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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Sept. 28th.

Owing to differences with the publisher of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, the "Washington Notes" of writer will hereafter appear in the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA. All news in regard to plate numbers, envelopes and local happenings will be promptly reported in these columns hereafter.

A marked increase of business has been experienced here lately. A few of the old collectors have started up again, who have not looked at stamps for years. One party who sold his collection long ago, happened to retain a complete set of Departments save the dollar States and felt so much encouraged over the increase of value that he bought a new album and made a fresh start. The increase in demand for plate numbers is also very encouraging. Rarities are becoming more and more marked and many things are held above catalogue prices by those who happen to have them. Already inquiries in regard to the new issue of the plate number as well as envelope catalogue are coming in. To them the publishers wish to say that both are expected to appear some time in January.

A stamp of great rarity has turned up in this city and was sold to a local dealer at a small price. It was subsequently exhibited with much pride by the present holder and estimates as to the value were solicited from every accessible source. So great was the commotion that the original vender caught wind of its supposed value and has taken steps to recover the stamp by legal means. It is believed that the dealer was justified in buying the stamp at the price asked by the seller and that there is no law which can compel him to return it. The rarity in question was a rather badly damaged but used specimen of the 12c black of August 1861.

A sheet of 90c carmine on soft paper

was recently turned into the city post office and placed on sale. Two collectors immediately found it out and shared the supply between them. They made the rounds among the local dealers and came to the conclusion that they had made a very profitable investment. A top and bottom plate number were in the lot.

We have recently seen the entire current issue of stamps including dues and periodicals surcharged in small capitals "Universal Postal Congress" in blue ink, excepting the Special Delivery which was in red. It is said that about 125 sets of these were surcharged and presented to the delegates in attendance at the Congress. But few of these will ever find their way on the market, as they will be treasured as mementos by the holders. Only one set was given to each.

It appears that the Japanese and Mexican delegates brought a few spare sets of unused stamps of their countries for distribution among their friends. At any rate one or two sets have been picked up very cheap here.

Requests for more news on plate numbers have been frequently made to the writer. When stating that he had published about all he knew the reply was given to do it over again. We doubt whether the publisher of the ERA would consent to this, but at any rate we shall not fail to give the readers the benefit of all actual news on the subject.

Mr. R. A. Tarr, the philatelic traveller, has decided to take up his abode in the National Capital for a few months. He is a man who has made some splendid finds in the way of Confederate Locals and recently became famous through the only known 10c Milledgeville envelope.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes

Philatelic news has, of course, been rather scarce here during the summer months but, now that everybody is back from "down the river" or elsewhere out of town, things are beginning to boom

again. Naturally, the chief topic at present is the new scale of prices, and the ERA's enterprise in furnishing them comes in for much commendation here as everywhere else.

The Providence Philatelic Society began its regular monthly meetings for the season with September. The exchange department will not be started again until cooler weather, when more of the members should be ready to take hold and make a success of this important branch of the society's work.

Quite a large number of the Canada Jubilee stamps have been received in this city on mail matter, including even the 6 and 8 cent values, which popular superstition in Boston, Mansfield and other philatelic centres conceives to be worth more than face. I have not heard of any of the half cent being received, however.

The juvenile portion of the philatelic community is not particularly in evidence here in the city proper just now, but in the smaller towns which cluster around Providence there seems to be a surprisingly large number of younger collectors. I know of store keepers in East Providence and one or two other places who are already doing well with approval sheets from which they sell to schoolboys.

Kicks about the new prices are always very much in evidence upon the advent of every new catalogue, and it seems as if the kickers this year were more numerous than ever before. But what is the use of complaining? Why cannot people realize that catalogue quotations are not absolute values and that they never will be so long as more than one man has the stamps to sell. The publishers do their best, on the whole, to serve the interests of the collecting public as well as their own, so let us be thankful for what we can buy for half a dollar, and forget to dream of the day when we shall have to buy our catalogues in twenty-five volume sets.

There are some people who claim that the many drops which the new prices show will discourage collectors. It is

hard to see why this should be. The stamps which have dropped are only those which have been priced too high. No one will deny that. A firm of cataloguers may put the price of a stamp up to more than it is worth, or they may even neglect to raise its price when demand and scarcity warrant such action, but they will never, when they themselves have a stock of a certain stamp, deliberately lower its price to less than its true value.

And why should a collector who has purchased, say, the 90c, 1890, for 45 or 50 cents, complain when its catalogue figure is lowered from 85c to 65c? He can sell it for just as much as he could before, he cannot buy another any cheaper than he could before, the real price of the stamp is the same. If he was silly enough to expect a stamp which could be purchased in the open market for half catalogue to have its list price increased he deserved to be disappointed. A man who would give up collecting for such a reason is no loss to our hobby.

The new book is a good sign for the future and it seems certain that henceforth catalogue figures will be handled more cautiously than they have been during the past three years. This may be bad for the speculators, but cannot even the dealer dispense with the speculator? In the years before he owned the earth, I know that large sales were not so frequent, but was not trade steadier? And is not steadiness what the stamp trade needs today more than anything else, and cannot we afford to "go slow" a little to obtain it?

F. P.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ontario, Notes.

The contract with the British American Bank Note Co. expired July 1st for the present small sized stamps and it is the remainders of these that are at present in use and it is expected that they will last till January 1st.

The Jubilee issue has all been issued except a certain number retained to make complete sets. I have it on the authority of the head of the branch that none now remain on hand except these. At the P. O. here the 1c, 3c, 50c and 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollars only are for sale.

Canada has been such a quiet going country in stamp matters (hardly any change for 25 years) that the way the Jubilee issue went was a surprise to the Department, and although they acted impartially they were much harassed at times to keep all smooth and meet the

demand. They had to put the brake on by selling first only in full sets then in half sets.

The new issue will be about the same size as the present small issue, there will be changes in colors. The design will be fairly uniform, the centre (the queen's head) will be alike in each. These facts I have from the Postmaster General. The following appears in the *Ottawa Evening Journal* of Sept. 29th:

THE NEXT STAMP ISSUE.

The design for a new postage stamp has been approved by the Postmaster General. There is a portrait of Her Majesty as she appeared at the coronation, except that a coronet is substituted for a crown. The portrait has been engraved from a photo procured during the Jubilee ceremonies, upon which was the Queen's own autograph, so that it is authentic. The corners of the stamp will be decorated with maple leaves, which were pulled from maple trees on Parliament Hill and engraved directly from them. Everything is to be correct and up to date, and the new issue is expected to reflect credit on Mr. Mulock's good taste. The engravers are instructed to take care to make this permanent and ordinary issue a tribute to their skill. The present stock of stamps it will take some months to exhaust, and not till they are done will the new stamps be issued. It may be about December of this year.

A collector here sprung a game on the P. O. Department. He got word about June 1st that they were going to be very stiff in issuing the Jubilees and as he had money idle in the bank he got up a circular and sent out about \$700 in sums from \$2 to \$6 to post offices all over, asking the Postmasters to send him 1/2c and 6c Jubilees when they received them.

The thing worked well and he made a haul, so well was he pleased that he sent out another batch of these circular letters, but no, the P. M.'s had caught unto the fact that 1/2c and 6c were valuable, so had others, and the replies were almost invariably—regrets.

C. N. R.

NOTICE.

Chilian Telegraph.....Set 3.....	\$0.01
Porto Rico, 96....." 4 unused.....	02
Bavaria return letter....." 6 ".....	03
Philippine Is. '94....." 4 ".....	04
Bolivia '94 1c to 20c....." 5 used.....	05
10 unused stamps, all different.....	03
100 used ".....	06
Postage 2 cents. List free. Lot, 22 cents.	

TOLEDO STAMP CO., Toledo, Ohio.

U. S. LETTER SHEETS.

No Series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, the eight for 80c.
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U. S. REVENUES, Second Issue.
\$1, 8c: \$1.50, 18c: \$1.60, \$10.50: \$1.00, \$3: \$2,
35c: \$2.50, 25c: \$3, \$1: \$3.50, \$4: \$5, 50c: \$10, \$2.
Cash with order.

HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.
NATHAN COBE & CO., Props.

AUCTION SALE.

The Second Public Auction Sale of stamps by the Colonial Stamp Co., will be held Oct. 26, at 7:30 P. M., at Elks' Hall, Hayward Place. The sale offers a nice assortment of used and unused postage stamps, both Foreign and U. S., beside several combination lots.

The stamps are the property of several different parties and will be sold by the LOT to the highest bidder.

Catalogue mailed you free for your address. [29*]

J. H. LYONS, Mgr.,

351 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

WE BUY as well as sell. If you have duplicates that you wish to sell for a reasonable price we should be pleased to purchase all we can use.

WE SELL as well as buy. Our boast is "the best stamps at 50% off of any dealer in the business." Comment should be superfluous.

\$1.00 Manifest, good, post free, 45c.

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WE WANT TO BUY

Good Collections, write us.
We pay spot cash.

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U. S.

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High class stamps sent on approval to first-class parties at

50% Discount.

If you are a stranger send a remittance in advance as evidence of good faith.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

ONLY 100

collectors can participate in this splendid bargain.

The catalog value of U. S. WRAPPER, 1870 issue, 3c brown is 75 cents when cut square, and it is so scarce that it is quoted at the same price for new and used.

A person who found 121 good copies of this wrapper, and a few soiled and damaged, sold the bunch to me for a little more than they cost him.

Therefore:

In order to increase the circulation of my priced-list I will send one of these wrappers

UNUSED AND ENTIRE

and a copy of my list to anyone sending 25c and the name and address of

ANOTHER COLLECTOR.

E. T. PARKER.

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA.

American Philatelic Association.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK END- ING SEPT. 25th.

Applications for Membership.

ARMSTRONG, HERBERT, Iron Mountain, Mich.; age 35; occupation, Estimator and Dealer in Fine Lands. References: W. W. Jewett, John W. Scott.

DROSSNER, T. M., 566 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; age 49. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, R. R. Bogert, W. F. Gregory, Res. Vice Pres.

MINER, JOHN D., JR., 150 Nassau St., New York City; age 25; occupation, Insurance Broker. References: R. R. Bogert, Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory, Res. Vice Pres.

MOWAT, G. T., 421 6th St., Peoria, Ills.; age 30; occupation, Agt. T. P. W. R. R. References: Francis S. Belden, Joe F. Beard.

WELSH, DR. STEPHEN, 253 Washington St., Providence, R. I.; age 37; occupation, Surgeon. References: Alfred Dawson, F. E. Newberry.

Reinstated.

91S. RAND, FRED S., 7 Prospect St., Portland, Me.

Changes of Address of Members.

BAKER, MAJ. S., from Collectors' Club, New York City, to Fort Sheridan, Ills., 4th Infantry.

DECKER, OMAR S., from 256 St. Clair St., to 711 Lilac St., Pittsburg, Pa.

WILLCOX, R. H., from 1338 Union St. to 1412 Vallejo St., San Francisco, Cal.

Resignations Received.

778. BACHELLER, E. F., Lynn, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report.....	880
Reinstated	1
Present membership.....	881

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING AND SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.

New York City, Sept. 25, 1897.

120 books of stamps received according to my report of Sept. 18, valued at \$3712.51

37 books received since Sept. 18, valued at \$1560.10

Total number of books received 157 of the value of..... \$5272.61

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St., New York City.

This Department is now ready for business, having been re-organized. Any member wishing to get new issues at 10% above cost will please send to me for Rules and Application Blank.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

ITEMS.

Yearly dues, \$1.20, must be sent to the Treasurer, H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn., who will send you your receipt.

Applications for membership accompanied by \$1.00 in payment of stock certificate, and 10 cents a month from time you apply until the first of September in payment of dues, must be sent to the Secretary, Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.

Do not postpone the payment of your yearly dues any longer, but send them direct to H. G. Smith, Treasurer.

Members are requested upon receipt of the ERA each week to read over the official reports so as to keep in touch with the doings of the Association.

All members of the Association will be furnished new application blanks and copies of By-Laws by applying to the Secretary. We want you to secure that new member.

Also wish to call your attention to the number of new applications that have been published in the last three weeks from New York City. Brother members from other sections of the country, do not forget to secure at least one new member.

Several Collections

Are now in stock. Perfect Stamps at 60 TO 60% DISCOUNT.
H. A. SMEDBERG, Kingsbridge, N. Y. City. [32*]

Canada Jubilee Issue.

½c..... 35 cents. 6c..... 55 cents.
\$1.00..... \$1.40.

Sets: ½ to 50c, \$2.00; ½ to \$1, \$3.20.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Unused Sets 1, 2, 8½, 10 and 12½c,
For \$3.50.

1c..... 30 cts. 2c..... 40 cts. 8½c ... \$1.40
10c..... 90 cts. 12½c.... \$1.00.

All in fine condition with full gum.

SPECIAL PACKETS.

50 varieties from North and South America, Europe, Asia, etc., only 10 cents.

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All stamps are in perfect condition.

Good U. S., B. N. A. and Foreign to responsible buyers at liberal discounts on receipt of reference.

MARKS STAMP CO.,

169 & 171 McCaul St., Toronto, Can.

Remit by Money Order or U. S. bills and stamps. [29*]

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Scott's 57th Prices.

[CONTINUED.]

U. S. ENVELOPES.

Very few changes will appear in this section of the coming edition. The Advance Sheets give but five and these are each new prices for USED stamps which were unpriced in the 57th.

1864 6c purple on white, priced at	75
1874 Plimpton 10c die A on white	4 00
1874 Plimpton 10c die B on white	30
1875 5c blue, amber p., die B	35
1874-5 1c blue, blue p., die B	30

U. S. WRAPPERS.

The only change under this head is the price of the 2c vermilion, 1874-80 issue, which is given as 50c unused instead of \$1.00.

CONFEDERATE STATES.

1861 5c light green	50	50
10c " blue	2 50	1 00
1862 5c " "	60	75
5c dark blue	60	1 00
10c carmine rose	6 00	
1863 A6 10c milky blue	7 00	7 00
A7 10c milky blue (with outer line	10 00	6 00
" 10c milky blue	50	25
" 10c dark blue	03	50
" 10c blue	05	15
" 10c greenish blue	25	20
AS 10c milky blue	50	10
" 10c dark blue	05	10
" 10c light blue	10	10
" 10c greenish blue	15	15
Thin Paper.		
A7 10c dark blue	50	
" 10c blue	05	10
a. Perforated	75	5 00
" 10c greenish blue	03	08
A8 10c dark blue	25	25
" 10c blue	08	10
a. Perforated	75	5 00
" 10c greenish blue	05	10
Laid Paper.		
A7 10c blue	10	
AS 10c dark blue	10	
" 10c light blue	10	
Wove Paper.		
A9 20c green	15	3 00
" 20c yellow green	15	3 00

AFGHANISTAN.

ALL prices not mentioned below remain unchanged.

1870 A2 1sh black	7 50	3 50
" " 1sa "	12 00	7 50
" " 1ab "	7 50	5 00
" A3 1sh "	10 00	10 00
" " 1sa "	15 00	12 00
" " 1ab "	20 00	10 00
1871 A4 6sh mauve not priced ⊕		
" " 1rup " " " ⊕		
1872 A3 1sh black, (1290)	2 00	1 00
" A5 1ab "	17 50	
" " ½rup "	10 00	
" " 1rup "	12 00	

1874 A6 1sa black	25	00
" " 1ab "	35	00
" " 1sa mauve	5	50
" " 1ab "	10	00
1875 A8 1rup gray not priced ⊕		
" " 1sh yellow	5	00
1878 A10 1ab gray	6	00
" " 1sa green	3	50
" " 1ab "	8	50
" " 1ab yellow	8	50
" " ½rup mauve	8	00
" " 1rup "	10	00
White Laid Batonne Paper.		
1881 A14 1rup violet	3 50	3 50
" " 1rup black brown not priced ⊕		
" " 1rup rose	2 50	2 50
1884 A14 1rup vermilion	4	00
Colored Laid Batonne Paper.		
" A12 1ab purple, yellow	10	00
" " 1ab red "	3	50
1886 " 1ab purple, green	15	00
" " 1ab " blue	15	00
" " 1ab red, green	15	00
Colored Wove Paper.		
" A14 1rup red, yellow	6	00
Colored Laid Paper.		
" A13 2ab red, yellow	3	50
" A14 1rup " " not priced.		
" A12 1ab lake, lilac	1	25
" A13 2ab " "	2	50
" A14 1rup " "	4	50
" A12 1ab lake, green	1	25
" A13 2ab " "	6	00
" A14 1rup " "	6	00
White Laid Batonne Paper.		
1889-90 A15 1ab rose	2 00	1 25
" " 1ab purple	1 50	1 25
Pelure Paper.		
1893 A19 1ab yellow	60	60
" " 1ab pink	50	25
" " 1ab lilac rose not priced ⊕		
1894 A20 2ab green	50	
" A21 1rup green	1	00
" 2ab green Registered	50	

(Continued next week.)

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

To the Editor of the ERA:

I appreciate the efforts of the ERA to keep philatelists posted as to what is going on in philately.

With your indulgence I wish to protest to some things in connection with the proposed new catalogue.

Upon perusal of your paper I have noticed that hair splitting differences in color of stamps is to be a noted departure in the coming catalogue; that the collector who thinks he has the department stamps in complete sets is to be unmercifully taken in.

Nothing to my mind could be more detrimental to our hobby at this time; to

many collectors and not stamp dealers, this will no doubt be another nail to drive disgust into them and especially to those who collect U. S. stamps. It was presumed that when the perforation craze was inaugurated that it was to be short lived, this no doubt, caused many to abandon either collecting generally or the many varieties in particular.

Next came the plate numbers, this school boy collection of engravers' chromos. Would it not be well to refer these things to some shop where penny chromos can be had?

The time seems to be on hand to boycott the microscopic perforation and the color fiends, to relegate them to the rear.

It is getting apparent that no sensible argument can be offered as an excuse for embracing such small differences in stamps at the great expense of philatelists, in the catalogues of the future; if the practice is persisted in, then it will become necessary for philatelists to adopt some other plan of fixing valuations that are at least reasonable aids to the craft and not such as appear to be a puzzling color test of a locomotive engineer. It is further suggested that the new catalogue will no doubt become an invaluable aid to collectors owning houses inasmuch as it will be so suggestive as to naming the correct shade especially those who have not the correctness of vision to distinguish the nicety of a stamp hue. Should he own no house then he at once would be in position to suggest to his landlord or neighbor the colors with philatelic elegance.

No, it is high time to protest against these wholesale deviations which are crowding philately to the wall for most persons have not the physical endurance nor the inclination to wear out their eyesight in pursuit of microscopic differences as suggested by the wisecracks, which amount to nothing in the end but mulcting money from the unwary.

It is a poor day for philately when such measures are pursued. Too much premium is now being paid daily for careless errors of dobbing printers by stamp collectors, who collect for the pleasure of the thing, and to add further to this will be unbearable, to say it mildly.

I quote for instance, the green 2 cent Navy Department stamp. Where did it emanate, and what was its legitimate mission anyhow? Who can tell the precise occurrence of how this stamp got its emerald hue?

Incidentally I mention here, that one day in an undertaker's shop I came across a 2c red-brown U. S. stamp which by accident had been touched up with the chemical preparations used by him and the color of the stamp was a decided bluish green; this stamp is now in my possession and still retains the original col-

or the same as I got it and now it occurs to me that the Navy 2c went through the same process in the hands of some expert.

Patience is long suffering but a re-action will surely result if no change in methods of cataloguing will take place. Beware ye cataloguers!

T. E. KEILBACH.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 24, 1897.

A CORRECTION.

COLLINSVILLE, ILLS., Sept. 25, 1897.

W. W. JEWETT.

Portland, Maine.

I regard it reasonable to request you to correct the following erroneous statement of your Chicago correspondent published in the ERA of the 18th inst.

"For year after year we have been accustomed to seeing in the convention reports in the proxy list * * * N. W. Chandler, 50, etc., etc."

Art. III., Sec. 6, of the Association By-Laws provides "No Director of this Association shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Association."

I have been present at the conventions of 1893-4-5 and 6, in which years I was a member of the Official Board, and it is evident the proxies could not have been held as stated, and all of the convention reports deny the assertion of your correspondent.

Yours,

N. W. CHANDLER.

A SUGGESTION TO THE POST OFFICE OFFICIALS.

CONSTANTINE, MICH., OCT. 1, 1897.

Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:

Noting the article in your last regarding the proposed changes in the colors and designs of some of our stamps, I venture the suggestion that, considering the prominence given by our government to the "Monroe doctrine," the portrait of President Monroe would be more appropriate on the 5c. stamp than that of Seaward, as the Monroe doctrine relates to our relations with other countries, to which the usual rate of postage is five cents.

I don't suppose it would do a particle of good to bring the suggestion before the Post Office officials, but if there is any possibility that it would, and the idea should strike you favorably, I don't know of a paper better qualified to start the ball rolling.

Respectfully,

GEORGE CROSSETT HARVEY.



Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M.

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Office of Executive Committee, } Old Colony Philatelic Society, } MANSFIELD, MASS., Sept. 28, 1897. }

To Owners of books in the Exchange Department of the O. C. P. S.:

As the Executive Committee have under investigation the recent losses sustained by owners, in the substitution of stamps on the various circuits, we desire to have owners render to us on or before Oct. 6th a statement, giving the amount of loss sustained by each individual owner. Please send this statement to David Smiley, Mansfield, Mass., on or before above date.

For Executive Committee,

Geo. A. Round, Chairman.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Exchange for Collectors! No membership fee, insurance, large postage accounts, nor risks; and none of the objectionable features of other Exchanges. Our motto—Mutual benefit. 5 Exchange blanks for 10 unused U. S. No. 256. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [33*]

25 varieties U. S. none later than 1890, or 125 varieties Foreign for stamp cat. at 10c or over. Ed. S. Smith, 499 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Entire envelope 1874 1c blue on fawn, mint state, catalogued 75c each, for 40c worth Foreign stamps. Ten of them for \$3.00 worth. French and Portuguese Colonies preferred. W. G. Jerrens, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [34]

I hereby withdraw all offers of Exchange, as I have received more than I bargained for, or can take care of. George B. Ward, 6th floor, 215 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Twenty-five good stamp papers published before 1890 for "Metropolitan Phil." IV, 11 or 12; will give 50 papers for both. 25 papers for each of following: "Quaker City Phil." No. 43, 55, 57, 60; "Canadian Phil." III, 4, 6, 9, 12; "American Phil." IV, 3, 6, 10, V, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, VI, 1, 2, 5, VII, 1, 9. H. F. French, Box 489, Toledo, Ohio.

Three-fourths 57th catalogue value for all your good foreign that catalogue 10 cents each and up and pay you with either U. S. or foreign, suit yourself. Have an elegant lot of U. S. and foreign to choose from. Address, L. V. Lindsey, Greene, N. Y. [229]

Wanted: Exchange with collectors of Foreign stamps. I have a large variety of good duplicates to offer value for value, send sheets and receive mine by return mail. George D. Weeks, Jr., Care Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City. [30]

Will exchange Match and Medicine stamps, for imperforate Revenues, or for stamps from Baden, Bavaria, Chili, Uruguay, Italy, etc., as per my want list. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [241]

15 different stamp papers for every 50 cents worth of stamps. 27 p Cuba, Scott's No. S, for every \$1.00 worth of stamps. Have collection of 4,000 varieties (unused British Colonials preferred). No U. S. wanted. Send selections on approval. F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. [38]

U. S. 2c '91 Due, o. g. unused, to exchange for Brit. Colonials on a 25c cash basis. H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [11nc]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Argentine 1892 Scott's No. 101, 102 unused, 15c each: both for 27c. Postpaid. F. R. KIMBALL, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. [30]

Canada Jubilee Sets: 1/2c to 50c, \$2.00: 1/2c to \$1, \$3.25: 1/2c to \$5.00, \$17.00. 15 var. Caraca Revenues, 10c: 23 varieties Canada, 11c: 94 U. S., 41c: Jubilee 1/2c, 40c: 6c, 75c: 8c, 15c. Adams' Revenue Cata., 10c. Wm. R. Adams, Ann St., Toronto, Can. [30]

Hong Kong 3c orange, Scott's 108, ecc. 1890, 3 var. Scott's A6, 30c. W. H. MARSHALL, Cambridgeport, Mass.

Will sell to highest bidder: 67 varieties of U. S. Cardboard proofs, divided as follows: Interior, 11 var.: P. O. Dept., 10 var.; War, 11 var.; Treas., 11 var.: 1847, 2 var.: 1851, 2 var.: 1861-66, 10 var.: 1870, 9 var.: 1875 5c blue. Also unused Peru 1882 2c green, surch'd red: 2c carmine, surch'd blue. S. V. VAN METER, Moberly, Mo.

Jubilee Snaps: 25 varieties Canada postage, including 1859, 1868, register, Jubilee, etc. (cat. \$1.20) only 50c: 20 var. Canada Rev. (cat. about \$3.00) 5c: 100 Can. post. ass'd 25c. C. H. W. Newton, Paris, Ont.

I want to buy Second and Third Issues. Reply via. Send me them on approval stating lowest price. GEO. SHEPARD, McClintock Ave., Allgheny, Pa.

Small collection and album for sale cheap. 350 var., 300 duplicates. C. F. Denn, Fkd., Phila., Pa. [29]

U. S. Cardboard Proofs, 1847, 1851, 1861, 1870, Dues brown, Navy, Executive, State, Agriculture, Treasury and War, the lot for \$20.00. Brit. Colonials on approval at 50 and 60% discount. References required. I buy, sell and exchange. H. F. BARTELS, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [11nc]

DOCUMENT REVENUES.

Table with columns: Cat. My price. Rows include 1c Express, 1c Proprietary, 1c Telegraph, 2c Certificate, 2c Express, 2c Playing Card, 2c Proprietary, 2c Varieties, and 50 Varieties.

SEND WANT LIST, will submit on approval Make a specialty of U. S. Revenues, have a fine stock, at reasonable prices. [233*]

M. C. BERLEPSCH,

Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

Wm. v. d. Wethern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

* POSTAGE + STAMPS. *

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [11]

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

like your grit and enterprise, and I trust that you may see that even thus I may be possessed of personal opinions about your success in making your paper presentable from a literary point of view, just as several of my Boston friends have,—and see no reason why you should kick at my frankness, since every literary man or publisher must be open to honest criticism."

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Mr. Smiley also calls our attention to a couple of errors made in his article by the *Eastern Philatelist*, and consequently appeared also in our reprinting. In compliance with his request we correct them here. The clause "A trust has been constituted to lower prices" should have read "to lever prices"; and in the quotation of S. Allan Taylor's the word "lose" should have been "use."

We certainly do not care to have him misrepresented and give the corrections, although we hardly consider it called for in the light he puts it—"in the interests of common decency"—as they have not been made by the *E. P.*

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Mr. C. W. Cutter has sent us a copy of his List No. 8, dated Sept. 20th. It is a neat little six-page folder pricing United States stamps only.

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THE OCTOBER SPECIAL ERA.

We hardly think it necessary to waste much space on this matter and we will simply call your attention to the following brieflets relating thereto:

It will be the Saturday October 23rd issue.

It will consist of *not less than sixteen pages*, which will be bound and trimmed.

It will have a circulation of *five thousand* copies, to as good a list of names as possible for any publication to procure.

It should be borne in mind that the ERA offers advertisers the largest actual circulation of their announcements according to rates asked, of any stamp periodical published.

It is necessary to have copy in on or before *Wednesday, Oct. 20th*, to ensure its appearance in this "Special Edition," and copy of ads sent in early should be so inscribed.

It will pay YOU to try an ad in this number.

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We regret our lateness the past few weeks, but changes and additions to our outfit and force are being made which will allow of our overcoming this very shortly. We were quite unprepared for the turning of the tide toward the ERA so strong this fall, but with kind forbearance of our readers for but a short time longer, we will then be able to give a more business-like appearing paper—as far as regularity is concerned particularly.

58th = = 58 Cts.

Remit 58 cts. and we will mail you day of receipt, using 3c, 6c or 8c Columbian stamps, the 58th ed. Catalogue, ready about Nov. 10th. Advance orders filled first.

\$1 Unwatermarked o. g.....	\$1.40
The same, block of four.....	6.00
Interior, the set used.....	3.25
Justice, " " ".....	75.00
Post Office, " " ".....	5.00
State 1c to 90c, " " ".....	35.00
Treasury, " " ".....	5-75
War, " " ".....	3-50

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
201 Clark St., Chicago.

ARE YOU SURE

ABOUT THIS.
I will send on approval to all who will ask for it, and who are reliable, a fine copy, unused, of a regular issue CONFEDERATE STATES, that is missing from many collections. It is cheap and low priced.

SUPPOSE YOU SEE.

J. E. TUCKER, Box 136, Hartford, Conn.

We offer for sale the following scarce Imperforate Revenues in perfect condition in UNSEVERED PAIRS:

\$15 00 Mortgage, imperf.,	\$40 00
\$20 00 Conveyance "	5 00

We are willing to send the same on approval to any responsible collector, who wishes to examine them before purchasing.

CHESAPEAKE STAMP CO.,
230 E. Balto. St., [1st] Baltimore, Md.

Fill Your Blanks.

You need the following stamps to fill blank spaces in your album. Now is the time to secure them, unused copies, perfect, at very low prices. Cash must accompany order.

Bahamas 1p, imp.....	\$2.00
Barbados 1p blue, imp.....	1.50
" " 1p slate blue, imp.....	1.50
Trinidad 1p brown violet, imp.....	1.50
" " 1p dull ".....	1.50
" " 1p blue, imp.....	1.50

JOE F. BEARD,

27*) Muscatine, Iowa.

A Hole in Each.

A recent purchase of Revenue stamps contained the following that were canceled with a small hole by a punching machine.

At these prices they ought to go quickly.

	Catalog price.	My price.
\$1.90 1st Issue.....	\$1.50	\$0.40
13c 2d Issue, blue and black.....	.60	.15
20c " ".....	.35	.10
30c " ".....	1.25	.50
40c " ".....	.75	.25
60c " ".....	1.25	.30
70c " ".....	.85	.30
\$1.30 " ".....	7.00	2.00
\$1.50 " ".....	.40	.10
\$2.00 " ".....	.75	.25
\$2.50 " ".....	.50	.15
\$3.00 " ".....	2.00	.60
\$3.50 " ".....	6.50	1.75
1c 3rd Issue, black and claret.....	1.75	.50
5c " " orange.....	.10	.03
15c " " brown.....	.60	.15
30c " " orange.....	.40	.10
40c " " brown.....	1.00	.20
60c " " orange.....	1.00	.20
70c " " green.....	.75	.20
\$1.00 " " green.....	.10	.03
\$2.00 " " vermilion.....	.75	.15
\$2.50 " " claret.....	.75	.15
\$3.00 " " green.....	2.00	.50
\$5.00 " " vermilion.....	1.00	.20
\$10.00 " " green.....	4.00	1.00
\$20.00 " " orange.....	17.50	6.00

(The \$20.00 is a beauty.)

E. T. PARKER,
BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA.

Just What I Need

for golf balls, as the feller said, as his young wife asked him if her little round biscuits that she made all alone by herself, weren't cute.

Our Match and Medicine stamps are just what you need to enlarge your stamp collection.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

N. B. Special Bargain No. 2: Part perf. 4c Prop., 65c. Cash with order. Return if dissatisfied.

Canadian Jubilee Issue

HALF-CENT, 40 Cents Each.

ARTHUR F. SLADEN,

400 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, Can.

JUST RECEIVED

St. Vincent, 1897.

5p Brown, New, o. g., Only 15c.

UNITED STATES.

1851 1c blue.....	\$0.18	1890 90c orange.....	.50
1857 10c green.....	.25	Interior, Set, used.....	3.50
1861 6c or 12c.....	.25	Justice 15c, new o. g.....	4.75
1869 2c brown.....	.10	Navy 30c, new o. g.....	3.00

SPECIAL.

1857 90c blue, new, o. g..... \$15.00

" envelope, 10c green on buff, used

and entire, cat. \$35.00..... 17.00

State 1c to 90c, new, o. g..... 32.50

All in fine condition and post free. Many more such bargains are to be found in my

September Bargain List.

ONE CENT will buy a postal card with which to send for my list.

MAY SAVE YOU DOLLARS.

20 Cents for 6 Cents.

An unused U. S. stamp catalogued at 20 cents, post free for 6 cents to all sending for my price list and giving the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors of their vicinity.

CHARLES W. CUTTER,

Box 3, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

FINE BRITISH COLONIALS.

Breaking up a collection of fine British Colonials, old issues, used and unused.

Choice selections sent on approval to parties who are known to me, or to others who send cash deposit in advance.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

FIVE GRAND PRIZES

TO BE GIVEN AWAY FREE.

To the Five Collectors making the largest remittance—

1st Prize, A fine used copy of '51 1c type I. cat. \$25.00	
2nd " " " unused " 1869 10c. " 7.00	
3rd " " " " 1893 \$2 Col. " 3.00	
4th " " " " 9c \$1 unwmk. " 3.00	
5th " " " " Dept. stamp. " 1.50	

Contest will close Dec. 31st, 1897.

All parties must buy at least \$5.00 worth in every ten selections sent.

Parties unknown to me will be obliged to furnish good business or banking reference before selections are sent.

Please remember that I handle only first class specimens and that my prices are from 25% to 50% off cat. prices.

When sending for selections please state where you saw this ad and that you wish to enter contest for prizes.

Send now, you may be the one to get first prize.

JAS. R. GOODING,

DEALER IN U. S. STAMPS ONLY. [1st] 757 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

During the last month or two Toronto and I might almost say the whole Dominion, has been very poorly represented in the stamp periodicals of the United States. Very little of the workings and movements in the Canadian Philatelic world have been made known, and it might almost seem as though our Dominion were dead from a philatelic standpoint. I am glad to be able to state that such is not the case and that the last has been the most prosperous season ever experienced by Toronto dealers and collectors. If the Toronto dealers were at all generous they would combine in presenting Hon. Mr. Mulock, Postmaster General, with some token of appreciation for inaugurating the Jubilee stamps. The palpable and plain result of which was the increase in the collectors of Toronto by at least two hundred per cent. I am assured by dealers that this is no *idle* speculation but an actual and established fact.

However all the debt of gratitude is not entirely due on the part of the Canadian and foreign collectors towards Mr. Mulock. The latter gentleman has to thank the stamp collectors of the world for the neat sum of a quarter of a million dollars, which is the amount which has flowed into the Dominion coffers from the sale of Jubilee stamps to collectors. I do not mean to say that this was the value of the Jubilee stamps sold to the public in general, No! this sum represents the stamps sold to collectors. These stamps will never be used as postage, and as Mr. Mulock says, is a direct gain to the department of \$250,000.

Toronto mourns the loss of one of her most respected philatelists in the person of Mr. C. L. Bailey late of St. Euclid Ave., who has removed to the state of Wisconsin, near Milwaukee, I think, where he will engage in the plumbing business in partnership with his brother. Mr. Bailey was highly esteemed by his numerous friends around town, who all unite in hoping that he will prosper in "the land of the free," from a financial standpoint and also that his interest in stamps will never wane.

It is getting almost as customary lately for there to be an exhibit of stamps at our country fairs as it is for there to be an exhibit of pumpkins or "squashes"—I do not know whether this word will be found in United States or English dictionaries but it is or should be in Canadian. Stamp dealers appear to be finding this quite a unique way of doing

business. Two Toronto dealers were represented at the exhibition held here a few weeks ago. Mr. Geo. A. Lowe had an exhibit to be proud of and apparently did a good business.

Mr. A. H. Adams, of Whitby, Vice President of the Dominion Philatelic Association, will shortly become a resident of Toronto. Mr. Adams will attend Wycliffe University. Judging from Mr. Adams' course as a stamp collector and from personal acquaintance A. H. will be a very popular man at college.

Mr. L. H. Ray, lately of Chicago, has returned to Toronto and has already quite a local reputation as an ad writer.
JASPER.

Newspaper Clippings.

Sent by CHARLES BEAMISH.

STAMPS FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.

EDITOR *Art in Advertising*.

Dear Sir: I read with much interest the article in a recent issue of yours on "Postage Stamps as Premiums." You say that it seems strange that this fact (the collecting of postage stamps) is not taken advantage of for advertising purposes more than it is.

In Europe, where stamp collecting is even more general than in this country, advertisers have used this idea extensively. Probably the largest user of postage stamps in this connection is Suchard, Neuchatel, Switzerland, who puts different stamps on one of his most salable packages of chocolate, sample of which I mail you to-night. Suchard makes contracts for these samples for delivery of one million at a time. We have had a large sale in this country for this package of Chocolat Suchard, and, while the quality of the chocolate cannot be excelled, we attribute the sale to a considerable extent to the stamps on each package, which elicit the interest of the children.

The Canadian Government, as you probably know, has recently issued a series of Jubilee stamps, and I think it may interest you to know that we control fifty thousand of one of the rarer denominations, which will be used on the letters which, during the next five or six weeks, we shall send to mothers in the United States in connection with our ad-

vertising of Nestle's Food. In each envelope that we address to the mother we enclose the slip which we send you herewith.

It is just as easy for us to send our advertising matter from Canada as from New York, and we have received so many letters thanking us for the Jubilee stamps that I think this item might prove of interest to you.

I am yours very truly,

JOSEPH LEEMING.

of Thomas Leeming & Co.

[The chocolate samples Mr. Leeming refers to are of Chocolat Suchard, and each package has two canceled foreign stamps attached. The scheme is similar to that described in our article. On behalf of Nestle's Food the package is mailed in the regular way from Montreal, and the Jubilee stamp is used as postage. Inclosed in the envelope are advertising matter and a printed slip of paper calling attention to the new issue stamp. This is also an excellent scheme.—ED.]—*Art in Advertising*.

SECURITY AND CHANCE.

The instinct to lay by stores for "a rainy day" is the instinct of self-preservation and of civilization. It was led to the development of life-insurance companies and banks and saving institutions of all sorts. It leads the well-to-do to forego high rates of interest in order that the income from their wealth may be as certain and secure as possible. It is the same instinct that leads careful persons of limited means to turn to the government as the only absolutely safe custodian for their small savings.

In establishing postal savings banks a nation carries its people forward a step in civilization, inasmuch as it is giving to them an additional security against misfortune. A person who puts his savings into the post office bank will know that when hardship and want overtake him, whether because of misfortune or declining years, his money will be forthcoming. The fact that there is such a safe place of deposit provided will induce many to make provision against future want who otherwise would permit themselves to become charges upon society when misfortune overtakes them or old age finds them unprepared to earn a support by their labor.

To the persons for whom the postal savings bank is intended the rate of interest paid on deposits is of minor im-

IF YOU WANT TO

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POSTAGE STAMPS OR REVENUES

Write for circulars and particulars of the best

STAMP EXCHANGE.

Rooms 621 & 622 Century Bldg.,

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ST. LOUIS, MO.

portance. What such persons want above everything else is absolute security against loss. They want to eliminate from life the danger that in their declining years they may find themselves without the means of sustaining existence.

Congress should establish a system of postal savings banks for the people of the United States without further unnecessary delay.—Chicago Record.

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

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- CHARLES GREGORY, Vice-President.
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- FIRST FLOOR.—Office and Assembly Room.
- SECOND FLOOR.—Library.
- Room of the Philatelic Society, front.
- Room of National Philatelic Society, rear.
- THIRD FLOOR.—Guest Chambers.
- BASMENT.—Billiard Room.

Admittance by Membership Card.

Notices of coming events and applications for membership will be found posted on the bulletin boards. For special information inquire of the House Committee.

Fourteenth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, 351 Fourth avenue, September 13.

Called to order at 8.15 p. m. Present, Messrs. Calman, Scott, Luff, Lynde and Nast and the Secretary. Mr. Calman was unanimously chosen Chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report received, showing \$722.07 cash in bank.

House Committee report received. Appropriation for cost of recovering billiard table \$20.50 approved.

The Secretary was requested to acknowledge receipt of and thank Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer for twelve pieces of music presented to the club.

Special Committee on lease of club house report progress.

It was voted to confirm the general understanding that the club's fiscal year ends on September 30, in each year.

The following applicants were unanimously elected stockholders:

- (31). Geo. H. Mathews, 146 Broadway, N. Y. City.
- (38). C. E. Hussman, 2736 Dayton street, St. Louis, Mo.
- (39). Frank John Beshar, City Hall Market, Kansas City, Mo.

The Treasurer was directed to give each of them a share of stock.

The following were unanimously elected as subscribing members:

- (30). J. J. Sullivan, 441 Broadway, New York City.

(32). W. P. Todd, Morristown, N. J. They were thereupon duly declared elected.

The following names of applicants for membership in the club were ordered to be posted:

- (33). Reginald Stelfox, Demarest, N. J. Proposed by John W. Scott. Seconded by Walter S. Scott.
- (34). D. H. Bacon, Derby, Conn. Proposed by John W. Scott. Seconded by R. F. Albrecht.
- (35). P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark street, Chicago, Ill. Proposed by John N. Luff. Seconded by John W. Scott.
- (36). Henry F. Lyons, Jr., 383 First street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Proposed by Walter S. Scott. Seconded by John W. Scott.
- (37). W. Brown, St. Thomas Sq., Salisbury, England. Proposed by Henry L. Calman. Seconded by John N. Luff.
- (40). W. H. Sussdorff. Proposed by Chas. Gregory. Seconded by John W. Scott.

An expense of \$35 to \$50 was authorized by the Board for half tone cuts for year book, to be loaned to I. A. Mekeel, and the Secretary to be their custodian. Adjourned 9.35 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

The Editor's Shears.

A novelty in illustrated postal cards was recently issued in Milan upon the occasion of the 1500th anniversary of the patron-saint of Milan, St. Ambrosius. Only one-thousand numbered copies were printed, which were sold for the benefit of a charitable institution for the sum of 3.50 lire (70 cents) each. The postal which bears the official stamp is a very artistic work. On the front it shows a number of Milanese coins in gold or silver-bronze, all bearing the effigy of the Saint. At the back the famous painted window of the choir in the Basilica of St. Ambrosius is reproduced in colors by the well known artist Angelo Pirovano.—Philatelic Monthly and World.

LEEWARDS GOOD FOR POSTAGE!

The following documents will explain themselves:

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, ANTIGUA, 7th July, 1897.

GENTLEMAN,—I am directed by the Officer Administrating the Government to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd of July, 1895, asking to be informed whether the obsolete stamps of the Leeward Islands which were sold to Mr. Thompson in Bishop Auckland some years ago are still available for postage.

In reply, I beg to transmit copies of two opinions of the Law Officer of the Crown to whom your letter was referred, from which it will be observed that all former stamps of any Presidency are still available for postage in the Presidency in which they were issued.

I am to express regret at the delay

which has occurred in replying to your letter under acknowledgment.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD B. JARVIS, for the Colonial Secretary.

The Attorney General to the Colonial Secretary.

HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY:

This somewhat antique enquiry appears to have been sent to my office on the day on which I left for England last year.

My opinion is (as, I think, clearly appears from my minute of 12-3-96, on M. P. 474-96) that former stamps of any Presidency —(all stamps of every Presidency are former stamps — are still available for postage in that Presidency.

(intd.) O. S 3-7-97.

The Attorney General to the Colonial Secretary.

HON. AG. COLONIAL SECRETARY:

Uniform stamps for the Colony were introduced by or under Act No. 3 of 1890 (see ib. 3; ct. 11-86, 23). That Act (8) provides that stamps issued at the Treasuries and Post Offices of the several Presidencies before its coming into operation, "shall be of the same value, and may be issued for the same purpose as they are now but no further."

It seems clear, therefore, that a stamp of any Presidency is available at the same time for payment of postage upon a letter posted in that Presidency, and consequently that, to that extent, the stamps of St. Kitts (Montserrat), can "still be used for paying postage," and the stamps of the various islands can be "used to prepay postage at the present time in place of Leeward Island stamps."

