le Beau's Express.—Never existed.

Livingston, Wells & Pomeroy.—Only a parcel label; had no value.

Moody, Chicago.—Probably never existed.

McRobish & Co.—Never existed.

New Haven & New York Express.—Never existed.

Royal Insurance Co.—Cut from the business envelope of a British Insurance Company that has an agency in New York.

Richmond, flag.—Never existed.

Spence and Brown.—Probably never existed.

Springside P. O.—A mere bazaar stamp.

W. Stait of the City Despatch, will call, &c., &c.—A mere advertisement.

Warwick's.—Never existed.

Walker's Post.—Never existed.

Westtown.—A college stamp, of no value, and no franking power.

The foregoing list must not be accepted as complete. It comprises only a few instances, selected at random, to better illustrate the remarks that precede.

Another class of stamps generally included in collections of locals, must not go unnoticed. I allude to the various Fair or Bazaar stamps issued at Albany, Brooklyn, New York, &c. They certainly are not of any philatelic value or interest, and I do not see by what right they are classed as locals.

In conclusion, I desire to mention a few labels which I have purposely excluded from the chapters that follow, for want of sufficient proof as to their character, viz: Franklin (head of Franklin); Glen Haven Daily Mail, Godfrey's (this I have never seen); Pip's Daily Mail; and Troy and Albany Express Post. I am inclined to think that there may be either one or two genuine types of the Glen Haven, though quite different from the specimens generally known. My impressions regard-

ing the others do not favor their ever having existed in authentic form.

THE INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES OF 1842-5.

The Independent Mail Routes of 1842-5 owed their origin to the unsatisfactory management of the government post-office at that period. The United Officials used every means in their power to crush these private enterprises—their mail bags were seized innumerable law suits commenced, for violation of Acts of Congress, &c., &c. The outside public, however, appreciated not only the more moderate charges, but also the greater celerity of the private companies, and was not slow in bestowing its patronage accordingly. Finally the government was obliged, in self protection, to reduce rates and effect the needed reforms in the service generally. The result was that the private companies could no longer control the business, and they consequently soon withdrew from the field.

The companies forming the Independent Mail Routes, were Hale & Co., The American Letter Mail Co., Overton & Co., W. Wyman, Brainard & Co., Pomeroy & Co., The Letter Express, Hoyt's Letter Express, and the Hartford Mail.

As will be noticed, from the brief outline of the route of each "Post," given below, several of the companies ran in direct opposition to each other; and, when this was the case, a keen competition generally resulted.

HALE & Co.—This "Post" was one of the best known in the United States and did a large and profitable business. The proprietor, Mr. James W. Hale, says that it was organized about November, 1841, or January, 1842, and had 110 offices, extending from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore in the East, to Detroit, Michigan, in the West. I am inclined to think, however, that the date as given by Mr. Hale is rather earlier than was actually the case. It also seems probable that he reached the West by connecting with other expresses, as letters bearing his stamp are generally postmarked from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and intermediate towns.

American Letter Mail Co.—Organized in 1844 (possibly rather earlier), and carried mail matter between the principal points in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, New York City and Philadelphia.

Overton & Co.—Commenced in 1844, and had an existence of about one year. They ran from Boston to New York and Philadelphia. They also ran a parcel express up the Hudson River, and West to Buffalo.

W. Wyman started in 1844, and extended from Boston to New York.

Brainard & Co. certainly existed in 1844, if not before. Their route was from New York to Albany and Troy.

Hartford Mail.—Started in 1844, its routes extending, apparently, from Hartford, Conn., to New York, Boston, Albany, &c. In 1845 it was suppressed by the U. S. Government.

Pomeroy & Co.—This was in all probability the earliest letter express in the United States. It was founded in 1842, and carried letters from Boston, New York and Albany to Buffalo.

At Buffalo, Pomeroy & Co. connected with a concern called the Letter Express, by means of which correspondence was transported to Chicago, Milwaukee, and all the towns on or near the lakes.

With this brief history of the several companies, I proceed to the stamps which they respectively issued.

(To be continued.)

CHAS. WARNER, ETC.

OF NORVELL, MICH.

We would warn all dealers who have not already had experience with the above named party, to leave him severely alone, and not to send approval sheets for his inspection. He seems to be an enthusiastic collector, and retains all he receives, but fails to send any money in payment for same, as several dealers can testify; we among them.

About the seventh of May we received a letter from him asking sheets on approval, and giving as reference Messrs. Emory, Baitzell, and Viles, all well known dealers. Although suspicious, we foolishly forwarded him a sheet which he has

had the kindness to keep.

By next mail we received a similar letter from Henry W. Davis of the same place, (probably written by the same party). Had we received this sooner, we should never have sent Warner a sheet. This one referred to Messrs. Scott & Co. as reference.

On the 19th of June we received five letters from Mr. Sturtevant, of San Francisco, which he had received from Manchester and Norvell, including one from Davis, and one from Warner, all desiring approval sheets, and which appeared to have been written by one person.