Whether the stamps of any Presidency may be used to defray the postage of letters posted in another Presidency, appears to depend on the historical rather than legal question whether they are so used at the time of Act No. 3, of 1890, coming into force.

(intd.) O. S. 12-3-96.

Thus, the stamps of St. Kitts are still available for postage in the island of St. Kitts; the stamps of Montserrat on letters, &c., from Montserrat; and so on through the whole Archipelago—ill-informed postmasters' decisions to the contrary notwithstanding.—Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

These are the Stamps You Want.

Good ones at low prices. As the supply is limited, you will do well to order at once. If stamps are sold, money returned.

1c Play. Card	\$1 50	\$2.50 and Issue	30
5c Proprietary	75	\$3 " "	1 00
10c " "	75	\$5 " "	50
\$1.30 For. Ex.	75	\$10 " "	2 00
\$3.50 Inland Ex.	1 00	1c 3rd Issue	1 00
\$5 Manifest	1 50	15c " "	30
6c and Issue	1 60	5c Propy., green p.	50
20c " "	1 60	6c " violet p.	75
30c " "	65	6c " blue	35
40c " "	40	10c " gr'n, no perfs.	25
\$2 " "	35	1c green, England	75
		50c mauve, Chili	05

10c 1847, on part of orig. cover..... \$2.25
Executive Set marked Specimen..... 8.00

Fine Stamps on Approval at 50 per cent. discount for Foreign, U. S. 33½; but we must have reference.

CHESAPEAKE STAMP CO.,
230 E. Balto. St. [17th] Baltimore, Md.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

Mr. Howard C. Beck recently picked up a good lot of stamps paying \$3 for the lot. Among them were a nice copy of the 2c Jackson together with half of another two, used provisionally as a 3c stamp; 5c brown and 1c blue, grided, 5c chocolate, a large number of the 1869 issue on original covers and several other interesting covers. One peculiar thing about the find was that there were no letters in the envelopes; the latter having been saved by mistake while the letters were destroyed.

The smooth-tongued Dutchman that was recently arrested in Cleveland passed by the names of Yager and Fischer while in Detroit. It is rumored that one party is \$300 shy by reason of his visit. The party in question will neither affirm or deny this rumor.

The Detroit Philatelic Association held its opening meeting Sept. 20th. Eleven members were present and much interest was taken in the meeting. A very interesting exhibition of stamps followed the meeting.

The *Detroit Philatelist* is not dead as reported and publisher Kessler tells us that No. 4 is now in press and will be out in a short time.

Two Detroit collectors are busily engaged in preparing an up-to-date blank album. We are not at liberty to state the points of superiority of this album as yet, but it will undoubtedly be a decided innovation in the philatelic world. One of the designers is widely known as an artist and something original in the album line may be expected.

Sunday is a busy day for the stamp collectors, at least one hour of it is, the post office is open from 12 until 1 only on Sundays and one may see many collectors getting their mail or improving the opportunity by selling stamps to the carriers, many of whom have collections.

It has been proven beyond doubt that the provisional due stamps issued at Detroit were used by the main post office as well as the branches.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

The August number of the Low Star State Philatelist (Vol. V. No. 1) is just at hand and is mostly devoted to the Carion affair. Fac-similes of letters from postmasters in Cochín China are given but they are the same as have been already published in other papers months ago, and show nothing new. There is also a sworn statement from some twenty San Francisco collectors to the effect that they were present at the opening of a sealed registered package which proved to contain used copies of the stamps in question and that the package came from Cochín China. Also a sworn statement from the registry clerk to a similar effect. This is all very well, but what is there to show that the stamps were not gotten up by some scamp in the colony or sent there from abroad and then sent to Mr. C. in the registered parcel. The postmasters' certificates mentioned above do not state that the surcharges are all right, but that "the unpaid letter stamps are absolutely genuine." Of course no one doubts that fact. It is of the surcharges we want a certificate of birth.

The Omaha Philatelist (Vol. IV. No. 1) contains but little this month, the leading article being on the use of cut envelopes as adhesives.

The Eastern Philatelist (Vol. XX. No. 1) commences volume twenty with the issue for September. Hobart Clark gives a very readable article on the arrangement of a collection in a blank album entitling it "An International Parade" and pleads for a more rational arrangement than the arbitrary alphabetical one so common in our printed albums. The reports of the New England Philatelic Association include a full account of the convention which met at Nahant the day before the Boston convention. The total membership is 85 and it bids fair to increase in the future. Chas. E. Shaw, the new Secretary, is a hustler, and so is Gardner R. Kennedy, the President.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly (Vol. III. No. 78) has just closed its third year and is one of the papers we should miss if it should happen to cease publication. Besides its regular features this number contains the concluding chapter of the article on the stamps of Prussia by William Kuhn.

There are some things about the typographical appearance of the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain (Vol. VII. No.

81) which I think could be improved but the contents are A 1. The September number has a frontispiece containing views of the dealers' stalls at the London show with the attendants. I am willing to wager a "Klondike shilling" that Bright & Son had tull as many callers as any one whether their sales were as large or not!

The article on the Hind stamps contains some very interesting figures showing how many of each variety were issued of the surcharged Indian stamps. The rupee values certainly seem worth holding on to, if one is lucky enough to own any. Only 192 of each of the 3 and 5 rupees were issued.

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Akron, Ohio, March 24th, 1897.
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Gentlemen:—Please accept thanks for your check of \$109.82 in payment of auction sale. As my collection cost me net less than \$70.00 you see I am not a loser. Once more Sirs I thank you for selling my collection and had I another one to be disposed of the same way I think it would go to Bogert & Durbin. Very Respectfully, C. A. T.

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C. E. HUSSMAN,
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Thursday, Sept. 30th.

The first auction sale of the season was held last Tuesday evening. There was a very good attendance. United States Postage, Department and Revenue stamps brought very low prices. Many of the foreign stamps, especially new issues, brought good prices. The auction sale seemed to be a decided success, for the buyers. About 400 lots were sold, in less than the usual time for Boston auction sales, which are generally a little slow.

William B. Hale, of Williamsville, Mass., is in Boston.

The new issue of St. Vincent 2 1/2d blue, and 5d brown, made their appearance in Boston this week. The issue of these two stamps has created a demand for the 2 1/2 and 5d surcharged. Many of the speculators are buying them in blocks.

S. E. L.

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WHOLE No. 230.

Repaired Stamps.

The subject of mending stamps is one which is commanding the attention of all serious thinking philatelists. Since there are parties devoting all their energies to this side line of our hobby remarkable skill has been developed. Masterpieces of art have been exhibited and the danger of these stamps, especially when they get into the hands of less scrupulous parties is very evident. Already the pertinent question of "What is to be done?" is receiving considerable attention on the European Continent, where the skill of repairing seems to have reached its highest pitch. Margins have been added to closely trimmed specimens, perforations supplied, defects painted over, all in such a manner as to deceive the most careful observer. A stamp may be marked as mended on a sheet and sold at a reduced price which is a legitimate transaction, but if this same specimen changes hands several times, the danger of some one getting stuck is clear at hand. Anyone has a decided right to repair his stamps and to make them appear as perfect as possible, especially if he retains the specimen for his own collection. The position of a dealer, however, is different. The word "repaired" should appear on the back of each stamp, for which purpose the use of a small metal stamp and ink, neither black nor purple, is to be recommended. Red is probably the best color to use as it is not apt to penetrate the paper of any stamp.

The cause for selecting the word "repaired" in preference to "mended" or "damaged" is the similarity to the German "reparirt" and French "repare." If the stamp thus marked should go across to the brethren on the other side they will understand the meaning of the word without any knowledge of the English language. To them we would likewise recommend the use of their similar words which would be intelligible to the English speaking race.

Whether a stamp from the margin of a sheet which has had the perforations supplied on one side is to be considered "repaired" is yet an open question. Let us hear the opinion of some of our greater lights in philately whose words would be more weighty than anything the present writer could say.

J. M. BARTELS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Oct. 6th.

The stamp business in Boston is very quiet. We are to have two auction sales this month, and, speaking of auction sales, it may not be out of place to quote a few prices that stamps brought at the first sale of the season, which occurred Oct. 28th. I mention only stamps that were in good condition. \$5 Columbian, used, sold for \$2.30; Navy, 12c, unused, o. g., sold for \$1.10; 15c Navy, same condition, sold for \$1.60; Agriculture, 12c, unused, o. g., sold for \$4.00; a complete set of Agriculture, unused, o. g., sold, in several lots, for \$15.95 total, or about 42% of catalogue; 7c State, unused, o. g., sold for \$1.60; 4c Playing Card, a very fine copy, sold for \$4.60, catalogued at \$10.00; a block of 4, 6c Canada Jubilee, sold for \$3.25. Many of the foreign stamps brought good prices. It would seem that the U. S. Departments and Revenues are either catalogued too high, or else are in no demand at present.

It is quite amusing to read and hear the remarks that are made, in relation to the condition of the stamp market, in regard to prices, etc. There are new collectors being added to our ranks almost daily, and they are buying low and medium priced stamps; while many of the older collectors, having been more or less speculators, are not taking a very active interest at present. During the last few seasons, there has been considerable of a boom in the stamp business, and like all other branches of industry, conducted on similar lines, having had its re-action, it will take some little time to recover.

It is quite evident to those who make a study of the stamp trade, that many of the stamps are catalogued at exorbitant prices. Some of the stamp fraternity will tell you that the law of supply and demand regulates the prices. There seems to be a wonderful supply of certain stamps, but no demand. On the other hand, there are more of the current issues sold today than there was a year or two ago. This will always be the case, when stamp collecting is for pleasure, and not for speculation.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

A noticeable feature of the past few weeks is the large number of old collectors who are taking a renewed interest in stamp collecting. Some had sold out, others only put their collections aside for a few years and feel much encouraged over the increase in value since they last looked at a catalogue.

The 12c, 1861, first type, which was referred to in last week's notes is still the main topic of interest. An amicable settlement of the dispute in regard to the ownership has been made and the Columbia Stamp Co. are now the proud holders of this rarity. In spite of the poor condition of the stamp the price asked is quite respectable.

One of the largest fires which occurred in this city for years destroyed the imposing power house of the Capital Traction Co. a week ago. Various printing and other establishments were contained in the building and all the dies used to illustrate the lately published Envelope Catalogue of J. M. Bartels & Co. were lost. New ones will have to be made for the next edition, which, however, will cause no delay in its appearance.

Have you ever noticed the variety of 2c Columbian which might be called a defective die? The extreme line at bottom of right side is sometimes broken, the lower half of same being entirely omitted. It is not a rarity as it occurs on a number of plates. The following have been noticed, 32, 35, 112, 138. To Mr. G. A. Camp belongs the credit for this discovery.

It is remarkable what a prominent part plate numbers are playing in the philatelic reports from the larger cities of the country. They are very evidently gaining ground. Even the originally so unpopular Columbian strips are rapidly increasing in demand, especially the 2c and early 1c. Of the latter Nos. 68 and 69 appear to be the scarcest though 67 is very common. The easiest 2c to find are series PP Nos. 164 to 169.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

REVENUE STAMPS IN SHEETS.

TIFFIN, OHIO, Oct. 3, 1897.

Editor ERA:

A writer in a recent issue of a western stamp journal, in speaking of the U. S. Revenue stamps, asserted that they had been printed 400 to the sheet, after the plan of the adhesives. This is certainly an error, so far at least as the 1878 proprietaries are concerned. In an unused vertical strip of 45 of the 1c green, joined top and bottom—3 columns wide and 15 stamps to the column—I find perforations, selvage and imprint at both ends. All stamps were no doubt issued by sheets in multiples of \$1.00, so as to make computation easy; and I am inclined to believe this series was issued in sheets of 300—20 columns wide and 15 stamps to the column. The strip, also shows that the sheet was perforated entire, not quarter-sectioned as the postage at present.

D. M. KEPPEL.

CONNERSVILLE, IND., Oct. 2, 1897.

Mr. W. W. JEWETT,

Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Portland, Maine.

My dear Sir: The W. P. E. of Sept. 18th duly received. It is headed "The 1897-98 Season Opener." Such is the case with me for it has succeeded in fanning the smouldering love for things Philatelic into a burning zeal and ambition to get back to my first love—stamp collecting.

Some three years ago I discontinued stamp collecting to take up the study of Nature. I have had the pleasure (and work) of tramping mile after mile searching for geological specimens; I've waded the sparkling waters for the pretty shells; over hill and dale have I chased the lovely butterfly; I've almost strained my neck out of shape while searching the trees overhead for our little feathered friends; and snakes! don't mention them. All the above and many other things have I done; indeed I've done about all a Naturalist can do (in this locality), but in all my experience with the above class of work, I can honestly say that I got more genuine pleasure out of my stamps than I have in all my other "hobbies."

I have great respect for all students of Nature for there is no more elevating study than the study of the handwork of God. But for myself, I am back in the Philatelic ranks once more.

My mind wanders back to years ago when I was a little school lad. when I had a 28c album and *pasted my stamps flat*, then I can picture the changes that took place as years went by, until I was the happy possessor of a card-board album that was my joy and delight of an evening after a hard day's labor. I wonder, have those happy evenings gone by never to return? I will find out for I have decided to drop Natural Science (except Archæology) and take up my old hobby.

Well, I suppose that I have taken too much of your time, so wishing the W. P. E. a successful continuation of "its ever fearless championship of the interests of collectors," I am,

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK END- ING OCT. 2nd.

Applications for Membership.

DUTCHER, FRANK J., Hopedale, Mass.; age 47; occupation, Manufacturer. Recommended by E. A. Holton, Joe F. Beard.

HUTCHINS, MRS. NELLIE WOODS, 636 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; age 36. References: C. F. Rothfuchs, Joe F. Beard.

LEIPPE, J. H., Reading, Pa.; age 39; occupation, Manufacturer. References: Cliff. W. Kissinger, Joe F. Beard.

PINKNEY, JOSEPH RICHARD, Box 69, Newcastle, Natal; age 33; occupation, Mgr. Boot & Shoe Store. References: H. A. Hatton, Joe F. Beard.

WAIT, JOSEPH E., 66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.; age 36; occupation, Dentist. References: C. F. Rothfuchs, Joe F. Beard.

New Stockholders.

1447. **PREVOST, JOHN W.**, 32 Richelieu St., Springfield, Mass.

Changes of Address of Members.

HARRY, MINNIE, Hamilton, Mo., changed to **OGDEN, MINNIE HARRY**, Hamilton, Mo.

ROSENTHAL, EDWARD, from 232 E. 58th St., to 529 W. 152nd St., New York City.

Resignation Received.

83. **HAWLEY, THOMAS C.**, Lake Park, Minn.

Resignation Accepted.

559. **KRAUTH, G. E.**, Philadelphia, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report.....	881
Added since	1
	882
Resignation accepted	1
Present membership	881

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

HUNTINGTON, PA., Sept. 27th, 1897.
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE A. P. A.,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Dear Sir: I have been a stamp collector for some years and take many philatelic papers and read them; I have been struck with the apparent lack of combination, concentration and organization of the Philatelists of the country. It strikes me that each is for himself, and for all there is in it, without regard to the cause or the building up of the Art, for if you look at it rightly it is an art and one that is instructive. In all the Journals I see the name of this or that Philatelic Society, and each section of country has its pet. Can I suggest some things that have passed through my mind that I think might be a benefit to the stamp collecting fraternity. There should be but one society in the United States to be located at a central point (New York would be as good as any other place, and probably better); every other locality where Philatelists want to meet socially or for mutual exchange or

benefit, should be a branch of this society; dues could be paid into the local society and a per capita tax on all members in good standing be collected by the head branch which would be a contribution for its support and success. The main head should have a sales department with an experienced man in charge that would give his whole time to the work and he should be paid a salary that would compensate him for this labor; all stamps for distribution should be placed in books provided by him, and he should send them to the local officer of the branch to which the member belongs who has made application for exchange, and this officer would be responsible for their safe delivery and return; proper charges for insurance, etc., to be made; one suggestion is that a member might enter in these books, either in writing or printing, the stamps he had to offer with the price and condition, and this book to be circulated the same as if the stamps were there; the money to be paid into the hands of the sales officer, who also holds the stamps with the understanding that no money was to be paid over until the purchaser expressed himself as satisfied; this would enable collectors to offer valuable stamps without the risk of loss, by theft, substitution or destruction.

As the society advanced and became wealthy it could purchase desirable stamps and hold them for the purpose of selling to members only at a slight advance; this would cut off the speculators, and when the advantage of it was realized, no collector could afford to refuse to become a member. Further advantages might be shown but I have said enough to prove that a society should be a benefit to its members in order to interest them and increase membership.

Yours truly,
W. C. OGDENE.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 2nd, 1897.
157 books of stamps received according to my report of Sept. 25, valued at \$5,272.61
59 books received since Sept. 25, valued at \$1,964.93
Total number of books received 216
valued at \$8,237.54

Members are requested to send in good Br. Colonies and the better class of South and Central American, Africans are also in demand. I have also many requests for Match and Medicine, all kinds of good stamps in fact are in demand at present.

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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, *Superintendent*,
160 Nassau St.

N. Y. CITY, Oct. 2nd, 1897.

Class A. Total Participants 1, Am't \$10
 " B. " " " 1, " 25
 " C. " " " 1, " 50

Total received \$85

Members who wish to join this Department should do so at once. I intend to make this Department of benefit to the Participants.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

Scott's 58th Prices.

[CONTINUED.]

ALL prices not mentioned below remain unchanged.

Prices on adhesives only are quoted. Where a dash (—) appears no price is given in 58th although one appeared in 57th.

ANGOLA.

1870-7	10r yellow	50	—
	40r blue	1 75	1 75
	100r mauve	08	25
	200r orange	18	—
	300r chocolate	25	60
1886	40r chocolate	20	35
	100r brown	25	15
	200r lilac	40	40
	300r orange	60	60
1894	5r yellow	02	02
	10r reddish violet	03	03
	15r chocolate	04	04
	20r lavender	05	05
	25r green	06	05
	50r light blue	10	03
	80r light green	15	15
	100r brown, buff	18	18
	150r carmine, rose	25	25
	200r dark blue, light blue	35	35
	300r dark blue, buff	50	50
	25r on 2½r brown	1 25	1 25

ANJOUAN.

1892	10c lavender	04	
	15c blue	06	
	20c red, green	08	
	40c red, straw	15	
	50c carmine, rose	18	
	75c orange	25	
	1fr bronze green, straw	35	
<i>Annam and Tonkin.</i>			
1888	A3 1c on 2c brown, buff	20	

ANTIGUA.

1862	6p blue g'n. per. 14 to 16,	7 00	
	a. Imperforate: 6p yellow green	25 00	
	6p blue green, perf. 11 to		
	13 x 14 to 16	25 00	
	Wmkd. Star. Perf. 14 to 16.		
1863	1p lilac rose	2 00	60
	1p vermilion	1 50	50
	6p blue green	5 00	1 00
	a. Imperforate		25 00
	6p yellow green	6 00	1 25

1873	1p red, CC, perf. 12½	1 50	85
	1p vermilion " "	2 50	1 75
	6p blue green " "	12 00	85
1873-79	1p red perf. 14	50	50
	4p blue " "	2 50	75
1882-85	½p g'n CA, per. 14	06	08
	1p red " " "	08	08
	2½p br'n " " "	2 50	75
	4p blue " " "	7 50	85
1886	1p red, perf. 12	1 00	75
	2½p blue	20	25
	4p brown	40	40
	1sh mauve	7 00	6 00

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

1858-61	5c red	08	60
	a. Colon after 5	30	1 50
	10c green	18	2 50
	15c blue	18	4 00
1862	5c pink, Narrow "C"	1 00	60
1864	15c blue, Wmkd. RA	40 00	35 00
	Unwmkd. Imperf.		
	5c carmine	4 00	2 00
	5c rose	4 00	2 00
1868-69	5c vermilion	10	04
	15c blue	1 00	50
1873	1c purple	05	04
	4c brown	08	02
	30c orange	1 50	60
	60c black	1 00	15
	90c blue	1 50	12
1876-77	5c vermilion rouletted	4 00	2 50
	8c lake	"	20 04
1877	8c on 10c green	1 00	75
1878	16c green	30	04
	24c blue	40	08
1877-80	2c green	05	02
	25c carmine	75	40
1882	½c on 5c vermilion, perforated in centre	50	75
1882	½c brown	08	08
	1c red	08	08
	12c blue	—	20
	12c blue Litho.	—	25
	12c blue, perf. 14	—	50
	1c red, Typographed	06	06
1884	½c on 15c blue, Red Sur.	25	—
	1c on 15c " " "	50	—
	½c on 15c " Black Sur.	75	75
	4c on 5c vermilion " " "	50	20
1888	2c yellow green	75	30
	15c orange	20	06
	30c chocolate	45	12
1890	5c red	06	01
	½c on 12c blue, blk surc.	06	12
1891	8c carmine	25	08
	20p green	—	18 00
1892-96	5c carmine	06	01
	16c gray	18	06
	24c gray brown	25	06
	50c blue green	50	08
	2p dark green	1 75	45
	5p dark blue	3 75	75
1896	1p deep carmine	1 00	25
	<i>Cordova.</i>		
1859	5c blue	1 50	
	<i>Corrientes.</i>		
1856	1r blue	4 00	3 50
	1r blue, value barred	4 00	3 00
1864-80	(2c) rose	1 25	75

AUSTRIA.

1850	6kr brown, thin p.	6 00	02
	1kr yellow, thick p.	7 50	10
	1kr orange, " "	8 00	12
	3kr red, " "	2 00	01
1858-9	3kr black, perf. 15	10 00	60
	3kr green " "	4 00	60
	15kr blue " "	30 00	02
'90	2gld carmine perf. 9 to 10½	1 50	20
1896	1gld pale lilac	65	10
	2gld gray green	1 25	25

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1867	2sld yellow	06	08
	3sld green	06	06
1892	2pia on 20kr olive green	18	04
	5pia on 50kr violet	40	15
1896	10pia on 1gld pale lilac	75	75
	20pia on 2gld gray green	1 50	1 50

Lombardy Venice.

1850	5c yellow	25 00	60
	5c orange	20 00	50
	10c black	8 00	30
	5c yellow, thick p.	—	1 00
	5c orange " "	—	1 00
1863	3s green perf. 14	2 50	35
1863	3s green, perf. 9½	10	15
	5s rose " "	06	02
	10s blue " "	12	04
	15s brown " "	18	08

AZORES ISLANDS.

1868	5r black	40 00	40 00
	80r orange	8 50	8 50
1868-70	5r black, 2 types carmine surcharge	2 00	2 00
	50r green, black sur.	6 00	8 00
	50r orange " "	8 50	9 00
	240r lilac " "	11 50	15 00
1871	5r black	45	45
1871-75	20r straw, black sur.	1 00	1 00
	100r lilac " "	1 50	75
1875	10r yellow, black surch.	25	50
	15r lilac brown 2 types black surcharge	12	25
1876-80	50r blue	2 50	1 00
	300r violet	1 10	1 10
1882-5	100r lilac, black surch.	25	20

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	9kr pink	1 50	05
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1861	3kr blue	5 00	10
1862	9kr bistre (new color)	2 00	60
1864-68	7kr dull blue	10	15
	7kr blue	40	30

BAHAMAS.

1859	1p pale lake	4 00	20 00
	Wmkd. Crown and CC Perf. 12½.		
'62-7	4p rose lake (new color)	10 00	1 00
	6p violet	1 50	75
	1sh green	50 00	10 00
1875	1p vermilion, perf. 14	35	75
	1sh green " "	1 00	35
1882	1p vermilion, " "	10 00	2 50
	1sh green " "	50	20

1884-90 2 1/2p blue	10	03
4p yellow	15	08
5sh olive green	2 00	1 00
1£ brown	7 00	—

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From an Occasional Correspondent.

Nebraska Notes.

The sixth annual convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society was held at Omaha, Sept. 24, 1897, in N. Y. Life Building. Between 60 and 75 members were present and a royal good time was had. The Society will meet again in same city next year. The election of officers resulted as follows:

- President, S. W. Hacker, Auburn.
Vice Pres., Rev. H. Wendt, Sterling.
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Trustees, Kloeckner, Schroder and Haldbrook of Syracuse.
The Society numbers 161 members to date and all collectors of Nebraska are cordially invited to join.
An exhibit of stamps is to be made by the Society at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition and collectors are invited to help on same. The committee in charge are W. F. Hendricks, F. Rothery and S. Marstein. Mr. E. W. Fitt's counterfeit collection, one of the best of its kind, will be part of the exhibit.

Among the leading members who were present from outside Omaha were C. H. Imhoff, Lincoln; S. W. Hacker, Auburn; J. S. Thompson, Sterling; S. P. Hughes, Howe; T. F. Tomblin, Bartley; E. S. Enisell, Holdredge; E. R. Holmes, Lincoln; S. Betzer, David City; E. R. Roberts, Sutton; E. W. Fitt, Plattsmouth; C. Foster, Nelson; E. Wilkinson, Lincoln; and many others too numerous to mention.

An amateur camera club for Nebraska is being formed and anyone enclosing a stamp to L. T. Brodstone can hear regarding same if interested. Quite a number of the N. P. S. members are in it already.

Messrs. E. L. Platz and Wm. B. Hopson have the Nebraska L. A. W. Road Book in charge.

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THE SPREAD OF THE POSTAL CARD.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

CONNECTED WITH THE GROWING USE OF THIS CONVENIENCE OF MODERN CIVILIZATION.

It is but a few days ago that the man to whom we owe the introduction of the postal card—500,000,000 of which are used in this country alone each year—died in Germany, after having seen its use spread from a few thousand the first year of its introduction in Austria in 1869, until it was adopted by every civilized nation on the globe—and a great many whose civilization is yet in doubt. Four years later they were introduced into this country. To go back for a moment to Heinrich Von Steven, the German postmaster-general, and inventor of the idea, we find that he first brought the matter to the attention of postal authorities by advocating the introduction of postal cards at a meeting of the German states by postal representatives—a postal congress, as it is called—in 1865. Nothing came of it at that time, and it was not until four years later that Austria issued the first postal card, October 1, 1869.

The collection of postage stamps and of old coins has become recognized as a science in itself and has a large and increasing literature both of books and papers. The collection of postal cards, while not so widely known nor in many ways so interesting as that of postage stamps and coins, yet has a fascination all its own, and is increasing yearly. It is practically possible for a collector to own a full collection of nearly every postal card issued since the first one in 1869 at but a fraction of the cost that anything approaching a full collection of postage stamps would necessitate. The most complete local collection is that of W. C. Stone of the city library staff, who has, roughly, about 2500 different cards in his collection; but others are much larger in number, especially those who go into the collection of cards on which a slight defect in the printing or a misplaced ornament in the border makes it of a separate variety. These add to the collection's number without adding really to its value.

As in the study of stamps, a prodigious amount of modern history is learned by the collector. This is furthered in the case of the cards also by the issuing from time to time of special editions of postal cards to celebrate or commemorate some important event. So profitable were these issues at first that after a time such issues were put out on trivial pretexts, with a special eye to the collectors, in the hope of securing a large sum of money

for their sale; a hope that fortunately in many cases has been doomed to disappointment. Such was the case with a recent issue of Portugal to commemorate the 700th anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua, where he was unable to get an audience from men, and, according to the story, preached to the fishes instead. On this special card there is a very realistic engraving of the good saint by the seaside with outstretched arms, speaking to a number of his finny friends, who are leaping out of the water with wide open mouths to take in the gospel; but not even this appeal to men's faith in miracles was sufficient to make this issue a success. A similar fate has overtaken other issues. The Canadian government has just issued 7,000,000 postal cards with the design of commemorating the jubilee of Queen Victoria; this is a regular issue, however, and not made with any special reference to collectors, as the number in itself forbids any great price being paid for them. As in other commodities, scarcity is what makes the price; the very rarest range from \$10 to \$25, and the great majority of postal cards can be obtained at a price not exceeding five cents and nearly all under \$5. This is partly due to the fact that the intrinsic value of the card is much lower than that of the stamp, the very highest intrinsic value of the card seldom being over 10 cents, and not often over five cents.

A catalog of countries that issue postal cards would be in effect a gazeteer of the countries of the world. The first postal card ever issued, of which mention has already been made, was a plain buff card about three by five inches with a fancy border and lines ruled for the address. At the head are the German words, "Correspondenz-Karte," and the stamp at the upper right-hand corner bears a likeness of the Emperor Francis Joseph in yellow and orange tint. There were two lines of directions on the writing side. The price was two kreutzers—about one cent. In spite of its being the first card ever issued, it can be obtained to-day for about 10 cents of dealers. This form, with alterations as to language, was adopted in the eight provinces of the Austrian empire. The next important step in the history of the postal card was the formation of the postal union, which, in connection with other postal regulations, allowed a card's being sent to any of the countries embraced by the union. This union was talked about for several years and finally was adopted at a meeting of postal representatives of the various countries at Berne, Switzerland, in 1874. It was first called the General postal union, but in 1878 received the name it bears to-day, that of the Universal postal union, and embraces all the civilized countries of the globe.

To illustrate the value of postal card collecting as a pleasant means of study-

ing history, one has only to note the different issues and what they mean to see that the points in history that they illustrate are impressed upon the mind, as no school can do. Here, for instance, is an edition of postal cards issued from the Alsace-Lorraine district for the parts of France occupied by the Germans at the time of the Franco-German war. The Germans took charge of the mails in the districts over which they had control and issued the postal cards. Another card issued by the Italian government in 1895 created quite a little uproar. The government sent out an elaborately gotten up design in commemorating the 25th anniversary of the evacuation of Rome by the papal forces. Of course, this was all right so far as the government was concerned, but there were several Catholic countries that never were reconciled to the abolition of temporal power on the part of the pope, who were properly enraged at the innocent joy of Italy's government over its first quarter-century of existence, and the admittance of this postal card to those countries was denied, a considerable row being kicked up about the matter. So far as those countries were concerned, it appealed to them much as if some southern states were to issue a card for circulation over all the country celebrating the date of the secession of the southern confederacy and bearing finely executed engravings of Jeff Davis, Andersonville prison and the battles of Bull Run.

It occurred to the postal authorities at Victoria, Australia, a few years ago that a large part of the address side of a postal card could be utilized for advertising purposes and thus the cost to the government of their issue be decreased. As a result bids were advertised for and the left half of a good-sized postal card was reserved for the advertisers. What was the holy horror of good people everywhere when the next issue appeared, to find that the upper half, so reserved, was devoted to the proclaiming of the good qualities of a certain brand of plug tobacco, and that the lower half set forth in glowing terms the many good reasons why every one should drink Blank's lager beer! Public opinion arose against it, a tremendous clamor was made and the issue was quickly withdrawn, the plug tobacco and the lager beer firm receiving a vast quantity of free advertising in the process. It has been to date the last attempt to advertise on the open postal card of the government issue in any country.

A glance at some of the recent issues will afford an idea of the scope of the stamp collector's mania. East India has just sent out cards with cheerful inscriptions in Arabic, which to the uninitiated resembles the marks made by the maternal hand on the mince pies of our youth. A set of cards from Abyssinia, on

which the Amharic language is used, have the stamp on the left instead of the right, with a portrait of the "Negus" Menelik. On the right is the sacred emblem, a crowned lion carrying a cross—for though barbaric, it is nevertheless a Christian country. A special set issued by Bulgaria commemorates the baptism of little Prince Boris into the Greek church on February 4 of last year. The card bears the representation of the lad, and a likely looking little fellow he is too. The Central American state of Guatemala sends out several engraved cards, the engraving being done by the American bank note and printing company, by the way,—illustrating her exposition and different public buildings. Often there are several languages on the same card, as in the case of Ceylon, which has Tamil, English and Singalese on the same card. Even the little federation of Cook islands in the Pacific ocean has its fresh issue of cards.

Some countries use adhesive stamps in connection with their postal cards, and the place usually occupied by the stamp is reserved as a cancellation place. Others allow each person to issue their own cards and forward them when the stamp is attached the same as any matter. The story goes that a private card of this kind was at one time sent out of a country to a foreign place. The authorities did not know what to do with it, as it was addressed to an ambassador, and they were afraid that trouble would result if they were not delivered, as it might be important matter. So they finally deputed some one to take the card to the great man and to read to him the message, after which they tore the card up and thus satisfied the requirements of the law forbidding them to deliver it, and also got the message to the man.

Of United States postal cards there have been 11 different issues, and proposals have been advertised for a new issue for December 1, which will probably be of a slightly different design. The first, with the wonderful scroll and United States combined, was stolen outright by the Argentine Republic, when it issued its first postals. It may be interesting to know that the first issues were printed by the Morgan envelope company of this city in 1873. These were dark buff in color with red brown letters and printed lines for the address. People resented the imputation conveyed by these lines that they couldn't write straight, and in later issues these were left off. In 1879 a two-cent international card was sent out, which is still in use, although people knew very little about it. Paid reply postal cards were not sent out until 1892-3, and it is doubtful if these are as much used in this country as in foreign countries. The last post-office report shows that there were sales of only 400,000 of paid reply postals and 4700 double internationals, while

there were about 500,000,000 of the ordinary kind sent out.

Among the oddities of postal card issues are the cards of Wurtemberg with six paragraphs of instructions—and presumably fair woman writes a postscript on the address side and makes the card unmailable just as she does in the United States. These same Wurtemberg cards, by the way, are the largest printed, measuring about 6½ by 4½ inches. The government of Monaco issues postals, but there are no pictures of the Monte Carlo gambling dens on them, although by some the coat of arms of the prince is thought to suggest a roulette table. Newfoundland gets out a very elaborate card, the printing being done by an American firm. On the cards of New South Wales appeared a flower that was a puzzle to collectors for some little time. It was finally discovered to be the warratah, and resembles somewhat the thistle. The smallest postal card is a private card, sanctioned for its issue having been granted by the New Zealand government to a cigarette firm for inclosing in their packages in a "voting" contest of some sort—for it seems this weary old torture has reached to the utter most parts of the earth. It is a half penny card, and measures about 1½ by 3 inches. Measurements of postal cards in the truly scientific way of the collector involve millimeters, centimeters and the like, the metric table being used exclusively.

The introduction of the penny post card into Tasmania was due not to the untiring efforts of the government, but to the vigor and "push" of a man named Walsh. Walsh was a stationer in Hobart, Tasmania, and conceived the idea that the post card was what was wanted in that section of the earth. Failing to enlist the interest of the government in the matter, he went to work in a characteristic way, sending out private cards that could be forwarded on the pasting on of a stamp, each card bearing the message: "All persons who approve of the introduction of a penny post card are expected to buy and use this card." They did so in such numbers that the government was forced to issue the post cards. As similar revolution was brought about in Spain, the man there being an army officer; and the government was fairly shamed into issuing them.

From the simple postal card to the letter card is but a step, yet this highly useful convenience is entirely unknown to this country, the nearest approach to it,

a letter sheet issued some time ago, having been withdrawn on account of the lack of patronage. Yet these same letter cards—which are merely two cards face to face, with the edges gummed so that the communication may be more secret, and perforated so that they may be easily torn off in opening—are very common on the continent. Other countries also send them out, so that it is almost like a duplication of the description of the postal cards to go into them in detail. Many governments issue them double, one reply card inside of the other. In France there is advertising space sold on the card, which helps pay for the cost of the card. In Hungary, there being many points where the telegraph does not go, one can take a special form of this sort of card, write a telegram upon it and drop it into the nearest post office. The mail service then takes it as quickly as possible to where there is a telegraph station, from which point it is wired on to its destination. In the same way a telegram is sent as far as the wires go and then by mail the remainder of the journey.

The only postal card society in the world, so far as known, is the "Postal Card Society of America," organized in 1891, and now having about 100 members. This society issues a bulletin monthly by its secretary, W. C. Stone, which calls attention to the new issues and gives various bits of information to its readers. In addition, there is an exchange department, by aid of which collectors having duplicates can exchange them, the purchasing agent being A. Lohmeyer of Baltimore. The officers of the society are, besides these, the president, W. Rasmus of New York City; treasurer, John N. Morse of Boston; exchange superintendent, George H. Watson of Elizabeth, N. J., and international secretary, E. Doebelin of Pittsburg, Pa.—*Springfield (Mass.) Republican*, Oct. 3, 1897.

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12c ⊕, fine 3-15; 30c ⊕, fine	2 00
Executive 1c penmarked, fine	3 00
2c ○ but not bright	3 50
3c ○ o. g., dull color	2 50
3c ○ o. g., bright color, very slightly damaged	1 50
6c ⊕ 6.00; 10c penmarked	3 50
Justice 24c ⊕ 7.00; 30c ⊕	5 15
Navy 7c penmarked, fine	3 00
90c penmarked, fine	3 00
Official Seal, Post Obitus ○	1 50
State 24c ⊕ 2.15; 30c ○ fine	3 50
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1860 4c on white, ○ good copy □	6 00
1861 12c ○ □ 2.15; 40c ○ □	3 00
1864 24c ○ fine □	1 50
1874 24c on white ○ □	3 00
1875 1c die A on white ○ fine □	3 00
2c " A on manila ○ " □	75
2c " B on white ○ □	1 00
2c " B3 on orange ○ □	1 60
2c br'n, die C on white ○ fine □	2 40
5c Taylor die A on fawn ○ fine □	6 00
15c on white ○ fine □	1 00
30c on amber ○ fine □	2 00
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1884 July, die B on fawn ○ entire	1 00
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\$15 Mortgage, perf., fine	3 50
\$25 " " "	2 00
\$50 U. S. I. R. perf.	1 80
\$1.90 second issue very fine	3 10
\$3.50 " blue and black	2 55
2c third issue inverted medalion	2 50
1878 5c, fine	80

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Blood's second type of man stepping over houses ⊕	1 40
third type of man stepping over houses ⊕	2 75
City Despatch Paid, circular stamp second type	1 00

black on green with dove ⊕	1 75
small stamp with "Paid" in center ⊕	75
prepaid envelope on white, entire ○ but addressed	50
prepaid env. on buff ⊕ entire	50
Boyd's 2c gr'n 3rd type ⊕ on orig. env.	75
1845 2c green, colored through ⊕ on orig. env.	60
Cartier's Despatch bl'k ⊕ on orig. env.	60
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Hartford yellow ⊕ on orig. l.	1 25
Pomeroy's yellow ⊕ on orig. env.	60
blue ⊕ on orig. l. but not cancelled	1 80
Union Square 1c gr'n ⊕ on part o. c.	1 25
Swarts Washington City Despatch 1c violet ⊕	2 00
<i>Confederate States:</i>	
Knoxville 5c reprint ○	1 00
Memphis 5c red ⊕ on piece of orig. env., fine	4 00
Mobile 5c ⊕ on orig. env.	3 50
New Orleans 5c brown, ⊕ on orig. env., fine	1 25
'61 10c rose ⊕ on orig. env., very fine	1 30
1863 "Ten Cents" blue, very fine copy ⊕ on orig. env.	2 75
10c outer line, fine ⊕ on orig. env.	2 00
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Austria 1850 3kr red ○ very fine, o. g.	2 10
Bavaria 1879 5pf violet ○ o. g., fine	1 10
Br. Guiana 1868 4c perf. 1 1/2 ⊕, fine	3 00
Br. Honduras 1874 3d brown, perf. 14 ○ o. g., fine	4 05
Ceylon 1857 6d imperf. ⊕	1 50
Chili 1852 10c blue on so-called bluish p. ⊕	2 10
Columbia '86 10p lilac-rose, large ⊕	1 60
Antioquia 1890 2 1/2c black on green error ○	1 30
1890 5c black on green error ○	2 10
Cundinamarca 1883 50c rose provisional ⊕	1 30
Guanacaste 1885 1c with double surcharge in black & red ○ fine	1 50
Cuba 1869 Habilitado 40c ○ o. g. "	2 10
1878 10c ○ fine	90
Gibraltar 1889 1p ○ o. g. fine	1 10
Grenada 1883 8d ○ o. g. fine	1 35
Holland 1864 10c ○	75
Italy 1854 40c rose ⊕	30
Mexico 1872 100c wmkd., imperf. ⊕	1 00
1897 12c br'n, error, ○ o. g. fine	1 00
Nova Scotia 6d yellow-green ⊕	3 50
8 1/2c green ⊕ fine	1 00
St. Lucas 1883 1d rose ○	1 90
Samoa 1877 1d blue, orig. penm'k'd	1 00
1877 6d original, penmarked slightly damaged	1 00
Shanghai 20c on 40c brown, surcharged in frame ○	1 00
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 50th regular meeting was held Oct. 6th at 8 p. m., President Round in the chair. Members present, Gates of Teaticket, Elliott of Taunton and Rounds of Providence, Smiley, Utton, Sherman, Skinner and Richards. The chair appointed Messrs. Eldredge, Elliott and Gates a committee of three to confer with the members and see about putting an insurance on books placed in the Exchange Department. (Would like to hear from members regarding same.)

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New Member List No. 6.

107. Fred Perry, Attleboro, Mass.

Resignations.

62. J. W. Chadderton, Mansfield, Mass.

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Meeting adjourned at 8.40 p. m.

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From Our Special Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ontario, Notes.

A new general issue of Canadian postage stamps is imminent, being necessitated by the fact that the present Liberal government has entered into a new contract for engraving and printing Dominion treasury notes, postage and revenue stamps, and in short, all government matter. The previous contractors were the British American Bank Note Co. of Montreal. About six years ago the government insisted on their contractors doing their printing at the Capital and the B. A. B. N. Co. erected a handsome establishment on Wellington St., where all postage stamps have since been printed. It may be remembered that the Ottawa printings were signaled by distinct varieties in shade from the earlier Montreal issues, varieties that have never been sufficiently distinguished in the standard catalogues. When the bids for a renewal of the engraving contract were opened last winter, it was found that the American Bank Note Company of New York were the lowest bidders, and that they bound themselves in the event of the acceptance of their tender to build and equip a printing establishment in Ottawa, in compliance with the conditions of the bids. Their tender was accepted and they have carried out their undertaking by building a commodious and fully equipped establishment near that of their rivals on Wellington Street. Of the new presses the Jubilee issue of postage stamps were the first fruits. The impending general issue will be required as soon as the existing stock of the current issue is exhausted, and it is rumored that the supply of some values is running low.

This much is announced,—that the design for the new issue has been decided upon; that the centre of the stamp will contain a portrait of the Queen taken at the time of the Jubilee, approved and signed by the Queen as the best existing likeness of her, and that our national emblem, the maple leaf, will appear in the corners—not the unnatural and misshapen leaf that appears on the Jubilee issue, but the real article, copied from actual leaves gathered on Parliament hill. This would indicate that there will be only one die for all the values, but I have as yet no information as to size, colours or details.

The Jubilee issue is practically exhausted, the 3 cent value being apparently the only one remaining on public sale. I believe full sets can yet be obtained, but the sale of the values above one dollar has fallen as flat as it deserved to. I have heard of some frater big accumulations of 1/2 cents finding their way

into dealers' hands, but fancy the other values, including the 6c, have been pretty evenly distributed.

The Ottawa Journal has been drawing attention to the fact that the government charges many times the value of the envelopes, in addition to the postage rate, for the Canadian issue of stamped envelopes, and that consequently they are practically never used. Collectors of stationery may note this as an explanation of the comparative scarcity of these unartistic stamps, and should lay in a stock even though they are charged the exorbitant price of 25 or 30 cents per 100, in addition to the postage rates, for the envelopes.

Talking of envelope stamps, a correspondent sent me one of your U. S. 2c envelopes the other day, and drew my attention to the fact that Washington appeared thereon as a green-eyed monster? I do not know whether that is a recognized and rare variety, but if such varieties go, I can send him lots of our 3c envelopes showing Queen Victoria with a bloody nose.

W. B. A.

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Official Reports. September, 1897.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Members who have not paid this year's dues should forward same at once, and receive 1897 membership card, they will oblige by giving this matter attention.