These five letters referred to numerous dealers as reference, and one to "Wm. G. Davison & Co., Druggists." We wrote to the postmaster regarding the existence of such a firm, and received the following reply:

MANCHESTER, MICH., June 25, 1885.

F. L. MILLS.

DEAR SIR—There is no such firm here, and never was in this place.

C. WALBRIDGE, P. M.

Warner had the kindness to refer to us as reference, and considering that his letter to Mr. Sturtevant and the one to us were written on the same day and posted at the same time, and as we were a total stranger to him, we feel highly flattered.

Upon inquiry we learn that Messrs. Scott & Co. never heard of such a person as H. W. Davis.

From all appearances we should say that there is a regularly organized system, formed by one or more persons to defraud dealers.

It is a clear case of obtaining goods under false pretenses, and it remains yet to be seen how the dealers will act.—*Stamp World.*

We also received a postal from H. W. Davis on the 8th of May giving for reference F. L. Mills, Esq., name. We, of course, sent this party the stamp. On the 13th of May we received a postal from C. Warner, of Norvell, giving for references M. D. Batchelder, Esq., Mr. Sturtevant, Messrs. Scott & Co. The writing is very much alike. We sent both parties sheets of stamp and wrote for them to return, but we have not received as yet no answer. We believe this is the same party.

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PUBLISHERS OFFICE, 75 SENECA ST.

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IN placing the QUEEN CITY PHILATELIST before the public we doubt our ability to excel, but will endeavor to provide a good, reliable publication, and one that we trust will meet with the approval of all. We beg to inform those interested in its welfare that we shall do all in *our* power to make the PHILATELIST a first-class journal, devoted exclusively to the interests of stamp collectors. That we may succeed depends largely upon the encouragement we receive. Our columns are free to all, and we would be pleased to receive original contributions pertaining to our science at all times. With these concluding remarks we respectfully place our paper before you, trusting that it meets with the support we anticipate.

It was our purpose to open an exchange department with this issue, devoting a page or more to the use of *all*. Owing to the small number of exchanges received we are obliged to omit it this month. We hope that all those wishing to exchange duplicates will take advantage of our offer and send in exchange at once, so as

to enable us to open this department with the next number. Remember, *free to all!*

Through the kindness of W.G. Whilden, Jr., of Pelzer, S. C. we have received a copy of the *International Collectors' Guide*. It contains several articles of real merit to the collector. It can be procured from Mr. Whilden for 25 cents.

Contributions on all subjects solicited from every one.

This paper is one of the most valuable advertising mediums in the country as hundreds of copies are sent free, *every month*, to prominent collectors and agents.

Look over our advertisements, there may be something there to interest you.

Every dealer should try our advertising columns, as our paper has a large circulation among active collectors.

Among the rarest of Government Locals is an original specimen of the New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Henry S. Jeanes, the well-known stamp dealer of Philadelphia, has changed his address from P. O. Box 446 to Box 1092.

Wholesale dealers will please send their wholesale price list to the publisher.

We wish to exchange with all papers having a department devoted to stamps.

We wish to inform all dealers against the following parties, never to send them any stamp or anything at all on approval, for as sure as you do you will lose all that you send them. You may write as many times as you want, but you will not get as much as a postal from them. We sent them sheets and now we are so much out: F. A. Stroud, Oshkosh, Wis.; Louis Byrkit, Box 136, Kingstown, Ind.; Ed. Holpeter, Peru, Main Co., Ind.; Fred Worden, Utica, N. Y.; R. F. Duvernois, 77 Macomb street, Detroit, Mich.

We offer the following cash prizes for the best three original articles on philately, which may be sent us before Sept. 1st, viz:

For the best article.....	\$2.00
" "2d" " ".....	1.00
" "3d" " ".....	.50

The articles must consist of at least 800 words. Competition is limited to subscribers to this paper or to those who become such before Sept. 1st. All articles not accepted will be returned if stamps are enclosed for that purpose. Sign your article with a fictitious name, but enclose your real name and address in sealed envelope to accompany manuscript. Write on one side of the paper only.

The articles must be strictly original, and the result of your own investigation and research. The prizes will be sent to the successful competitors between the 1st and 5th of September.

Among Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world published in the interests of, or having a department pertaining to, Philately.

The *Collectors' Companion* comes promptly to hand. It is among our best exchanges, and in looking over its well-filled pages we find a large amount of interesting information, calculated to instruct all classes of readers.

The *Empire State Philatelist* is one of our most welcome exchanges. It is conducted by one of our best Philatelic writers, and will hold its own among the first papers of its kind.

The *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette* improves with every issue. The June number contains several interesting articles by leading writers and much that is of interest to the numismatist. As we predicted, it is a great success.

The *Philatelic Star* is a bright monthly stamp paper hailing from Berwick, Eng. Collectors should send for a copy. See ad. on page 3.