Application blanks will be furnished upon request, also booklet containing copy of Constitution, By-Laws, etc., and non members are requested to communicate with us for any further information they may desire. The Association makes a speciality of U. S. stamps, annual dues 50 cents, no initiation fee.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing with Sept. 1st, 1897, we will buy unused U. S. postage stamps (any issue 1888 to 1896) at following rates. 1c, 2c values..... 3% discount from face. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c values .. 5% " " " 30c, 50c, \$1.00 values 10% " " " \$2 value..... 15% " " " \$3, \$4, \$5 values..... Prices quoted on application. We remit as soon as stamps are counted and found correct. All stamps must have full gum and be free from stickers. F. N. WASSOTH & CO., 651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL. [1fn]

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Breaking up a collection of fine British Colonials, old issues, used and unused. Choice selections sent on approval to parties who are known to me, or to others who send cash deposit in advance.

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W. S. KINZER, Canton, Ohio.

A Hole in Each.

A recent purchase of Revenue stamps contained the following that were canceled with a small hole by a punching machine.

Table with 2 columns: Catalog price, My price. Lists various stamp issues and their values, such as \$1.90 1st Issue, \$2.00 2d Issue, etc.

(The \$20.00 is a beauty.) E. T. PARKER, PENNSYLVANIA

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

Another Vol. I. No. 1. It is the Witch City that is responsible for the new journal which has just arrived and which presents a very creditable appearance. The contents are mostly clipped from other papers, philatelic and otherwise. The *Philatelic Bulletin* is the title, and the Naumkeag Stamp and Publishing Co., of Salem, Mass., the publishers.

The *Post Office* (Vol. VII. No. 78) has a review by Mr. Capen of the United States section of the new Scott catalogue which is not a mere enumeration of prices but a good critical article.

There is of course a long sketch of Mr. Gremmel and an announcement of the proposed organization of the American Collectors Co. which will carry on the business and publish the paper.

The *Philatelic Advocate* for October (Vol. III. No. 14) contains another chapter of its philatelic story and the continuation of the prize article by J. R. Hooper. The D. P. A. reports occupy nearly two pages and there are the usual number of short items.

Of *Philatelic Facts* (Vol. I. No. 3) but little can be said. It is thin, very thin. Aside from the advertisements there is nothing to interest a collector.

The July number of the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* (Vol. III. No. 33) is full of good readable articles that are of value to the collector. The leading paper illustrates ten types of the portrait on the 1/2 cent of the 1888 Argentine and gives full descriptions of six of them, the others having been described in the last number. There are also some interesting figures concerning Uruguay remainders with an official document concerning them. The catalogue of the Argentine fiscals only occupies a couple of pages this month. Taken all in all this publication is decidedly the best of the Spanish American philatelic magazines.

The *Stamp Collectors' Journal* (Vol. XIX. No. 226) contains but little of in-

terest aside from an interview with C. J. Phillips on the question of illustrations and even this article is taken from the *Daily Mail*.

With its ever green cover and its reproductions of the beautiful Columbia river scenery the *Evergreen State Philatelist* is always a welcome visitor. The October number (Vol. VIII. No. 46) contains a number of very interesting United States notes by "Era," which are of real interest. How many collectors know that the match stamp was responsible for the organization of the gigantic Diamond Match trust? It is a fact and the abolition of the tax was the thing that gave independent manufacturers a foothold.

THE 58th EDITION

of the catalog cuts no ice with us until it is actually published. The wise collector will take a squint at our fine approval books while they are marked at 57th, discount 50%.

U. S. 10c entire, official size, unused (No. 1140), 30 cents.

The "Stampman" in its new dress is very popular. Have you clapped eyes on it? Free.

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- 5th " " " " Dept. stamp, " 1.50

Contest will close Dec. 31st, 1897. All parties must buy at least \$5.00 worth in every ten selections sent.

Parties unknown to me will be obliged to furnish good business or banking reference before selections are sent.

Please remember that I handle only first class specimens and that my prices are from 25% to 50% off cat. prices.

When sending for selections please state where you saw this ad and that you wish to enter contest for prizes.

Send now, you may be the one to get first prize.

JAS. R. GOODING,

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U. S. DEPARTMENTS.

I will send some fine U. S. Department stamps on approval to first-class parties who are known to me, at

50% Discount.

If you are a stranger remit something in advance as evidence of good faith.

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Did You See It?

WHAT? My list of bargains in last week's ERA. Below is a continuation of my list of desirable stamps at equally as low prices. Send me a trial order.

	Catalogue price.	My price.
* Indicates unused.		
* Ionian Islands 2p carmine.....	\$.75	\$.50
Jamaica 1860-3 4p vermilion.....	.75	.40
" " 1sh brown.....	.75	.45
" " 1871 3p green.....	.95	.15
" " 4p vermilion.....	.40	.25
* Lubeck 1863-5 2s rose.....	.45	.25
" " 2 1/2 blue.....	1.00	.60
" " 1 1/2 mauve.....	.40	.25
" " 1865 1 1/2 brown.....	1.00	.60
Mecklenberg Schwerin 1866 3s yellow..	5.00	2.50
* " " Strelitz 1/2 sg orange.....	1.60	1.00
* " " 1sg rose.....	2.50	1.50
Netherlands 1852 15c orange.....	.30	.20
" " 1864 15c ".....	.50	.30
" " 1867 50c gold.....	.65	.45
" " 1869-70 1c black.....	.30	.30
* New Brunswick 1860 10c vermilion....	.30	.15
" " " 17c black.....	.25	.15
" " " 12 1/2c blue.....	1.50	.90
* Newfoundland 1857 3p green.....	1.50	.95
* " " 5p violet brown.....	2.00	1.10
* " " 1863 4p lake.....	1.00	.50
* " " 5p red brown.....	1.25	.75
* " " 6p lake.....	1.00	.60
* " " 1866 2c green.....	.75	.40
* " " 12c pale brown.....	.75	.40
* " " 13c orange.....	1.75	1.05
* " " 1867-73 1c violet.....	2.50	1.50
" " 6c rose.....	.25	.15
" " 1876 3c blue.....	1.00	.60
" " 5c ".....	.60	.35
New South Wales 1860 6p violet.....	.25	.15
* " " 1882-8 5p green.....	.25	.15
* " " 1888-9 8p mauve.....	.35	.25
New Zealand 1865-66 3p lilac.....	.30	.18
Norway 1856 4s blue.....	.12	.10
" " 1856-7 2s yellow.....	.35	.25
" " 3s lilac.....	.15	.10
" " 1863-6 2s brown.....	.30	.22
" " 1883-4 12s bistre brown.....	.30	.25
Nova Scotia 1851-3 3p blue.....	1.50	.95
* " " 1860-4 1c black.....	.50	.25
" " 2c mauve.....	.75	.38
" " 5c blue.....	.35	.20
Oldenburg 1852-5 1-30th blue.....	.25	.15
" " 1-15th rose.....	1.50	.90
" " 1858 1g blue.....	.60	.35
* " " 1862 1/2 g green.....	.50	.30
* " " 1/2 g orange.....	.50	.30
* " " 1g rose.....	.18	.10
* " " 2g blue.....	.35	.25
* " " 3g stone.....	1.50	.90
* Parma 1852 10c white.....	.50	.30
" " 15c pink.....	.30	.20
* Prince Ed. Is. 1865 6p green.....	2.50	1.50
* " " 9p lilac.....	2.00	1.20
* " " 1870 4 1/2 p brown.....	2.00	1.25
* " " 1872 3c rose.....	1.50	1.00
Prussia 1866 10p rose.....	.60	.35
" " 1867 1kr green.....	.50	.30
" " 3kr rose.....	.25	.15
" " 9kr yellow brown.....	.40	.25
* St. Thomas 10r yellow.....	1.00	.50
* Salvador 1874 2r green.....	.50	.30
* Sarawak 1869 3c yellow.....	1.25	.75
Saxony 1851 3p dark green.....	1.00	.60
" " 2p pale blue.....	.40	.25
" " 1855 5ng violet.....	.40	.20
" " 5ng gray.....	.50	.30
Sierra Leone 1876-85 2p magenta.....	.35	.25
" " 4p blue.....	.50	.35
Sweden 1858 9 ore lilac.....	.50	.35
" " 1865-66 17 ore mauve.....	.40	.30
Switzerland 1855-62 1fr lavender.....	1.25	.75
Tasmania 1856-67 2p dark green.....	.50	.30
" " 1864 6p red violet.....	.25	.15
" " 1sh vermilion.....	.25	.15
Tuscany 1851 6c blue.....	.30	.18
Uruguay 1872 20c rose.....	.45	.30
* Virgin Islands 1867-S 1p green.....	2.50	1.50

Many other desirable stamps in stock. If I don't offer the kind of stamps you desire in my various advertisements, why not send me your want list, or request for stamps on approval? Good references required.

C. E. HUSSMAN,

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WHOLE No. 231.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Oct. 12th.

Business has been fluctuating somewhat during the past week, the reports of the trade seem to vary considerably and no definite conclusion as to the actual state of the market can be drawn. Plate numbers seem to be the rage more than anything at present. Collectors realize that no time should be lost in filling their wants when it can be done. They have realized the difficulty of obtaining back numbers which they missed when current and prefer to have their want lists in different dealers' hands.

Various reports have been published in regard to a new issue of stamps to appear Jan. 1st, 1899. While it is true, that the agreement of the Postal Congress does not require the change to go into effect until that date, our present contract with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing expires July 1st, 1898, and there is but little doubt that the new colors will be adopted with the renewal of the contract. As the Bureau has a three months supply of all denominations constantly on hand which will no doubt be used up, it will in all probability be about Oct. 1st, 1898, before the new stamps will be used to fill requisitions.

The reported change in the 5c stamps to replace the portrait of Grant by that of Seward will not be made. The suggestion that Monroe would be a suitable subject for this purpose is a good one, but it appears that Grant will be retained.

It has been rumored that during the agitation of the past summer every shelf and corner of the Post Office Department was carefully ridded of everything in the shape of proofs and specimen stamps and that nothing more can ever be obtained from that bountiful source. The scare in official circles was pretty great for a while and it was deemed best to make a clean sweep by burning everything ever likely to cause trouble.

The Philatelic Society of the District of Columbia held its third meeting of the season on Friday last at its rooms. It was an animated and interesting gathering and if it should follow out the matters planned and carry them to completion as proposed, stamps will hum during the coming winter. Provisions have been made for auction sales, an exchange department and social entertainments. The advisability of publishing an official organ has been considered but owing to the vast amount of good literature already in the field it has not yet been deemed advisable to launch a new aspirant for philatelic favor.

The young prospective publisher of an immense semi-monthly in this city has not met with the expected encouragement. The promised initial number is gradually being curtailed in regard to the output of sample copies and all that remains to be heard is that his plans have dwindled down to utter abandonment of the project.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

Wednesday, Oct. 13th.

Dealers are complaining of the extreme dullness of the stamp trade and this state of the trade does not seem to be confined to this city by any means. One concern, however, which is pushing the auction business report trade as pretty good with them. Stamp business improved considerably during September, when general business picked up, but has slackened up now with no outlook at present that it will be any better for some time.

One thing which tends to depression in the trade is the absence of speculators from the market. In former years at this season, speculators with copies of the advance sheets of the forthcoming catalogue, with the large advance in the price of stamps sought those dealers who were not posted as to new prices and endeavored to deplete their stocks by purchasing those stamps which had advanced largely at a good discount from the current catalogue values. Want lists were also freely circulated among out of town dealers, with the result that when the new catalogue came out, many of the

dealers' best stamps were safely in the hands of the speculators. On the other hand those collectors who have gained some knowledge of the new prices from the ERA or from their dealer friends, and noted the reduction in the prices of many stamps, are satisfied to wait until the new catalogue comes out, reasonably feeling that many stamps which they desire can then be purchased for less money. The absence of the speculator and collectors holding off from buying are at present factors in the dullness of trade.

One of our city dealers was recently attracted by the peculiar shade of a 5 cent stamp of Roumania of the 1869 issue, which appeared on a recent A. P. A. Circuit, and on examining the stamp carefully found it to be on laid paper and uncatalogued. It was promptly taken at 13 cents and within a week had been sold for 30 dollars. The moral of this is if you are an A. P. A. member, join the Exchange Department and participate in the good things.

The National Philatelic Society has planned to have exhibitions of members' collections at its forthcoming meetings devoting one evening to each class of stamps. Exhibits are promised of U. S. Revenues by Mr. E. T. Parker, U. S. Proofs and Essays by Mr. A. Krafft, Match and Medicine by Mr. J. W. George and British Colonials by Mr. J. M. Andreini.

Messrs. P. F. Bruner and J. W. George are prominent candidates for election to the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club at the coming election. For President, Mr. Andreini or Mr. H. E. Deats are spoken of.

ARGUS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Oct. 13th.

The advance sheets for the 58th Catalogue arrived today, up to Nicaragua. There are very few changes in prices. In Newfoundland, the 15c lake is reduced to \$1.50; the 13c orange is \$1.25. Some of the issues are listed on yellowish and

white paper, and there are new shades in some of the later issues. The 1c and 2c Cabot series, are priced, unused, 3c each, and the 1c has been selling for 10c and 15c. It looks as though the makers of the catalogue are not very great holders of this issue. As the entire set is illustrated in the catalogue, it will, no doubt, create a demand for this series. Now is a good time for prudent buyers to purchase this set.

The stamp trade generally is very quiet although several of our dealers are doing a brisk business in the Niger series of British Central Africa, and Zanzibars, Sultan's head. Anything in the way of new issues always finds a ready sale in Boston. The more unique and attractive the designs of the stamps, the better they sell. The present state of stamp collecting shows a tendency toward new issues.

The auction business seems to be much in evidence. We are promised two this month, and one is booked for Nov. 23d, by the Colonial Stamp Co.

I understand that Mr. Drew is to have several later on. It is rumored that there is to be a sale, by a prominent firm, of "gilt edge" stamps late in the season.

I note that *Mekeel's Weekly*, in their *Chronicle of New Issues* mentioned the Niger Coast, 1/2d green, on watermarked paper. As the 1/2d watermarked was sent out from the Niger Coast office on May 3d last, and has been on sale in Boston for over three months, it seems rather late to chronicle it as a new issue. In the same number mention is kindly made of part of my remarks about the English Philatelic papers crediting two firms with making the Tonga stamps. The writer of the *Chronicle* must be an Englishman, as he failed to see the point. In future, for his benefit, perhaps I had better label anything of this kind "A Joke." If the writer had used the whole of my remarks I would have forgiven him, even if he could not see the point. I wished to illustrate how little pains is taken by some philatelic writers to find out the facts in every case, and I think I made a score. There is no excuse for the editor of any London paper who credited the making of the stamps to Messrs. Waterlow, as the stamps were made in London, and by very little trouble the facts could have been obtained. And, furthermore, I do not know of any paper that is always right on any subject whatsoever, *Mekeel's* not excepted, from the time of the publication of the "Philatelic Catalogue" by Maj. Evans, up to the present day.

S. E. L.

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

The Editor's Shears.

A very clever mail delivery box has been placed in a number of the larger buildings at Geneva, Switzerland, by an enterprising electrician. This mail box has a compartment for each story of the building and the letter carrier delivering the mail deposits it in the several compartments as required, on the ground floor. The deposit of a single letter makes an electric contract, rings a bell on the respective floor which does not cease ringing until the letter is taken out, and at the same time opens the faucet of a tank on the roof of the house which causes water to flow into the cylinder forming the counter-weight of the mail box elevator until the weight is heavier than the box, when the box ascends and the flow of water ceases simultaneously. Passing each story the mail intended for it, letters, papers, and small packages, fall into boxes fastened to the apparatus in the corridor on that floor automatically. This is performed very reliably because a little spring at the bottom of each compartment in the elevator mail box causes the bottom of the compartment to catch for a moment and the release throws out even a single piece of paper thinner than a postal card into the stationary box provided for its reception on the upper floors. When the box has passed the uppermost floor the cylinder filled with water strikes a bolt provided at the bottom, which allows the water therein to flow out, and by its own weight the box descends to its place at the ground floor. Should by any mischance a single piece of paper have remained in the elevator it will at once, upon striking the bottom, go through the same series of movements as before.—*Phil. Monthly and World.*

LABOR FOR POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

The State Federation of Labor in session at Bloomington has added its endorsement to the agitation for the establishment of postal savings banks. Local unions in large numbers have endorsed the movement. Other state and national conventions as they meet should also take action along the same line. Especially should the American Federation of Labor, which meets in December, take a strong position in favor of postal savings banks. The demand for their establishment should be reiterated so persistently that congress cannot longer ignore the subject. The vote upon the adoption of the postal savings bank resolutions at Bloomington was unanimous, which indicates the general sentiment of workmen on the subject.—*Chicago Record.*

These are the Stamps You Want.

Good ones at low prices. As the supply is limited, you will do well to order at once. If stamps are sold, money returned.

5c Proprietary	75	\$5. 2nd Issue	50
10c "	75	\$10 "	2 00
\$1.30 For. Ex.	75	1c 3rd Issue	1 00
\$3.50 Inland Ex.	1 00	15c "	30
\$5 Manifest	1 50	\$2 "	30
20c 2nd Issue	15	\$2.50 "	30
30c "	65	\$3 "	1 00
40c "	40	\$5 "	50
\$2 "	35	5c Prop., green p.	2 50
\$2.50 and Issue	30	1 green, England	75
\$3 "	1 00	50c mauve, Chili	05

10c 1847, on part of orig. cover..... \$2.25
Executive Set marked Specimen..... 8.00

Fine Stamps on Approval at 50 per cent. discount for Foreign, U. S. 33 1/2; but we must have reference.

CHESAPEAKE STAMP CO.,

230 E. Balto. St. [18*] Baltimore, Md.

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No. 1—GENERAL COLLECTION
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355 U. S. Postage and Env., cat. \$409.99
260 " Revenues..... 397.04
28 Telegram and Conf..... 14.16
4489 Foreign..... 927.41

Totals, 5,132 varieties..... cat. \$1,747.41

PRICE \$400.00.

This Collection contains many nice Revenues, among them two Inverted Heads of 1871-4 Proprietary, cataloguing \$25.00 each, and 5c black 1878 Rouletted.

This Collection will be sent C. O. D. subject to examination if desired.

We have other Collections on sale, all sizes, from \$2 to \$1,000 each, any and every one is a bargain. We can place almost any kind of collection in short time if the price is right. Let us hear from you. [32*

F. N. MASSOTE & CO.,

651 Marquette Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

WANT LIST

—OF— PLATE NUMBERS.

1c Columbian, Nos. 49, 68, 69.
2c " " " 1, 3, 4, 5, 11 to 15, 21 to 25, 28, 30, 60 to 64, 70 to 74, 78 to 82, 88 to 92, 94, 114 to 119, 122, 124 to 128, 140 to 148, 170, 177, 180 to 188, 190 to 193.

Bureau, unwm'k, No. 1 T carmine, 10 T carmine, 16 T carmine, 18 B blue, 19 T carmine, 20 T carmine, 22 T carmine, 23 T carmine, 54 R L, 88 B L R, 110 R, 111 B, 124 B R, 125 B, 126 R, 133 B R, 143 to 158 any Bottoms, 146 R, 150 L, 151 L, 154 L, 70 T, 71 T.

Bureau, wm'k, Nos. 24, 29, 33, 35, 82 B, 73 B, Bottoms of Nos. 175, 201, 203, 206, 207, 210, 213, 214, 221, 222, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 239, 274, 275, 290 to 293.

For any of the above we are willing to pay the very highest prices. There are many others we want at fair prices, but any on this list we want badly and are willing to pay for them. Let us know which you have with your lowest price.

T stands for top strip, L for left &c.
We also give U. S. and other stamps in exchange for plate numbers.

J. BARTELS & CO.,

359 I-2 Penna. Ave., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Our next week's issue will be our October "Special." If you have not already sent in copy for an advertisement, we trust you will not do so now unless it will reach us on or before Thursday evening, as we do not want the number delayed by the late receipt of ads.

American Philatelic Association.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 9th.

Applications for Membership.

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New Stockholders.

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Changes of Address of Members.

ABBOTT, DR. CHAS. E., 70 Main St., Andover, Mass.

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HOWARD, JOHN A., from Thomas-ton, Ga., to Madison, Ga.

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ROBINSON, PEARL O., from Plain City, Ohio, to 734 E. University Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.

RUDY, ISAIAH, Allegheny, Pa., should be Box 102, Station A., Pittsburg, Pa.

VINCENT, F. P., should be Lock Box 56, Chatham, N. Y.

WAINWRIGHT, J. ARTHUR, from 14 Court St. to 100 Main St., Northampton, Mass.

Resignations Accepted.

739. DELERETORD, JULES, Lisbon, Portugal.

1196. LANCASTER, F., Maywood, Ills.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	881
Added since	4
Resignations accepted	2
Present membership	883

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 9th, 1897.

216 books of stamps received according to my report of Oct. 2nd, valued at \$8,237.54

37 books received since Oct. 2nd, valued at \$2,778.66

Total number of books received 253
valued at \$11,016.20
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.
N. Y. CITY, Oct. 9th, 1897.

Class A. Total Participants 1, Am't	\$10
" B. " " 1, " "	25
" C. " " 3, " "	150
" D. " " 1, " "	100

Total received \$285
GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

IF YOU WANT

GOOD STAMPS AT LOW PRICES

WRITE ME.
Price List Free.

F. NOYES, [276⁶] Alice, Texas.

What Some of My Customers Say:

F. NOYES, Alice, Tex.
.....The prices are unexceptionally good and the stamps in fine condition.....
WALTER FISHER, Harrisburg, Pa.

F. NOYES, Alice, Tex.
.....The stamps in your approval book are priced *very* low, lower indeed than I have ever seen them on sheets or books.....
I. ECKHARDT, Anderson, Tex.

F. NOYES, Alice, Tex.
.....Your stamps are *space-fillers* and I will be glad to receive more. Your sheets contain a different class from the usual sheets.....
G. C. HINSON, San Marcos, Tex.

Most of them don't say anything; they simply clean out my books and send for more. Write me for an approval book and you will do the same.

Fill Your Blanks.

You need the following stamps to fill blank spaces in your album. Now is the time to secure them, unused copies, perfect, at very low prices. Cash must accompany order.

Bahamas 1p, imp.	\$2.00
Barbados 1p blue, imp.	1.50
" 1p slate blue, imp.	1.50
Trinidad 1p brown violet, imp.	1.50
" 1p dull " " "	1.50
" 1p blue, imp.	1.50

JOE F. BEARD,

27¹] Muscatine, Iowa.

Plate Numbers.

Was able to supply more than 50 strips for an advanced collector this week. Send want list. Perhaps I can do as well for you.

W. F. GREGORY,

71 Nassau St., Room 4, NEW YORK.

Several Collections

Are now in stock. Perfect Stamps at
50 TO 60% DISCOUNT.
H. A. SMEDBERG, Kingsbridge, N. Y. City.
[32⁶]

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

Among the recent visitors to town was Mr. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro. Mr. Hall was just returning from a visit to Chicago which lasted for about fourteen weeks. Mr. Hall will continue to "do business at the old stand" in Peterboro during the coming winter.

It is very amusing to Canadian collectors to hear the wail that has gone up from a number of their fellow collectors of the United States concerning the Jubilee issue of Canadian stamps. I am almost tired of "Jubilee" and would endeavor to hold my peace regarding this issue, had not a gross injustice been done to Canada. The Canadian Jubilee issue is no more "speculative" or "fakes" than the recent Columbian issue of the United States. There are some papers which would have us believe that there has been some "hole and corner" arrangement in the selling of these stamps whereby friends of the government were favored in the desposition of them. At first, I admit, I was inclined to be rather suspicious, but after all possible investigation I am convinced that nothing has been left undone to make this issue *bona fide* in every sense of the term. Shortly before the issue was put on sale everyone knows how all the post offices throughout Canada were deluged with requisitions for the 1/2 and 6c stamp. It then became apparent to the Department that efforts were being made by speculators to "corner" these two varieties. To overcome this the Department instructed postmasters to sell only one or two stamps of each kind to one person. This plan was not found to be satisfactory however, as a person would get all his friends to go to a post office and buy the coveted stamps for him. To overcome this the government was compelled to sell the stamps in sets, and even this was not sufficient to keep the stamps from coming into the hands of the dealers, who would buy complete sets and then after having selected what stamps they desired they would sell the remainder of the set at a discount. If I understand anything about "speculative issues" at all I would term a stamp which, while nominally being a postage stamp, would be sold, cancelled to order or unused, at a less price than its face value. Needless to say that none of the Jubilee stamps have been sold at less than face value by the Department. As a gentleman remarked a day or two ago, "It's a very strange thing if Canada can't have a commemorative stamp to celebrate her national events as well as the United States can."

We are to have an entirely new issue of

all the Canadian Revenue stamps which are controlled by the Dominion government. This will include Gas Inspection, Weights and Measures and Electric Light Inspection, all of which are under Dominion control. There will also be a new Supreme Court stamp, as that is a federal institution. There will probably be no change in the Law stamps of the different provinces as they of course control their own stamps and are not prompted by the same reasons which compel a change at Ottawa. The change is compelled by the recent change of government printers.

A new paper is announced from Hamilton, Ont., which is to be devoted to the stamps of Britain and her colonies. Its promoters claim that it will be the finest monthly ever got out in the Dominion. It will be printed in colors and will be illustrated.

J. R. Hooper has been removed from the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary to the similar institution at Kingston, Ont., where he officiates as assistant cook.

JASPER.

Era Popular Subscription

TO THE DEFENSE FUND OF THE NEWS-PAPER STAMP CASE.

F. O. Conant, Portland, Me.....	\$5.00
Herbert Armstrong, Iron Mountain, Mich.....	.50
W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.....	2.00

It is to be deplored that collectors are so backward in contributing to the "Defense Fund." We wish once again to call attention to the opportunity offered by the ERA for persons desiring to contribute small amounts.

Following we give the latest statement made by Mr. Scott, the Treasurer of the Fund, which appeared in the October number of his *Metropolitan Philatelist*:

THE DEFENSE FUND.

Below we give our regular list of contributions to this fund, which, we regret to say, is not growing as rapidly as the importance of the matter warrants. The October term of the United States Courts will open in a few days, and nothing but lack of funds stands between stamp collectors and justice—between being the proud possessors of a beautiful series of stamps that they have bought and paid for, or being a self-confessed law breaker, hiding the stamps that, according to the law officers of the Administration, were improperly manufactured and sold by a former Postmaster-General. It is not a question of right and wrong, but of law.

A decision of the highest courts can make a crime of the most innocent transaction, and an unappealed verdict in the lowest court is equally binding. At present the case is in your hands, and if sufficient cash is subscribed I have no doubt but that you will be vindicated in the possession of your property. Nothing but lack of cash can beat you. There is no occasion to be afraid of subscribing too much. If every collector gives a dollar it will be ample, but so far very few small collectors have given their mite, and many of the richest amateurs of the country have not given a dollar.

In the event of there being a larger amount in the treasury than is necessary to bring the case to a successful termination the surplus will be returned pro rata to each subscriber.

Louisville Philatelic Society	\$5 00
Twin City Philatelic Society	10 00
P. M. Wolsieffer	5 00
E. A. Holton	10 00
Walter Woodman, M. D.	5 00
H. E. Wilson	5 50
A. Platz	1 00
O. E. Hemenian	50
G. W. Rode	1 00
A. Burgoyne	1 00
C. P. Krauth	1 00
E. Doebelin	1 00
John Nussner, Jr.	1 00
Ed. Rahm	1 00
Cash	50
B. Biggart	50
Chas. E. Green	1 00
A. Konetzke	1 50
C. S. Cartland	2 00
Geo. Eberhardt	5 00

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Good Collections, write us. We pay spot cash.

Benj. P. Thomas & Co.,
PEMBERTON, N. J.
Reference:—Union National Bank, Mt. Holly, N. J.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE + STAMPS, *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [tf]

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing with Sept. 1st, 1897, we will buy unused U. S. postage stamps (any issue 1888 to 1896) at following rates. 1c, 2c values..... 3% discount from face. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c values .. 5% " " " 30c, 50c, \$1.00 values 10% " " " \$2 value..... 15% " " " \$3, \$4, \$5 values..... Prices quoted on application. We remit as soon as stamps are counted and found correct. All stamps must have full gum and be free from stickers. P. N. KASSOTH & CO., [tf] 651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

To the Editor of the ERA.

I am not much given to rushing into print, especially when I have nothing new to say, but it seems to me that there is a great deal of writing done in the stamp papers which, to my mind, defeats the very object it was the intention of the writer to further.

Mr. Keilbach, Savannah, Ga., takes up a column and a quarter in your paper in criticisms of those catalogues which go into the minor varieties, shades, papers, perforations, etc. He states that the listing of such stamps is detrimental to our pastime. I do not see how. As far as the beginner is concerned the list of regular, plain, ordinary stamps must be perfectly appalling, yet he is not deterred from beginning to collect. The advanced collector, or such as are specializing any country are not only glad to see a new variety, but doubly happy if he is the first to point it out.

The collecting instinct is strong in the human race. What difference does it make to the collector of Indian arrow points, who collects only flint ones, if some one gets out a catalogue which comprises all sorts of stone points, he has lost nothing but on the contrary can, if he chooses, go a little deeper into it.

The writer is just a little inconsistent. Decrying all sorts of minor varieties, he proceeds to tell of a stamp which he found had "died in an undertaker's shop" (good place) turning from red brown to bluish-green. He captured it and goes on to say that it is in his collection and retains the strange color. He is evidently pleased to have it. He probably has in his U. S. the 2c pink, 2c lake, 2c carmine with very probably triangle I, II, III and the watermarked ones, the re-engraved, the "secret marks" etc. Those would not have been in the old catalogues.

There are folks who think that we are all a set of jackasses to spend money and time over a lot of old postage stamps. We do not think so. It is a source of pleasure to all and a means of livelihood to many. Why should we criticise each other's likings, Brother Keilbach, when we are all considered cranks by those who do not know of the pleasure we get out of it? Just as long as there are collectors who want shades and minor varieties just so long a catalogue is deficient which leaves them out. The fact of such things being quoted for the benefit of those who take pleasure in them does not in the least obligate anyone else

to buy them and does not in the least depreciate the stamps he has in his collection.

I am sorry to see such letters in the papers because they only serve to call the attention of beginners to the fact that a full collection is hard to get and is inclined to breed discontent with what they already have. Do not let us have any more grumbling, but when writing speak of the smooth side and not turn up the seamy side when it is not necessary. Least it may be thought I have some ulterior motive in saying what I have I will state that I have a general collection which gives me hours of pleasant relaxation and I do not collect papers, perforations, shades or other minor varieties. At the same time I have not the slightest objection to others doing so, or to the dealer putting them in his catalogue in order that the specialist may know where to get them, as well as what is recognized as a variety. Also when I see one of these unusual ones I go for it at once, especially if I get it for nothing, and stick it in my book to show to some fellow who does not own an advanced catalogue and is unaware of the variety.

Very truly, with apologies,
T. L. HAZZARD.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The offer of four consecutive insertions of an Exchange notice is hereby withdrawn, and henceforth the rate is strictly as per above.

30 different stamp papers for every 50 cents worth of stamps (unused British Colonials preferred). No U. S. wanted. Send selections on approval. F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. [38]

We still have a fine lot of U. S. Postage and Revenues also Foreign to exchange for good Match and Medicine stamps. Let us hear from you. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [33*]

U. S. Envelopes entire and unused, Canada 15c slate unused, and Dominica, Scott's No. 2, used, to exchange for U. S. Envelopes which I can use. Henry J. Simpson, 325 North Division St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Wanted, Exchange with collectors. Have several thousand desirable stamps to offer, value for value. U. S. Revenue \$20 Second Issue for \$20 worth of good stamps catalogued 10c each and upwards. George D. Weeks, Jr., Care Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City.

Republic of Cuba bond, dated 1869 or 1872, face value \$1,000. Full description on application. Will exchange for collection of stamps. R. M. Smythe, Produce Exchange Building, New York City.

Exchange desired with collectors. I have rare and scarce U. S. Adhesives, Envelopes, cut square and entire, Match and Medicine, Document Revenues perf. and imperf. in singles, pairs and blocks, and foreign stamps. Send selections and receive mine. J. Dawson, 88 Clinton Ave., Albany, N. Y. [33]

I will give 50 different Revenue stamps for 50 nice clean 10c Special Delivery stamps. I want good used 3c and 6c Columbians and 2c Dues for good Revenues. Chas. King, Netherwood, Plainfield, N. J. *

Will exchange a fine double barrel breech loading shot gun, with case, cleaning tools, and a dozen loaded shells for foreign stamps from approval sheets. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [24]

A fine collection of Minerals, Shells and Fossils, \$35.00 worth of Scientific books and magazines to exchange for stamps, a stamp album, philatelic supplies and philatelic literature. Foreign correspondence desired. Allen Jesse Reynolds, Lock Box 203, Connersville, Indiana. [31*]

Exchange for Collectors! No membership fee, insurance, large postage accounts, nor risks; and none of the objectionable features of other Exchanges. Our motto—Mutual benefit. 5 Exchange blanks for 10 unused U. S. No. 256. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [33*]

Entire envelope 1874 1c blue on fawn, mint state, catalogued 75c each, for 40c worth Foreign stamps. Ten of them for \$3.00 worth. French and Portuguese Colonies preferred. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [34]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Argentine 1892 Scott's No. 101, 102 unused, 15c each; both for 27c. Postpaid. F. R. KIMBALL, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. [32]

Match, Medicine, Perfumery & Playing Card stamps bought, sold and exchanged. Dr. Geo. Hetrich, Hirdsboro, Pa. [36]

2c Express, blue, 2c. 3c Prop., green, 2c. 5c Express, red, 4c. 10c Bill of Lading, 3c. 25c Bond, 11c. 25c Pass. Ticket, 11c. 50c Conveyance, p. p., 20c. \$1 For. Exchange, 2c. Postage extra. One of each postfree, for 55c. G. E. MARX, Plainfield, N. J.

Entire, unused set of 1890 issue in strips of 5 with imprint and No. (6 and 20c minus imp'1) face \$8.70, cat. \$18.55; Unused set Columbians face \$16.34, cat. \$26.42; unused set 1894, no wmk. except 6c and 10c, \$5 imperf. top, with margin, face \$8.95, cat. \$18.34; Confed. 10c rose, cat. \$4; 10c Confed. perf. on orig. cover, cat. \$5; total face \$33.09, cat. \$71.31, and \$5 cash for Gent's '97 Hartford or Cleveland. Will sell any set 20% above face. Correspondence solicited.

I. K. ANDERSON,
M. & F. Bank, Spartanburg, S. C.

For a 2c & 1c stamp I'll send 1 phil. & 1 story paper or 2 phil. W.M. Bunt, 1730 W. Allegheny Av., Phila., Pa.

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

DOCUMENT REVENUES.

	Cat.	My price
1c Express.....	\$0.05	\$0.02
1c Proprietary.....	.07	.08
1c Telegraph.....	.20	.28
2c Certificate, blue.....	1.00	.60
2c " orange.....	.75	.45
2c Express, blue.....	.05	.02
2c " orange.....	.10	.04
2c Playing Card, blue.....	.40	.18
2c " orange.....	1.50	.75
2c Proprietary, blue.....	.07	.03
2c " orange.....	3.00	.90
50 Varieties.....	1.72	.80

SEND WANT LIST, will submit on approval Make a specialty of U. S. Revenues, have a fine stock, at reasonable prices. [233*]

M. C. BERLEPSCH,
Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

FINE BRITISH COLONIALS.

Breaking up a collection of fine British Colonials, old issues, used and unused.

Choice selections sent on approval to parties who are known to me, or to others who send cash deposit in advance.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

comprised chiefly of the better class of stamps, no great rarities but stamp seldom found in the market.

A "Special Bargain List No. 1 from George S. McKearin," was received by us a few days ago. Mr. McKearin is one of our frequent advertisers and his ads tell his business.

Vol. 2, No. 1, (September 1897) of "Edwards' Philatelic Press List and General Advertiser of Stamps" has reached us. It has thirty-two pages and cover and is well filled with "general" stamp advertisements.

Our next week's issue will be our October "Special." If you have not already sent in copy for an advertisement, we trust you will not do so now unless it will reach us on or before Thursday evening, as we do not want the number delayed by the late receipt of ads.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, Oct. 11th.

Recent visitors to the city have been Lieutenant Paddock of the 6th Cavalry, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Dr. Geo. N. Campbell, Ex-Librarian of the A. P. A., of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. I had not seen the Dr. since the A. P. A. convention, World's Fair year, and during his short stay here last week had several enjoyable chats with him. He is a sinon-pure collector simply for the love of it, not a speculator in any sense of the word. Living as he does in a small town, almost his only acquaintance with the fraternity is through correspondence and he seemed to thoroughly enjoy his visit.

At the last C. P. S. meeting there was posted for membership the application of Mrs. Louise Diesselhorst our North-side dealer(ess). Mrs. Diesselhorst will be the first woman member of the Society, but it is expected that several others will shortly follow her example.

Mr. Wolsieffer holds the first sale of the season October 30th. It will contain a fine collection of U. S. postage, strong in proofs, reprints and essays. Of this last class it has the finest lot ever offered in this city; some of them being very rare, especially a set of envelope essays for the 1864 issue. Besides he will offer a fine lot of single stamps and many of the popular wholesale lots for dealers. Better write him for a catalogue.

Proofs - Essays - Oddities.

A fine lot of them in our Oct. 30th Auction Sale. Go over your catalogue of it carefully. There is something in this sale for everybody. A fine line of "Combination Lots" and dealers' wholesale lots.

Wolsieffer's Patent Approval Cards are everywhere. Do you use them? 20 cts. per doz., or \$1.50 per 100.

Left Page Stock Books

\$1.15 to \$4.75.

Wolsieffer's Blank Album

\$2.00 to \$5.00.

58th Ed. Cat. soon as out, 58 cts.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

Table listing various stamp types and prices: 2c Executive unused, fine copy \$5.00; 3c " " " 4.00; 24c Treasury used, fine copy 3.00.

A. W. BARRETT, Melrose, Mass.

FINE COPIES OF FINE REVENUES At 66 2/3 Discount.

Table listing fine revenues: 50c For. Exchange, imperf. \$0.58; 50c Passage Ticket, " 1.67; 50c Probate of Will, " 1.33; 5c Playing Cards, " .30; 5c Proprietary, " .50; \$1 Manifest, " .33.

We have many others at same rate. Send list of your wants and we will quote prices which will surprise you. THE MICHIGAN STAMP CO., 176 Selden Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Tell Your Neighbors

about the prices I am making on these desirable STAMPS.

Table listing various stamp types and prices: All in the best condition, used, and postage extra. U. S. Revenue—2c Playing Cards blue \$0.25; 2c Certificate orange .35; 3c Proprietary green .07; 5c Playing Cards red .45; 15c For. Exchange brown .40; 25c Life Ins., red .15; Persia 1894 1k red and yellow .04; 2k yellow and blue .15; Victoria 1895 25 yellow black (rare) 1.00; Trinidad 1885 1d, Unpaid, black .09; 5d " " .12; 3d " " .16.

I have many other bargains on my approval sheets, which will be sent to any collector upon receipt of A1 references (not stamp dealers) at prices from 50% off to net. My new paper,

The Philatelic Rambler,

will be out Nov. 10th. Send for a copy, free. It will aid your digestion and save you money.

JAMES A. ANDERZEN,

Lock Box 15, Loomis, Nebraska.

HERE ARE SOME OF : : : : YOUR WANTS.

Table listing various stamp types and prices: 1866 24c gray lilac, unused n. g. \$2.75; 1869 1c, used .35; 1879 30c black, unused no gum, 1.02; P. O. 1c, 6c, 15c and 30c, all unused o. g. 2.25; Interior 12c, 15c and 24c, all used, 1.00; Periodical 1885 12c carmine, unused o. g. 1.10; Treasury 90c, unused o. g. 1.25; Justice 24c, used 4.00; Navy 12c, used 1.02; War complete set, unused o. g. 3.75; State 7c, used 1.75; " 10c, used 1.65; " 30c, unused o. g., finely centered 6.00; Approval sheets upon A1 reference. Money promptly refunded if stamps are unsatisfactory or sold.

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A1 U. S. Revenues.

High class stamps sent on approval to first-class parties at

50% Discount.

If you are a stranger send a remittance in advance as evidence of good faith.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

We are now digging

through the country drug stores in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, with both feet and a new fall crop of whiskers, for Medicine and Proprietary stamps, and are accumulating nearly all of the latter and many of the more common varieties of the former, which we can offer at wholesale at from 60 to 80% off cat. A general line of Match and Medicine will be sent out on approval to responsible applicants at an average discount of 50%. Let us hear from you.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

N. B. Dealers, send us your uncollectable accounts in above territory. We will tackle 'em, and remit two-thirds of what we get. A personal interview with a club brings more money than all the letters you can write. Give full particulars.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Jubilee complete, or 5 var. unused Canada Jubilee, or 4 var. unused Newfoundland Jubilee or either one of the Argentine Republic Jubilees and the 58th Catalogue for 70c post paid. Cash with order. Stamps sent at once. Catalogue about Nov 15th. Any of the above stamps with this year's International Catalogue for 25c post free. The International Catalogue we have on hand.

Great Britain 1883-4 O. S. 6d used..... 5c " " 5d used..... 7c

STARR STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

J. T. STARR, President and Manager. J. W. STARR, Secretary. R. C. STARR, Treasurer. F. G. SWEET, Manager of Approval Department.

A Word to the Wise.

There is no better investment today than United States stamps. They can be purchased at low prices, and there is a certainty of a good future for them, especially in this country.

I am sending out selections of both postage and revenues subject to 50% discount from the marked prices.

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1852 (1p) blue, blued p.	2 00	1 75
1859 1sh black	20 00	1 25
(½p) pale yellow green, pin perf. 12½		4 50

Clean cut perf. 14 to 16.

1861 (½p) dark blue green	6 00	1 50
(1p) blue	—	4 00

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1861 (½p) dark blue green	2 00	1 00
(½p) yellow green	1 00	25
(1p) blue	50	10
(4p) red	8 50	1 75
(4p) rose	10 00	1 75
(4p) vermilion	12 00	3 00
6p rose red	20 00	75
6p vermilion	10 00	1 00
6p orange	12 00	1 00
a. Imperforate	12 00	
1sh black	2 50	25

Wmkd. Large Star. Rough perf. 14 to 16.

1871 (½p) yellow green	2 00	35
(1p) blue	4 00	
(4p) red	10 00	
6p vermilion	17 50	1 50
1sh black	3 50	

Wmkd. Small Star. Rough perf. 14 to 16.

1871 (1p) blue	3 50	12
(4p) rose red	7 50	
6p vermilion	20 00	1 25
1sh black	3 00	

Clean cut perf. 14½ to 16.

(1p) blue		12
6p vermilion	2 50	
1sh black	3 75	50
Perf. 11 to 13 x 14½ to 16.		
(½p) blue green		3 00
(4p) vermilion	17 50	5 50

1873 3p claret, perf. 14

Large Star. Clean cut perf. 14½ to 16.

1873 (½p) blue green	15 00	1 75
(4p) rose red	10 00	
6p vermilion	3 50	
1sh black	1 00	
5sh pink, perf. 15½ x 15	30 00	16 00

1874 ½p blue green perf. 14

1p blue " " 2 00

Wmkd. CC. Perf. 12½.

4p scarlet	7 50	1 75
6p orange	20 00	5 00
1sh purple	10 00	1 50

Perf. 14.

1874-78 ½p yellow green	18	08
1p gray blue	1 25	15
4p scarlet	7 50	50
4p lake		10 00
4p rose red		5 00
6p chrome yellow	1 75	25
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2½p blue	15	05
4p slate	8 00	25
1sh red brown	1 25	1 00
5sh ochre	7 50	7 50
1892 ½p on 4p brown	18	18
a. Without hyphen	50	
1892-96 1p carmine	04	02
2½p blue	08	02
5p olive	18	15
6p mauve and red	22	22
8p orange and blue	30	30
10p green and red	35	35
28p slate and orange	1 00	1 00
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1kr gray black	3 50	4 50
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1862 1kr yellow	50	05
6kr blue	—	1 00
9kr stone	1 50	03
1867 1kr blue green	1 50	06
9kr stone	6 00	50
1869 1kr yellow green laid p.	1 00	1 00
1kr blue green " "	1 50	1 50
1876 3pf light green	20	01
10pf rose	35	01
25pf brown	1 00	05
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1865 20c blue	75	02
20c lilac blue	1 25	04
1870 10c dark green	20	01
10c yellow green	35	01
20c blue	75	02
20c ultramarine	25	02
30c buff	50	04
30c orange buff	50	04
40c pale rose	50	04
40c bright rose	50	04
1fr dull violet	60	08
1fr lilac	60	08
1875-78 25c yellow bistre	15	01
25c olive yellow	15	01
50c gray	40	05
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50c carmine, rose	25	
75c orange	40	
1fr bronze green, straw	50	
1894 10c lavender	04	
15c blue	06	
20c red, green	08	
40c red, straw	15	
50c carmine, rose	18	
75c orange	25	
1fr bronze green, straw	35	
BERMUDA.		
1865 1p dull rose	18	04
6p brown lilac (new)	2 50	2 50
1sh green	1 25	75
1880 4p orange CC	15	08
1884 1p dull rose CA	10	03
2p blue	50	25
1884-93 ½p green	03	02
1p carmine rose	04	02
2p claret brown	08	06
1sh olive bistre	45	45
BOLIVIA.		
1893 1c rose	05	05
a. Imperf.	1 00	
BOSNIA.		
1879-94 10n slate blue, type I	05	01
10n blue, type II	10	02
15n bistre brown type I	10	02
15n " " " II	12	03
20n gray green	15	08
20n olive green	15	08
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1844-46 10r bl'k, yellowish p.	1 50	35
30r " " " " I	1 50	50
60r " " " " I	1 50	35
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90r " " " " I	2 50	1 50
1850 90r black, yellowish p.	75	20
1866 60r " perf. 13½	2 50	1 00
Thick White Paper.		
1866 20r red lilac	15	10
20r dull violet	2 50	1 00
80r slate violet	1 00	30
Thin White Wove Paper.		
10r vermilion	10	08
20r red lilac	08	05
50r dark blue	12	04
80r gray violet	50	12
100r yellow green	15	02
100r blue green	15	02
200r black	30	08
500r orange	1 00	25
1882 100r olive green, type I	35	06
100r bottle green, type I	35	06
100r " " " II	50	08
200r red brown	1 25	25
200r pink	50	04
1883-85 50r blue, head larger	15	05
100r lilac, plain ground	2 00	1 00

1887 50r chalky blue	08	02
500r olive	60	12
1888 100r lilac	20	03
Perf. 12½, 14, rough or clean cut.		
1890-93 20r emerald green	02	02
20r blue green	03	03
20r yellow green	03	03
50r green	04	02
50r olive green	15	02
50r yellow green	08	02
50r dark slate green	08	08
100r lilac rose	15	03
200r purple	25	05
200r violet	15	03
200r violet blue	35	10
300r gray	20	05
300r slate violet	20	05
300r gray blue	10	10
300r dark violet	06	06
500r olive bistre	30	12
500r olive gray	50	25
500r slate	50	25
700r chocolate	40	40
1000r brown yellow	60	25
1000r yellow buff	1 00	50
Perf. 11, 11½.		
20r emerald green	05	05
20r yellow green	02	02
50r olive green	04	02
50r green	08	02
100r red lilac, (re-engraved)		10
200r purple		05
300r gray		06
300r slate violet		06
500r olive bistre		12
700r fawn	50	50
1000r brown yellow	50	50
1000r yellow buff	50	25
Perf. 12½, 14 x 11, 11½		
20r emerald green		05
20r yellow green		05
50r olive green		05
100r red lil'c, (re-engraved)		05
200r purple		15
300r slate violet		06
500r olive bistre		50
Perf. 12½, 14.		
1891 100r blue and red	08	02
a. Head inverted	2 50	
b. Tete Beche	2 50	
100r ultramarine and red	08	02
a. Head inverted	2 50	
Perf. 11, 11½.		
100r blue and red		04
100r ultramarine and red	10	02
Perf. 12½, 14 x 11, 11½.		
100r blue and red		04
100r ultramarine and red		02
Perf. 12½, 14.		
1893 100r rose	06	02
Perf. 11, 11½.		
100r rose	06	02
Perf. 12½, 14 x 11, 11½.		
100r rose	15	05
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1866 2gr orange	7 50	12 50
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1886 3p claret, CA black sur.	30	30
½p black, red surch.	20	
Wmkd. Anchor. Black Surcharge.		
½p black	10	—
1p red	30	18
2p bistre	25	—
6p mauve	75	1 00
1sh green	1 50	—
1887 1p lilac, wmkd orb	12	08
3p " " "	25	60
6p " " "	1 75	20
1sh green 1/R	1 00	35
2eh " " "	1 75	1 50
2sh 6p " " "	2 00	
5sh " " "	3 00	
10sh " " "	6 00	
1£ lilac, wmkd. orb	12 00	
1888 4p lilac, red surch.	3 00	
1889 ½p black	08	—
½p on 3p lilac, bl'k sur.	6 00	—
1892 2p bistre, black surch.	60	40
1892-94 2p green and carmine		
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1894 1p red, wmkd. anchor	18	18
2p bistre " " "	18	25

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2sh vermilion	1 00	
2sh 6p lilac	1 25	
5sh yellow	2 50	
10sh green	5 00	
1£ blue	—	
2£ rose red	—	
1892-94 4sh on 5sh yellow	5 00	
3sh on 4sh gray and vermilion	10 00	
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4sh gray and vermilion	2 00	
1895 1p on 2p sea green and vermilion	1 25	
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VAN COUVER ISLAND.		
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1865 5c rose CC	110 00	
10c blue "	25 00	20 00
1861 2½p pink, unwmkd.	5 00	4 50
1865 5c rose	5 00	
10c blue	4 00	4 00
1866 3p blue	60	1 00
1868 5c bright red, perf.	14 5 00	3 00
25c orange "	" 2 00	2 00
5c bright red, perf.	12½ 15 00	15 00
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1a on 2p green and carmine	30 00	15 00
4a on 5p lilac & blue	8 50	10 00
1890-91 ½a brown, imperf.	3 50	
1a green "	6 00	
2a vermilion "	6 00	
2½a yellow "	3 50	
3a vermilion "	3 50	
4a brown "	6 00	
4a gray "	18 00	
4½a slate violet "	3 50	
8a blue "	12 00	
1r red "	18 00	
1a green	04	
2a vermilion	06	
2½a yellow	75	
3a vermilion	08	
4a brown	10	
4½a slate violet	12	
4½a brown violet	12	
8a blue	18	
1r rose	30	
2r brick red	60	
3r purple	25	
4r blue	1 25	
5r green	1 60	
1891 ½a on 2a vermilion	—	
1a on 4a brown	—	
1891-94 ½a on 3a vermilion	7 50	7 50
1a on 4a brown	—	
1894 5a blue	12	
7½a black	18	
1895 ½a brown	10 00	12 50
1a green	15 00	
2a vermilion	12 00	11 50
2½a yellow	10 00	7 50
3a vermilion	1 50	2 50
4a brown	1 25	2 50

4½a slate violet	12 50	7 50
5a blue	12 00	
7½a black	6 00	15 00
8a blue	2 00	4 00
1r rose	2 50	5 00
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3a orange	60	
1r gray	3 00	
1r green and carmine	2 50	
2r brown and rose	2 00	
1896 5a chocolate	08	
2½a blue	10	
3a slate	12	
4a deep green	16	
4½a orange	18	
5a dark ochre	20	
7½a lilac	30	
3r deep purple	1 75	
4r lake	2 15	
5r dark brown	2 60	

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12c indigo	100 00	
1850 1c magenta	37 50	
4c blue	45 00	
1853 1c brownish red	50 00	15 00
1c vermilion	50 00	12 50
4c blue	30 00	6 00
4c dark blue	40 00	7 50
1c red, white line above value	50 00	12 50
4c blue, white line above value	15 00	7 00
4c blue, figures of date in frame	8 50	
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1862 1c pink	35 00	7 50
2c orange	15 00	1 00
8c rose	5 00	2 50
12c lilac	15 00	1 50
12c gray	12 50	1 50
Thin Paper. Perf. 12.		
1c brown	30 00	17 50
1c black	4 00	1 50
2c orange	7 50	1 00
8c rose	5 00	1 50
12c lilac	5 00	85
24c green	10 00	2 00
Perf. 12½ and 13.		
1c black	75	85
2c orange	3 50	1 25
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1c " "	22 00	50 00
1c " "	40 00	60 00

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The sixty-ninth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, October 19th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

The hall will be open for members and their friends after 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Sanderson will address the Society upon some of his experiences in Europe the past summer.

GEO. L. TOPPAN, Secretary.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, September 21st. In the absence of the President and Secretary, Mr. Green presided, and Mr. Kilbon was appointed Secretary pro tem. Eighteen members and two visitors present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Holland made a statement as to the progress of the work upon the Reference List of U. S. Revenue Stamps.

The resignation of Mr. E. F. Bacheller was accepted with the regrets of the Society.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, Ill., was unanimously elected to membership, and the following list of applications was announced:

Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, Boston, proposed by Mr. Toppan.

Mr. F. J. Dutcher, Hopedale, Mass., proposed by Mr. Holton.

Mr. A. W. Barrett, Melrose, Mass., proposed by Mr. Pitman.

Mr. F. W. Stanton, Boston, proposed by Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. W. O. Wylie, Wenham Depot, Mass., proposed by Mr. Sanderson.

The Entertainment Committee reported, through Mr. Kilbon, that it had not been able to carry out its plans for this meeting, and instead of the entertainment which it had proposed, he would read a paper which was soon to be published in the *Boston Stamp Book*, entitled "The Fuera de Hora Stamps of Uruguay," by Mr. Jos. H. Pullen, of Houma, La.

Adjourned at 8.40.

JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
 Secretary pro tem.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

The principal event since my last notes was the Detroit Opera House fire, in which the publication offices of the *Detroit Philatelist* were totally destroyed. Thursday morning at 12.45 an explosion was heard in the vicinity of the Detroit Opera House, located on the principal square in Detroit. An alarm was immediately turned in but before the engines could arrive, seven more explosions followed, blowing out the rear wall of the Detroit Opera House and giving the flames free play. In ten minutes after the alarm was turned in, the building was a sea of flames. The fire then spread to Leonard & Carter's eleven story fire proof (supposedly) building and from there on until seven buildings were consumed before the progress of the flames were arrested. The damage will amount to about \$800,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is supposed to have started from a cigar or cigarette stub. The offices of the *Detroit Philatelist*, Rooms 11, 13 and 15, Detroit Opera House, Block were on the third floor front of the building, and everything in them including the September number of the *D. P.* all ready for mailing were totally destroyed. The loss will be heavy. Mr. W. H. Kessler, Jr., has begun work on a new number of the *D. P.* which will be out about Nov. 1st.

The Wayne Stamp Co. of this city have placed a new stamp hinge on the market. The hinge is egg-shaped and the gum—well it's rather a question as to where that ingredient did actually come from.

In a conversation we recently overheard one Detroit philatelist ask another if the gum on the new hinge wasn't the same kind used on "Decoy Fly Paper," the other indignantly replied that he had yet to see the fly that would be attracted by that gum and asserted that the worst punishment that could be meted out to the youthful inventor would be to compel him to mount a few sheets of stamps with his own hinges.

The second regular meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association was not largely attended as the Secretary had forgotten to send out the notice. A very pleasant time was spent by those who did attend.

The Detroit Stamp Co. of this city has re-organized with W. H. Kessler, Jr., as President, Irving E. Patterson as Sec'y and Treasurer, and Alan R. Fernald as Manager.

DETROITER.

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1847 5c used,	-	\$0.45
" 5c " unsevered pair	-	1.20
" 10c " - -	-	2.30
1851 5c, extra fine,	-	10.00
1857 24c " - -	-	3.00
" 30c " - -	-	4.50
" 90c " - -	-	14.75
1861 3c pink,	-	3.50
" 5c yellow, extra fine,	-	5.75
" 90c light blue, ex. fine,	-	2.50
" 90c dark " "	-	3.00
1868 5c, grilled,	-	2.25
1869 15c, framed, extra fine,	-	1.25
" 15c, no frame, " "	-	3.00
" 24c, extra fine,	-	4.50
" 30c, " - -	-	2.00
" 90c, " - -	-	12.00
1879 90c carmine, unused o.g.,	-	3.50
1894 30c Due, used,	-	.25
" 50c " " - -	-	.30
Agriculture, unused set,	-	18.50
Executive, ex. fine, unused set,	-	35.00
Interior, " " "	-	4.50
Justice, " " "	-	74.50
Navy, " " "	-	26.50
P. O., " " "	-	4.75
" block of 4 10c, unused,	-	
extra fine,	-	5.50
State, ex. fine, unused set,	-	36.50
" \$2 with Cont. imprint,	-	
extra fine,	-	16.50
" \$10, extra fine,	-	55.00
" \$20 " "	-	37.50
(All o. g.)		
Treasury, unused, extra fine,	-	9.75
War, " " "	-	3.75

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- F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 259th regular meeting was held Oct. 7th, 1897, with the President in the chair. These members responded to roll call: Messrs. L. H. Miller, W. F. Miller, Wolsieffer, Severn, Michael, Massoth, Lefever, Krippaehne, Ward, Pierce and Cottlow. Visitor, Dr. G. N. Campbell of Hopkinsville, Ky.

The Committee on Ways and Means which was appointed at the last meeting reported having sent notices to all delinquents and that \$10 had been received as the result.

Communications were read from Messrs. Steinbrecher, Geo. Schmitt and Cottlow, all of which were referred to the Governing Board.

After recess the Governing Board in its report ordered accepted with regrets the resignation of Mr. W. Paul Steinbrecher of Chicago; Expelled for non-payment of dues, Mr. Geo. Schmitt, Chicago, and ordered posted the following applications:

R. S. Appleton, South Chicago, for active membership, proposed by F. N. Massoth; and Louise Diesselhorst, Chicago for active membership proposed by B. A. Cottlow.

After this action adjournment followed. Next meeting Thursday, Oct. 21st, 1897.

B. A. COTFLOW,
Secretary.

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Of stamps that we have not the time or inclination to sort out and while they last will send you 1000 for 25 cts. prepaid. (No Baltimore Locals in these lots but they are worth the money.)

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Detroit, Mich.

SO MANY COLLECTORS

From all over the country have responded to my special offers of the past few weeks that I think they will bear repeating. **HERE IS ONE:**

To every reader of this paper who sends me ten cents together with application and reference for stamps on approval I will send a fine, unused copy of the **Seychelles 13c Blue Gray and Black** (Priced by Scott at 35 cts.), or a fine used copy of the **Mauritius 15c Chocolate**. If you wish both send 60 cents; and if you want some other good bargains in both U. S. and Foreign drop a postal for

MY NEW BARGAIN LIST.

It may prove the best investment of one cent you ever made, and will get your name on my mailing list, assuring you of a copy of my Price List of U. S. Postage and Revenues to be issued this month.

DO YOU LIKE GOOD HINGES?

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George S. McKearin, Hoonick Falls, N. Y.

TERRE NEUVE.

Ves it's Newfoundland all right, and speaking of the price of peaches: *Unused.	Scott.	Cut sale.
1857 1d. fine.....	\$5.00	\$7.60
*3d ".....	1.50	2.50
1866 *2c ".....	1.00	.50
*5c, superb.....	6.00	3.35
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To those that not only enjoy seeing absolutely perfect and well centered stamps but are buyers, I will mention a few of the many desirable specimens of this class of goods I have at present in stock at the remarkable discount of 25% from Scott's 57th.

- 1869 15c without diamond, 24c and 90c, used.
- 1870 90c used.
- 1888 90c "
- 1890 90c unused.
- 1894 \$1, unwatermarked, unused.

DEPARTMENTS.

- Agriculture 10c and 24c unused.
- Justice 3c, 6c, 15c, 24c and 30c used.
- State 2c and 24c used; 15c unused.
- Post Office 30c used.
- War 7c, both used and unused.
- Treasury 7c and 90c used.

Remember that every one of the above are perfect gems.

On the following stamps that are a trifle off centre either used or unused, the unused being either all o.g. partly or none, I offer for sale at from 3c to 40% discount from Scott's 57th.

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- 1855-60 10c and 12c.
- 1861 10, 12, 24, 30 and 90c.
- 1862 5, 15 and 24c.
- Same, 2c unused no gum.
- 1867 Embossing 11x13, 2 and 15c.
- " 9x13, 1, 2, 12, 15, 24 and 30c.
- Same, 2c unused but no gum.

1869 6, 10, 12, 15 and 30c.

Same 1, 2, 10 and 12c unused partly o. g., 2 and 10c being exceedingly well centered.

1870 90c unused o. g., 7c unused but no gum.

Same, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90c used.

1873 Continental 12 and 15c.

1879 American 90c.

1888 30 and 90c.

1890 90c unused, partly o. g.

1894 50c and \$1 unused o. g.

DEPARTMENTS.

- Agriculture 2, 15 and 30c unused, partly o. g., 6 and 12c used.
- State 1, 3, 6, 10 and 12c used.
- State 1 and 12c unused o. g., 6c unused no gum, 7c used.
- Navy 2, 3, 6, 7, 15, 24, 30 & 90c unused but no gum.
- 7c, exceedingly well centered; 6 and 12c used.
- Post Office 10c unused o. g.; 6, 15 and 24c used.
- Treasury 12, 15 and 30c used.

Interior, Entire Set unused but no gum, excepting 1c o. g.

Same, American Print, 4, 3 & 6c used; 10c unused o. g. War 15, 24 and 30c unused o. g.; 6, 15 and 30c used.

1865 Newspaper 5, 10 and 25c unused but no gum.

None of the above described specimens are damaged, torn, or perforated on three sides only, etc., but are perfect stamps and exactly in the condition as advertised. Among other nice things I have blocks, strips and pairs of many denominations. If you are interested in that line let me hear from you. I also have a large stock of cut square envelopes at from 40 to 50% discount from Scott's 57th. Send me your Want Lists. You will readily understand that holding these goods on "Commission" I am compelled to ask you to furnish me with references, if you desire the goods sent on approval. However you will lose nothing by sending the money with your order. First, I have an ample supply on hand; second, the stamps are exactly as advertised and third, money will be cheerfully refunded if stamps do not prove satisfactory or sold out, at my expense. I also pay registration both ways, which is in itself quite an item of expense.

I shall endeavor to give you a list of Bargains from week to week and in return hope to receive your trade and confidence. Personally, I beg to refer you to the United States National Bank of this city, besides being a member of various societies.

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Chillon Telegraph.....	Set of 3.....	\$0.01
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From Our Special Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Wednesday, Oct. 13th.

It has been some time since I last contributed to the columns of the ERA but I trust these few notes will not come amiss.

The fall season has opened auspiciously and business in the stamp line has improved greatly in the last few weeks.

I understand there will likely be some interesting philatelic changes here soon but at present am not at liberty to state their nature.

A new society will probably be formed in a short time. It will take the place of the old Philatelic Society of San Francisco. In view of past experiences it will be founded on a somewhat different basis from the old society. There is no reason it should not prove a success.

The better grades of Match and Medicine stamps are said to be selling very well and dealers report considerable difficulty in replenishing their stocks. Good job lots will meet with ready sale here at fair prices.

Mr. E. F. Gambs' Singapore correspondent states that Sungei Ujong and Negri Sembilan with seven other smaller states, were lately amalgamated and placed under the rule of one officer (the British Resident) while before each state had its own officers. All these are now called by the name of Negri Sembilan, and the stamps in use are the 1, 2 and 5 cent old issue and 3 cent of the new.

Mr. Geo. E. Fairchild, a well known philatelist of the Hawaiian Islands, is at present in this city.

A local dealer recently bought in a miscellaneous lot of Hong Kong stamps, three copies of the one dollar *ou ten cents*. It is customary for the one dollar stamp to appear surcharged on the ninety-six cent value, but this freak of the counterfeiter's art "saw the *ten cents* and raised it nine better." I wonder if any more of

these fakes will come over on the next steamer.

In the course of conversation a few days ago, I heard the ERA referred to as *the weekly stamp paper*.

GEO. N. BREWER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Oct. 19th.

Mr. R. A. Tarr of New York who is well known among philatelists throughout the country, has lately been making things hum in this city and is likely to immortalize himself with resident stamp collectors. He has decided to spend the winter with us and is devoting nearly all his time to the interests of philately. Something which has been arousing the lukewarm and greatly interesting the enthusiasts of this city is the proposed formation of a philatelic club with a permanent home such as has been established in one or two other cities. Thus far no collector has refused to join and a number who have been given up as lost to the cause, are also willing to re-enlist under such favorable circumstances. The prospect to have 60 resident members to commence is not far distant as about 40 have been thus far secured and a number still remain to be seen.

It is the intention to open a room on a ground floor in some central location and to have it fitted up comfortably for daily use of members and they will be able to feel conscious of being in their own home. All leading periodicals will be kept on hand and games as well as other means of entertainment will be amply provided for.

The two existing philatelic clubs are to join hands and all will be one powerful harmonious society at an early date. The dues have been fixed at 50c a month which no one yet has considered too high. It is better to pay a little more for something than one dollar for nothing is the general opinion of all interested. A meeting of the charter members is to be called at an early date and all

assemblies and auction sales will no doubt be held in the new rooms.

Mr. Wainright has kindly sent on a few specimens of the stamps referred to in the document dated 1802 recently found by Mr. R. A. Tarr. There are four varieties embossed on notes dated 1799 to 1801, a 4c, a 10c and a 20c. These are circles about one inch square with the value in letters at top and "Massachusetts" at bottom. In the middle is an eagle resting on a shield with the American stripes. The fourth variety is of a similar circle with eagle but the only inscription being "Twenty Cents" at bottom. In addition to this just below is embossed "Com. Rev. C. S. XX Cents" with 13 stars in a circle in between.

Quite an interesting U. S. provisional has recently been exhibited by a local collector. It is a current 2c due stamp cut diagonally in half and surcharged 1 cent. A Western postmaster ran out of stamps for a few days and had a small number of these provisionals, made to relieve the emergency. Our friend secured several on the original covers which are very interesting to say the least.

Plate Nos. 407 to 410 2c seem to be scarce for reasons yet unknown. It might be well to look out for them.

Two uncatalogued varieties of envelopes have been shown by a collector. They are June, 1884, No. 711a 2c red, round O in "Two," full letter on white paper and No. 715a 2c red, 2 links under right figure 2, commercial size on white paper.

Bros. Dodge and Emmert passed through here on their way to the Nashville convention last Thursday and made a hurried call on several of our dealers.

Mr. Frank J. Stillman of Jefferson, Iowa, has taken up his residence in this city. That is right boys, you are all welcome and there is plenty of room for more.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s auction sale, held Monday evening, Oct. 18, was about like the average auction sale of stamps. Some stamps brought good prices, and others sold at considerable less than they were worth. I suppose it will always be so, as some people pay more at an auction sale than they can buy goods at retail, while others go to look for bargains. We quote the following as a few of the prices brought, mentioning only those which were listed as fine copies: 1855-60 24c, unused o. g., was sold for \$3.75; same issue, 30c, used o. g., was sold for \$5.87; 1868, 90c, grided, used, bright color, very fine, was sold for \$10.25; 1869, 90c, very lightly cancelled, bright color, very fine stamp sold for \$13.50; 1872, 24c, catalogued as the finest used copy we could possibly find, sold for \$1.00. This is a decidedly over-priced stamp. Columbian \$1.00, unused, fine, sold for \$2.40; Columbian, complete set, unused, sold for \$14.40; Justice, 2c, unused o. g., fine, sold for \$1.87; Justice, 30c used, very finely centered, lightly cancelled, sold for \$8.50; Post Obitem, official seal, sold for \$1.25. This stamp, although left out of the catalogues, still finds buyers. Among the unused stamps I noticed the following: Antigua, 1887, 1sh unused, o. g., fine, sold for \$3.62; Hawaii, 1853, 13c unused, o. g., sold for \$3.50; 1883, \$1.00, fine used copy, sold for \$2.25; complete set of New Foundland, Cabot Series, brought \$2.94; St. Christopher, 1879, 6d, perf. 14, unused, o. g., fine, sold for \$1.38. It would seem by the prices that the old Leeward Islands stamps bring at auction sales in this country and in London, that they have had their day, for the present at least. To give an illustration of the differences in prices had for stamps. I give the following: Lagos, 1887, 6d, 1882, 1sh, both unused o. g. and fine, sold for 70 cts. each, and are worth that by the dozen. New Brunswick, 1851, 3d, fine used copy, sold for \$2.25; this stamp is very common, and \$2.25 is all it is worth. One more illustration: Trinidad, 1894, 5sh, mint state, sold for \$1.60; 1896, 5sh, same condition, sold for the same price. One is worth \$2.00 at wholesale, and the other is current. The sale, on the whole, would be considered a successful one.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. There was a fair attendance and several new members were elected to membership. The leading feature of the evening was an informal talk by Mr. Howard K. Sanderson, on Philately, as

he found it in Europe, during his last trip, and particularly the London Philatelic Exhibition. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Sanderson will know that it was much better than any written description of said Exhibition. He described many of the notable gems and characters of the Exhibition, and as the talk was interspersed with adapt and witty remarks, the time seemed to fly too quickly. Although Mr. Sanderson said that if he should attempt to give a full description it would take him until midnight, I do not doubt but that he would have had a contented and well-pleased audience. The members of the Society who neglected to attend missed a very interesting evening.

We understand that the stock of stamps of Mr. Pinkham, the well known dealer and publisher, is to be sold at auction in Boston.

Mr. C. H. Stone of Concord, N. H., has been in Boston during the last few days. Mr. Stone's specialty is entire U. S. envelopes, of which he always carries a good stock. The following story has been related to me to show how well it pays to sometimes ask questions: Mr. Stone advertised about two years ago in his local paper, to buy stamps and inquired at his post office several times for any old issues that might be on hand, but did not seem to meet with any success. Finally, one day, being at the post office, he again asked the question if they had any old stock on hand, and two clerks being present, one said: "You have asked that question before," and the other remarked that there was a sheet of 90c carmines in the safe, and had been there several years. The sheet was produced for examination, and at Mr. Stone's request, was to be held for him until he went to the house to get more money. Those who are acquainted with the gentleman will remember that he is rather stout. As the story was told to me, he was said to have remarked that he could not seem to get to the house fast enough. Some of my readers may have wondered about two years ago where so many 90c carmines, unused, o. g., came from. This may help explain it.

S. E. L.

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25c.....	10	75
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50c Life Ins.....	25	1 00
50c Mortgage.....	10	75
50c Original Process.....	1 00	7 50
50c Passage Ticket.....	1 00	7 50
50c Surety Bond.....	1 00	7 50
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	1 00	7 50
1.00 Entry of Goods.....	25	1 75
1.00 Foreign Exchange.....	13	1 00
1.00 Inland Exchange.....	10	50
1.00 Lease.....	40	3 00
1.00 Life Insurance.....	1 00	7 50
1.00 Power of Attorney.....	40	2 50
1.50 Inland Exchange.....	75	5 00
2.00 Conveyance.....	60	4 00
2.00 Mortgage.....	80	6 00
2.50 Inland Exchange.....	50	3 50
3.00 Charter Party.....	1 00	7 00
3.00 Manifest.....	1 25	8 00
5.00 Charter Party.....	1 00	7 00
5.00 Conveyance.....	80	6 00
5.00 Mortgage.....	5 00	40 00
10.00 Charter Party.....	5 00	40 00
20.00 Conveyance.....	10 00	80 00
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25c Black and Blue, 2nd Issue.....	10	75
50c.....	15	1 00
1.00 Black and Green, 3rd Issue.....	50	3 50

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Write for application blank.
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 { 78 5c Prop., fine, a bit of corner off, 2.10
 { 6c orange Inland Exchange..... .10

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Box 187, Lewiston, Me.

Bargains in Envelopes.

U. S. 2c brown on fawn, die B, July, 1884, unused and entire (Scott No. 1215), catalogue \$5.00, our price..... \$1.00
 Not more than one sold to a customer.
 U. S. 1c blue on fawn, die B, 1875-79 unused and entire, catalogued at 75c, price, each..... .16
 Not more than five for 80c sold to one customer.

Snaps in Medicine Stamps.
 1c black U. S. Prop. Med. Co. entire Wrapper, good copy on old paper, cat. \$1, price... \$0.30
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th.

Tomorrow, Mr. Arthur E. Tuttle, Secretary of the Bogert & Durbin Co., will be married in Philadelphia to Miss Caselsbury of that place. Mr. Tuttle has the congratulations and best wishes of his many friends here who hope he will have many happy returns of the day. Mr. R. R. Bogert and Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle will attend the wedding.

Collectors and dealers should refrain from sending stamps in letters or packages to southern states during the yellow fever epidemic. I have been shown this week a letter received from a southern city, the envelope of which was apparently perforated with coarse needles in a diamond shape design about 2x2 inches. Twenty holes were punched at each stroke of the machine, and this I am told is the manner in which letters are disinfected against the transmission of yellow fever germs. As the holes penetrated entirely through envelope and contents, one can easily imagine what might happen to postage stamps and approval sheets treated in this manner. Packages are also treated in the same manner.

One of the local collector-dealers who is travelling in the south, has just been quarantined for ten days in a southern city and during his enforced stay, looked up the stamp collectors. He found the sale of stamps quite slow, but many anxious to sell and purchased some fine Confederate locals on the original envelopes at extremely low prices. Among these were a block of four New Orleans on the original cover. He writes that he would like to send these north but is in fear of the stamp destroyer, the disinfecting machine.

ARGUS.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

New Issues.

The new issue, like the poor, is always with us and seems to be on an alarming increase during the present year memorable for its dullness in Philatelic circles. This amazing multiplicity of new varieties threatens to strangle all interest and the very existence of stamp collecting. Old collectors are giving up in disgust and while a few new adherents, attracted by the short lived novelty or beauty of these speculative mushrooms, generally keep up but a short lived interest, then try to sell out, thus demoralizing the market and producing both the

slump in prices and general interest which follow Jubilee and Columbian issues as invariably as darkness follows daylight.

Time was once (not so many decades since) in the pristine youth of Philately when one might readily count up the postal issues of the entire world by the spaces both filled and unfilled in his neat little Lallier or Common-Sense album and have some reasonable hope of filling up most of the various groups of countries passably complete and thus form a very beautiful and satisfactory showing; winning the admiration of friends who would in time begin collecting themselves. Now gaze on the waste of space and cheap wood-cuts which occupy the greater portion of our modern albums, what a scene of discouraging inharmony.

The writer has been mounting an old collection cataloguing about £200 by the English catalogue (which by the way is far more conservative, accurate and superior in every detail to the oft quoted Scott's 57th). The grand result when placed in a modern album is a mere sprinkling of stamps, hardly 3 countries complete in all issues. Although I note my Newfoundland's alone used and unused are catalogued a trifle over \$1000 which is some satisfaction. The showing on the whole, however, is very poor perhaps owing principally to the absence of multitudinous new issues, which I doubt very much ever being worth getting at all as far as value is concerned. One thing is certain to my mind, either Philately or the new issue have got to cease existence, there is hardly room for both on this planet.

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Continuing my correspondence, with you, kind reader, I forgot to call your attention to the established fact of the ERA as being not only one of the most popular stamp journals but also one of the best advertising mediums and it is for this reason that I wish to attract your attention.

In my last letter I outlined a few United States stamps, this time I shall name a few BARGAINS in Foreign Countries.

Scott No.	Price.	My Price.
6 Azores used, fine.....	\$5 50	\$4 50
10 Bahamas unused o. g., very fine.....	10 00	6 00
7a Barbados used, very fine.....	4 00	2 50
33 " ".....	5 00	3 00
34 " ".....	2 50	1 50
18 Brazil used, very fine.....	16 00	10 00
105 Canada unused, fine.....	2 50	1 75
23 Cape of Good Hope unused o.g., fine.....	6 00	3 50
6 Egypt unused but no gum.....	6 00	3 50
15 " ".....	4 50	3 00
69 Great Britain used, very fine.....	10 00	7 00
73 Hawaii unused o. g., very fine.....	15 00	9 00
29 " either used or unused, fine.....	3 00	3 50
40 " used, fine.....	2 00	1 60
47 " ".....	2 00	1 50
48 " ".....	4 00	2 75
49 " ".....	5 00	3 50
52 " unused o. g., fine.....	2 00	1 00
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47 " "..... 3 00 1 50
48 " "..... 2 00

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

A translation of the "Great Japan Empire Postage Stamp History" forms almost the entire contents of the September number of *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies*, (Vol. V. No. 12). Only 300 of these books were issued by the government and the illustrations are all genuine stamps of the various issues, with the exception of some half a dozen reprints. The book contains many interesting facts concerning the postal issues, including the dates when the stamps were issued, and when discontinued, as well as the cost of manufacture, etc., at different periods. It is bound in a soft white cover, embroidered in gold and lined in oriental fashion with royal purple silk ribbon. Many of the attendants at the recent Boston convention will remember seeing a copy at Frank Brown's office.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* for October (Vol. VIII. No. 7) contains a reprint from the *Philatelic Messenger* of its article on the Canadian 11-cent stamps which is well worth the space devoted to it. It is one of the most scathing articles that I have seen. The periodical stands on a defense fund has its usual corner showing that the fund is growing, but very slowly. The Carion documents are given in full and there are some interesting Postal Union statistics.

The *Home Worker* for October (Vol. IV. No. 7) contains the second chapter of the progressive philatelic story and several short items on different topics. "Briton" tells how he arranges his collection of entire envelopes. His method is simply an adaptation of the card catalogue system, being a box 15x10½x5 inches in which the envelopes stand on edge separated by cardboard guides containing dates, descriptions of dies, etc. One bad thing about his plan is that he stamps "Bartel's No. —" in the left upper corner of each envelope, with a rubber stamp. Many collectors would consider that this was a depreciation of the value of the envelope. I prefer a number in pencil which can be easily erased.

The October number of the *Perforator*, (Vol. I. No. 8) contains portraits and sketches of Maud Charlotte Bingham, Lewis H. Benton and Leopold Beringer. There are several other shorter articles with the usual notes from the Dominion, and two pages of advance prices from the new catalogue.

A very full account of the Leipzig

stamp exhibition forms the main article in the last *Philatelic Monthly*, (Vol. XXIII. No. 10). The gem of the show was evidently the collection of Dr. Mutzenbecher, whose collection numbers over 50,000 varieties and includes every stamp mentioned in the catalogue except the 1 and 2d Post Office Mauritius and the 13c Hawaii of the first issue. A used Connell on the original envelope is one of the gems of the collection. Richard Senf exhibited a fine line of U. S. including a Franklin carrier stamp postmarked at New York. Dr. Kloss showed his unrivalled collection of Saxons and Arnold Schmidt a very valuable collection of rarities on the original covers or in unused blocks.

The leading article in the *Young Collector* for September (Vol. I. No. 9) is one by "F. P." on the Formosa stamps and while its English is somewhat weak, it contains considerable interesting information about those by no means common labels.

The *Virginia Philatelist* (Vol. I. No. 2) for October, comes to us with a gorgeous purple and orange cover bearing a portrait of John C. Seibert of Norfolk. The sketch of Mr. Seibert occupies the place of honor and there are numerous other shorter articles on a variety of topics. The article on "Natural History of Stamps" is continued from the last number and is devoted to the kangaroo.

A full description of the Moresnet stamps concerning which its Washington correspondent desired information can be found in M. Moens' *Timbre Poste* for November, 1886. They are fakes pure and simple. There is no Moresnet post office but the commune is served by the Belgian office of Montzen and the German office of Herbersthal. Correspondence is prepaid by either Belgian or Ger-

man stamps according to the office patronized.

The *Herald Exchange* (Vol. III. No. 12) contains letters from its Chicago and Canadian correspondents and some short notes, besides a page of the new catalogue prices of U. S. stamps.

Last and best of all comes *Le Moniteur Philatelique* (Vol. I. No. 9) from Ghent, Belgium. The continued article on the stamps of Austria and Lombardy takes up the issues through the 1867 set and is illustrated with a full page half tone plate showing all the various stamps of the first four issues. The article goes into full details as to shades, etc., and well merits a translation into some one of our own papers. The author is Hans Kropf.

Shortsketches on international stamps, high value Ecuadors, the Postal Union and a very full and well illustrated chronicle, make up the remainder of the contents, with a few charades and auction reports.

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5c black, grill 12x13.....	5 00	2 25
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*1870 1c ultra. o. g., grill, evenly cent'd.....	5 00	2 50
2c brown, grill.....	5 00	2 00
30c black, grill.....	25 00	12 50
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 ernors held Oct. 11, 1897, at the Club
 House, 351 Fourth avenue.

Present Messrs. Scott, Luff, Lynde,
 Nast, Gregory and the Secretary.

Vice-President Gregory is Chairman
 called the meeting to order at 8.10 p. m.

Minutes of previous meeting read and
 approved.

The Secretary read communications
 from Messrs. Ackerman, Wolsieffer, Luff,
 Deats, Mekeel, Mathews, Carion, and
 Collin.

Appropriation of \$5 for binding books
 was made at the request of Library Com-
 mittee.

Request of Mr. Mathews granted.

Special Committee on Cuts reported
 the expenditure of \$36, as authorized.

Report of Committee on Amusements
 was then received.

House Committee report received.

Treasurer's report embodying receipts
 and expenditures up to the end of Club
 fiscal year duly examined by the Auditing
 Committee, was then presented and it
 was accepted with congratulations. Balance
 in bank on 30th Sept., \$650.04.

Appropriation of \$40 for ivory balls
 was passed and Chairman of House Com-
 mittee authorized to purchase a set.

Upon ballot the following candidates
 were unanimously elected subscribing
 members of the Club:

- (33). Reginald Stelfox, Demarest, N. J.
- (34). D. H. Bacon, Derby, Conn.
- (35). P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark
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- (37). William Brown, St. Thomas Sq.,
 Salisbury, Eng.
- (40). W. H. Sussdorff, Woodside, L. I.
 and they were declared duly elected.

The following application for mem-
 bership was reported:

(41). Erik Enequist, 136 Liberty street.
 Proposed by John W. Scott.
 Seconded by Walter S. Scott.

and his name was ordered to be posted.
 The Secretary reported having issued
 a two weeks visitor's ticket to Mr. Ed. L.
 Smiley, of Boston.

An informal discussion was then held
 on the subject of amendments to the con-
 stitution, proposed by Mr. Luff.
 Adjourned at 9.55 p. m.
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Entire envelope 1874 1c blue on fawn, mint state,
 catalogued 75c each, for 40c worth Foreign stamps.
 Ten of them for \$3.00 worth. French and Portuguese
 Colonies preferred. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., 214 Clark
 St., Chicago, Ill. [34]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly
 belonging to our exchange department, such as busi-
 ness announcements, want and for sale notices, etc.,
 etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line.
 Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in
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 charge 10 cents.

500 stamps from South and Central America, etc.,
 value \$10.00, for 30 days, \$1.25. Entire envelope 2c
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 J. C. SAWIN,
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Best Packet ever offered. Ten stamps of U. S. and
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Wanted: Match & Medicine stamps. State what you
 have with lowest price. 28 Brainard Ave., Cleveland, O

Remit 15 cts. and addresses of three stamp collectors
 and we will send you post free, twelve to fifteen
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 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

Correspondence solicited with collectors having Revs.
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Wanted. A Scott's International Album (new)
 10th edition, in two volumes, printed on one side of
 paper only. Must be in first-class condition in every
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Canada Jubilee 1, 2, 3c, only 7c a set: Newfoundland
 (Cabot) 1c only 10c; 3c only 3c; 5c only 6c.
 Cabot set complete \$2.75. H. K. Moyer, Easton, Pa.

Early Bureau Plate Numbers at very low prices.
 Write for them. Geo. S. Buckman, Brockville, Ont.
 [36]

Good Foreign and Columbian stamps wanted for
 cash. O. G. Trebing, 28 Brainard Ave., Cleveland, O.

Your name in Stamp Collectors' Directory, "Little
 Wave," one year and free use of exchange column
 only 10c. THE WAVE, Box E. Aiden, Mich. [34]

Argentine 1892 Scott's No. 101, 102 unused, 15c each;
 both for 27c. Postpaid. F. R. KIMBALL, 15
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Match, Medicine, Perfumery & Playing Card stamps
 bought, sold and exchanged. Dr. Geo. Hetrich,
 Birdsboro, Pa. [36]

U. S. MY SPECIALTY.

A few random prices from new Revenue List, just
 issued, send for it. FREE.

1c Telegraph..... 8c	3c Telegraph..... 18c
2c Bk. Check, pt. perf. 12c	6c Inland Exch..... 10c
2c Certificate orange 40c	15c Foreign Exch..... 45c
2c Playing Card blue 15c	25c Bond..... 7c
2c " " orange 65c	50c Foreign Exch..... 30c
2c Proprietary orange 90c	\$3 Charter Party..... 12c
11. Issue \$200.00..... \$80.00	
1878 4c red, wmk., block of 6, unused o. g.	
surcharged "Ponds Extract Apr. 1883"..... 50c	
50 Varieties Document Revenues, catalogue	
value \$1.74..... 50c	

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

Back Numbers with 58th Prices.

Many collectors will doubtless be desirous of obtaining the new 58th Catalogue prices, which we are publishing, from the beginning. Accordingly we have printed extra copies of these issues and will depart from our usual custom of obliging subscribers to commence with the current number, and *when requested, will commence new subscriptions with No. 225, the first number with these prices, and send the back numbers by return mail.*

Remember, we only do this *when requested*, and if you desire them please so state when you send your remittance.

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

The yellow fever scare in the South has already commenced to have its affects on philately, or to be more exact its affects on stamps. Messrs. Benj. P. Thomas & Co., the Pemberton, N. J., dealers have sent us a letter just received by them from New Orleans, in the fever district, which contained a number of dollars' worth of stamps, which apparently had passed through some disinfecting process or machine and received a generous supply of perforations promiscuously placed. They could not have improved either the condition or value of the stamps transmitted.

We would advise our readers sending stamps through the mails, when they are likely to enter an affected district, to have them carefully wrapped in oiled or paraffine paper amply protected by card or paste-board.

We are rapidly putting all our mailing list in type and if your paper now comes with printed address, or when it does, you will greatly oblige us if there is any error therein to notify us that it may be corrected so there will be no reason for your paper going astray in the mails.

A correspondent informs us that William B. Hale, the stamp man of Williams-ville, Mass., was considerably injured in a bicycle accident on the Holyoke road, about a mile above Holy Smoke spring Thursday afternoon, Oct. 21st. Mr. Hale was riding from Holyoke to Springfield and when attempting to pass a heavy team he met two men in a light wagon and before he had time to turn to one side his wheel struck the approaching wagon and he was thrown to the ground. The men assisted him to a nearby farm house, where it was found that his head was badly cut and bruised. Mr. Hale lays no blame on the driver of the team, believing it to have been impossible for the man to have seen him approaching.

Quite naturally the enlarged size and double circulation of this number causes the issue to reach our readers a few days late.

The advertising columns in this issue are replete with bargains, and we believe every reader in search of such will be able to find something that will appeal particularly to him. Truly an examination cannot fail to be other than interesting and profitable.

A neat little eight-page Reference and

Special Interest
TO
Revenue Collectors.