We have received the following papers. Publishers will please accept thanks: *New England Philatelist*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Collectors' Companion*, *Philatelic World*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *The Hermes*, *Philatelic Star*.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

AZORES—The 25 r. brown, and 50 r. blue have been seen with small surcharges.

BULGARIA—The 1 f. has been surcharged 50 s. 1 and 2 s. stamps will soon be issued.

CHILI—The 10c. is now yellow.

ECUADOR—The 2 and 3c. cards have been printed on rose and brown.

GREAT BRITAIN—The surcharge "I. R. Official" has appeared on the 1 s. current.

JAPAN—Has issued an "officially sealed" stamp, after the pattern of the U. S.

MACAO—The 50 r. green has been surcharged 20 r. in black.

PERSIA—The new set, mentioned in the *May Companion*, is as follows: 1 s. green; 2 s. red; 5 s. slate; 10 s. brown; 1 k. gray.

PORTUGAL—The 5 cent has been changed to brown.

ROUMANIA—A 3b. olive is announced, with portrait of the King.

ST. LUCIA—A 4 d. brown has been issued.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON—The 2c. French Colonies has been surcharged 5c., and the 1 f. has been surcharged 25c. for use in these islands.

SIMOOR—Four new stamps are out, bearing the portrait of the Rajah, as follows: 3 p. brown; 6 p. green; 1 a. blue and 2 a. rose.

TRANSVAAL—The new set is as follows: ½d. gray; 1d. red; 3d. violet; 4d. green; 6d. violet; 1 s. green.

TURKEY—A 5 p. newspaper stamp is out.

UNITED STATES—A 1c. newspaper, black, and a 10c. "special delivery" stamp, green, will be issued this month.

A FORTUNE IN ODDITIES.

The Latest Addition to Mr. E. B. Sterling's Valuable Collection of Stamps.

Mr. E. B. Sterling, the note teller at the Trenton Bank, is one of the foremost collectors of United States Stamps in the country. Within the past couple of weeks he has added to his stock a notable collection. It is the only one of the kind extant and is worth from two to three thousand dollars. This statement of the worth of a single collection will give some idea of the extent of the stamp collecting business and of the fortune which Mr. Sterling has invested in oddities. But this particular collection is, of course, Mr. Sterling's best. It consists of proof document, match and medicine stamps, and embraces 875 varieties of these. The face value of the stamps is \$28,947.53, but, strange as it may seem to the uninitiated, the stamps having a small face value are in many cases worth more in the market than those of a larger denomination; the internal revenue tax on proprietary articles having been abolished by law, the value of the stamps depend now entirely on their rarity. The special collection in question derives its peculiar value from the fact of its uniqueness. As stated, no other collector in the country possesses one like it. It belonged formerly to a Mr. Carpenter, of Philadelphia, who, for fifteen years, held the government contract for supplying different designs of stamps. When his contract expired, all the dies, plates, etc., which he used, were destroyed by the government, and the only complete collection of proofs of his designs was in his own possession. This will be better understood when it is said that some of the designs of stamps drawn were rejected, and as a matter of course, no stamps of such models were ever printed. Mr. Carpenter's disposal of the stock to Mr. Sterling was accompanied with certificates of its uniqueness.

A very interesting study indeed is that which this collection affords. The stamps

have been arranged on prettily-bordered sheets of paper, from three to ten varieties being gummed to a sheet, according to their size. The arrangement is Mr. Sterling's own design. The stamps are in from seven to eleven different colors, and the beauty of the shading readily strikes the eye of a connoisseur. All three issues of the document stamps are complete, except for a few missing from the first. The face value of the stamps run from one cent to \$5,000. Denominations particularly rare are the \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$200, \$500 and \$5,000 ones. The latter, of which Mr. Sterling has five shades, were used only by railroad and like large companies.

In the collection are four shades of the San Francisco Match Company's stamps. One of them is the original design worked out with a pen. It is beautifully executed, and, of course, derives great value from its uniqueness. Another valuable stamp is Swain's Panacea, issued in 1863, in orange color. Its face value is only 6 cents, but its present worth is \$50. Among other rare stamps are these: University Medicines (4 cent black); Winslow's Green Corn (1 cent black); T. W. Marsden (2 cent black); Morehead's Neurodine (4 cent blue and 4 cent black), each worth \$25; Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters (4 cent black); Holloway & Co. (1 cent scarlet, green and blue), each worth \$10; and "Brandeth's pills, guaranteed genuine," (1 cent stamp), worth \$10. In the same way there is a long list of exceedingly rare match stamps. There are duplicates of most of the varieties in Mr. Sterling's possession.

In addition to this collection Mr. Sterling has thousands of other varieties. One of the rooms at his home is filled with collections—so valuable, yet so uncertain, that he cannot insure them to half their value. He has been collecting for 11 years and devotes almost all his time out of banking hours to this favorite pursuit. He often sits up till midnight making assortments. There are only about 100 other advanced collectors like Mr. Sterling in the country out of the thousands of amateurs. A large revenue as well as much pleasure is derived from the work.

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