Our Books of Medium and Rare Revenues are now sent out at

50 Per Cent. Discount.

You will remember that many stamps in these books are marked 25% below Scott's catalogue prices, to say nothing of the extra 50% that you get.

Perfect stamps on our sheets and books. References required.

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ALL "MINT STATE."

1889 5c green.....	\$0.20
10c rose.....	.04
15c orange.....	.06
25c blue.....	.08
50c green.....	.15
1896 2c rose.....	.60
3c black.....	.90

Our Approval Sheets are still the best. 25 to 50% discount. Lists of premiums free.

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23 Court St., (Room 219) BOSTON, MASS.
(Come to see us when in town.)

Still Trading.

EVEN EXCHANGE for anything I can use in perforated or imperf. pairs or blocks; any quantities taken.

Good U. S. Postage, Revenues, or Match and Medicine in payment.

I am open for a trade, for anything desirable in small or large lots.

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Let me hear from you.

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THE CUT-RATE REVENUE MAN,
NEWTOWN, CONN.

One Dollar and Ten Cents

In British Colonials FOR FORTY CENTS.
The 1894 Set of Labuan, 7 varieties, is priced cancelled at one dollar and ten cents by Scott. Send me forty cents and the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors of your own vicinity, or, if you prefer, your own application and reference for stamps on approval, or both, and I will send you a complete set, all fine copies.
George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Re-issue of 1861.

1c to 90c complete, Scott's Nos. 98 to 107 inclusive, unused o.g., and in best condition, price \$175.00. Also many other U. S. and rare Foreign at reasonable prices, which I will send on approval on receipt of good reference. [34]

B. V. JENKINS,
1224 N. Charles St., BALTIMORE, MD.

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1000 U. S. stamps of 100 varieties, no present issue, but you get the 1847 5c, 1851 1c, 50c Probate of Will, catalogue \$4.00, the 25c Warehouse Receipt catalogue \$1.00, Departments, Match and Medicine, and lot of other scarce stamps, catalogue about \$2c. will send the entire lot for \$2.00.

N. HAUSSELMAN,
1706 Market St., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Member P. S. of A. [34]

Price List of United States Revenue Stamps and Cheap Sets, dated November, 1897, has been received from Mr. M. C. Berlepsch of New York City.

Over two thousand copies of this issue go to collectors who are not on our regular mailing lists, as sample copies. If YOU happen to be one of these we trust you will examine the copy carefully and decide to favor us with your subscription. Our list is gaining daily, which shows that its value to the collector is spreading and being recognized in a substantial manner.

Can you afford to be without it?

Catalogue of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer's coming auction sale, to be held on Saturday evening, October 30th, has reached us. It lists 516 lots and includes a goodly number of rare stamps, together with proofs, essays, oddities, etc.

A sixteen-page wholesale price list has been received from Gaedchens & Co., the London dealers.

From the Tampa (Florida) Daily Herald of Tuesday, Oct. 12th, we take the following item. Mr. D. E. Hazen is a member of the American Philatelic Association and at one time an active stamp man and publisher of the Florida Philatelist.

"For a little place, the contest over the post office at Lake Thonotosassa was at one time quite a spirited one. E. H. Weed, the incumbent, has at last received notice that his head had come off, and simultaneously it was announced that Dan E. Hazen had received the appointment as his successor. The selection gives quite general satisfaction. The appointee is a grandson of Gen. W. P. and the son of E. E. Hazen, and will discharge the duties of his place acceptably. The transfer will take place in a few days.

The following is "adapted" from a neat little slip which Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer is inserting in letters he sends out:

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION? If not, you should be. Every stamp collector can derive many benefits from it. It is reliable and safe, besides being incorporated, and its financial officers bonded. No other so-called "National" stamp society can offer the inducements that members of the American Philatelic Association receive. For application blanks, by-laws, etc., address the Editor of the WEEKLY ERA. Every stamp collector in the United States should be a member of this Association.

Die B, 1884, July.

2c brown on fawn, Scott's No. 1215, priced at \$5.00. Our price for the

Entire Envelope, unused, only \$1.00.

Our Nov. Auction Sale, will be one of the best of the season, including a large number of rarities of all kinds. Be sure and get in our list for catalogue.

Be on the Safe Side and use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards, 20c per doz., \$1.50 per 100.

58th ed. Catalogue, soon as out, 58 cts.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

A GOOD OFFER.

I will give away on April 30th, 1898, the following two prizes, to the two collectors buying the largest amount from my approval sheets from this date: 1st Prize—4d Virgin Isles issue of 1866-68, catalogued at \$7.50. 2nd Prize—25% of the amount bought during that time.

Send for a selection at once.
ALBERT F. MUNROE,
P. O. Box 353, EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I.

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FOR A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO THE

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We give a 30 words' notice free.

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Old U. S. and Foreign Stamps; also entire collections. Always state your lowest cash price. What can you offer me?

H. WEOTHEIM,

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Nos. 88 B. L., R.; 89 B. L.; 97 B.; 112 B.; 124 B.; 125 B.; 126 R.; 133 B., R.; 143 B.; 144 B.; 145 B.; 146 B., R.; 148 B.; 150 B., L.; 151 B., L.; 152 B.; 153 B.; 154 B., L.; 156 B.; 157 B.; 158 B.; 54 L.; 71 T.

WATERMARKED.

Nos. 33 L.; 82 B.; 229 B.; 230 B.; 231 B.; 254 T., B.

Send list of what you have of the above with lowest cash prices. Will exchange plate numbers with collectors. Nearly all Bureau numbers, of both issues, in hand for exchange, on fair basis, for Bureau, Columbian and other issues not in my collection.

W. M. KARR,

1452 Euclid Place, Washington, D. C.

GEO. F. CRANE,

90 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

(5th year at this stand.)

Dealer in Postage Stamps.

▲ 10,000 VARIETIES ▲

In stock from 10% to 50% Discount.
[19] Correspondence desired with Collectors.

DO YOU NEED THESE?

If so my prices will save you money.

- Hermuda 1873 1sh green, perf. 14x12½..... \$0 40
- " 1893 1sh brown..... 35
- Bahamas 1883 4p on 6p violet, cat. \$8.00..... 3 00
- British Honduras 1888 2c on 10p rose..... 35
- Ceylon 1890-92 5c on 15c olive..... 12
- " " 5c on 25c brown, cat. \$2.00..... 1 00
- " 1892 3c on 28c slate..... 07
- Grenada 1883 2½p blue..... 18
- " " 4p slate..... 25
- " " 6p mauve..... 50
- " " 8p bistre..... 1 25
- Great Britain 1883-84 9p green..... 75
- Hayti 1881 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, the set, cat. \$2.25... 1 65

All unused MINT STATE.

W.M. KARR,

1206 20th Street, WASHINGTON, D. C.

I'll please you or your money back.

CHICAGO

IS A WINDY CITY

and that is probably the reason why the girls out here in Chicago have such large feet, so they can stand up the wind. Speaking of feet reminds us of the efficacy of **Sarg's Corn Plasters.** We own a half interest in this article, and want you to distribute Free samples of it in your community, or hire some one who will. Write us about it, as well as for a selection of Match and Medicine stamps on approval at ½ off. References required.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

N. B. Fall Bargain No. 3: 3c green Proprietary 1871, each 18c; per 10, \$1.50, *fine.* Cash with order.

ROMAN STATES.

Many collectors avoid purchasing Roman States stamps because of the numerous reprints and counterfeits. We have secured a small lot on the entire original cover which we offer: 4 var. for 15c.

WANT LISTS.

Send us your Want List for what you want.

- 5c yellow 1861, cat. \$8.50..... \$4.50
- 24c Treasury, unused, without gum, cat. \$12.50 6.00
- \$2 State, very slightly imperfect, not noticeable, cat. \$25.00..... 9.00
- 2c Proprietary orange, cat. \$3.00..... 1.00

STAR STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

The Philatelic Rambler

will be out Nov. 10th: send for a sample copy, free, it will cure that tired feeling in five minutes.

Let me sell you some

—STAMPS—

- at the following low prices. All used, but fine.
- Victoria 1895 2sh yellow-green..... \$1 00
- Ceylon 1887 1r 2ac red brown..... 40
- Hawaii 1894 25c blue..... 33
- Straits Settlements 1891 30c claret..... 25
- " " 1892 25c m. and green..... 10
- " " 1892 50c o. and carmine..... 15
- U. S. A. 1847 5c brown..... 60

Approval Sheets and Books

will be sent to collectors upon receipt of Ar Commercial references, no other way. They contain stamps from 50 per cent. discount to net. They are undoubtedly the finest sheets in the U. S.

What have you got to sell?

JAMES A. ANDERZEN,

Lock Box 15, Loomis, Nebraska.

MAGNUM BONUM PACKETS.

That's what they are called.

50 varieties, 5 cts. 100 varieties to cts.

200 fine varieties, 25 cts.

Try one! You won't regret it.

One dollar's worth of U. S. Postage..... 25c

One dollar's worth of U. S. Revenues..... 25c

We want to please you and will gladly return your money if you are not perfectly satisfied.

INTERNATIONAL STAMP COMPANY, [33

P. O. Box 4223, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BUY OR SELL.

It makes no difference which. 🍀 🍀

If we did not buy we could not sell.

If we could not sell we would not buy.

Spot Cash paid for Good Collections. 🍀

Sent 35c for Excelsior Packet Z, containing 1000 Foreign Stamps well assorted, post free.

Fine Approval Sheets at 50%, 🍀 🍀

If you send good commercial reference.

CHASE BROTHERS,

13 & 15 Washington St.,

Haverhill, - - - Mass.

Scott's 58th Prices.

[CONTINUED.]

ALL prices not mentioned below remain unchanged.

Prices on adhesives only are quoted. Where a dash (—) appears no price is given in 58th although one appeared in 57th

BRITISH GUIANA—Continued.

Thin Paper. Perf. 12½ and 13.	
1863 1c black	1 50 1 00
4c blue	1 00 50
8c rose	1 50 85
1868 1c black, perf. 10	18 20
2c orange " "	25 12
4c blue " "	1 25 25
8c rose " "	3 00 60
12c lilac " "	4 00 50
1875 1c black, perf. 15	35 75
4c blue " "	18 00 6 00
8c rose " "	8 50 2 00
12c lilac " "	25 00 2 50
Perf. 12½ to 13.	
1863 6c blue	2 50 2 00
24c green	5 00 60
48c rose	6 00 2 00
48c deep red	7 50 2 00
1867 6c blue, perf. 10	3 50 1 00
6c ultramarine perf 10	3 50 1 00
24c green " "	4 50 50
48c rose " "	5 00 75
1878 6c ultramarine, perf. 15	25 00 7 50
24c green " "	30 00 2 00

Wmkd. Crown and CC.	Perf.	14.
1876 1c slate	06	05
2c orange	08	03
4c ultramarine	2 50	50
6c chocolate	1 50	50
8c rose	1 10	18
12c lilac	1 50	12
4c ultramarine, perf. 12½	18 00	
1878 1c on 6c chocolate	1876 2 00	1 50
1c on 4c official, 1876	5 00	2 50
1c on 6c " "	5 00	1 00
1881 1c on 48c official, 1876	4 50	1 25
1c rose, ship, "Specimen"	1 00	1 00
1c rose bark " "	1 00	1 00
1882 1c slate, CA	04	03
2c orange " "	08	03
4c blue " "	35	08
8c rose " "	40	10
1889 1c mauve and black	12	12
2c " " " "	45	25
3c " " " "	18	18
4c " " " " type I	20	20
4c " " " " II	50	50
6c " " " " I	25	25
6c " " " " II	25	25
40c " " " "	1 00	85
72c " " " "	2 00	1 50
1d green and black	4 00	4 00
2d " " " "	4 00	4 00
3d " " " "	6 00	6 00
1889-91 2c mauve and orange	04	02
4c " " " blue	08	06
48c " " " red.	90	75
72c " " " bistre	1 40	1 40
96c " " " carmine	1 75	1 75
Pen cancellation		50

5c ultramarine	10	03
8c mauve and olive green	15	08
1890 1c on 1d green and black	10	08
1c on 2d " " " "	12	12
1c on 3d " " " "	18	18
1c on 4d " " " "	25	25
BRITISH HONDURAS.		
1865 1p blue	1 00	1 50
1872-4 6p rose, perf. 14	35 00	10 00
1879 4p violet	5 00	75
1884-7 4p violet	1 25	60
6p yellow	20 00	25 00
18h gray	22 50	22 00
1888 2c on 1p rose	06	10
10c on 4p violet	25	30
1891 3c brown	08	08
24c yellow and blue	60	60
1888 ½p vermilion and black		
wmkd. crown, (A2)	08	18
2sh green and blk, VR	17 50	
2sh6p " " " "	20 00	
10sh " " " "	35 00	
1889 1p lilac and black, orb.	12	—
2p " " " "	2 00	1 25
3p " " " "	6 00	—
4p lilac & black & red	1 50	—
6p " " " "	75	75
BRUNSWICK.		
1853 3½gr rose	35 00	65
Perce en arc.		
1856-7 ½gr black.	12 00	12 00
½gr green	40 00	40 00
18gr yellow	75 00	60 00
1865 1gr rose	10	15
a. Imperf.	5 00	

Canada Jubilee.

½c.....35c each;.....per 10.....\$3.00	
6c.....60c " " " " 10.....5.50	
8c.....15c " " " " 10.....1.40	
\$1.....\$1.25 " " " " 10.....12.00	
SETS.	
½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 50c, per set	\$2.00; per 10, \$19.00.
½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 50c, per set	\$3.10; per 10, \$30.00.
Complete Sets, ½c to \$5, \$17.00.	

Newfoundland.

Complete Sets, 1c to 10c, 65c; 1c to 60c, \$3.
All the above are unused and in finest possible condition.

Canada.

1851 6p Violet, used, very fine,.....	\$3.75
1857 ½p Pink.....	2.50
1858 ½p " Perf.....	5.50
1859 10c Violet.....	.30

1859 12½c Green.....	.30
1859 17c Blue.....	1.00
1892 50c Blue.....	.25
1875 2c Vermilion Registration.....	.10
1875 8c Blue, unused.....	1.75
1860 5c Envelopes, entire used, fine..	1.00
1860 10c unused Envelopes, entire, fine	3.25

Nova Scotia.

UNUSED SETS.

1, 2, 8½, 10 & 12½c, well centered, for	\$3.25
8½c.....	\$1.50
10c.....	.75
12½c.....	1.00
1c.....	.25
2c.....	.25

Prince Edward Isle.

UNUSED, FULL GUM.

1, 2, 4, 6, 12c, cat. \$1.15, for.....	\$.60
1865 6p Green.....	1.25
1865 9p Lilac.....	1.00
1870 4½ Brown.....	1.00
Complete set, 13 varieties, cat. \$12.75, for	\$5.50.

United States.

SPECIALS.

1847 5c, used on O. Cover, very fine,	\$0.50
1847 10c.....	3.00
1861 10c Variety.....	9.00
1855 90c Blue, unused, very fine.....	15.00
1869 24c used, very fine copy.....	4.50
1869 30c unused, full gum.....	10.00
1870 24c Purple, used, fine.....	1.00
1870 12c Dark Purple.....	.40
1895 50c Orange.....	.15

Remittance by Post Office or Express Order or by Registered Letter.

We desire to submit to responsible parties rare and medium priced stamps on approval at 40 to 60% discount.

Canada Revenues our specialty; discounts 25 to 50% off Hall's or Adams' net prices, on anything in stock.

Send us your want list.

MARKS STAMP CO.,

169-171 McCaul Street,

TORONTO, CANADA.

October Price List now ready, with 5 good Stamps Sent Free.

1gr carmine	04	12
2gr blue	25	60
2gr ultramarine	08	60
3gr brown	05	85
3gr bistre	10	85
1866 4-4g gr bistre, imperf.	04	

BUENOS AYRES.

1858 2 (dos) pesos blue	18 00	7 00
(cautro) reales brown	17 50	12 50
4 (cuatro) reales gray brown	17 50	12 50
4 (cuatro) reales yellow brown,		unpriced
1859 1 (in) reales indigo	15 00	7 50
1 (to) reales blue	13 50	7 50
1860 2p vermilion, Paris pr.	7 50	3 00
2p red	7 50	3 50
1860-2 1p blue	2 50	1 00
1p rose	3 00	2 50
2p blue	4 00	2 50

BULGARIA.

1879 10c black and green	1 25	75
1fr black and red	75	50
1881 25c black and puce	75	35
30c fawn and blue	30	15
1884-5 50c on 1fr black & red black surcharge	1 00	2 00
1893 15c orange	06	03

(Continued next week.)

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On Oct. 7th the offices of the *Detroit Philatelist* were totally destroyed by fire and the September number, ready for mailing, together with subscription lists were destroyed. All subscribers will please send in their name, with statement of amount paid and numbers received, at once to W. H. Kessler, Jr., 157 Canfield Ave. W., Detroit, Mich.

In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

A Rhode Island Klondike!

To every general collector who sends me good reference with request for a selection of Foreign Stamps on approval at 60% commission, enclosing 2c stamp for reply, I will send

FREE

Three Good Stamps Catalogued at 20c, (Either U. S. or Foreign, as desired.)

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes

The "warm spell" had its backward effect here as elsewhere, but now that frosty weather seems to have come to stay, philatelic matters are again becoming of interest. November should see the season well started, especially if the new catalogues are "out" as soon as they are promised. And by the way, I wonder how long it will be before the publishers will give us our new catalogues at the beginning of each stamp season instead of at a time which simply breaks up trade for two or three months and leaves us all in a "where am I at" state until winter is fairly upon us?

A word to those members of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society who are not in the habit of attending so regularly as they might. The monthly meetings of the society are held at the Republican City Committee Headquarters on Dorrance Street, on the second Wednesday evening of each month. Just keep that fact in mind, and come around, whether the postal notifying you reaches its destination or not. The November meeting will be of interest.

I noticed a small advertisement in a Boston paper recently, offering two complete sets of unused Columbians, in fine condition, for sale. The price asked was \$25.00. Did any of our Hub friends look up the advertiser?

There is something rotten in the state of the Providence post office. Second class matter, as every publisher and a good many subscribers have learned from sad experience, is handled very carelessly by the Post Office Department all over the country, but for some reason the office here is especially defective. To illustrate by the writer's own experience, and he has heard numerous complaints from others, I receive only about four out of five copies of stamp papers to which I subscribe. This in itself is no indication that the fault is not at this end, but I know also of a weekly paper here which mails a considerable number of copies to subscribers in the city and every day brings "kicks" from those who have not received their papers. As the matter in this case is handled only at the Providence office, the placing of the blame is easy. And there seems to be no way in which to right the wrong. The great dailies and weeklies who have it in their power to make trouble are carefully attended to, while the smaller papers suffer.

The tendency toward foreign stamps is

growing stronger every day. I do not believe that there is any other reason for this than the high prices quoted upon United States stamps, and especially the fancy values set upon minor varieties. South Americans seem to be in good demand and, if the misguided "boomers" do not undertake to rush them too hard, there is no reason why the demand should not continue and a healthy rise in prices result in the course of a few years.

The cancelling machine used in most of the large offices certainly give us a plain postmark, but there is one feature about them which is not so desirable. The cogwheels which catch the letters and convey them to the stamping dies frequently leave their impression upon the envelope and the thicker the letter is, the deeper will be the impression. A letter which contains several sheets of stamps is apt to have its contents actually griddled by the contrivance. If the inventor of the machine had to bear the burden of, and receive the punishment for, all the "cuss" words uttered by stamp cranks who have found their treasures thus abused, eternity would be too short for his damnation.

A writer in another paper mentions a used strip of four of the small five cent Confederate as a very unusual combination. These stamps are nearly always found used either in pairs, two pairs, or strips of four—I almost said three of a kind. Before the twenty cent stamp was issued, strips of four of the small five cent were used very commonly, and are much more frequently found than pairs of the ten cent.

Everyone who carries on any foreign correspondence receives amusing letters, but I think that the following, received by the writer, is really good enough to print. It is copied from the original, word for word.

PARIS.

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"Yours very truly."

Is it possible that the letters which we write our French friends are as bad as this? P.

IN THE SWIM?

Table listing philatelic items and prices: Full Set Navy Dept. \$17.00, Interior Dept. 4.00, 3c Treasury, n. g., cat. 25c. 17, Antigua 1p 1882, n. g., cat. 50c. 20, Ceylon 4c or 8c, n. g., cat. 50c. 26, 2c on 4c, n. g. 28, 3c on 28c slate, n. g. 10, St. Lucia 4p 1853, n. g. 15, 400 Foreign, cat. about 8 dollars. 85, Postage extra on amounts under \$1.00. 10c

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

The Post Office Department has sent out instructions to postmasters throughout the Dominion for returns of the number of newspapers mailed under the provisions of the free postage regulations. The postmaster-general it is said, contemplates the abolition of the free carriage through the mails of newspapers sent out to bona fide subscribers from offices of publication. It is possible too, that new regulations are proposed, which will prevent abuses of the system by publications not properly coming within the intent and meaning of the law. The changes which are proposed would have rather a disastrous effect on philatelic journalism in the Dominion. If postage were charged the expenditure in this way would probably equal the cost of printing the ordinary stamp paper.

On the morning of Thursday the 14th inst., about 70 small sets of the Jubilee issue were placed on sale at the Toronto Post Office. They lasted just twenty-four minutes and only one set was sold to any one person. As far as I have been able to ascertain only one Toronto dealer was aware of the fact that they had been placed on sale until after the lot had been sold out.

Evidently some of our American cousins at Salem, Mass., which I believe is almost a suburb of the classic and intellectual city of Boston, must consider that as far as literary ability is concerned Toronto stands alone in philatelic journalism. No. 1 Vol. I. of the *Philatelic Bulletin* came to hand some few days ago. I was rather surprised on glancing at the leading article, "Why some Stamps were Issued," to find that it was the rankest kind of plagiarism. The article although purporting to be written by C. Allen Hall is from the pen of Mr. Frank Best of Toronto and first appeared some ten or twelve years ago in the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, formerly published by Mr. Geo. A. Lowe. Although considerably surprised at this article serenely bobbing up before me with a new author I was almost paralyzed for a moment when I turned to the editorial column and found that the whole introductory article of the *Bulletin*, consisting of almost three columns had boldly been taken word for word, *valus valus*, from the first number of the *Philatelic Canadian*, published last year by Mr. Walter McMahon. Either Mr. Hall must consider that Canadians are unparalleled literary geniuses, or else that we in Toronto are so far back from civilization that we never see a stamp paper.

It looks now as though there might be another split among the officers of the Dominion Philatelic Association. The president and the editors of the official organ do not appear to see things in exactly the same way. It was for the purpose of securing peace and harmony that Mr. W. R. Adams and his ticket allowed themselves to be beaten in the recent elections, without reference to either the president's contention or to that of the official organ. I might perhaps be excused in saying that it is about time that this unseemly bickering stopped and all the officers and members gave their undivided attention to promoting the interests of the Society.

Mr. A. H. Adams, who has recently removed to Toronto will, I am informed, go into the stamp business quite extensively during the coming season. Collectors will find him a very upright person to deal with.

Mr. Houseman, who has until recently conducted the "Bon Ton" barber shop in Leader Lane, Toronto, and who has recently been buying up numbers of desirable stamps, has sold out his business in Toronto and removed to Dayton, Ohio, where he will devote his entire time to the stamp business.

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- Interior, " " 4.50
- Justice, " " 74.50
- Navy, " " 26.50
- P. O., " " 4.75
- " block of 4 10c, unused, extra fine, - 5.50
- State, ex. fine, unused set, 36.50
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Money refunded if dissatisfied, if stamps are returned in two days.

A. C. Townsend,

Loan & Trust Bldg., [32*]

Washington, D. C.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

**Cottlow's...
Chicago Correspondence.**

Wednesday, Oct. 20th.

Brother Bartels in the October 9th issue of the ERA treats at some length a matter which I referred to slightly, in the *May Herald Exchange*, that of marking in some way, these stamps which have been so artistically mended as to almost defy detection. I advocated stamping them indelibly "Mended, Don't Soak." but his one word "Repaired" answers the purpose equally well and is much shorter.

I agree with him in saying that in most cases such a marking is unnecessary as honest dealers will explain any defect in their wares which may be hard to see, but in the hands of an unscrupulous person, neatly mended stamps could often be sold as perfect copies and trouble would come sooner or later.

Mr. Wolsieffer has stamped such mended stamps with a large M. This is more for his personal protection than any other object; in order that a buyer who is on the "do" might not after a lapse of time bring back a mended specimen, claiming he had bought it as perfect.

Mr. Bartel's idea is a good one and should be adopted by all dealers.

Mr. Fred Ross has secured another good thing at the Philadelphia P. O., although not as much of a snap as when he bought over 150 unused 3c Nationals last year at face. This time he picked up a 10c Continental. A good "buy" at face and I must say that the Philadelphia boys certainly do not keep very close watch on their office to let such good things get away from them.

In a recent number of the ERA Mr. N. W. Chandler calls me to time for stating in my article in the Sept. 18th issue that he held 50 proxies at most A. P. A. conventions. I beg to correct this article in that particular, but again I would state that the spirit of the article was correct when I accused the Mekeel faction of holding enough proxies to control the votes of the various conventions. I think a reference to the minutes of the past four or five conventions will bear me out.

Mr. Wolsieffer's fifth sale, being the first of the season, will occur Saturday evening, Oct. 30th. It will be particularly rich in U. S. proofs and essays comprising the finest lot of such stamps ever offered at a Chicago auction.

At the last meeting of the C. P. S., I

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The Exchange Department I resuscitated in February, 1895, and since that time have handled probably \$8000 worth of books.

It is a matter of personal pride to be able to say that during my incumbency these offices have been conducted in a better manner than ever before and at the time when I give up these positions I will have settled every account outstanding against the Departments.

The main reason for giving up this work is that after January 1st the time which I have to devote to stamps will be taken up with another matter which is now under way and which I hope to make public before long.

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P. S. I still have a few more St. Vincent, 1897, 5¢ brown, unused, full o.g., for sale at 15c, postage extra.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 19, 1897.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Me.

Gentlemen: I have read with interest, in the ERA of October 16th, the Toronto notes by Jasper. I was especially pleased to learn of the strenuous efforts of the Canadian government to prevent speculators from cornering the 1/2 and 6c values of the Jubilee issue, and filled with admiration at the fine detective instinct, which, coupled with the herculean labors that he must have put forth, enables Jasper to arrive at the conclusion that all was fair and honorable with reference to this issue. I am fain to confess that before reading Jasper's unanswerable argument, I was one of the scoffers, now however I am ready to apologize to Jasper, and the Canadian government, for my unjust suspicion, and in the future do homage without doubt or question, that is, I shall be ready after Jasper has explained satisfactorily how clerks in the government employ have been able to offer 8, 6 and 1/2c Jubilee stamps by the hundred and thousand as I am ready to prove has been done, and this in sheets.

Does Jasper desire us to believe that some enterprising government clerk has purchased 1000 complete sets in order to offer 1000 1/2c stamps at a premium? I would like to know, too, how it is that several Boston gentlemen, who sent money to a number of the larger Canadian post offices for the so-called short sets, long before the advertised date of sale, were informed, after several weeks delay, that they could not be supplied. (Now the most that any Boston man received, so far as I can learn, was 6 sets.) and yet a Canadian comes to Boston bringing with him more than 300 short sets, i. e. 1/2 to 50c, for which he asks \$3.00 per set! Then perhaps Jasper can inform us why Post Office money orders sent to large cities in Canada should be turned over to outsiders to be filled at 10% over face, with extra charges for mailing etc. Will Jasper please note that I use the plural, money orders.

After clearing away the mystery (to us) concerning these simple interrogatives, if Jasper will turn his talents and energies towards inducing the Canadian government to investigate these and sundry other little peculiarities concerning this much talked-of issue, I will on my part, guarantee to prove absolutely and fully every statement contained in this letter. I will not even wait for the Canadian government to move in the matter. If

the Montreal Philatelic Society will take the matter up. I will submit the proof to them or to a committee appointed by that society.

Now I have no intent or desire to say aught against the fair name of Canada, and sincerely hope that the Canadian philatelists will not permit many days to go by without a protest to their government to guard in the future against such occurrences as have marred the issue of the Canadian Jubilee stamps.

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WHOLE No. 233.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Thursday, Oct. 28th.

The stamp business during the past week shows a decided improvement. We have been favored this week with a novelty in the stamp line, a surcharged Newfoundland. It is a 3c slate-brown, 1895-97 issue, surcharged with a bar, top and bottom, obliterating the numerals of value, and the words "ONE CENT" are printed across the stamp. It is rumored that there are to be three surcharges, ½c, 1c, and 2c, and that only 4,000 of the 1c surcharged were printed. I do not place much dependence on these reports, as I hardly think that anyone in this vicinity has any authentic information concerning these stamps. The facts are that a few of the 1c on letters have been received here, and used copies are bringing 15 cents each. There must be some official, connected with the Newfoundland postal department, who has found out that the making of new varieties of postage stamps is a profitable business, as we have been favored with numerous reprints, distinct shades, a Jubilee set, surcharges, and are now promised a new issue in a few weeks.

The Colonial Stamp Co. held their second auction sale on Tuesday evening, Oct. 26th. There was a very large attendance, and, as is customary with auction sales, some lots brought low prices and others good prices. As it may be of interest to your readers I will give a few prices, on stamps which were in fine condition. 1855-60, 10c and 12c, unused, o. g., sold for \$1.30 and \$1.25; 24c, 1869, fine, used copy, sold for \$3.10; \$1.00 Columbian, unused, o. g., sold for \$2.50; 1868, 90c, embossed, used, brought \$10; 1870, 3c, embossed, unused, o. g., brought \$1.00; State Department, 1c, unused, o. g., sold for \$1.50; Executive Department, 1c, used, sold for \$2.50; Navy Department, 1c, unused, o. g., sold for 60 cents; Treasury Department, 24c, used, brought \$2.20; War Department, complete set, unused, o. g., brought \$2.50; 90c, unused, o. g., brought \$1.00; Newfoundland, Cabot Series, 1c, entire sheet of 100 stamps sold for \$8.00; Newfoundland, 1876, 1c, rouletted, un-

used, o. g., brought 90 cents; Nova Scotia, 8½c, used, brought \$1.75; St. Lucia, 1892, ½d on half of 6d, unused pair, o. g., brought \$1.25; Newspaper stamp, 1879, \$6.00, blue, used, brought \$3.50; Poland, 1860, 10k, unused, no gum, brought \$1.36; British Central Africa, 1896-94, Nigger Series, 3sh, unused, o. g., brought \$2.10; 5sh, same condition, brought \$3.00; Seychelles, 90 on 96, unused, o. g., sold for \$1.35; Zanzibar, Sultan's Head, ½ to 8 annas, unused, o. g., sold for \$1.75. I have only quoted stamps which were in fine condition. Many of the lots, consisting of unused sets and combinations, brought from 25 to 60% of catalogue, and as miscellaneous lots in auction sales usually contain stamps in various conditions, it is useless to quote prices on such lots.

The latest official news from Zululand, received direct from the postmaster-general, is that negotiations were pending for Zululand to be taken into Natal, and that the postage stamps of the latter country would probably be used for postage; and he also stated that the 3d Zululand is obsolete.

This letter was received about ten days ago by one of Boston's well known dealers. The news was not to be published in the ERA, until the gentleman had had a quiet hunt, among Boston dealers, for the 3d Zululand, and as I presume, by this time, that he has bought all the available copies. I can now give this as an item.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

Mr. W. R. Adams says that he will shortly issue a new edition of his Canadian Revenue Catalogue. The popularity of Canadian revenues is evidenced from the fact that the entire first issue of Mr. Adams' catalogue has been entirely exhausted. The new catalogue will be got out in different form and will contain a great deal of descriptive matter not found in any catalogue of Canadian Revenues which has been published heretofore.

I notice in some of the philatelic jour-

nals of the United States that there are some indications that the stamp business just now is rather dull. If such be the fact in the United States this report will not apply to Canada. Business has been better in Canada during the last summer than it has ever been in the same period of any previous year. Of course the issue of the Jubilee stamps had a great deal to do with this. Many and many an old time collector whose interest in the pursuit had languished, has taken to collecting again. Another indication of prosperity within our walls is the announcement of several new stamp papers. Any gentleman who will think of starting a new stamp paper, with the dry skeletons of the numerous ones who have gone before dangling before him, must most assuredly have the interests of our hobby at heart.

Another Canadian dealer has removed to the "Land of Liberty." Mr L. M. Staebler of London, Ont., the well known dealer and publisher, is now conducting the Johnstown Stamp Co. of Johnstown, Pa. While we are sorry to lose Mr. Staebler we all hope that he will meet with success in his new field of labor.

H. F. Ketcheson of Belleville, Ont., it is reported has resigned his position in the government service and will in future devote his entire time to the stamp business.

A recent number of an American philatelic journal contained the information that the writer had seen a set of Canadian Jubilee stamps which had been "cancelled to order," which sight seems to have unsettled the nerves of this gentleman as he attacks the issue madly on this account, and says the Canadians issue should be classed with Seebecks. In all probability the gentleman was right in his suspicions that the stamps were not used for postage. It does not follow though that the issue should be classed as "fakes." In my opinion, any person who would go and pay face value for a full set of this issue and then get some friend in the post office to cancel them is acting in a very foolish way, as the stamps are worth a great deal more unused for postage than they are cancelled for philatelic purposes.

JASPER.

From Our Special Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Some of the Canadian Jubilee stamps are coming with a very tasty cancellation. It represents the British flag with the words "Victoria 1837-1897" in a sort of banner across its face.

The next number of *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies* will contain an article on the cancellations of Japanese stamps. On some the double ring telegraph cancellation is very similar to the regular Post Office obliteration. The only difference is in the small Japanese characters inside the ring. One reads Telegraph Office and the other Post Office. The best way for collectors of these stamps to do is to get hold of a stray Jap and have him translate the "spider tracks."

According to the Third Assistant Postmaster General's report for the fiscal year the P. O. Dept. shows a deficit of \$11,411,779. During the year the Department lost \$19,799 through bad debts, and in consequence Mr. Merritt recommends that prepayment in full of all matter be required hereafter. The editor of the San Francisco *Chronicle* says:

"It is a simple matter to not only provide a remedy for the \$11,000,000 deficit, but to change that deficit into a tidy surplus, and this without adding to the cost of postage or reducing the force employed in the department. We shall see how.

"The average charge by the railroads for transporting the mails is eight cents a pound, and the average carriage of a piece of postal matter is 442 miles. That is to say, for a ton of mail hauled from New York to Buffalo the railroad gets \$160. as against the early ox-cart charge for carrying freight over the same route of \$100. But what is more to the point, the train that carries this ton of mail for the Government also hauls express matter to the same destination for private individuals for a fraction under one cent a pound or \$20 a ton, and the express company makes money by the contract. Turning our attention to long hauls, we find that—as an able writer in the *Outlook* puts it—"The Texas Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads carry foreign hats and caps, boots and shoes, cashmere and laces, cutlery and ordinary hardware from New Orleans to San Francisco for eight-tenths of a cent a pound, and the business has proved so profitable that, after years of litigation, they have at last secured a decree from the Supreme Court declaring it lawful, and also declaring it lawful for them to levy three or four times as heavy a transport tax for the same service rendered to native made goods of the same description."

"It easily follows if these goods can be

taken across the continent for eight-tenths of a cent a pound it would have been profitable for the same train to have carried the mail at the same price. For a haul of 442 miles half a cent per pound would have been enough. At that rate, generally applied, the saving to the Government would be several millions a year which would close up the deficit and leave such a decided surplus as to bring in penny postage as a matter of course."

The Honduras 1897 issue is now coming from New York in sheets cancelled to order. What next?

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The Sixth Annual Convention of the Sons of Philatelia was held at Nashville, Tenn., October 19th and 20th.

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The matter of an insurance fund of 1% for Sales Dept. was referred to Board of Trustees recommending creation of same.

New York City was selected as the next convention seat by a large majority.

Resolutions of sympathy and petitioning the release of John R. Hooper were passed unanimously.

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1.50 Inland Exchange.....	.75	5.00
2.00 Conveyance.....	.60	4.00
2.00 Mortgage.....	.80	6.00
2.50 Inland Exchange ..	.50	3.50
3.00 Charter Party.....	1.00	7.00
3.00 Manifest.....	1.25	8.00
5.00 Charter Party.....	1.00	7.00
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NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 23rd, 1897.
314 books of stamps received according to my report of Oct. 16th, valued at \$15,009.78
20 books received since Oct. 16th, valued at \$551.46
Total number of books received 334, valued at \$15,561.24

Members are again requested to keep me well supplied with books of stamps. I have an increasing demand for them and good medium priced stamps will sell.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, *Superintendent*,
160 Nassau St.

N. Y. CITY, Oct. 23rd, 1897.

Class A. Total Participants	2, Am'l	\$20
" B. " " "	1, " "	25
" C. " " "	3, " "	150
" D. " " "	1, " "	100

Total received \$295

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Stamps for Coins. Have 8000 varieties postage stamps to exchange for any coins not in my collection, ancient preferred. Send want lists. I offer no trash and want none. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [36]

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200 ac U. S. Inter Rev., 125 ac Bank Check, 30 ac Proprietary, 25 10c Inland Exchange, 5 1c Express to exchange for stamps not in my collection. O. E. Jacobsen, Box 41, Boulder, Colorado.

I have 50 back numbers of "Harper's Weekly" to exchange for stamps; make offer. Other magazines to exchange for stamps. Correspondence solicited. Lou. O. Brosie, 3405 Butler St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Will exchange a U. S. entire envelope unused, July, 1884, Die B., brown on fawn, catalogued \$5.00, for \$3.00 worth of Foreign stamps. French Colonials wanted. F. N. Massoth, 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill. [11c]

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I have used and unused Columbian stamps and want to exchange them for European stamps not in my collection. Ignaz Stauffer, Carnegie, Pa.

Genuine autographs of Franklin Pierce, 14th President of the U. S., on entire, original document, for postage stamps amounting in catalogue value to \$1-75. Stamps valued below 5 cts. not wanted. Howard C. Beck, Deputy City Controller, Detroit, Mich. [34]

15 fine, unused, 50c Columbians for a fine \$20 third issue U. S. Revenue. J. B. Feigel, 126 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

I have stamps for exchange, value for value; if you want to exchange send yours and receive mine. P. S. of A. 722. S. E. Medford, 435 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa. [34]

Catalogue value given in exchange from my books for any U. S. 6, 8 and 15c, Dues and Special Deliveries. Exchange List for other common U. S. on application. Jno. L. Mayer, 119 Aldrich Ave. North, Minneapolis, Minn. [33]

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We still have a fine lot of U. S. Postage and Revenues also Foreign to exchange for good Match and Medicine stamps. Let us hear from you. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [33*]

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Exchange desired with collectors. I have rare and scarce U. S. Adhesives, Envelopes, cut square and entire, Match and Medicine, Document Revenues perf. and imperf. in singles, pairs and blocks, and foreign stamps. Send selections and receive mine. J. Dawson, 88 Clinton Ave., Albany, N. Y. [33]

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6c " " " " " " " " " " " "05
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Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* completes its sixth volume with the September number. There are some interesting notes on English stamps, a continuation of the account of the London show, with a full page half tone cut of Walter Morley's stall.

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* (Vol. III. No. 6) after a vacation of four months, once more visits us to say that it is hereafter to be published by J. F. Dodge of New Oxford, Penn. Truly, Brother Dodge is getting to be a sort of grasping monopoly in the philatelic literature line. I hope he will not attempt to run all three of his papers as separate publications. Better consolidate into one big one and make it a winner.

The *American Collector* for October (Vol. II. No. 6) contains a portrait and sketch of E. E. Weaver of Martinsburg, West Virginia, a short account of Nashville, where the S. of P. convention was held, two and a half pages of the new catalogue prices, and one or two other articles. The S. of P. official reports show 10 new members for the month, with 7 applications. Against these are set some 19 resignations, received or accepted.

The *Allegheny Philatelist* (Vol. II. No. 3) contains a number of short items, and one or two miscellaneous articles. One of its "Jottings" refers to the fact that the first stamp catalogue in the English language was that of Dr Gray, published in 1862. I was of the impression that most authorities awarded the priority to Mount Brown, who issued his list in May of the same year.

Pennsy for October (Vol. XII. No. 5) contains a rather belated report of the Boston convention, which is illustrated with a portrait of A. W. Batchelder, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. Other portraits in this number are H. D. Ruehlman, T. L. Green, J. H. Houston, Joe F. Beard, C. C. Guy, Nils Ohman, W. H. Bruce and J. H. Leippe. There is also a group picture of some of the attendants at the Atlantic City meeting.

The October number of the *Boston Stamp Book* (Vol. III. No. 5) has a very interesting and full account of the *Fuera de Hora* stamps of Uruguay, by Jos. H. Pullen. These stamps are not listed by Scott or Senf, while Moens, the great

Belgian authority, flatly declares that they have no value. One of our leading magazines, some few years ago, investigated the matter and developed the fact that the stamps were not surcharged before being put on the letters, but when the "Too Late" fee was paid, the hand stamp was struck on the letter, and quite frequently on the stamp as a means of cancellation. I have never met with many of these stamps, but all that I have seen have had no other cancellation than the so called surcharge. The unused specimens are secured *par complaisance*. I am not able at the moment to put my hand on the article referred to, but many of my readers will recall it.

The *Texan Philatelist* (Vol. VII. No. 2) has its usual article by F. P., containing information about the early postal service in many countries.

The other Texan paper, the *Lone Star State Philatelist* (Vol. V. No. 2) has articles on the Ideal Philatelic Magazine, Decadence of Philately, clippings concerning the proposed changes in our stamps, etc. Both this paper and the previous one have editorials condemning the action of the American Philatelic Association in expelling Georges Carion. I have recently received several communications from Mr. Carion himself concerning my remarks in the ERA of October 2, and shall reply at an early date.

The *Philatelic Record* is becoming more and more valuable as it increases in age. It never indulges in the school boy compositions that so many of our own papers are filled with, but always presents a menu full of choice tid bits in the shape of studious scientific articles on our hobby. Whoever possesses the full set of now almost nineteen volumes (and the writer is happy to say that he does) can rest assured that he has a most valuable reference library and one which will increase in value as the years go by. The current number (Vol. XIX. No. 10) contains the continuation of Arthur Harrison's treatise on the stamps of Norway which goes partly through the 1864 issue in this number and gives lucid descriptions of the most minute varieties. Editor Nankivell speaks his mind freely concerning the flood of "Jubilee" stamps and such trash. By the way, the English papers have a good nickname for the "hospital" issues. They are referred to as "disease" stamps. The name just fits

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

Mr. A. R. Fernald, manager of the Detroit Stamp Co., recently returned from a trip to Buffalo and way stations. Mr. Fernald called on Raynor Hubbell, C. G. Gething and others while there and returned with a very favorable impression of Buffalo philatelists. He also secured a good number of unused orange special deliveries at a small station on the way.

The third meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association was well attended and much interest was shown in the proceedings. Mr. Howard C. Beck gave a very interesting and instructive talk on U. S. Revenues.

We understand that Mr. Lewis Robie was in town this week but missed seeing him. Let us know in advance the next time you come, Lewis, and we will show you the elephant.

While passing by the ruins of the Detroit Opera House fire we saw our friend Kessler gazing meditatively at a bundle of half burned approval sheets and a few other relics that had just been exhumed. They were the remains of a formerly valuable lot of stamps—slightly damaged.

There are rumors of a new society for younger collectors about to be started in Detroit. The Detroit Philatelic Association has an age limit of eighteen years and we think that there is room for a society such as the one proposed.

November 15 is the lucky (?) day fixed for the advent of a new paper from Detroit. The first number will consist of eight pages and cover and Mr. J. Edward Upham will be the publisher.

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1879 6c pink .02
1882 6c red .04
1887 3c vermilion .06
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Scott's 58th Prices.

[CONTINUED.]

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CANADA.

1855 10p blue	75	00	10	00
1858 3p red, ribbed paper	15	00	2	00
6p violet, wove paper	80	00	35	00
1859 1c pink	50	08		
1868 2c pale green	75	10		
2c deep green	50	10		
3c red	50	04		
3c deep red	1 00	08		
12½c blue	1 50	20		
12½c dark blue	1 50	20		
1869-72 1c yellow	02	01		
1c orange yellow	35	05		
2c green	06	01		
3c rose	15	05		
3c orange	08	01		
1872-3 6c brown	50	03		
1875-7 15c gray	50	10		
1892-3 15c gray lilac	30	10		
50c deep blue	75	35		
8c slate	25	02		
8c lilac gray	15	02		

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4p dark blue white p.	4 00	1 00		
1sh yellow green	20 00	4 50		
1sh dark green	25 00	5 00		
1sh emerald green	30 00	5 50		
1865 1p red	1 25	35		
6p dull mauve	85	18		
6p bright violet	2 50	25		
1sh yellow green	2 50	12		
1sh blue green	5 00	40		
1868-74 1p on 1sh gr'n yellow	1 00	1 75		
1871 1p rose	25	03		
4p blue	2 50	15		
4p ultramarine	2 00	06		
1879 3p on 4p blue, red sur.	40	18		
a. TH. EE instead of THREE		12 00		
b. PENC B instead of PENCE		10 00		
Black Surcharge.				
3p on 4p lilac rose	35	02		
3p lilac rose	2 50	18		
3p on 3p lilac rose	1 75	25		
a. Surcharge inverted		6 00		
3p on 3p lilac rose	25	15		
a. Surcharge inverted		2 50		
1881 3p red brown	1 25	10		
½p slate	06	04		
1p red	2 50	04		
2p bistre	12	02		
3p red brown	12	06		
5sh orange		6 00		
1885 2p bistre	08	01		
6p violet	22	03		
1sh green	4 00	06		
5sh orange	7 50	25		
1891-94 2½p on 3p violet rose	12	08		
2½p pale green	30	06		
4p blue	15	04		
1sh blue green	2 50	—		

1893-96 1p on 2p bistre	12	06		
No Period after Penny	75			
16h yellow buff	45	08		
5sh brown orange	2 00	12		

CAPE VERDE.

1877 5r black	03	—		
20r straw	04	—		
100r mauve	08	15		
1881-5 10r green	04	—		
20r carmine	05	—		
25r violet	05	—		
40r yellow	08	—		
1894 5r orange	02			
10r reddish violet	03			
15r chocolate	04			
20r lavender	05			
25r deep green	06			
50r blue	10			
75r carmine	15			
80r yellow green	15			
100r brown, buff	18			
150r carmine, rose	25			
200r dark blue, light blue	35			
300r dark blue, buff	50			

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1857 2p yellow green	3 50	50		
2p deep green	2 50	60		
5p orange brown	12 00	3 50		
8p chocolate	—	90 00		
10p vermilion	25 00	8 00		
1sh violet	—	4 50		
1sh 9p green	25 00	17 50		
1861 ½p lilac, unwmkd.	5 00	3 50		
½p lilac, bluish	20 00	6 00		
½p lilac, perf. 12½	5 00	5 00		
Clean cut Perf. 14 to 16½.				
1p blue		85		
2p yellow green	7 50	2 50		
4p rose		15 00		
5p orange brown	7 00	1 25		
8p brown red	50 00	25 00		
9p lilac brown		7 00		
1sh violet	6 00	75		
2sh blue		25 00		
Rough Perf. 14 to 16½.				
1p blue	7 50	30		
1p deep blue	7 50	30		
2p yellow green	5 00	2 00		
4p rose	11 00	6 00		
6p deep brown	15 00	4 00		
6p bistre brown	15 00	3 00		
8p brown	50 00	25 00		
8p yellow brown	75 00	35 00		
9p ochre brown	35 00	6 00		
9p deep brown	5 00	8 00		
10p vermilion	12 50	1 50		
1sh violet	4 00	60		
1sh 9p green	25 00			
2sh blue	12 00	10 00		
1863 10p vermilion, perf 12½	7 50	1 00		
Unwmkd. Perf. 13.				
1863 1p blue	10 00	1 25		
5p carmine brown	50 00	10 00		
9p brown	35 00	8 50		
1sh gray violet	50 00	5 00		
1864-7 1p blue	75	12		
a. Imperf.		15		
1p dark blue	2 50	12		
2p sea green	2 50	1 25		
2p emerald green	10 00	5 00		

2p yellow	2 50	60		
2p buff	2 50	60		
5p carmine brown	50 00	8 50		
6p lilac brown	2 00	3 00		
6p chocolate brown	2 00	60		
9p bistre brown	4 00	1 25		
9p dark brown	3 00	1 25		
10p vermilion	2 50	90		
1sh violet	2 50	60		
2sh blue	3 50	1 00		
1867 3p rose	6 00	1 25		
5p yellow green	7 50	1 00		
5p green	3 00	6 00		
1868 3p rose		75		
1872-80 4c lilac rose	1 75	25		
16c mauve	1 00	06		
24c green	60	08		
32c slate blue	4 00	25		
36c blue	3 00	75		
48c rose	2 50	35		
64c red brown	8 00	1 25		
1879 8c orange		1 25		
2r 50c red brown	35 00	20 00		
1883-4 2c green		03		
4c lilac rose		06		
4c rose		35		
8c orange		15		
1885 5c on 24c green		—		
5c on 32c slate blue	2 50	25		
5c on 36c blue	3 00	35		
5c on 48c rose	7 50	85		
5c on 64c red brown	3 50	25		
5c on 96c slate		3 50		
10c on 16c mauve		6 00		
10c on 24c green		4 50		
10c on 36c blue	12 00	7 50		
10c on 64c red brown	6 00	6 00		
20c on 24c green		75		
28c on 48c rose	3 00	50		
5c on 32c slate	20 00	85		
5c on 64c red brown	6 00	75		
10c on 64c red brown	1 00	5 00		
1r 12c on 2r 50c red br'n	1 25	75		
5c on 8c orange	1 50	18		
5c on 16c mauve	3 00	35		
5c on 24c purple brown		12 00		
10c on 16c mauve		unpriced		
10c on 24c purple brown	18	50		
28c on 32c slate blue	35	15		
56c on 96c slate	1 00	40		
1r 12c on 2r 50c red br'n				
wmk. CC sideways	1 50	3 00		
1886 15c olive green	10	04		
25c brown	18	06		
25c brown, value in olive yellow	8 50	50		
28c slate	20	06		
1887 1r 12c red brown	75	50		
1888-9 2c on 4c lilac rose	25	08		
a. Surcharge inverted	1 50			
2c on 4c rose		06		
a. Surcharge inverted	1 00			
2c on 4c lilac rose		06		
a. Surcharge inverted	3 00			
b. Double surcharge	3 00			
c. Double surch. one inverted	3 00			
2c on 4c rose		08		
2c on 4c lilac rose		unpriced		
2c on 4c rose		06		
a. Surcharge inverted	1 25			
b. Double surcharge	10 00			

1890-2 2c on 4c rose	06	06
a. Surcharge inverted	1 25	
b. Double surch. one inverted	1 75	
5c on 15c olive	25	12
b. REVENUE omitted	7 50	
c. Surcharge inverted	2 50	
2c on 4c rose	06	06
a. Surcharge inverted	1 75	
15c on 25c brown	1 25	1 00
15c on 28c slate	1 50	75
1892-7 3c orange br'n & gr'n	03	03
30c mauve and orange brown	20	08
1r 12c dull rose, CC sideways	75	
CHILE.		
London Print.		
Blued paper.		
1853 5c red brown, wmk. B	7 50	18
5c red brown, wmk. C		3 00
White Paper.		
10c dark blue, wmk. E		60
a. Diagonal half used as 5c	1 50	
10c slate blue, wmk. E		60
a. Diagonal half used as 5c	1 50	
Local Impression, Blurred.		
1854 5c brown red, wmk. C	75	
10c dark blue, wmk. E		60
a. Diagonal half used as 5c	1 50	
10c pale blue, wmk. E		60
10c chalky blue		60
a. Diagonal half used as 5c	1 50	
London Print.		
5c red brown, wmk. C		75
10c blue, wmk. F	2 50	10
10c dark blue, wmk. F	2 50	10
Local Print.		
1857 5c red, wmk. C		04
5c orange red, wmk. C		50
5c rose red		10
1862 20c green, wmk. G	3 50	1 00
1867 5c red, wmk. D	2 00	10
5c pale red	2 00	10
5c rose red		50
Unwmkd. Perf. 12.		
1c orange yellow	1 00	30
5c pale red	20	02
5c deep red	20	02
1877 2c orange	12	02
5c lake	25	02
10c blue	30	02
20c green	50	06
1878-81 5c lake	50	01
1883-6 5c blue	06	01
20c gray	18	04
CHINA.		
1885 1c green	04	04
1c deep green	06	06
3c red lilac	08	06
5c yellow	75	75
5c buff	75	75
1894 1c red	05	
2c light green	04	
3c orange yellow	06	
9c gray green	18	
a. Tete Beche	1 75	
12c orange	20	
24c carmine	40	
CHEFOO.		
1893 1c rose	02	
2c blue	04	
2c dark blue	04	

5c yellow orange	08	
10c brown	15	
1894 1c red	02	
5c brown orange	08	
CHINKIANG.		
1894 1c blue	02	
4c yellow	06	
5c green	08	
6c mauve	08	
10c orange	12	
CHUNGKING.		
1895 2c pink	05	
4c ultramarine	08	
8c orange	18	
16c mauve	35	
24c emerald green	50	
HANKOW.		
1893-4 2c mauve, <i>rosy buff</i>	04	04
5c green, <i>orange</i>	25	25
5c yellow green, <i>yellow</i>	08	08
10c carmine, <i>rose</i>	18	18
20c blue, <i>buff</i>	30	30
30c red, <i>yellow</i>	50	50
1894 5c red brown	08	
10c blue	15	
20c vermilion	25	
30c mauve	40	
ICHANG.		
1895 1/2c orange brown	02	
1c bistre	03	
2c purple	04	
3c violet	05	
5c violet rose	08	
1m green	15	
15c blue	25	
3m carmine	45	
KEW KIANG.		
1894 1c black (A3)	08	
1c " (A4)	02	
15c red, <i>yellow</i>	18	
20c purple, <i>rose</i>	25	
40c black, <i>red</i>	45	
SHANGHAI.		
1865-6 2ca black	3 75	
6ca red brown	2 50	
8ca yellow green	10 00	
Pelure Paper.		
4ca ochre yellow	10 00	
8ca deep green	10 00	
Thin White Wove Paper.		
12ca terra cotta	3 00	
12ca chocolate	3 00	
16ca scarlet	5 00	
1ca dull blue	5 00	
1ca deep blue	10 00	
8ca olive green	7 50	
Modern Numerals. Thin White Wove Paper.		
1ca dull blue	3 50	
3ca red brown	5 00	
3ca carmine brown	5 00	
1866 4ct6 lilac	2 00	
8cts blue	2 50	
16cts yellow green	7 50	
1866-72 1ca brown	60	1 75
3ca yellow	2 50	3 50
6ca slate	2 50	
12ca olive brown	5 00	
2cts rose	5 00	

Blue Surcharge. Perf. 12.		
1873-5 1ca on 2cts rose	5 00	
1ca on 4cts lilac	2 00	
1ca on 8cts blue	3 50	
1ca on 2cts rose, per. 15, 5	00	
1ca on 4cts lilac, black surcharge perf. 12	4 00	
1875-7 1ca yellow, <i>yellow</i>	4 00	
3ca carmine, <i>rose</i>	4 00	
3ca <i>rose</i>	5 00	
40 cash rose	2 00	
80 cash blue	50	
100 cash brown	3 00	
100 cash br'n, per. 11 1/2	4 00	
Blue Surcharge. Perf. 15.		
1879 60 cash on 80c blue	6 00	
60 cash on 100c brown	5 00	
Perf. 11 1/2.		
60 cash on 80c blue	1 50	
60 cash on 100c brown	1 50	
1884-6 60 cash lilac	25	
60 cash red lilac	25	
Perf. 11 1/2 x 15.		
20 cash green	50	
60 cash red lilac	50	75
1888 20 cash gray	06	06
40 cash black	20	
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The Editor's Spears.

THE ILLUSTRATING OF STAMPS IN ENGLAND.

In the last number of our *Journal* our esteemed Editor referred to the attempts of the Post Office and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to suppress the right of illustrating postage stamps in any form whatever.

Rather over two years ago, acting, we believe, on pressure from the American Ambassador to this country to the Treasury, the Solicitor to the Board of Inland Revenue wrote us and demanded that we should deliver up certain dies for illustrating foreign stamps in our possession. We at once put the matter into the hands of our solicitor, and eventually a case was drawn up and submitted to Sir Richard E. Webster (the present Attorney-General) and Mr. E. D. Muir. These gentlemen advised us that we were not liable under section 7 of the Post Office Protection Act, 1884, in respect of illustrations similar in character to those now called in question. The case submitted and the opinion given to us would be far too long to print here, but it was entirely in our favor right through. Having such eminent legal opinions in our favour, we informed the authorities that we were prepared to test the case, and that we believed we were strictly and legally within our rights in using these dies for illustrating our Albums, Catalogues, etc., and at the same time we informed them of the opinion we had secured from the high legal authorities in question. Upon this the whole matter was dropped, and nothing more was heard by us for two years. In the beginning of this year, Mr. L. Upcott Gill, of the *Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart*, was prosecuted by the authorities for having such dies in his possession. Sir John Bridge, the chief magistrate of the City of London, held that Mr. Gill was quite within his rights, but the Commissioners of Inland Revenue appealed against this and won the case. However, to our mind, and to the minds of our legal advisers, this case was entirely fought upon wrong grounds, and should not form a precedent in any way whatever, and as far as we are concerned we do not intend it to do so. Shortly after this case was settled, in May this year, the authorities issued a notice to stamp dealers and the public warning them that the possession of dies from which representations of postage stamps can be produced, and also the issue of representations of stamps produced from dies of this description, are contraventions of the Post Office Protection Act 1884, and cautioning all persons accordingly. Soon after this we received a letter from the authorities practically stating their in-

ention of instituting an action against us for the possession of such dies. We replied on August 3rd by the following letter, addressed to the Board of Commissioners of Inland Revenue at Somerset House:

"Gentlemen,—We regret to learn from a letter received by us, and written on behalf of the Board, that the Board are again about to raise questions as to the right of ourselves and others to produce illustrations of stamps in Philatelic publications.

"The Board raised the same question with us in May and June, 1895, when we obtained the opinions of Sir Richard E. Webster (the present Attorney-General) and Mr. R. D. Muir, and they advised us that we were not liable under section 7 of the Post Office Protection Act 1884, in respect of illustrations similar to those now called in question by the Board. We are aware that the Board have succeeded in obtaining a conviction against Mr. Gill in respect of a die in his possession for the purpose making illustrations, but apart from the differences of fact in the two cases, the reasons upon which Sir Richard E. Webster and Mr. E. D. Muir grounded their opinions do not appear to us to have been brought before the Courts in that case, and the trade and the Council of the Philatelic Society are, as we know, strongly of opinion with us that the true grounds of defence were not properly put forward in that case.

"The stoppage of these illustrations must so seriously affect the interests of the trade and of the societies that we should feel bound to resist any proceedings taken to the utmost of our power. If the Board are of the opinion that they must raise the whole question of these illustrations for decision, then we would suggest, to avoid the present harassing uncertainty, and obtaining, in the interests of the Inland Revenue as well as of the trade and the societies, a decision which all will feel to be conclusive, the question should by some arrangement be so raised that it can be finally decided by the House of Lords, or at least by the Court of Appeal.

"At the same time we venture to submit to the Board that even if they should be successful no good can accrue to the Government from the proceedings.

"The illustrations in respect of which the proceedings are suggested have for thirty years or more been made by us and the trade generally, as well as by the societies, with (as the Board will, we are sure, readily admit) perfect *bona fides* towards the various Governments issuing the stamps illustrated, and merely (as to the trade) in the carrying on of a legitimate business which gives honest employment in this country to a very considerable number of persons, and (as to the societies) in the production of scien-

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tific work on the stamps of the various stamp-issuing countries.

"No case of fraud upon the English or any Foreign or Colonial Post Office has arisen from the existence of such illustrations or from possession by the dealers of the means of creating them. Indeed, the strongest interest of both the trade and the societies lies in the prevention of forgeries and frauds on such postal authorities, and enquiries will show that the latter authorities have received great assistance from both in this respect. We can give, if desired, details of several cases where the notice of the authorities has been brought to forgeries which the authorities themselves did not detect, and where great assistance has been rendered in procuring convictions.

"Illustrations made and printed abroad by foreigners are sent in numbers into this country, and more especially from America. No Statute apparently prevents these importations, and certainly the Board have made no apparent efforts to stop them. If the Board should be successful in stopping the creation by English dealers of the illustrations in question, they will merely encourage and assist these foreign traders, subjects of the very Governments who it is understood are urging the proceedings, and they will drive the legitimate English traders to expend abroad the capital and wages now employed here in producing Albums, Catalogues, and Philatelic Works, in all of which illustrations are necessary and play a prominent part—work which gives a surprising amount of employment in this country—and the dislocation so caused must necessarily do injury also to so much of the trade's work as could still be carried on in this country.

We venture to request the Board's earnest consideration to the reasons above stated for not raising this question, but should the Board decide to raise it, then we venture to press our suggestion that it should be raised in a form which will enable a decision of the highest authorities to be obtained.

"We are, Gentlemen,

"Yours obediently,

(Signed) "Stanley Gibbons Limited."

Receipt of this letter was duly acknowledged, and we were practically informed that the authorities would not consent to a case being stated, by which the whole matter might be settled once for all, by carrying the case, if necessary, to the House of Lords.

However, the matter has now been postponed until October, when full consideration will be given to the case, and probably in our next issue we shall be able to state what course will be taken by the authorities. In the meantime, however, the matter has been very extensively discussed in the public press of this country. Amongst other papers which have

had letters, editorials, and articles on this subject we might mention the *Morning Post*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Morning Leader*, *Birmingham Daily Post*, *Liverpool Mercury*, *St. James' Gazette*, *Western Morning News*, *Scotsman*, *Truth*, and many others. The latter paper, namely, *Truth*, in its issue of Sept. 23rd last, has an exceedingly strong indictment against the Government for this attempt to drive trade abroad, which will be the inevitable result if it is legally decided that illustrations cannot be used in stamp publications printed in this country. In this article it is stated, among other things, as follows:

"Reference has lately been made in the Press to certain hostile proceedings of the Post Office against the printers and publishers of stamp albums and catalogues. These proceedings are of a most extraordinary nature, and when the effects are understood there will, I think, be no difference of opinion as to the mischievous and unjustifiable character of the steps which the Post Office has taken. . . . The proceeding is the more injurious because it has not even the excuse of being prompted by the necessity of protecting our own revenue. . . . Assuming for a moment that our benevolent authorities are endeavouring to do a kind turn to some Foreign Governments, can anything be more idiotic than that we alone should undertake to suppress the reproduction of foreign stamps, while our commercial competitors, like Belgium and Germany, decline to do the same thing? . . . But for the Government of this country to say, 'We will prosecute any British subject who reproduces an American or German stamp,' while the French, German, or Belgian Governments allow their subjects to pursue the same industry without interference, is a piece of fatuous folly which one would hardly have expected even of a British Government Department."

Here we must leave the case until we have further details to place before our readers. We might, however, state that the British Printing Trade is extensively taking up the matter, and at conventions recently held in Plymouth, Tunbridge Wells, etc. etc., resolutions have been passed of which the following is one that was passed at Plymouth: "That this Conference views with dismay the recent decision of the Post Office Authorities regarding the printing of pictures of postage stamps in Philatelic literature, and pledges itself to do its utmost to get the decision set aside."

The matter has already been brought under the notice of a number of members of Parliament, several of whom have stated their intention of raising the matter in Parliament as soon as possible after it meets.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

A "WEAKNESS" THAT PROLONGS LIFE.

The WEEKLY ERA seems to have taken a new lease of life since the convention and we are glad to herald the fact, for it is one of the most welcome visitors to our Sanctum. It would be an improvement, we think, if Mr. Jewett would not use so much good space in urging collectors to subscribe and dealers to advertise, but we all have a weakness that way at times.—*American Collector*.

To Whom it May Concern:

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The postal revenue for the year and the total actual expenditures were: Revenue from all sources, \$82,665,462; expenditures, \$94,077,242; excess of expenditures over receipts, \$11,411,779.

Through bad debts the Post Office Department lost last year \$19,799.

The estimates of appropriation for the service of the third assistant's office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, aggregate \$1,288,000.

The number of postal cards issued was 523,608,250. The weight of second-class matter sent in the mails during the year, not including free matter within county of publication, was 310,658,155 pounds; postage collected thereon, \$3,106,581.—*Wash. Evening Star*, Oct. 19th, 1897.

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WHOLE No. 234.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

It would seem scarcely possible that more enthusiasm could be displayed in philatelic circles than has been in the past two weeks. Washington is to have a stamp collectors' home in a few days.

Invitations were sent to about 75 of the fraternity a week ago to attend a meeting called for the purpose of establishing a permanent home for stamp collectors in some central location of the city where all society meetings, auction sales, etc., could be held and collectors spend a few pleasant hours whenever they felt inclined to do so. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not as large as had been expected, however, what they lacked in numbers was amply made up in enthusiasm. An organization was soon effected and a committee of five consisting of Dr. Schaeffer and Messrs. Tarr, Dunkhorst, Duhamel and Bartels was appointed and empowered to select suitable quarters for the establishment of the proposed collectors' home.

The objects of the organization are outlined as follows:

1. To have a room conveniently located open daily for the benefit of members, where they can meet at any time to exchange or exhibit stamps or spend a few leisure hours. The rooms will be under the supervision of a competent custodian who will give members any possible information upon the subject of stamps.
2. To give members access to all leading philatelic literature at all times without the necessity of subscription, as well as the benefit of a philatelic library.
3. To afford members an opportunity to dispose of their stamps by auction or through the exchange department as well as to benefit their collections by means of exchange or purchase at auction.
4. To have a place to hold society meetings and give entertainments.
5. To bind the stamp collectors of Washington more closely together.

The committee has decided upon a good sized store, No. 702 14th St., northwest, which meets all requirements.

The proposition of J. M. Bartels at the general meeting to agree to remove his business to the new location and rent the forepart of the store for his own use, was considered an advantage to the club in many respects. Having some one on hand always to look after its interests without any extra expense was deemed a sufficient compensation. The office of the Columbia Stamp Co. is in the immediate vicinity and they too are highly gratified to have the headquarters of Washington stamp collectors so near to their door.

The committee are now working on a constitution and will call another meeting of the organization in the new rooms during the coming week. The monthly dues will be 50c.

Another important deal has just taken place. The old stand of Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs at 359½ Pennsylvania Avenue, where the stamp business has been flourishing for the past twelve years, will hereafter be occupied by Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst who has just purchased the business from J. M. Bartels & Co. He will now run two places and doubtless do a much increased business. Bartels & Co. have secured the services of the well known old standby, Mr. Tarr, to superintend the fitting up of the new premises at 702 14th St.

Mr. A. C. Townsend has been in the city but already returned to Colorado, Texas, where he will embark in the stamp business. His partner Mr. Colman will run things at this end, but headquarters of the firm will be in Texas.

Visitors of late have been Messrs. W. F. Hunter of New York, W. H. Jewett, father of our editor, and Wm. A. Smith of New York.

Mr. Townsend has shown us an interesting proof, which would seem to indicate that there is another oddity to be turned up still.

The proof is an India of the Franklin Carrier, showing a heavy plate crack extending across the impression. As the proof shows the broken die, the stamps were probably printed in the same condition and copies may sometime be found.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Thursday, Nov. 4th.

Another installment of the advance sheets was received in Boston, Saturday, and stamps are listed up to Sungei Ujong. The following are the most prominent changes: St. Christopher 6d. CC, Perf. 12½ is reduced to \$9.00 unused, 75 cts., used; 4d. blue, CC, used, \$1.00; 6d green, Perf. 14, \$.25 unused, 50 cts., used; 1d lilac rose, CA, \$40 unused; 6d olive brown, \$17.50 unused, \$40 used. They also make one addition by listing an Antigua 1d, used in St. Christopher, price \$3.00. The catalogue will call it a provisional, and it can be identified by the postmark "A 12." There are no changes to speak of in St. Helena; a few more minor varieties are listed. In St. Lucia there are a few changes and there are sixty-one varieties listed, not counting revenues used for postage, which gives us just twenty more stamps to collect, without there being any new issues. And still some of the writers say that the increase of new issues is a bad feature for Philately. What about the increase of listed minor varieties? In St. Vincent there are several changes. The 1sh brown unused has advanced \$10: the 1sh slate, No. 12, is now \$40 unused: the 1sh vermilion, No. 24, unused, has advanced \$10. Quite a number of the used stamps are reduced in price. There are no changes in Saxony, but we are given a new variety, 1863, ½ n. g. vermilion, price \$1.00 unused, 3 cents used. Seychelles are about the same price: the 1893 45c is now 50 cents: the 1896 36c on 45c, is not priced. The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., when they priced it in their 1897 catalogue, probably had never seen one, and I doubt if they have ever had one in their possession, which goes to show you what a grand thing the Standard Catalogue is. In Sierra Leone, the ¼d histre, CA, is now \$3.00 used or unused. The 2d. same issue, is \$4.00 unused, \$1.50 used. The 1884-92, 2d slate, is \$1.25 unused. The 1897 issue, surcharged, postage and revenue, is not priced. When you see any stamp that the Scott Coin & Stamp Co. do not price, you can make up your mind that it is good goods, provided you can buy it for a reasonable sum. The only thing about these stamps that is bad is

they are surcharges, and surcharges *can* and *have been* made.

The latest advises received from the Postmaster-General of Newfoundland, are that the new 1c surcharge is not sold to dealers. Some of Boston's stamp importers are feeling a little sore today as they have had their money returned to them. One enterprising dealer here received in today's mail about 30 unsealed circulars, each envelope having on it one of the surcharges, and he made the discovery that there are two varieties of the surcharge, there being two different styles of type used. It may be that they have made another printing.

As this seems to be an era of collecting new shades in postage stamps, I will mention a new shade of the 8c Canada, of the 1893 issue, which was shown in Boston today by Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. It is a very pronounced shade, and will probably if ever listed, be called a slate-violet.

Mr. Dunkhorst, the well known Washington dealer, is in the city.

Africa offers good possibilities sometime in the future, for many new stamps. The latest news is that France declines to recognize treaties concluded by the British Niger Company, claiming that many of the treaties, made with African potentates, in behalf of France take precedence over the treaties negotiated in behalf of the Niger Company.

S. E. L.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

The *Post Office* contains a long account of the American Collector's Company which is to take over the stock in trade of the late Henry Gremmel and the management of the paper as well. There is a full page portrait of Mr. Gremmel from a picture taken some years ago and a very able editorial article on the S. S. S. S. and its inactivity in regard to recent "Jubilee" issues.

A very interesting article on the difference between the genuine and forged 7 grote Bremen forms the first article in the October *International Stamp* (Vol. II. No. 22). This is the right kind of articles to have and I wish that there were more of our papers that published them instead of blood curdling or sentimental "philatelic" stories. E. R. Aldrich contributes items "of interest" on Guanacaste, Austrian newspaper stamps, New Zealand, and

British Guiana. A. E. Layman describes his method of indexing his philatelic library and it is something that should interest all who make any use of their libraries. Such an index is badly needed and will come one of these days when the right man is found to take hold and push it.

Our Salem contemporary, the *Philatelic Bulletin*, comes to hand with its second number and gives us as a starter a couple of pages of the advanced prices and in addition numerous short items of more or less interest.

The old reliable *Eastern Philatelist* (Vol. XX. No. 116) is up to the mark as usual. Hobart Clark discourses on what constitutes a "good collection" and Franklin E. Smith tells of his trip to England.

The November number of the *Perforator* (Vol. I. No. 9) is a commemorative issue, in that it is issued on the 30th wedding anniversary of H. A. Chapman its publisher. It contains a group portrait of Mr. Chapman, his wife and son with a short sketch of each. The leading article, however, is a sketch of Amy Louise Swift, who is well known to the philatelic world by her writings in the various magazines. It is accompanied by the young lady's portrait on a bicycle, and is said to be the first likeness of her that has been given in any stamp paper. There is an abundance of news from across the border, letters appearing from no less than five Dominion collecting centers. The magazine has a new heading, and, to be strictly in keeping with its name, it is perforated 6.

"Facts about *Philatelic Facts*" is the title of a little booklet which has just come to hand and which is devoted to booming the paper of that name. It states that the paper contains eight or more pages and cover each month, etc., short and serial stories, articles on the various branches of philately, etc. Now this may all be true but I have not been able to discover anything that would be of interest to a stamp collector, for aside from a few short notes the only thing that there has been in the last few numbers is the story entitled "The Fatal Stamp." The last three numbers have each contained four pages each.

The *Stamp Collectors' Journal* for September (Vol. XIX. No. 227) aside from a page and a half of short notes has nothing of interest aside from a two page and a half extract from the *Monthly Journal* on the subject of stamp illustrations.

"San Marino" is the title of an interesting article in the October *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* (Vol. VII. No. 82) giving as it does a sketch of all the

adhesive issues of the country with quantities issued, etc. I note that the author, W. W. Munn, includes the 2c green cut diagonally, and used in connection with two other 2c stamps to form a 5c rate. I have had this for some five years, having received it through the mail direct, and have seen others that were used similarly. They deserve a place in the catalogue as much as the surcharged provisionals. The account of the London exhibition is continued and there is also a report of the exhibition in Manchester.

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1137. **KNAPP, L. H.**, Portland, Ore.
597. **POPE, DR. HENRY C.**, Port Gibson, Miss.
1100. **SMITH, WELLINGTON**, Lee, Mass.

Resignation Accepted.

83. **HAWLEY, THOS. C.**, Lake Park, Minn.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	888
Added since	5
	893
Resignation accepted	1
	892
Present membership	892

Special Notice.

The names of all members who have not paid their dues up to the first day of November will be omitted from the Year Book, and they will stand suspended from membership until their dues for the current year have been paid, as per Article II. Section 4, of the By-Laws.

Members dropped for non-payment of dues can be re-instated on enclosing \$1.20 to the Treasurer, H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn. He will notify the Secretary who will have their names published as re-instated.

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WINONA, MINN., Nov. 1, 1897.

STOCK FUND.

Rec'd from Chairman Finance Com.,	\$206.76
Rec'd for Shares Stock Sept.,	1.00
" " " " Oct.,	21.00
	\$228.76

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

Rec'd from Chairman Finance Com.,	\$125.89
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GENERAL FUND.

Rec'd from Chairman Finance Com.,	\$335.67
Rec'd Dues paid in Sept.,	79.50
" " " " Oct.,	472.80
	\$887.97
	\$1242.62

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. F. Beard, Sec'y, postage July-Sept.,	\$6.88
J. F. Beard Sec'y, Expense Convention,	97.25
C. W. Kissinger, Express and Postage,	1.29
J. W. Scott, for Protection Fund,	100.00
Jones & Kroeger, Printing,	9.25
H. G. Smith, Treas., Stamp'd Envelopes,	36.90
F. H. Burt, report Convention,	77.25
Cash on hand,	913.80
	\$1242.62

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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

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334 books of stamps received according to my report of Oct. 23rd, valued at \$15,561.24
40 books received since Oct. 23rd, valued at \$1,547.78
Total number of books received 374, valued at \$17,109.02
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

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NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 30th, 1897.
Class A. Total Participants 3, Am't \$30
" B, " " 1, " 25
" C, " " 4, " 200
" D, " " 1, " 100
Total received \$355
GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

The Southern Philatelic Association.

Third Annual Convention was held at Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 20th. The officers elected are as follows:

- President—H. Fenton of Tenn.
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EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The offer of four consecutive insertions of an Exchange notice is hereby withdrawn, and henceforth the rate is strictly as per above.

I will give good exchange for Hawaii 50c unsurcharged and U. S. Revenue \$3.50 blue and black. H. F. Mustain, Horse Cave, Ky.

Unused 3c claret Dues 1897 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [1fc*

I have stamps from 5c to \$1.50 each to exchange. Send sheets and receive mine. E Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. Late with Mercantile Bank, Hartford. [36

I have a used 4r Zurich (horizontal lines) which I wish to exchange for a 4r Zurich, vertical lines. Have good Switzerland and other duplicates. Correspondence solicited. B. B. Thatcher, Bangor, Me.

Block of six 10c Confederate blue, unused o. g., cat. \$1.50; 4 sheets of Revenues cat. \$3.41; fifty 8c present issue; twenty-five 8c 1894, to exchange for M. and M. or U. S. stamps. Unique Stamp Co., 28 Brainard Ave., Cleveland, O.

Canada Jubilees. The set to and including the \$1.00, for U. S., British Colonials or Confederates to the amount of \$2.50 and the same amount in cash. Dr. Fowler, Dubuque, Ia.

I collect stamps, postcards, entires, coins, land-snails, Indian relics. Have for trade, stamps, coins, foreign post cards, shells, stamp papers, pressed California wild flowers. Will exchange any way you want. Send offers, lots on approval, or sheets of stamps for trade. I want works on botany or conchology. Offer Helix Marmorum for 15 cents worth good stamps, my selection. Charles E. Jenney, Fresno, Calif.

Stamps for Coins. Have 8000 varieties postage stamps to exchange for any coins not in my collection, ancient preferred. Send want lists. I offer no trash and want none. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [36

Will exchange a U. S. entire envelope unused, July, 1884, Die B., brown on fawn, catalogued \$5.00, for \$3.00 worth of Foreign stamps. French Colonials wanted. F. N. Massoth, 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill. [1fnc

Genuine autographs of Franklin Pierce, 14th President of the U. S., on entire, original document, for postage stamps amounting in catalogue value to \$1.75. Stamps valued below 5 cts. not wanted. Howard C. Beck, Deputy City Controller, Detroit, Mich. [34

I have stamps for exchange, value for value; if you want to exchange send yours and receive mine. P. S. of A. 722. S. E. Medford, 435 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa. [34

30 different stamp papers for every 50 cents worth of stamps (unused British Colonials preferred). No U. S. wanted. Send selections on approval. F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. [38

Will exchange a fine double barrel breech loading shot gun, with case, cleaning tools, and a dozen loaded shells for foreign stamps from approval sheets. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [241

Entire envelope 1874 1c blue on fawn, mint state, catalogued 75c each, for 40c worth Foreign stamps. Ten of them for \$3.00 worth. French and Portuguese Colonies preferred. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [34

MONEY AND STAMPS.

Men dig for gold, to get what? Money and stamps. Men work from morning until evening, for what? Money and stamps. Send me one dollar, or one dollar Money Order, and I will send you by registered mail, in an 1887 5c blue envelope with 5c Columbian on envelope, the following Confederate State-bills, and Confederate State stamps on their original covers: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bill; one 1861 10c blue and two 1863 10c greenish blue. R. S. NELSON, Ball Station, S. H., Birmingham, Ala. [21ew37*

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge to cents.

Send for this, you will want another sure. For 30c in stamps will send you 25 stamps all different, cat. \$1.25 (including Br. Col. and U. S.) prepaid with 1c and 2c Jubilee. Set 7 var. N. B. Law, \$2., N. S. Law, 20c. E. N. HARRIS, Box 389, Moncton, N. B.

Wanted to Buy—U. S. and Canada Stamps. Send particulars to K, Box 48, "World," New York City.

Wanted: Moens' Catalogue of the Postage, Telegraph and Fiscal stamps of the world with illustrations. State lowest cash price. HERMAN STEIN, 187 Pearl St., New York City.

Wanted, Match & Medicine & Columbians for cash. Unique Stamp Co., 28 Brainard Ave., Cleveland, O.

Will print you 500 circulars (25 words) 12c, or 250 circulars (100 words) 16c, and mail all to young collectors. C. Krug, 1424 Nev., Colo. Springs, Colo.

Early Bureau Plate Numbers at very low prices. Write for them. Geo. S. Buckman, Brockville, Ont. [36

Your name in Stamp Collectors' Directory, "Little Wave," one year and free use of exchange column only 20c. THE WAVE, Box E, Alden, Mich. [34

Match, Medicine, Perfumery & Playing Card stamps bought, sold and exchanged. Dr. Geo. Hettrich, Birdsboro, Pa. [36

UNITED STATES.

POSTAGE. Have just purchased a complete collection, many unused, 1869 and other reprints.

- Complete sheet Providence \$70.00
 - 1851 1c type I., used 17.00
 - 1855 1c, type I., used 4.00
 - 1862 3c scarlet, heavily penmarked... 35.00
- Executive 6 and 10c, used, lightly cancelled; other Departments used and unused. Who wants first pick? Call or send want list.

REVENUES. New price list just ready, free for the asking. A few prices culled at random:

- 1c Telegraph 8c
 - 2c Prop. orange 9cc
 - 2c Play. Card, blue 15c
 - 6c Inland Exch. 10c
 - 2c orange 6c
 - 15c Foreign Ex 45c
 - 50 Varieties, Document Revenues only 50c
 - 1878 4c Proprietary, red, wmk., surch. Ponds
 - Extract Apr. 1883, blocks of six, unused o. g. 50c
- M. C. BERLEPSCH,
Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

U. S.

Revenues.

High class stamps sent on approval to first-class parties at

50% Discount.

If you are a stranger send a remittance in advance as evidence of good faith.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

FOR 9 CENTS

and the name and address of another collector, : :

E. T. PARKER,

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,

will send the 2, 3, 5 and 7 Hayti 1893-96 that CATALOG AT 23 CENTS.

Copy of priced-list goes with it.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Stamp News.

OFFICIAL DECREE.

CIRCULAR TO POSTMASTERS.

NEW ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS, ETC.

The Postmaster General has made arrangements for a new issue of Postage Stamps, Letter Cards, Stamped Envelopes, Post Cards, and Post Bands. These will be supplied to Postmasters in the usual way.

Postmasters are, instructed not to sell the stamps of any denomination of the new issue until the stamps of the corresponding denomination of the present Ordinary and Jubilee issues are disposed of. The filling of requisitions by the Postage Stamp Branch will be regulated by the same principle;—that is to say, no item of the proposed new issue will be sent out until the corresponding item of the present issues has been exhausted.

To conform to the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, the colour of the new one cent stamp will be green and that of the five cent stamp a deep blue.

R. M. COULTER,

Deputy Postmaster General

Post Office Department, Canada,

Ottawa, 25th October, 1897.



Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M.

Entrance Fee 25c, Dues \$1 per year payable quarterly.

President, G. A. ROUND, 223 Carpenter St., Providence, R. I.

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Treasurer, DAVID SMILEY, Mansfield, Mass.

Librarian, LOUIS A. RICHARDS, Mansfield, Mass.

1st Exch. Supt., F. B. ELDRIDGE, Mansfield, Mass.

and Exch. Supt., RUSSELL W. WHEELER, Mansfield, Mass.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 52nd regular meeting was held Nov. 3rd at 8 p. m. President Round in the chair. Members present: Corey, Smiley, Richards, Round of Providence, R. I., and Elliott of Taunton, Mass.

New Membership List No. 8.

113. Geo. H. Hope, 61 Courtland St., Providence, R. I.

Re-Instated.

84. E. D. Green, Mansfield, Mass.

Resignations.

100. H. W. Mitchell, Mansfield, Mass.

78. C. A. Richardson, Attleboro, Mass.

58. W. W. VanMeter, Providence, R. I.

103. R. O. Wills, Mansfield, Mass.

Change in Address.

L. C. Stearns, Bussey Institute, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

J. Wills, Jr., 7 Eagle St., Newburyport, Mass.

An amendment to Art. III. Sec. 2 was proposed to read as follows: Secretary, Treasurer and Second Exchange Supt. shall be residents of Mansfield, Mass.

The following motion was made and carried: That the officers shall be elected by Australian ballot and nominations shall be made on or before next meeting (Nov. 17th) and that out of town members are requested to send in their nominations to the Secretary before Nov. 17, 1897.

DAVID SMILEY, Secretary.

1ST EXCHANGE SUPT.'S REPORT.

Will members writing for information please enclose stamped envelope for reply.

F. B. ELDRIDGE, 1st Ex. Supt.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand Nov. 3rd \$8.20
Cash paid out to Nov. 3rd \$2.20

DAVID SMILEY, Treas.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received since last report 8 pieces donated as follows: 2, F. B. Eldredge, 2, E. D. Green, 1, W. L. Gates, 1, L. A. Richards, 1, F. T. Utton.

L. A. RICHARDS, Librarian.

AUCTION SALES.

We are now arranging our sales for the season of 1897-98. By the first of September we shall have all our sales arranged for October, November and December.

IF YOU WANT TO SELL

let us know what you have to dispose of. We will take anything provided it is in good condition and worth at least \$25. Lots of less value than this we do not care for. An auction is the best way to dispose of your duplicates. They will bring much more than any dealer would give, as both dealers and collectors are present at the sales and compete against each other.

We expect to begin next season about October 1st. Stamps to be included should be sent at once so they can be prepared during the dull season.

We have the best facilities for selling, distribute the greatest number of catalogues, and have a larger number of people in attendance at our sales than any other auctioneers of stamps. Considering the service we render, our charges are the lowest. We don't do 10 per cent, and 15 per cent. business. It does not pay, but we give you good, reliable service, and charge a fair price for it. If you want to sell bring or send us your collection, and let us look it over, perhaps we can make some good suggestions.

Our sales take place every other Saturday afternoon during the season.

The following letters speak for themselves.

Cazenovia, N. Y., March 31, 1897.

Bogert & Durbin Co.

Dear Sirs:—Mr. — has forwarded to me your letter of March 29th with check for \$131.00 enclosed. I am well pleased that the auction went so well and thank you for your kindness in the matter. Believe me,

Truly yours,

Mrs. L. K.

Akron, Ohio, March 24th, 1897.

Bogert & Durbin Co.

Gentlemen:—Please accept thanks for your check of \$109.88 in payment of auction sale. As my collection cost me net less than \$70.00 you see I am not a loser. Once more Sirs I thank you for selling my collection and had I another one to be disposed of the same way I think it would go to Bogert & Durbin.

Very Respectfully,

C. A. T.

BOGERT & DURBIN CO.,

722 Chestnut St.,

Rooms 67, 68, 69

Philadelphia.

Tribune Bldg., N. Y.

For 12 Cents

and the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors,

E. T. PARKER,

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA.

will send until 100 are sold, a 2c Playing Card, blue.

It is cataloged at 40c.

A free priced-list goes with it.

Collection For Sale.

I had to take a small collection on a debt and offer it for sale at a very low figure as I cannot bother with it. It contains over 1100 stamps mounted in a Mekeel's '95 album and the first \$5.00 postal note or bill that reaches me takes it, purchaser to pay expressage. It is just as it was when it reached me and has not been picked over. It will catalogue many times what I ask and is a snap for some one. First man here with his coin gets it.

GEORGE W. ACHARD,

242 Boston Block,

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

To Whom it May Concern:

As the time is drawing near for the appearance of the 58th edition of Scott's Catalogue, or is already out when you read this ad of mine, it would be quite proper to sell as per 58th prices but in order to realize quickly on the large stock of stamps on hand I will sell until December 15th, at the following discount from Scott's 57th, or in other words these discounts will stand good until Dec. 15th, when all stamps not sold will be withdrawn.

A Discount of 40 % on all High Grade United States Stamps.

A Discount of 50 % on the Cheaper Varieties of U. S. Stamps.

A Discount of 50 % on all Cut Square (large margins) U. S. Envelopes.

A Discount of 50 % on all Foreign, Colonial and Hawaii Cataloguing 10 Cents and up.

A Discount of 60 % on all Foreign Cataloguing Less Than 10 Cents Each.

None of the above stamps in stock are torn, damaged or perforated on three sides only, but are perfect in every particular and are only offered at this sacrifice as they must be sold before specified time. You will readily understand, as already mentioned to you in my former ads, that references must accompany any order for stamps sent on APPROVAL. I pay registration as usual both ways.

Yours respectfully,

H. F. BARTELS, M'GR.

THE UNXLD STAMP CO.

Portland, (P. O. Box 1039) Oregon.

P. S. Should any of the stamps priced in Scott's 57th be lower in 58th edition, then the above discounts will apply to whichever is the lowest price for said stamp. [tf*

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

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502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as a new address.

REMITTANCES may be made by Express, or Money Order, check, currency via registered mail or unused low value United States postage stamps. Foreign patrons are requested to send small amounts in current issue low value stamps of their country, of as many different denominations as convenient.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

Back Numbers with 58th Prices.

Many collectors will doubtless be desirous of obtaining the new 58th Catalogue prices, which we are publishing, from the beginning. Accordingly we have printed extra copies of these issues and will depart from our usual custom of obliging subscribers to commence with the current number, and, when requested, will commence new subscriptions with No. 225, the first number with these prices, and send the back numbers by return mail.

Remember, we only do this when requested, and if you desire them please so state when you send your remittance.

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

Seldom, if ever before, has a philatelic publication attained the distinction of having worn out a "dress of type," to express ourselves in printer's parlance. This feat has however been accomplished by the ERA and the type in which we have heretofore set all our reading matter has served its usefulness and we are now transplanting it with bran new type, which not even a novice could fail to notice the improvement it makes, by comparing those pages of this issue printed from the new type with previous numbers or even with other pages set in our old type. We think it entirely superfluous to tell which pages are set in the new type.

Our hope is that this "dress" will not be our last.

One of our correspondents inquires as to what has become of the stamps of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, which were so plentiful only a few years ago but which he says he can't seem to find for sale nowadays. Can any of our readers definitely explain this condition.

The J. T. Starr Stamp Co., Coldwater, Mich., have issued a compact little sixteen-page and cover list of U. S. Postage and Revenue stamps with net prices to compare with the present market value. A copy will be sent free to anyone applying to address as above.

Mr. Edgar Nelson, who has been making New York City his stopping place for the past year, wishes us to state that he is leaving there and will shortly locate in Winnipeg, Canada.

He will be in Chicago two or three days, about the middle of the current month, with a fine collection and stock of B. N. A. stamps.

THE NOVEMBER SPECIAL.

Our "Special" editions are becoming quite a regular thing and judging by the way ads are rushed in, the announcement of their appearance is always watched for by live advertisers.

This month we shall print and circulate two thousand extra copies of the issue dated the 27th, and it will be our November "Special." In order that it may appear promptly we shall demand that all copy for ads and changes be in the first of the week and shall reserve the privilege of omitting any ad received later than Tuesday, the 23rd.

The above is, we think, a sufficient "hint" for the wise advertiser.

Special Interest TO Revenue Collectors.

Our Books of Medium and Rare Revenues are now sent out at

50 Per Cent. Discount.

You will remember that many stamps in these books are marked 25% below Scott's catalogue prices, to say nothing of the extra 50% that you get.

Perfect stamps on our sheets and books. References required.

W. L. DUNBAR & CO., Conn. Bank Bld'g, Bridgeport, Conn.

Eagle Carrier.

Some time ago we bought a few of these rare stamps and can offer them while they last at a bargain.

They are genuine unused originals with brown gum.

Catalogue at \$1.00 each.

Our Price 50 cts. each, Block of four \$2.00.

B. L. DREW & Co., 23 Court St., (Room 219) BOSTON, MASS. (Come to see us when in town.)

COOK'S 10C COUNTER. NOTHING OVER 10c.

Table listing various stamps and their prices, e.g., 2c Playing Card blue, 10c; 3c Telegraph, 10c.

Terms: Cash with order. Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra on orders under 50c. Prices hold good while stock lasts.

THE CUT-RATE REVENUE MAN, NEWTOWN, CONN.

British Colonials

Table listing British Colonial stamps and their prices, e.g., Bermuda 1873 1sh green, perf. 14x19 1/2, \$0.40.

All unused, MINT STATE, well centered. Remit by Money Order. W. L. SAWYER, 1206 20th Street, Washington, D. C.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

Saturday, Nov. 6th.

The first auction sale of stamps to take place at the Collectors Club this season occurred on Oct. 27th and was held by the J. W. Scott Co. Ltd. Mr. Merry officiated as auctioneer and now enjoys a monopoly of this business among New York stamp dealers. Prices for medium stamps were very good, but rarities brought considerably below their true value. Canada 7½d green, unused o. g. and fine margins, brought \$44.00; this was a magnificent specimen, absolutely perfect. A Ceylon 4d rose, imperforate of 1857, with very good margins and lightly cancelled, brought only \$45.00. There is no doubt that this stamp considering its condition would bring 50% more if offered in London. U. S. 10c 1861 premiere gravure, unused, brought \$50.00. These were perhaps the greatest rarities in the sale. I hear that the next sale of this concern will be a magnificent lot of old unused Colonials, etc., in finest condition and mostly with original gum.

Mr. Henry J. Crocker of San Francisco, Mr. H. E. Deats and Mr. A. W. Batchelder were registered at the Club house this week.

In a recent number of the ERA is noted that the view of your humble correspondent in regard to stamp business here, was unnecessarily gloomy. The views expressed then were the views of six of our leading dealers here and the condition remains the same today. In proof of this the sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co. on Oct. 30, is a good example. The attendance was large, and the sale contained quite a number of good stamps and yet prices were as low as at any time in past depression. 1c Executive, unused o. g., very fine, brought \$3.50, 2c \$3.25, 3c \$2.60, 6c \$6.60, 10c \$4.95, all in same condition. I fail to remember when fine U. S. in such condition have reached so low a figure. An unsevered pair of \$200 perforated revenues brought \$21.50, these were beauties. The total of the sale was \$1096.00.

Mr. Edgar Nelson, better known perhaps as the philatelic rambler and reformed theatrical man, has, owing to depression in the stamp business, re-entered the theatrical line and has left for Manitoba to take an engagement. Before leaving Mr. Nelson was again the victim of a robbery, and probably holds the record in this line among philatelists. This time, however, stamps were not taken, but something more useful just at this season, his overcoat.

One of our local dealers put out quite

an attractive advertisement recently, which is bringing them excellent results. It reads somewhat after the following style: "A whole menagerie for 50 cents. On receipt of 50 cents we will send you a packet of 50 stamps, representing lions, tigers, leopards, dragons, kangaroos, fishes, birds, etc." For originality and as an attraction to young non-collectors, it seems especially good.

ARGUS.

Forgeries.

ARGENTINA 20 PESOS GREEN.

The principle difference between the forged and the genuine stamp consists in the printing, which is from a lithograph in the former and from a steel engraving in the latter. As a consequence of this difference the ornaments, letters, and lines are finer and neater in the originals.

The row of seven pearls below the bust is irregular in the forgery, but quite regular and well-formed in the original.

The measurement of the forgery is 18¼ x 31mm., while that of the original is 18¼ x 30.

The difference in size can be observed in all details; for instance, the rectangles enclosing the words Republica and Argentina are 16½mm. long instead of 16mm. as in the originals.

All the letters forming the words Republica and Argentina touch each other, except the I and the C, while in the forged stamp every letter stands by itself owing to the fact that the horizontal end lines, both at the top and bottom are shorter than in the originals.

In the latter the u of Republica is accented while it is unaccented in the forgery.

The paper is thin and unglazed in the originals while thick and glazed in the forgery.

The colour is bluish green in the former and dark yellow-green in the latter.

The perforation is 11½ in both.—*Revista Argentina.*

TURKEY, 1863 ISSUE.

The stamps of the first issue, regular adhesive and unpaid letter stamps, have been extensively forged. Although these forgeries are no stumbling block to the student, they are rather dangerous to the mass of collectors, their general appearance being very deceiving. Below we describe some particular points of the genuine by which they can be identified. As the unpaid letter stamps were printed from the same plates as the regular adhesives they are consequently exactly alike and the description of the stamps of one series will do for the other.

20 paras:

Size 20x25mm; size of inner frame 17¼

x 22¼mm., the frame is formed of a double lined rectangle surrounded by alternate long and short dashes, separated at the corners by a lozenge; the top of the frame is composed of thirty long dashes and thirty-one short ones; the eleventh short one, counting from the right, extends to the inner frame line.

The Turkish numeral of value in the circle below the crescent, is composed of two arms, the one vertical, slightly slanting to the left, thick at the top and thin at the bottom, the other horizontal and curved, of equal thickness; the horizontal arm joins the vertical one about half a millimetre from the top. In all the forgeries seen by us this numeral has the shape of an reversed "7", thin at the junction of the arms and thick at each extremity. The crescent is ½mm. from the inner frame at the right and ¼mm. from the inner frame at the left.

1 piastre:

Size 19x25¼ to 25¼mm., size of inner frame, 16¼x23 to 23½mm.; the inner frame line is thinner at the sides than at the top and bottom. In the angle formed by the junction of the top and right frame lines there is a vertical and horizontal dash forming, in connection with the frame, a small rectangle, the bottom line of which slants a trifle to the right. At each side of the oval containing the Turkish numeral of value, there is a crescent shaped medallion bearing a Turkish inscription; the inscription in the right medallion is formed of a character having the shape of an "S" lying on its side, with a comma shaped accent above it and a dot below it; in the forgeries the accent and the dot are connected with the central character. The inner frame line of the upper part of the crescent has a break at the right of the last Turkish character of the inscription.

2 piastres:

Size 19x24½mm. The inner frame line at the bottom is closer to the outer line than at the top. The vertical arm of the Turkish numeral slants a trifle and is thick at the top and thin at the bottom, the horizontal arm is curved and is of equal thickness. The frame is formed of a double lined rectangle surrounded by small pearls, there are twenty-two pearls along the outer frame line at the top and twenty-one at the bottom. The crescent touches the frame at both sides. The Toughra is 12¼mm., wide.

5 piastres:

Size 20x25mm. The crescent is ½mm. from inner frame line at the right and within a hair-line from the frame line at the left. The extremities of the crescent do not touch the two corner ornaments above. The foliated ornament at the left of the circle containing the Turkish numeral of value touches the crescent above it, while the one at the right does not touch it. The streamer at the left of the circle containing the value

touches the inner frame line at its left, but the one at the right does not touch the frame line at its right.

Most of the forgeries of this issue have a very glossy appearance.—American Journal of Philately.

Scott's 58th Prices.

[CONTINUED.]

New varieties will not be included in our quotations from this out.

ALL prices not mentioned below remain unchanged.

Prices on adhesives only are quoted. Where a dash (—) appears no price is given in 58th although one appeared in 57th.

SHANGHAI.

1888-9 40 cash on 100c yellow, blue surch. 40
40 cash on 100c yellow, red surch. 60
20 cash on 80c green 3 00 2 00
20 cash on 100c blue 3 00 2 00
60c rose wkmd. Chinese characters 18

1890-91 2c brown 25 25
5c rose 60 50
15c blue 1 50

Wmkd. Chinese Characters. White P.
10c black 1 00
20c violet 1 00

Yellowish Paper.

2c brown 25
5c rose —
10c black 1 00
15c blue 3 00
20c violet 1 00

1892 10c orange unpriced

1893 1/2c on 15c violet 50
1c on 20c brown 50
1c on half of 2c brown 20 25
20c lilac, red surch. 25

Black Surcharge.

5c blue and black 10
10c green " 20
15c yellow " 25
20c lilac " 35

1896 4c on 15c yellow 25
6c on 20c lilac 25
4c orange & black yellow 06
6c carmine & black rose 08

WUHU.

1894 20c vermilion 25
40c yellow brown 50

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.

1859 5c lilac, laid p. 5 00 5 00
1860 20c blue 60 75

1862 20c red pen cancellation 40 00
1863 5c yellow star after cent 3 00

1871-4 2c yellow brown 25 25
1876-7 10c violet " 50 10
1876 5c lilac, laid paper 50 40
1890-1 20c violet 1 00 1 25
1892 20c brown, blue 30 10
50c violet, violet 60 25
1p blue, greenish 1 00 40
5p red, pale rose 5 00 3 00

ANTIOQUIA.

1869 2 1/2c blue 85 85
20c brown 75 75
1873 20c brown 75 75
1875 1c green (glazed) 50 50
2 1/2c blue 25 50
10c lilac 4 00 5 00
5c green, laid paper 22 50
10c lilac 20 00

Wove Paper.

1876 1c green (unglazed) 25 35
1c black 08
1878 5c green 2 50 2 50
20c brown 50 60
1883 2 1/2c green, wove p. 12 20
5c red violet 50 50
5c red purple 50 50
10c scarlet 40 60
10c green, laid paper 40 60
5c brown, wove paper 25 50
1885 1c blue green 06
5c green 3 00 3 00
5c yellow, laid paper 25 35
10c lilac 50 —
20c blue 50 50

1886 1c green, pink 06
2 1/2c orange 08 10

1889 2 1/2c red 1 25
1890 50c violet brown 1 00

BOLIVAR.

1863-6 10c green 40 00
1873 5c blue 40 40
10c lilac 75 75
80c vermilion 6 50 6 00
1874-8 10c red lilac 60 75
1891 5c orange 08 04
10c red 15 08
20c blue 30
50c green 65
1p violet 1 20

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10c rose 60 35
1877 10c red 50 50
20c green 1 00 1 00
1886 10c red, lilac 40

PANAMA.

1878 5c yellow green 20 10
10c blue 40 40
1887-8 2c pink 12 12
5c blue 12 05
1888-91 50c brown 1 00 1 00

SANTANDER.

1884 10c purple 35 35

TOLIMA.

1870 5c black 12 50 12 50
10c black 12 50 12 50
1871 5c brown 25 25
10c blue 35 35
50c green 90 90
1879 5c yellow brown 75 75
5c purple brown 75 75
10c blue 75 25
1880-3 20c purple 25 25
50c green 50 50
1p vermilion 1 00 1 00
50c gr'n, white wove p. 1 75
1884 10c blue 50
1887 1c gray 3 00
2 1/2c dull orange 10 00 3 00
5c red, perf. 08 08
10c green 15 15
50c blue 65 60
1p brown 1 25 1 00
1895 20c blue, yellow 30

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1851 3c ○ full gum	1 00
1855-60 5c full ornaments lightly can.	2 60
24c ○ o. g., 3-75; 30c o. g.	5 87
1861 5c yellow lightly can.	4 37
10c type I on 10c 1861 envelope	5 75
24c lilac ○ no gum	1 75
1868 1c 11x13 ○ cent'd S, no gum	2 50
5c ○ off center, no gum	2 50
10c 9x13 ○ no gum	2 12
12c 9x13 ○ o. g.	2 25
15c 11x13 ⊕	2 50
24c ⊕	2 50
90c bright color ⊕	10 25
1869 15c no diamond trifle off center, lightly cancelled	2 25
15c framed perfectly cent'd ⊕	1 37½
24c fine, well centered, lightly cancelled (2)	3 37½; 4 00
30c well cen. lightly can. (2)	1 60; 2 13
90c lightly can., bright color, fairly centered	13 50
Re-Issue 1869 1c no gum	90
6c o. g., 3.50; 10c o. g.	3 00
15c partial gum	3 75
1870 30c faint grille ⊕	2 50
1872 2c Continental ○ o. g.	75
6c National ○ o. g.	1 50
24c ⊕ fine	1 00
90c National ○ o. g. imper. at W	1 75
1875-88 30c black, American ○ o. g.	1 00
1890 90c ○	90
1893 \$1 ○, 2.40; \$2 ⊕	1 37½
1894 Unwmkd. \$1 ⊕	75
<i>Square Cut Envelopes:</i>	
1853 6c green on buff ⊕	75
1870 24c purple on cream ○	1 87½
90c carmine on white ○	2 50
90c carmine on cream ○	2 50
1874 30c black on white ○	60
90c carmine on white ○	85
1887 30c brown on manilla-amber ○	75
90c purple on white ○	1 50
90c purple on blue ○	2 00
1875 War 12c on white ○	37½
Agriculture 1c ○ no gum	1 60
10c ○ full o. g.	4 12
12c ○ o. g. trifle off centre	5 50
15c ○ no gum " "	2 50
24c ○ full o. g.	3 00
30c ○ " " off centre	2 05
Executive 1c ○ jot off cen. no gum	3 75
2c ○ " " " "	3 75
3c ⊕ " " " "	2 12½
10c ○ trifle off cen. no gum	3 50
Justice 2c ○ full o. g.	1 87½
12c ○ " " " "	2 00
12c rather heavily cancelled	40
15c ○ imper. at W fairly good	2 25
24c ○ o. g. perms. cut trifle at N	9 75
30c lightly cancelled	8 50

Navy 30c uncanceled	2 55
Post Office Post Obittum official seal	1 25
State 1c ○ full gum	1 80
7c ○ full o. g.	2 00
15c ○ " "	3 50
Newspaper 1865 10c reprint	1 75
1865 25c reprint	1 62½
9c thin p. proof	55
48c " "	35
60c " "	35
72c " "	35
84c " "	35
96c " "	50
\$1.92 " "	50
3.00 " "	50
6.00 " "	50
9.00 " "	70
12.00 " "	70
24.00 " "	1 50
36.00 " "	1 75
48.00 " "	2 25

Imperatore Revenues:

2c Proprietary blue	2 50
10c In'd Ex., grand margins	3 25
50c Passage Ticket	2 62½
50c Probate of Will	1 15
\$2 Conveyance	1 50
\$2 Mortgage	1 55
\$3 Manifest	1 40
\$5 Charter Party	2 00
\$5 Mortgage	1 10
\$5 U. S. I. R., wide margins	6 12½

Perforated Revenues:

4c Playing Cards	4 60
50c Surety Bond, ultramarine	20
\$1.60, .85; \$3.50	1 12½
\$10 Conveyance	1 60
\$15 milky-blue	3 00
\$25, 2.00; \$50 2.25; \$200	14 00
Second Issue \$1.30 (2)	2 90; 4 25
\$1.90, 2.00; \$3.50	4 00
\$10.00	2 37½
Proprietary 5c green p.	1 87½
5c violet p.	1 87½
1878 rouletted 4c red brown fair	37½
10c, 7.00; 6c rouletted	2 20
Confederate States 1863 20c gr'n on c.	70

FOREIGN.

Antigua 1887 1sh ○ full o. g.	3 62½
Bangkok 1882 4c rose ⊕	2 62½
Brit. Columbia 1861 2½d perf. trimmed at S	1 25
1868 25c ○ perf. 14	1 50
25c ○ " 12½, soiled	5 00
Canada 1852 6d ⊕	2 12½
1858 3d perforated ⊕	2 25
1859 12½ ○ o. g. off center	1 00
17c ○ off center	1 20
Registered 8c ⊕	1 40
Cape of Good Hope 1853 1sh green cut close	1 20
1891-94 1sh green ○ full gum	1 30
1895 5sh brown-orange ○ o. g.	1 70
Dutch Indies 1864 10c carmine ⊕	70
Egypt 1867 5 piastres ⊕	2 50
Fiji Islands 1878 3d laid p. ○ Scott No. 41	3 35
Finland 1866 1 mark ⊕	1 75
1892 1 rouble ○ o. g.	75

Gold Coast 1889 5sh ○ P. O. state	1 40
1889 1sh ○ P. O. state	2 50
1894 20sh ○ P. O. state	5 00
Great Britain 1868 10sh "fairly good" ⊕ copy	2 25
Hawaii 1853 13c ○ full o. g.	3 50
1883 25c ⊕	80
\$1 ⊕	2 25
Jamaica 1875 5sh ○ full gum	1 80
Lagos 1891 5sh P. O. state	1 50
Leeward Islands 5sh P. O. state	1 50
Montserrat 1884 2½d CA ⊕	5 50
New Brunswick 1851 3d ⊕	2 25
6d ⊕	14 00
1860 1c brown ○ no gum	1 00
Newfoundland 1851 3d cancelled	2 00
1851 1d violet ⊕	1 25
5d violet-brown ⊕	1 37½
1863 4d ⊕ wide margins	2 12½
6½d ○ o. g.	1 20
8d ○ o. g.	1 75
1866 5c brown ⊕	4 00
10c black ○ o. g.	1 12½
1867 3c vermilion ○ no gum	2 12½
another o. g. not well cent'd	1 15
New South Wales 1885 10sh (Scott No. 124) P. O. state	2 75
North Borneo 1889 \$10 ⊕	1 30
Nova Scotia 1851 3d blue ○	2 25
1851 3d blue, on cover	80
6d light gr'n, slight abrasion	2 50
Russia 1889 1 rouble P. O. state	70
1892 3½ " " " "	2 00
St. Christopher 1879 1d perf. 14 ○ no gum	1 75
1879 6d perf. 14 ○ o. g.	1 37½
St. Lucia 1891 5sh P. O. state	1 37½
St. Vincent 1887 5sh P. O. state	1 35
Saxony 1855 10 n. g. ⊕	1 80
Straits Settlements 1867 12c ⊕	2 50
Switzerland 1849 5c (Scott No. 13) ⊕	3 25
Trinidad '94 5sh carmine P. O. state	1 60
1896 5sh P. O. state	1 60
Tuscany 1860 80c ⊕	1 75
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Northwestern Notes.

By FRANCIS.

Philatelic matters in this "neck o' the woods" seem to be picking up somewhat, although they are by no means brisk.

Mr Stebbins has purchased the splendid collection of Mr. Littlefield and it will be put on the market in a few days.

Aldrich writes from Benson that he can use large quantities of Seebecks provided they are dirt cheap.

The October meeting of the Minneapolis society was held at the residence of the retiring President, Mr. W. R. Young.

A prominent supply house in Minneapolis is advertising a fountain pen through a display of envelopes received by them from

all parts of the world. These envelopes are entire and have the stamps on them and these are attracting a great deal of attention of the passers-by.

There will in all probability be an attempt made soon looking to the holding of an auction in the twin cities. This branch of the trade has not been attempted to any extent and it is somewhat problematic as to just how the collectors will act on the matter.

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Toronto Notes.

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The controversy which of late has been going on between the editors of the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* and the *Philatelic Advocate* of Berlin, Ont., as regards the respective merits of their papers has been unexpectedly settled by no less authority than the Hon. Wm. Mulock, postmaster-general. His verdict was in favor of the Ontario paper. Among twenty papers of Canada until now enjoying second-class mailing rates and which the postmaster general evidently thought we could do without and accordingly withdrew the mailing privilege, I find the name of the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine*. This is only a beginning of the weeding out process and so more of our philatelic papers had better look out.

It is now definitely announced that the new stamps will not be placed on sale before the first of the year. It will take two months to exhaust the supply of the old stamps still on hand. There are now very few of any of the Jubilee issue, except the 3c, on sale at any of the large offices. Already there is quite a demand for used Jubilee stamps of the lower denominations. Many European dealers are sending over large orders. If you have any of the small half cent stamps recently in use here it would perhaps be advisable to keep them as they are bringing almost double face value already.

A rather good joke is reported of one of our Toronto dealers. A few days ago he received a letter from an out of town customer asking him how much he would pay for a Canada 12d, the gentleman saying that he had a good copy for sale. In reply the dealer immediately telegraphed his price and if satisfactory to the customer directing the stamp to be forwarded at once. In eager anxiety the dealer waited and when the next mail brought him a registered letter in the handwriting of his customer, an eye ob-

server affirms that the dealer trembled so much that he could scarcely open the letter. Safely wrapped in many folds of tissue paper was the gem—a picture of a 12d cut out of some catalogue. The dealer slowly wound the "treasure" up in its shroud and said many things.

"What's the matter with the Toronto Philatelic Club?" I regret to be unable to say that it's all right. So far no steps have been taken this season to renew it. Something should be done at once. All the other societies all over the country have started into work. It is time the T. P. C. resumed operations.

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2c Proprietary orange, perf.	2.00	.90
3c Playing Card green	8.00	3.50
1c " red	2.50	1.00
20c For. Exch., " "	1.00	.45
10c Proprietary blue	1.50	.65
15c Foreign Exchange brown, perf.	.75	.35
2c Certificate blue, perf.	1.00	.45
2c Express " p. p.	1.00	.35
15c Inland Exchange brown, unperf.	1.25	.55
20c Foreign " red, unperf.	1.25	.55
\$3.50 Inland " blue, perf.	2.00	.75
\$1.60 Foreign " green " "	2.50	1.15
\$3.00 2nd issue	2.00	.90
\$5.00 Manifest red, perf.	2.50	1.00
\$30.00 Conveyance orange, unperf.	1.00	.40
7c War Dept., new o. g.	2.50	1.15
10c 1847, used	4.00	1.80
90c War Dept., new o. g.	1.50	.70
90c 1861, used	4.00	1.85
30c Post Office, used	1.00	.45
15c 1869, used	2.00	.90
24c 1872 " "	2.00	.80
5c 1855-60, 179c 2, new o. g.	7.50	3.00
\$10.00 Mortgage, green, perf.	1.50	.65
\$10.00 Charter Party green, perf.	1.00	.40
\$10.00 Probate of Will, green, perf.	1.00	.40
\$5.00 2nd issue, green, perf.	1.00	.40
\$5.00 3rd " "	1.00	.40
\$5.00 3rd " "	1.00	.40
\$1.00 Manifest red, perf.	.85	.35
50c Life Insurance blue, unperf.	3.00	1.35
60c Inland Exchange orange, unperf.	1.50	.70
25c Warehouse Receipt red, perf.	.75	.30
25c Life Insurance red, unperf.	1.75	.80
50c Prob. of Will, blue, perf.	1.00	.40
7c 3rd issue, perf.	1.75	.80
\$1.00 Probate of Will red, perf.	1.75	.60
25c Warehouse Receipt red, unperf.	1.50	.65
Post Obitum, Officially Sealed, o. g.	4.00	1.50
7c State Dept., new o. g.	3.50	1.70
9c Newspaper " no gum	15.00	7.00
\$2.00 Probate of Will red, perf.	1.00	.40
10c Mortgage blue, unperf.	1.75	.80
\$1.00 " red " "	1.75	.85
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1c blue and black	\$1.25	\$0.50
3c " "	.50	.20
4c " "	.75	.30
5c " "	.12	.04
6c " "	2.50	1.50
20c " "	.35	.10
30c " "	1.25	.50
40c " "	.75	.30
60c " "	1.25	.50

Third Issue Revenues.

1c claret and black	1.75	.70
4c brown " "	1.50	.60
5c orange " "	.10	.03
6c orange " "	1.50	.60
15c brown " "	.60	.25
30c orange " "	.40	.16
40c brown " "	1.00	.40
60c orange " "	1.00	.40
70c green " "	.75	.30
\$1 " "	.10	.03

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

Saturday, Nov. 6th.

Stamp matters have been rather quiet here of late. For some reason or other the Chicago collectors have grown apathetic to a certain extent, but I think with the advent of the auction season, they will wake up.

Mr. Wolsieffer tells us that he recently sent notices of an A. P. A. meeting to over 400 collectors here, about 75 of whom are members of the Association, and there were but six responded.

Another collector dropped into P. M.'s recently and asked for a certain stamp. Upon being told it was not in stock he replied "What's the use of my coming to see you when you don't have what I want?" Mr. W. responded saying: "I have had copies of that stamp in three different auctions. If you had looked at your catalogs you could have bought that stamp at the sale, much cheaper doubtless, than you could have gotten it over my counter." Collectors too often put off looking over the catalogues until too late and thus miss stamps they have long wanted.

Mr. W.'s fifth sale held last Saturday evening had slim attendance, compared with some of his previous sales, but prices ruled fair, the combination foreign lots going very well comparatively: U. S., especially the better ones, going rather low. The regular attending snap-getters were. I'm told, a little disappointed in not getting many bargains.

At the auction I met Major S. Baker of the 4th Infantry, U. S. A., now at Fort Sheridan. I had not had the pleasure of meeting the Major before although I have been in correspondence with him ever since he joined the Society last year, then being stationed as Captain in the 6th Regiment at Ft. Thomas, Newport, Kentucky.

There were at one time three collectors in the 6th, Lieutenants Taggart and Bandholtz and Captain Baker, but all have now been transferred to other commands.

Lieut. Taggart at a recent C. P. S meet-

ing showed a couple of stamps which were evidently carriers, although he knows nothing of their history save that they were taken from a collection made about twenty years ago.

They are very similar in design to the U. S. Mail Carriers (Scott Number 409) one being on pink and the other on yellow paper which is of the same texture as that on which the U. S. Mail Carriers are printed. The inscription reads: above, "Central Post Office;" below, "One Cent." For the purpose of comparison the Lieut. had mounted them on a card with unused pink and yellow copies of the U. S. Mail local which had been taken from the same collection.

They must have been in use at some time or other in one of the eastern cities, probably New York. Does any of our old timers remember anything of them?

Mr. Burton, Jr., of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, of Burton & Burton, was at the auction as was Mr. Gurley of Danville.

From all reports the American Collectors' Company of New York is getting in shape to open up business. I understand they have appointed General Agents in most of the large cities, where they intend having branch stocks.

Subscriptions have been coming in even faster than the promoters of the enterprise expected, and it is hoped that every prominent collector will be a share-holder. It is rumored that most of the New York dealers are back of this enterprise.

I am authorized to say that not a single dealer will have anything to do with this company except Mr. Capen, and he only to the extent of his holdings of stock.

Before long however, the company will be a reality and doing business not on paper but over the counter and through the regular channels of mail trade.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Nov. 9th.

The new club room has been making rapid progress and in two days will be at

its member's disposal. The next general meeting of stamp collectors will take place some time next week and all final details settled. Those who have inspected the new premises are unanimous in their praise of the selection made. Collectors and dealers alike are supporting the committee in their efforts with one single exception. Unfortunately this party happens to be temporary correspondent of one of the leading contemporaries and has seen fit to give vent to his personal feelings in his weekly notes much to the disapproval of the Washington collecting fraternity who consider him to be driving nails into his own coffin. But the climax is reached and the height of ridicule aroused by the party entirely denying all responsibility of the notes appearing under his own name. The general impression, however, prevails at present that he is coming to himself again and his envious and altogether uncharitable remarks were made without due premeditation. Nothing has however hemmed the progress of the good work and the promoters have every reason to feel encouraged.

Mr. Tarr has been indefatigable in his efforts on behalf of the club and worked hard for two weeks without expecting anything more than to benefit his fellow collectors. He is an old hand at organizing and states that it is already the 18th society which he has been instrumental in forming. It has become a sort of a hobby with him.

Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst has purchased the old philatelic stand at 359½ Pennsylvania Ave., and will run it as a branch of his business on Seventh Street.

J. M. Bartels & Co. are moving into their newly furnished store at 702 14th St., N. W., which is very centrally located.

Messrs. Townsend and Colman have decided not to dissolve partnership. The former has returned to Texas with a portion of the firm's stock and Mr. Colman expects to make business lively at this end with the balance.

It is rumored that Messrs. Bradley and Camp who constitute the Columbia Stamp Co. are about to dissolve partnership and Mr. Bradley is to continue the business in his own name.

Genuine philatelic news of general interest has been scarce. There has been nothing to report. Business has continued about the same as usual, with a slight improvement. Plate numbers are as live as ever and collectors are trying to get their vacancies filled, especially in the Bureau and Columbian issues.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

The issue of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* for November 11, is devoted to booming philatelic New York, and is full of portraits of collectors and dealers and views of the Collectors Club. The cover is a somewhat modified copy of the New York stamp of 1845.

The "Notes on English Stamps" in the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* are always of interest. In the number now before me (which by the way commences volume seven) Mr. Webb speculates upon the number of quadrupeds and bipeds on the Mulready envelopes and invites opinions. The forms for Admiralty Pensioners Life Certificates are briefly treated of and a French faker of perforations is shown up. A person going under the name of Willey and hailing from Hadlyme, Conn., is shown up in some offers of forged Zulu and Bechuanaland surcharges.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies commences its sixth volume with the October number and is rather disappointing after the fat numbers we used to have. A little tabular showing of the retail, wholesale and what should be the corrected retail prices of certain stamps, tends to open one's eyes in regard to the matter of discounts. There is also an account of an exhibit made by Frank Koening at one of the recent meetings of the Pacific Philatelic Society. It consisted of just one hundred British Colonials cataloguing over \$4000.

The *Evergreen State Philatelist* is the official organ of the Interstate Philatelic Association which has just held its first annual convention at Portland, Oregon. There is a very full account of the meeting from which I take the following items of interest. Members in good standing, 59; delinquent, 32. One hundred and three books have circulated in the Sales Department and \$65 worth have been sold. The library has received donations numbering 262 to be added to the 636 already on hand. All the delinquent members were suspended, and Portland again selected as the meeting place for next year. C. H. Preceder is the Secretary and his address is 206 Taylor St., Portland, Oregon.

The *Virginia Philatelist* for November has the first installment of a very interesting and valuable historical essay on the French coup d'etat of December 2, 1851. Any collector who does not know the reason for the issue of the short lived "Presidency" stamps had better send for this number and the succeeding one and he will find the matter fully explained. The *J. P.* is fully up to its former numbers in its elegant typographical appearance and is one of the best looking papers I receive on this side of the water.

From the August number of the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina*, I learn that the postal authorities have gone into the photograph business in a way. There has been a decree issued authorizing the printing on the current postal and letter cards of phototypes of some ten views of statues, public buildings, streets, etc., in the republic for the purpose of advertising to the world how much civilized they are down there. Five sample views are shown and they make me want to get hold of the entire set. Being of Government origin they will be certainly more entitled to notice than the numerous privately printed cards like our Columbian and those of European countries.

I have also received the *Metropolitan Philatelist* (Vol. VIII. No. 8), *Texas Philatelist* (Vol. VII. No. 3) *Home Worker* (Vol. IV. No. 8) and *Herald Exchange* (Vol. III. No. 3).

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JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
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374 books of stamps received according to my report of Oct. 30th, valued at \$17,109.02
32 books received since Oct. 30th, valued at \$999.52
Total number of books received 406, valued at \$18,108.54

I have not enough books to go around, so members will please take notice, and hurry along their books.

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Class A. Total Participants 3,	Am't	\$30
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" D. " " 1,	"	100

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 6th.

Applications for Membership.

CAPRON, J. FAVILL, 43 Milk St., Boston, Mass.; age 24; occupation, Mgr. Boston Stamp Co. References: Nathan Cobe, Frank P. Brown, Gardner R. Kennedy, Res. V. P. J. F. Johnson.
LOW, THEODORE F., U. S. S. Iowa, Cr. Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.; age 30; occupation, Lieut. U. S. Navy. References: W. W. Jewett, Joe F. Beard.
NEIFERT, W. W., Nantucket, Mass.; age 32; occupation, Observer U. S. Weather Bureau. References: W. W. Jewett, Joe F. Beard.
RUMMEL, WALTER, San Antonio, Texas; age 23; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: Maj. C. E. Dutton, Albert Steves.

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"wants" will be published in my reports from time to time. The first one is annexed.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE, Supt.,
384 Union St.,
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Numbers prefixed refer to Jones' Check List.

1. *American Stamp Mercury*, Vol. III. No. 3.
2. *American Journal of Philately*, Vol. V., April and August.
9. *American Journal of Philately*, Apr. '79, Apr. '80, Jan., Apr., Jul. '81, Jul. '82, Jan., Apr., July '83, Jan., Jul., Oct. '84, Apr., Jul., Oct. '85, Apr., Jul., Oct. '86.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THE FUERA DE HORA STAMPS.

HOUMA, LA., Nov. 8th, 1897.
W. W. JEWETT, Esq.
Editor PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I have before me the Oct. 30th, '97, number of the WEEKLY ERA and have read your remarks concerning the "Fuera de Hora" stamps of Uruguay, and notwithstanding the fact that such eminent authority as Messrs. Scott, Senf and Moens have failed to list these stamps, I am becoming more and more convinced, every day, that they are an authentic emission, that is, if we can call any surcharge an emission; and can only assume that the reason that they are not listed is because the above authorities are yet too short in their stocks of this variety to call general attention to them, but nevertheless I will wager my "Brattleboro or Baltimore" against an English "Red Penny" that the eminent authorities are taking all that come in sight, and then, lo! and behold, certain incontrovertible records and long hidden data is very opportunely discovered that at once settles for aye their correct position in philately, and the prices that will be "hung onto" them will make some of our old high-priced friends among our stamps ashamed of themselves.

I beg to take issue with you in part of your remarks. You say, "I have never met with many of these stamps, but all that I have seen have no other cancellation than the so-called surcharge." Now, while I certainly must agree with you that you have never "met with many of these stamps," or you surely could not

have made the above assertion, perhaps you have fortunately seen or procured some unused specimens, but in my experience with them I am on the "other side of the fence," as I have yet to see any of these stamps, with one exception. (and I have that one) that is not additionally postmarked, some with the character obliteration of horizontal lines with a letter or figure in the centre, and some obliterated with the postmarking die of the Montevideo office, and these obliterations when compared with cancelled specimens of the same stamps unsurcharged, shows without doubt that they were used concurrently.

You also say that "one of the leading magazines some few years ago investigated the matter and developed the fact that the stamps were not surcharged before being put on the letters, but when the 'Too Late' fee was paid, the hand stamp was struck on the letter, and quite frequently, on the stamp, as a means of cancellation." Now the party who wrote the article above quoted from by you must evidently have been as much of a stranger to these stamps as yourself, because any novice can look at the stamps and see that it would be a physical impossibility to take a hand stamp and strike the centre of each stamp with such a degree of precision, as the only specimens that I have seen have the surcharge almost exactly in the centre of each stamp. Perhaps all that were not struck in the centre were separated from the mail and not allowed to do duty?

My opinion is that these stamps were surcharged in sheets with a brasselectrotype made for the purpose from a die, and that they were surcharged for a specific postal duty, but whether as "Too Late" or "Special Delivery" cannot say, but hope ere very long to be able to give more light on the subject.

Yours very truly,
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Room of National Philatelic Society, rear.

THIRD FLOOR.—Guest Chambers.
BASEMENT.—Billiard Room.

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Notices of coming events and applications for membership will be found posted on the bulletin boards.
For special information inquire of the House Committee.

Sixteenth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House 351 Fourth avenue, November 8, 1897.

Present, Messrs. Scott, Luff, Lynde and the Secretary.

Mr. Lynde was chosen Chairman and the meeting was called to order at 8.15 p. m.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read communications from Messrs. Deats, Wolsieffer, Bacon, Green, Bartels and the N. Y. Printing Company.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with constitutional provisions he had mailed on Nov. 1, 1897, several notices of default, and on the 5th inst. 128 notices to members about amendments to our Constitution and by-laws, offered by Mr. Luff.

The Secretary also reported that up to date no other amendments had been offered.

The Secretary further reported that he had issued, in behalf of the Committee on Amusements, invitations to an entertainment on the 12th inst.

The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Bacon, thanking him for his business offer.

The Secretary was instructed to send a list of members to the publishers of "Clubmen of N. Y." and to subscribe for one copy of the work for the Club.

The House Committee reported the purchase of billiard balls, which are giving entire satisfaction.

Treasurer's report was received. Balance in bank \$927.05.

The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Merry about the purchase of a piano suitable for the Club Rooms.

The Treasurer was authorized to issue a share of stock to Mr. Reginald Steffen.

The Committee on Amusement was authorized to defray cost of oxygen gas and incidentals connected with the next entertainment.

The Secretary was instructed to send notices of annual meeting two weeks before December 8 to country members, and one week before that date to city members.

Upon ballot the following candidates were elected to Club membership:

(41.) Erik Enquist, 136 Liberty St., N. Y.
(42.) Rob't A. McKim, 280 B'way, N. Y.,
and they were duly declared elected.

Adjourned at 9.40 p. m.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

The November meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was held on the 10th and, although the attendance was rather small, considerable business was transacted. Several new members were voted in, under a suspension of the rules, and two resignations were accepted. One of the members who resigned has given up collecting and the other has moved to Europe. In the matter of back dues, the committee reported a considerable amount collected and the collector is still visiting delinquent members.

On account of the difficulty which the Exchange Superintendent is having in obtaining answers to correspondence in regard to last year's unfinished business in the department, no circuits have been started as yet. The members who are at fault in this matter are simply doing an injustice to the rest, and should make an effort to straighten matters out at once.

The matter of holding meetings at the residence of members of the Society was discussed at some length and the general sentiment seemed to be in favor of the change. Meetings were held in this way some years ago and were generally very successful. Some definite action on the matter will be taken later.

There seems to be a strong sentiment in the Society toward making the annual meeting this season a rather less elaborate affair than usual. It is a fact that the banquet and auction sale for the past two years have rather crowded out the really important matter of the business meeting. If there is an auction of any size and the business meeting is held first, it is impossible for out of town guests to remain for the sale. On the other hand, if the meeting is left until the last thing, it is difficult to hold the members of the Society. A suggested plan for this year is to have a somewhat simpler supper than usual and confine the attendance merely to Society members or to collectors residing in the state. The matter was discussed at the November meeting and one suggestion offered was that the annual meeting be held in a chartered night lunch car, so that places of interest about the city might be visited at the same time.

Private information has come here from Washington to the effect that there will be color changes in some of the lower values of the present issue of United States stamps about the 1st of January, with an entirely new set to follow later.

In my last notes I inadvertently mentioned the present meeting place of the Rhode Island Society as on Dorrance Street. The Republican City Headquarters are on Weybosset Street.

A collector who has resided in this city for many years, is authority for the statement that one of the clerks of the Providence Post Office in the forties said that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, not a single Providence local was sold at this office. This is interesting in view of the fact that cancelled Providence stamps on the cover are not infrequently offered.

Will any collector who has a five cent Providence stamp with minute initials in color on one of the "I"'s kindly send his address to P. O. Box 944, Providence?

Mr. H. P. Lamb, formerly of Pawtucket and later of New Hampshire, was in town lately. Mr. Lamb has been suffering from illness for some weeks and has now gone to Brooklyn.

H. H. Elliott of Taunton was another recent visitor.

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EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The offer of four consecutive insertions of an Exchange notice is hereby withdrawn, and henceforth the rate is strictly as per above.

Wanted in exchange for Stamps: Flint-lock Pistols, Snuff-boxes, historical Clock key, old Bibles, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Engravings, Autographs, early American Literature or anything historical. John Verrier, 358 Broad St., Newark, N. J. [38]

Will give 50 different Revenue stamps for 50 clean Special Delivery or 30 Dues. Also good Revenues in exchange for \$1.00 and issue. Also stamps for stamps. Violin for stamps. Charles King, 105 East 10th St., New York City.

Fine Locals, Scott's No. 2325, 2315, 2216, 2761, also Van Couver Island No. 3 to exchange for 90c 1861, 15c variety, 24c, 30c, 90c 1869, 24c Treas., 7c War, also others. E. S. Lovett, Fostoria, Ohio. Reference, Mechanics Savings Bank.

A good Camera desired in exchange for stamps. Must be in first class condition. Size about 3 1/2 x 3 1/2. Write, stating what you have and what you desire in exchange. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.

I have a single case Odell Typewriter, costs \$15.00, and a Kodak Camera, cost \$25.00, both in fine condition to exchange for good stamps either from sheets or a good collection. W. J. McDonald, Lock Box 222, Morgantown, W. Va.

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [11c]

I have stamps from 5c to \$1.50 each to exchange. Send sheets and receive mine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. Late with Mercantile Bank, Hartford. [36]

Stamps for Coins. Have 8000 varieties postage stamps to exchange for any coins not in my collection, ancient preferred. Send want lists. I offer no trash and want none. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [36]

Will exchange a U. S. entire envelope unused, July, 1884, Die B., brown on fawn, catalogued \$5.00, for \$3.00 worth of Foreign stamps. French Colonials wanted. F. N. Massoth, 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill. [11c]

30 different stamp papers for every 50 cents worth of stamps (unused British Colonials preferred). No U. S. wanted. Send selections on approval. F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. [38]

Will exchange a fine double barrel breech loading shot gun, with case, cleaning tools, and a dozen loaded shells for foreign stamps from approval sheets. J. F. Johnson, 81 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [12c]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

500 stamps So. & Cent. Am. etc., value \$10, \$1.25. Entire envs. 2c red on fawn, 6c. Empire City Dispatch unused 2c. J. C. Sawin, 40 May St., Worcester, Mass.

Collectors and dealers or those who think of dealing should send for my Special List and Special Prices. I will exchange \$1.00 worth of foreign stamps for 10 Columbian 40v 2c. Agents wanted at 60c com. J. C. Sawin, 40 May St., Worcester, Mass.

Austria 1890-91 set of 11, 1kr to 5kr, used, catalogued 26c, only 10c post free. C. D. PIPER, Wolfboro, N. H.

2c sets: 4 Phillippine Islands, 3 Mexico '91 unused, 3 Chile Telegraph, 3 Constantinople; 3c sets: 6 Helvetia, 4 Porto Rico unused. Postage free. LUCAS STAMP CO., 226 Floyd St., Toledo, Ohio.

There is so good a demand for good stamps, judging by the success of my last ad in this column, that I offer the following, all in fine condition. *Indicates unused. Great Britain compound envelopes, entire* 4dx3dx2 1/2, not catalogued, \$1: 6d buff, plate II. No. 58, 20c: 1d env. on Dickinson paper, entire*, S. G. No. 459, size A1, \$2.50. Belgium 2c* No. 105, 25c. Denmark 2c* No. 20, 12c: 4s official*, 30c. Spain 6c 1872*, 30c. Lubeck 2 1/2s. No. 5*, 25c. Roumania Nos. 41, 43, 46, 48*, 52, 53, 57, 58, 59, 60, 64 and others, for best cash offers. Russia No. 11, 20c: 16, 20c: 17, 20c: 29, 10c. Naples Sicily set of 8* catalogued \$1.56 for 40c. Sweden No. 101*, 35c. Canada unused blocks of four, mint state. No. 49, 15c red violet, \$2 per block; No. 54, 3c obsolete colour, 25c. No. 55, two shades, \$1 each; No. 55, two shades, 60c each; No. 59, 15c slate, \$2; No. 70, unique, \$10; No. 102, \$1.25; No. 60, obsolete, 10c; new half-cent, 1c per block; add 8c to each order for registration on official envelope. WM. P. ANDERSON, 64 Cooper St., Ottawa, Canada.

Early Bureau Plate Numbers at very low prices. Write for them. Geo. S. Buckman, Brockville, Ont. [36]

Match, Medicine, Perfumery & Playing Card stamps bought, sold and exchanged. Dr. Geo. Hetrich, Birdsboro, Pa. [36]

UNITED STATES.

POSTAGE. Have just purchased a complete collection, many unused, 1869 and other reprints. Complete sheet Providence \$70.00 1851 2c type I, used 17.00 1855 1c, type I, used 4.00 1862 3c scarlet, heavily penmarked, 35.00 Executive 6 and 10c, used, lightly cancelled; other Departments used and unused. Who wants first pick? Call or send want list.

REVENUES. New price list just ready, free for the asking. A few prices culled at random: 1c Telegraph 8c 2c Prop. orange 90c 2c Play. Card, blue 15c 6c Inland Exch. 10c orange 65c 15c Foreign Ex. 45c 50 Varieties, Document Revenues, only 30c 1878 4c Proprietary, red, wmk., surch. Ponds Extract Apr. 1883, blocks of six, unused o. g. 50c **M. C. BERLEPSCH, NEW YORK.** Room 3, 2 W. 14th St.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

Back Numbers with 58th Prices.

Many collectors will doubtless be desirous of obtaining the new 58th Catalogue prices, which we are publishing from the beginning. Accordingly we have printed extra copies of these issues and will depart from our usual custom of obliging subscribers to commence with the current number. and when requested, will commence new subscriptions with No. 225, the first number with these prices, and send the back numbers by return mail.

Remember, we only do this when requested, and if you desire them please so state when you send your remittance.

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD.

Is the last day on which we can receive copy for ads for this month's "Special" and guarantee its appearance...

An extra sample copy circulation of 2000 copies will be given the number and dealers who wish to participate in the grand revival of trade...

The November number of D. W. Orsgood's neat little "Stampman" has reached us. It is no longer "red-headed" having changed its color to green.

The 10th auction sale of the Walter S. Scott Stamp Co. will occur on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst. at the N. Y. Collectors Club house.

The Postal Card Reporter is the title of a twelve-page trade circular, price list and paper combined, issued by A. Lohmeyer of Baltimore, Md.

The Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 92nd sale will be held Saturday afternoon, the 27th inst., at the New York offices of the company.

We acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of an unused specimen of the new 1/2c Canada, from Mr. W. Kelsey Hall.

As in past years we will send a copy of the new Scott's Catalogue and the ERA one year (either renewal or new subscription) for \$1.00.

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WE WANT TO BUY

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Benj. P. Thomas & Co.,

44] PEMBERTON, N. J. Reference:—Union National Bank, Mt. Holly, N. J.

Specials For This Week.

Table listing special stamps for the week with columns for Catalog price and My price. Items include U. S. 61 12c black, 64 " 24c red lilac, 72 " 24c gray lilac, etc.

E. T. PARKER,

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA. Priced-list 93 is out. It's free.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

The stamp dealers in Boston are reporting business as improving.

I was shown today a new 1/2c stamp of Canada. It is about the shape of the current U. S. stamps, although a little smaller in size, bearing a portrait of Queen Victoria, with a design of maple leaves. The color is black. It is reasonable to suppose that the whole new issue is now out. Judging from this stamp, I should say it will be a very attractive set. I have also been shown the new stamps of Uruguay. The 7, 20, 25 and 50c are of the 1895 design, but a change of colors. The 10c is a new design and color. This has created an active demand for the old issue, as the stamps of Uruguay are steadily coming into favor. And unless our South American cousins overdo the business of new issues and surcharges, the stamps of Uruguay will be good sellers. While speaking of new issues I will also mention that we expect to receive some of the new Newfoundland issue this week, and also a new issue from Hungary, as they are changing their money to correspond with that of Germany.

I heard a story today, which seems very much like a fairy story, but it was told as a fact. It is said that a collector went into a well known stamp firm's office, to look at some U. S. Revenues. He was shown a book in which there were some 6c Inland Exchange, marked 15 cents each. On looking at them, one of them proved to be a 6c Proprietary, which the collector bought for 15 cents. Only think of it, a 6c Proprietary for 15 cents! Although the above story may seem strange, there was offered for over four months, by one of Boston's well known dealers, an unsevered pair of France, 1853, 1 franc, lake, at 12 cents for the pair. After having been offered at that price, the owner finally discovered what they were, formerly supposing that they were the 80c lake. The dealer's eyesight is as good as the average person's, notwithstanding.

It does not seem possible but there was unearthed in a junk store in Boston, a few weeks ago, over 400 old circulars, each wrapper bearing an 1869 1c stamp. Boston dealers are well supplied at present.
S. E. L.

Chesapeake Stamp Co.,

230 E. Balto. St., Baltimore, Md.

Fine U. S. Adhesives, Revenues and Foreign on Approval at 50 per cent. discount.

Parties unknown to us, will give reference. [19]

Match and Medicine.

A fine line of them in my Nov. 27th Auction Sale. Some rarities not often offered under the hammer. This sale also contains other great rarities in U. S., Colonials, etc., including a 5c and 10c St. Louis, Shillings of N. B. and N. S. If you are an auction buyer this sale should interest you.

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Hungary 1 florin, silver..... 03
" 3 florin, gold..... 10
Japan 1 yen crimson..... 06
Malta 1885 4 pence brown..... 08
" 1 shilling lilac..... 12
*Persia 1889 5 kran, unused full gum..... 85
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We pay the freight on all orders above 50c and promptly refund your money if stock should be exhausted or our stamps are not approved by you. We never take the liberty to substitute an order.

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Are you hunting for GOOD stamps at 50% off? If so, drop me a line.

No. 8 of "The Stampman" is ready for delivery. Free.

D. W. OSGOOD, Box 50, Pueblo, Colo.

AGENTS WANTED.

Good agents wanted who can sell good stamps at a fair price and for a fair commission. I require reference and I do not accept other stamp concerns or "Mr. John Smith of New York City" in that capacity. If you think you can sell stamps for me write for a selection and don't forget the reference.
Address, [36]

A. W. DUNNING,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

MONEY AND STAMPS.

Men dig for gold, to get what? Money and stamps. Men work from morning until evening, for what? Money and stamps. Send me one dollar, or one dollar Money Order, and I will send you by registered mail, in an 1887 5c blue envelope with 5c Columbian on envelope, the following Confederate States bills, and Confederate State stamps on their original covers: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bill; one 1861 10c blue and two 1863 10c greenish blue. R. S. NELSON, Ball Station, S. H., Birmingham, Ala. [stew37*]

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[stewfn*]

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Canadian Revenues.

Hustle while you have the legs, There are no birds in last year's eggs.

Two years ago we started advertising Match and Medicine stamps in this column, when they were a drug on the market, and with scarcely any demand for them whatever. Today the demand exceeds the supply, and neither ourselves or anyone else can adequately fill the demand for perfect copies at any price. We are now going to advertise Canadian Revenues with the same swing and style, and keep hammering them into you for at least two years, win or lose. There is no reason existing why these stamps shouldn't be collected. They are but a fraction of the cost of U. S. Document Revenues, and are far more beautiful and attractive in design and coloring. We have just closed a deal which places us into possession of several thousand dollars worth of these desirable stamps, and offer them as a starter, on approval, priced 50 to 80% off current Canadian quotations. Let us hear from you.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

17 varieties for five 2c stamps. Sent in an unmarked Wolsieffer's Approval Card.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Newfoundland re-issue, unused, 5 var., 40c.

We are sending out nice Books of B. N. A., new issues, Match and Medicine, European &c. Why can't we send you one? We have bought three good collections this week, possibly we can fill some of those empty spaces.

We are getting out and will have ready to mail, our 1897-98 list of U. S. Revenue and Postage. It takes into account the new prices and should be in the hands of every collector of U. S. Postage and Revenue, Departments or Telegraph stamps. A letter or postal will bring one post free.

STAMP COLDWATER, MICH.

Yes, It's a Sure Thing—

Actually going up to Klondike in the spring. In the meantime I want a whack at your pocket-book, as it will never do to start "shy." Am sure you will donate quite liberally, if you take a look at my

APPROVAL SHEETS.

You know how to get them, it only takes a gilt edged reference. You will also want a copy of the

Bilateral Rambler

When issued. Send for one.

JAMES A. ANDERZEN,

Lock Box 15, Loomis, Nebraska.

6C POST OFFICE.

E. T. PARKER,

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,

will sell you a splendid unused copy for 10 cents.

It catalogs at 30 cents.

Priced-list free.

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

Scott's 58th Prices.

[CONTINUED.]

New varieties will not be included in our quotations from this out.

ALL prices not mentioned below remain unchanged.

Prices on adhesives only are quoted. Where a dash (—) appears no price is given in 58th although one appeared in 57th.

CONGO.

1886 5c green	12	12
10c carmine	12	12
5fr red purple	8 50	10 00
1887 5fr violet	4 00	3 00
1888-94 5fr gray	2 00	1 50
10fr yellow ochre	3 25	
1894 25c yellow orange & bl'k	10	10
50c green and black	18	18
1fr lilac	35	30
5fr carmine	1 65	1 25

COOK ISLANDS FEDERATION.

1893 2½p rose	10	10
1883 2c carmine	05	05
1889 1c brown	02	02
2c dark green	02	02

CUBA.

Issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.

1855 2r p carmine	1 50	50
2p orange red	1 00	30
1856 ¼r p blue	10	05
1866 10c blue	03	08
1867 5c lilac perf.	35	5 00
10c blue	18	05
20c green	25	20
40c rose	18	2 50
1868 5c lilac	18	40
20c green	18	15
40c rose	25	50
1868 5c lilac	2 00	
10c blue	2 00	
20c green	2 00	
40c rose	2 00	
1869 5c rose	2 00	
10c brown	2 00	
20c orange	2 00	
40c dark lilac	2 00	
1870 20c brown	08	06
1871 12c brown lilac	25	30
25c blue	05	02
50c green	04	04
1873 25c gray lilac	04	05
50c brown	05	08

Issues for Cuba Only.

1874 25c blue	03	04
50c red purple	03	15
1875 25c blue	03	02
50c green	04	05
1876 25c gray lilac	05	03
50c blue	08	10
1877 50c black	05	06
25c light green	03	03
1879 25c blue	03	02
1880 25c blue	03	02
50c brown	03	05
1881 5c blue	03	02
1882 5c blue	05	02
10c bistre	05	06
1883 20c brown	35	75

1883-86 1c green, 2d re-engrav.		
ing uncharged	03	02
2½c olive	05	08
1888 2½c red brown	25	06
1890 2c slate blue	05	08
2½c emerald green	10	04
5c olive green	08	03
10c lilac brown	20	10
1891 2c lilac brown	05	08
2½c salmon	06	05
1894 2½c light violet	08	08
1896 2c claret	04	04
2½c rose	05	04
5c slate blue	08	02
10c emerald green	15	03
20c violet	30	20

Newspaper Stamps.

1888 ¼m black	02	03
3m "	04	04
1892 ½m violet	01	02
1m "	02	03
1894 ¼m rose	01	02
1m "	01	02
2m "	02	03
4m "	02	

Republic of Cuba.

1873 10c green	50	
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CURACAO.

Perf. 14. Bluish Wove Paper.

1873 2½c green	50	50
5c carmine	35	—
10c blue	1 00	—
25c chocolate	1 25	—
50c violet	2 00	1 50
2½c green, white wove p.	25	25
1892-93 10c ultramarine	08	05
1895 2½c on 10c ultramarine, red surcharge	50	60
2½c on 30c gray, black surcharge	10 00	60

CYPRUS.

1880 ½p red	75	1 75
1p red	05	60
2½p claret	05	50
4p sea green	90	10 00
6p slate	7 50	10 00
16h green	10 00	12 50
30 paras on 1p red	1 75	2 50

We will not quote Plate Number Prices.

1881 ½p on 1p red surch. 18 mm	50	75
¼p " " " " 16 "	2 50	3 50
¼p " " " " 13 "	85	1 75
1881 ½pi green	12	35
1pi rose	1 25	60
2pi blue	85	50
4pi olive green	7 50	5 00
1882 ½pi green	1 50	40
30pa on 1pia rose	5 50	1 60
1882-4 ¼pi green Die A	05	03
½pi green	20	12
30pa mauve	12	25
1pi rose	1 00	12
2pi blue	1 00	08
4pi olive green	2 50	35
6pi slate	3 00	60
12pi venetian red	3 00	2 00
1886 ¼pi green, CC	7 50	5 00
30pa mauve CA die B	10	12
¼pi rose	05	03
1pi rose	35	35
2pi blue	15	10

4pi olive green	60	60
6pi slate	3 00	
12pi venetian red	7 50	
1894 9pi light brown and rose	40	40
18pi slate and brown	80	80
45pi deep purple & blue	2 00	2 00
1896 4pi olive and purple	20	
6pi brown and green	30	
12pi vermilion red & bl'k	55	

DANISH WEST INDIES.

1873-96 1c green & red violet	20	08
1c green & rose lilac	08	08
1c green & dull magenta	03	03
3c blue & rose red	08	04
3c gray blue & dull red	06	02
3c blue & lake	06	02
4c brown & ultramarine	12	12
4c brown & dull blue	25	25
5c gray and green	10	02
7c lilac and orange	50	50
10c brown and blue	20	03
12c green and lilac	25	15
14c lilac and green	5 00	5 00
50c dull purple	1 00	75
50c bright purple	90	75
1887 1c on 7c lilac & orange	12	15

DENMARK.

1851 2r blue	25 00	2 50
4r brown	4 00	02
1853-7 8s green	3 50	15
1864-5 2s blue	75	02
3s red violet	1 00	08
4s red	1 00	01
16s slate green	10 00	18
1870 2s blue and gray	40	01
3s bright lilac and gray	60	08
48s lilac and brown	12 00	3 00
1874-9 3 o gray and gray blue		01
4 o pale blue & gray	50	01
4 o ultramarine & slate	1 00	01
4 o dark blue & gray	25	01
4 o blue and slate	08	01
4 o dark blue & slate	08	01
4 o ultramarine & gray	1 00	01
5 o carmine and blue	25	10
8 o carmine and slate	20	01
12 o bright lilac & gray		03
12 o dull magenta & gray		03
12 o dull magenta & slate		03
12 o dull lake and gray		03
12 o dull lake and slate		01
16 o brown and gray		01
16 o brown and slate		01
20 o gray and red	1 25	02
25 o green and gray	15	02
50 o dull magenta & br'n		01
50 o violet and brown	30	01
100 o orange and gray	50	02

(Continued next week.)

10c STAMP FREE!

A U. S. Dept. stamp, catalogued 10c, free to each applicant for sheets who gives good reference and encloses 2c stamp.

Quality equal to any. Good variety (7000 var. in stock) and at prices in accordance with the times. Give them a trial. [tfn]

PRICE LIST FREE.

W. S. KINZER, Canton, Ohio.

FINE BRITISH COLONIALS.

Breaking up a collection of fine British Colonials, old issues, used and unused.

Choice selections sent on approval to parties who are known to me, or to others who send cash deposit in advance.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

Newspaper Clippings.

POSTAL BANKS AT WASHINGTON.

TWO INTERVIEWS WITH PROMINENT OFFICIALS WHO FAVOR THEM.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding of the treasury department at Washington was interviewed on the subject of postal-savings banks the other day by a Chicago Record correspondent. He said:

"I do not think the government ought to enter the banking business in competition with private parties, but the postal-savings bank need not do this. As I understand the purpose of the advocates of this system, it is to accommodate certain small depositors who could not in most cases reach banks and who dissipate their small earnings under present conditions. If this system reaches such people it will prove a great benefit to them. Postal-savings banks open a way for insignificant deposits to accumulate and become of appreciable value to the depositors. In this way such banks are an incentive for economy and induce thrift. Self-respect accompanies the possession of a little money, and such a system, therefore, tends to better citizenship. It also tends to place considerable money at the disposal of the government which otherwise would be lost both to the government and the citizen. It seems to me that the plan ought to be worked out to great advantage to everybody concerned."

Third Assistant Postmaster-General Merritt said to the same correspondent: "The people should be encouraged in habits of thrift and economy, and no better way of accomplishing that result can be devised than by offering them a perfectly secure and reliable savings bank, where small deposits can be placed at interest. The habit of economy once formed will rapidly grow and spread, and postal-savings banks will prove a success from the day they are established in this country."

Am I The Man

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You want Scott's 58th Catalogue (out about Nov. 15th to 20th) and you want a good live monthly stamp paper. Will you pay the other man 58 cents for the catalogue alone, when you can have the catalogue as soon as out, postpaid, and the paper for the same price?

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Are Listed in My New Price List of U. S. Postage and Revenue Stamps. Prices are Reasonable. If You Want a Copy It's Free for the Asking.

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MAURITIUS.

I have just secured a small lot of Mauritius 1891 2c on 38c on 9d lilac. They are a little off centre on one side, it seeming to lie in the plate, but otherwise are very nice used copies. I have also some of the new issue 2c lilac and orange, unused 0.25. I will send a copy of each post free, to every collector who sends me 25 cents together with either the names and addresses of two or more stamp collectors of your own vicinity or your own application and reference for stamps on approval or both.

Perfect Hinges are Good Hinges.
Per 1000, 10 cents. 3000, 25 cents. Sample Free.
George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

U. S. DEPARTMENTS.

I will send some fine U. S. Department stamps on approval to first-class parties who are known to me, at

50% Discount.

If you are a stranger remit something in advance as evidence of good faith.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

1897 List

Now ready. No dealer can afford to be without it. If you have not yet received it, send a card and you will get it by return of mail.

G. B. CALMAN,

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42 East 23d St., New York City.

58TH EDITION OF THE Standard Postage Stamp CATALOGUE.

Price: 58 cents post free.

This will be ready some time between November 1st and November 15th, and, in its general appearance, will closely resemble its predecessors, except that postal cards will be omitted entirely, and will be published in a separate volume, sometime in November or December.

A feature of the new edition will be the addition of all minor varieties of type, surcharge, etc., and the catalogue will be, more than ever, a convenient handbook for all classes of collectors.

Following our practice of some years past, we are prepared to supply advance sheets in forms as delivered to us by the printer, at the price of \$5.00 for the full set. The first forms will be ready for delivery on September 1st.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co., LIMITED,
18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ontario, Notes.

9th November, 1897.

The half cent stamp of the new issue was placed on sale today, its appearance having been precipitated by events over which the postal authorities had no control. I told you in a previous letter the circumstances that led to a change of issue, namely the change of printers. The philatelists, anticipating an early exhaustion of the old half cent stamp, helped the thing along by quietly but assiduously buying in every copy in sight. As a consequence the stock ran down much faster than that of other values, and a few weeks ago orders were issued that no more were to be sold to the public, but that publishers entitled to the half cent rate should take their papers to the post offices and there have the stamps affixed by the staff. Even that did not save the distance. I hear that in Montreal it was found necessary to use cent stamps to prepay the half cent rate. Fortunately for the reputation of Canadian stamps, these stamps were not overprinted with new value, and we have been spared a surcharge. However, the postal authorities hurried forward the printing and circulation of the new issue, in that value at least, and it is an accomplished fact. We were entitled to expect from the American Bank Note Company an artistic and pleasing design, but they cannot be congratulated on the result in this instance. The workmanship is good, the lines plain and bold, and the admirably executed portrait of the Queen is doubtless the truest likeness that has ever been presented on any stamp issued in any of Her Majesty's vast dominions, yet the general effect of the stamp is disappointing, doubtless because the portrait is too large for its frame and has consequently not sufficient back-ground to give it relief. The maple leaves in the corners too, although well shaped, would have been more effective had they been made larger. The stamp suggests to one the Sirmoor issue, or the first issue of Tonga, neither of which can be deemed artistic.

The following description of the half cent stamp will apply equally to every value as all are to be of the same type. The stamp is rectangular 21 mm. high by 17 wide. The middle contains a vignette of Queen Victoria, three-quarter face to the left, with coronet, jewels and veil, from a photograph taken during the Jubilee celebration, enclosed in an oval band 1½ mm. wide of solid colour, bordered inside and outside by white lines. On the upper part of the band are the words "Canada Postage" in white block letters, with the value in similar letters underneath. There are no stop

or ornaments in the band. Outside the band, in each corner, is a maple leaf, point inwards. The remaining space is filled in half tone with fine horizontal lines. The stamp is edged with a plain coloured border line outside a white line. It is printed in colour on machine wove white paper similar in weight and quality to that used for the Jubilee issue. The sheets contain ten rows of ten stamps each, 3 mm. apart, and perforated 12.

The colours so far announced are half cent, black; one cent, green; three cent, red; and five cent, dark blue, to conform to the Universal Postal Union agreement.

I have not yet seen a complete list of the 31 plate numbers of the Jubilee issue. The following is reliable:

Plate 1....3c	Plate 17.... 6c
2.... 3c	18.... 15c
3.... 3c	19.... 10c
4.... 3c	20.... 8c
5.... 1c	21.... 20c
6.... 1c	22.... \$4
7.... 2c	23.... 50c
8.... 2c	24.... \$3
9.... ½c	25.... \$5
10.... 5c	26.... \$2
11.... 3c	27.... \$1
12.... 3c	28.... 3c
13.... 3c	29.... 3c
14.... 3c	30.... 3c
15.... 1c	31.... 3c
16.... 1c	

W. P. A.

Stamp News.

NEW HUNGARIAN STAMPS COMING.

We learn from an authoritative source that the plates of the new Hungarian stamps are ready. There will be two designs; the one for the lower values being of the present shape, while the higher values will be somewhat larger. The currency will be the "Corona" (crown) equal in value to one half Florin, and divided into 100 "Filler" (the Hellens of Austria) equal to a half Kreuzer. The values issued will comprise 2, 4, 6, 10, 20, 30, 48 and 60 Fillers, the upright design showing a large coat of arms of Hungary flanked by the figures of value on each side, and 1, 2 and 4 Coronas, the coat of arms being held by figures of angels on both sides. All the stamps will be printed in two colours.—*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly.*

A Newspaper Clipping.

Mr. Eugene Doebelin has made what appears to be an entirely new discovery, in the shape of a 6 kreuzer Bavaria, broken circle, in which the circle is broken on the right side of the design only, the

curve on the left side being perfect. This variety was found by Mr. Doebelin among a large lot of the common variety of the 6 kreuzer, which he was examining for shades, and it cost him just one cent, whereas the ordinary broken circle is catalogued at \$1. With regard to the latter stamp, Mr. Doebelin says that his faith in its rising value is not shaken by the fact, noted in this column last week, that a number of good copies were recently offered on an A. P. A. circuit at one-third below catalogue. Possibly his judgment is correct, for it is said that the German dealer from whom this particular batch came, has a little corner of his own in broken circles, as he also seems to have in Luxemburgs of all issues and a few other special lines.—*Pittsburg Leader.*

TRY AN AD
.....IN THE.....

Holiday Eastern Philatelist

Our holiday numbers have been a feature with the EASTERN PHILATELIST for the past seven years. This year we shall issue early in December so as to be in time for the holiday trade. We shall print 6,000 copies, all of which will be carefully circulated. We have just purchased 1,000 new addresses received by a stamp dealer in answer to ads in a juvenile publication. We shall sample all this list, and they ought to be good customers.

Our rates for this number will be:

1 inch..... \$1.50	1 column..... \$9.00
2 inches..... 2.50	½ page..... 12.00
3 inches..... 3.50	2 columns..... 18.00
½ column..... 4.75	1 page..... 22.00

Columns are 9 inches long, 3 to a page. Terms invariably, cash with order; 40 per cent. discount from above prices on 3 months' contract. Cash with order. Copy for holiday number received up to November 30th, but send earlier and get more attention.

The EASTERN PHILATELIST is the oldest regular stamp magazine in America, and carries more paid advertising than any other monthly stamp magazine. Its terms to subscribers are 25c per year, and every subscriber sending a stamped and self-directed envelope with remittance will receive a set of 15 varieties unused Cuban stamps catalogued by Scott's 57th at 65c. Address,

F. H. PINKHAM, Publisher,
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\$\$ Free! Free! \$\$

An entire, unused U. S. envelope, cat. 10c, (or 5 var. Honduras, cat. 20c) to every general collector sending me good reference with request for a selection of Foreign Stamps on approval at 60% commission, and enclosing 2c stamp for reply.

At this discount I offer a large assortment, arranged according to price. Sheets of special countries cannot be sent, but if you are a general collector and want to buy cheap, it will pay you to write me.

Specialty: Stamps worth 3c to 30c each. Better ones, too.

90c 1890.....	37c
5c 1847.....	40c
60 var. U. S. and Confed., cat. \$1.20 ..	27c
200 var. Foreign, used and unused	25c

F. PUTNEY, JR.,
Box 944, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

A Detroit collector who read the clipping re U. S. Post Office Department asked us how the United States Post Office Dept. could lose \$19,799 through bad debts as he supposed all their transactions were on a cash basis.

Mr. Lewis Robie and the Detroit Stamp Co. are examples of the saying that "great minds run in the same channel." Mr. Robie's ad headed "A Noisy Noise Annoys An Oyster" is the same as that used in the last number of the *Philatelic Advocate* by the Detroit Stamp Co. Both appeared about the same time so that it is evident that neither copied from the other.

In the October 30th ERA we chronicled Mr. Lewis Robie's arrival and departure and found out later that Lewis had not departed.

Mr. Robie attended the Nov. 1st meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association and presented everyone present with a T. H. Barr & Son 4c black Medicine stamp.

Our previous impressions of Mr. Robie were completely demolished when we saw him. Lewis is a hail fellow well met and has a crop of fall whiskers that would pass for an advertisement of the "Cuso-Baldo" Company.

While here Mr. Robie went out to Wyandotte and picked up a good lot of Proprietary stamps off some bottles yours truly had gazed on hundreds of times—only we forgot to look on the bottom of the bottles.

Mr. R. left a most favorable impression among the local philatelists and we look forward with pleasure to his next visit.

Mr. Howard C. Beck is now doing business under the name of the Michigan Stamp Co. Mr. Beck is one of Detroit's well known philatelists and is Sec'y-Treas. of the local society.

The proposed Detroit paper has vanished into smoke. The printer wanted cash in advance and—the youthful projectors hadn't the necessary number of simoleans.

We recently received a collection of stamps from British Honduras and among other stamps used to prepay postage were two catalogued at \$1.25 each. Many of the cheaper stamps had been punched by the disinfecting machine, but these were untouched and we wonder if the person disinfecting was not a philatelist.

DETROITER.

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1855 1c, type II.....	\$0.50
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3c, outer line.....	.12
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12c black.....	.60
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 For CASH WITH ORDER I offer:
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 7 var. used U. S. Depts..... .40
 7 " new "..... .74
 2 " California State Revenues..... .14
 1, 2 and 5 dol. U. S. 1895 lightly postmarked.. 3.45
 *Mexico 1861 4r (Scott's No. 12)..... 1.35
 Costa Rica 2c (" No. 102)..... .17
 *Chile Unpaid (2nd type) 1, 2, 4 and 6c, new.. .34
 Chile " (1st type) 9 var., complete.... 3.95
 1, 2 and 3c, 1st issue Proprietary (cat. 26c).... .15
 All above post free and registered..... 10.00
 *Means unused with original gum. [35]

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February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [17]

33 1/2%

Discount on any and all our high grade United States, 40% on the cheaper grades. Foreign stamps ranging from 5c to \$50.00, 50% discount.

We wish to purchase collections from 1500 varieties up. Dealers' stocks bought.

E. R. WOOD & CO., 139 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La.

Approval lots sent out only against cash deposit or good reference. [17]

To Whom it May Concern:

I advertised stamps in last issue of the ERA at 40, 50 and 60% discount, but as the saying goes, "Seeing is believing," I will name a few of the 40% discount variety:

UNITED STATES.

- 1855—30c orange, unused but no gum.
- 1867—30c orange, used, grill 9x13, fine.
- 1869—15c, either variety used, 24c and 90c all used, very fine.
- 1870-71—2c, 3, 6, 10, 15 and 24c, either used or unused.
- 1888—90c purple, unused o. g., very fine.
- 1890—90c orange, unused o. g., very fine.
- 1894—\$1.00 with marginal paper, unused o. g., very fine.

DEPARTMENTS.

ALL VERY FINE.

- Agriculture—1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 15 and 24c, either used or unused.
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- Navy—Entire Set except 90c, either used or unused.
- Justice—Entire Set except 90c, either used or unused.
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- 50% on all cheaper varieties of U. S. and all U. S. Envelopes.

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- Scott's 57th No.
- 6 Azores, used, very fine.... \$8.50 \$4.25
 - 19 Bahamas, unused o. g.... 10.00 5.00
 - 33 Barbados, used, very fine 5.00 2.50
 - 18 Brazil, used, very fine.... 16.00 8.00
 - 79 British Guiana, fine..... 15.00 7.50
 - 23 Cape, unused o. g., fine.. 6.00 3.00
 - 6 Egypt, unused but no gum 6.00 3.00
 - 15 " " " 4.50 2.25
 - 69 Gt. Britain, used, very fine 10.00 5.00
 - 19 " " used, very fine 15.00 7.50
 - 73 Hawaii, unused, very fine 5.00 2.50
 - 49 " " used, very fine . 5.00 2.50
 - 69 " " unused, very fine 6.50 3.25
 - 14 Hongkong, unused o. g., very fine..... 20.00 10.00
 - 25 Hongkong, unused o. g. fine 5.00 2.50
 - 119 Mexico, used, very fine .. 7.50 3.75
 - 17 St. Helena, unused, but no no gum..... 6.00 3.00
 - 7 St. Vincent, used, very fine 20.00 10.00

AND MANY OTHERS.

I have plenty of cheaper varieties and equally as good at **50% DISCOUNT.**

On all stamps cataloguing less than 10 cents each I allow 60% Discount. May I ask for your Want Lists? I am sure I can please you. If you desire stamps sent on APPROVAL send along references, as holding these goods on Commission I am compelled to ask for references. I also buy and exchange and desire to enter into correspondence with anyone that has stamps for SALE or EXCHANGE.

Respectfully,

H. F. BARTELS, M'G'R.

THE UNXLD STAMP CO. Portland, (P. O. Box 1039) Oregon.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing with Sept. 1st, 1897, we will buy unused U. S. postage stamps (any issue 1888 to 1896) at following rates.

1c, 2c values.....	3% discount from face.
3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c values ..	5% " " "
30c, 50c, \$1.00 values	10% " " "
\$2 value.....	15% " " "
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We remit as soon as stamps are counted and found correct. All stamps must have full gum and be free from stickers. **F. N. MESSOTH & CO.,** (fn) 651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

From Our Special Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.

While looking over the stamps accumulated from the correspondence of a large business house of this city. I found a two cent blue bank check used with a one cent current issue. This freak passed muster all right and was regularly cancelled by the Post Office Department.

I also found in the same lot a two cent embossed envelope cut round that prepaid postage on a letter. A curious circumstance connected with it is that the post-mark bears the legend "Bogus, Cal., July, 1896."

Mr. Louis Levinson is in town again after a lengthy sojourn in the East. I understand that he especially desires to purchase rarities catalogued at \$25 or over.

In a letter to Mr. A. H. Weber of this city, Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. of Ipswich, England, state: "We can assure you on the best authority that the 10 on 9 candarin China does *not* exist tete-beche, as the error was corrected in the last printing before the surcharging was done. There was, however, one sheet got surcharged upside down and we have sent you a pair of them." Scott catalogues this variety in the advance sheets but I expect it will be corrected when they are revised.

Among the good things in W. Sellschopp & Co.'s show case is a sheet of 4 sen Japan. Scott's number 44, unused. They catalogue \$1.50 each and the sheet consists of eight horizontal and five vertical rows, making forty stamps in all. Mr. S. reports that his guessing contest is attracting a great deal of attention and the guesses range from \$10 to 999,000.

GEO. N. BREWER.

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 All fine. Block of pairs same rate.

W. P. TODD,
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Want Lists.

Want lists solicited at 25% discount.

Bargain List, No. 2.

My new Monthly Bargain List is now in print. Sent free to those asking for it.

Dr. L. M. Homburger,

168 W. 96th St., NEW YORK.

British Colonials

Prices are right, and I'll treat you right.
 Bermuda 1873 1sh green, perf. 1x12 1/2..... \$0.40
 Bahamas 1883 4p on 6p violet, cat. \$8.00..... 5.00
 Ceylon 1890-92 5c on 15c olive..... .12
 " " 5c on 15c brown, cat. \$2.00..... 1.00
 " " 1892 3c on 28c slate..... .07
 Grenada 1883 2 1/2p blue..... .18
 " " 4p slate..... .25
 " " 6p mauve..... .50
 " " 8p bistre..... 1.25
 Hayti 1881 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, the set, cat. \$2.25..... 1.65
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 6p " "..... 22c
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Bureau issue, unwatermarked: tops of No. 1 carmine, 19 carmine, 22 carmine, 34, 52, 60, 70, 71, 75, 92, 94, 104, 106, 116, 119, 120, 121, 122, 128, 147; bottoms of 74, 96, 106, 110, 111, 114, 115, 124, 125, 132, 133, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 149, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 158; lefts of 96, 149, 152, 154; rights of 96, 113, 124, 126, 133, 149, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 158; any side of the regular blue color of 18, 21, 27, 31; 54, 74, 88, 146, 148, 150, 151.

Watermarked: any side of 24, 29, 33, 35, 308; tops of 309; bottoms of 78, 79, 82, 97, 111, 114, 131, 175, 177, 191, 199, 201, 203, 206, 207, 216, 222, 227, 229, 230, 232, 239, 242, 243, 254, 255, 274, 275, 282, 290 to 293; lefts of 78, 79, 97, 111, 114, 199; rights of 96, 114, 131, 290 to 293.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Nov. 17th.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. There was a very fair attendance, and an interesting meeting.

The stamp business in Boston is decidedly improving. Several of the dealers report business as unusually good, during the past week.

We have been favored with another installment of the advance sheets of the Standard Catalogue, listing the stamps through Zululand. It is rumored that we are to have the catalogue in about one week, and with the issue of the new catalogue there will probably be a decided improvement in the stamp trade. The collector will see illustrated many stamps new to him, and many new shades. And these will, of course, create a demand for certain stamps.

The speculator is still in evidence in this vicinity, and the stamp that he is looking for this week is the Canada 18yo ½c black. They are bringing in Boston 5c each, and although there have been hundreds of thousands of them issued, and there are enough, in the dealers' stocks, to fully supply all of the legitimate demands, there are many collectors who cannot resist the temptation to quietly lay by a few extra copies.

There seems to be a little difference of opinion, among some of the shining lights of Philately, in regard to the new issue of Hungary. I have been told that one of Boston's leading dealers, a member of a well known stamp company, says that I am mistaken in regard to the new currency of Hungary being equivalent to that of Germany. I am more than pleased that my humble notes in the ERA are so well read and noticed. It is quite evident that the afore-said gentleman and your leading contemporary of the West do not agree, as *Mekeel's Weekly* says the *London Philatelist* is right on any matter whatsoever. The following paragraph is taken from the last number of the *London Philatelist* in

speaking of the new stamps of Hungary: "The value of the new stamps will be in Krone and Heller, by which means the currency will be made equivalent to that of Germany, as 1 Krone = 1 mark = 100 pfennige, or 100 heller."

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

A subject of special interest to many readers of the ERA is always a list of new plate numbers. Frequently requests are received in regard to news of this kind.

Nos. 501..2c	Nos. 508..2c	Nos. 515.. 2c
" 502..2c	" 509..2c	" 516.. 2c
" 503..2c	" 510..2c	" 517.. 2c
" 504..2c	" 511..2c	" 518..10c
" 505..2c	" 512..2c	" 519..10c
" 506..2c	" 513..2c	" 520..10c
" 507..2c	" 514..2c	" 521..10c

The following numbers of 5c plates have been gaps in all collections for some time, 375; 377; 378 and 380. It now transpires that these were never finished and will probably not be used at all.

Nos. 407 to 410 are 5c plates from which no printing has yet been made.

A proof of the \$5000 Revenue is a thing of beauty and a joy as long as it lasts. A party in the city has been showing one which he holds at a price too high to mention.

Mr. Tarr reports having found a sheet of the current 5c stamp unwatermarked in the Richmond post office some time ago. There were two sheets found in all, lying on top of each other. One of them had two vertical rows of perforations on one side and the other was entirely imperforate. An offer of \$350.00 for the latter was refused.

A meeting of Washington stamp collectors has been called at 702 14th St., on Friday next, to hear report of committee and elect officers for the new collectors

home. The work has been progressing rapidly in the meantime and the room is now completely furnished. An elegant 12 x 4½ foot table, containing 12 drawers for philatelic literature, has been placed in the center and is much admired. The seating capacity of the room is about 50.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

Mr. Wolsieffer's catalog for his sixth sale is just out. The sale will be held Nov. 27th at the Great Northern. It contains a fine lot of scarce stamps both in U. S. and foreign, together with such rarities as 5 and 10 cent St. Louis, shillings of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Nevis 6d 1867, olive, unused, and British Guiana 1850, 4 cent. There are 461 lots and I understand they are all the property of one party.

One of our dealers has an envelope bearing six of the ½ cent black, new issue of Canada. So it seems that they must have been placed on sale before the beginning of the coming year as was originally announced. [See "Official Decree", page 69 of ERA No. 234.—ED.]

A. P. A. Branch, Number 1, held a meeting last Thursday evening, in the Chicago Society's rooms. As I was not able to be present I do not know of anything of importance that occurred.

Recent arrivals have been Mr. J. M. Westphal of Joliet, Illinois; Mr. O. W. Briggs, Paw Paw, Ill; Mr. L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.; and Messrs. Edw. Rosenthal, Ex-Secretary C. P. S., and Edgar Nelson of New York City.

Mr. Wolsieffer's name isn't at all a common one, so one may be pardoned for spelling it incorrectly, but when anyone addresses a letter to him "Sieffer, 201 Clark St., Chicago," it is his own fault if P. M. doesn't get it. However the carrier delivered a letter addressed as above, with but little delay. The writer probably thought the name was "Will Sieffer" so concluded to let it go as above.

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Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

TO ADVERTISE OUR "HOBBY."

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. NOV. 12, 1897.
W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: All philatelists, both dealers and collectors will be interested in any proposition that will increase the number of collectors, or cause additions to be made to our ranks: for we have all the fraternal affinities that control any brotherhood for the amelioration of mankind, and we often see two friends of entirely opposite peculiarities seem bound together as by hooks of steel, simply from the love of philatelic study, and the desire to acquire information regarding stamps and their surroundings.

This is simply a prelude to the announcement of a scheme now in the progress of execution proposed by J. H. Makins of the firm of Makins & Co. of this city, and adopted also by Messrs. Sellschopp & Co., E. F. Gambs and the W. H. Hollis Stamp Co. for the aforesaid firms to contribute to the Newton Bros. Gum Co. of this city, a certain number of stamps—one to be put in each package of chewing gum, as well as an advertisement stating where each stamp came from. The idea is that any person chewing Newton Bros. pepsin gum will save the stamps and become interested to a certain extent, and a percentage of them become collectors.

If the stamp dealers of New York, Boston, and other large cities would accept this method of increasing their patrons, they would have less cause for complaining of dull times, and many philatelic papers would receive additional support from dealers increasing the number of inches for advertisements and also increasing the number of subscribers.

It is not difficult to see the importance of this move, and its possibilities if adopted generally cannot be at this time fully determined, and if entered upon heartily by the dealers and publishers of philatelic literature may fairly revolutionize the conditions prevailing at present.

Yours truly,

SNIKAM.

THE EXCHANGE OF STAMPS.

November 16, 1897.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,

Editor THE ERA.

Dear Sir: I believe that it is no more than justice that I should write you, thanking you for your co-operation in aid of the American Philatelic Exchange, by placing our small ad in well selected positions.

In justice to the ERA I wish to state that all our answers to advertising have come through your medium, while nearly all have become members of our "Exchange."

Our "Exchange" is in a very flourishing condition and still they come. No doubt a great many collectors are holding off, for the appearance of the new 58th Edition Catalogue while others have no faith in an Exchange with *new features*, but are willing to follow in the old ruts, especially if managed in the interest of a favored few * * *

During the past ten years I have had, I dare say, quite a heavy correspondence in the stamp line and on more than one occasion have I had good grounds for harbouring hard feelings against the Post Office Department, for upon examining my stamps which were left from a circuit I discovered several which had been damaged by the electric postmarking machines, caused by the feeders pressing through envelope, paper and stamps, which oftentimes were valuable specimens but through this cause were damaged.

Dealers have often complained to the P. O. Department but of no avail, as anyone acquainted with the Department knows, his complaints go in one ear and out the other, on such trifling matters especially these machines.

Another machine which I might mention, is the disinfecting machine which is used quite extensively at present throughout the South.

Naturally I have become disgusted with the old system of exchange, not only on account of these damaging machines but other nuisances, such as the substitution of good stamps, the soiling of unused specimens through too often careless handling, sometimes having found them stuck fast to the sheets or leaves of books and quite often valuable specimens were torn through careless handling.

Very often perhaps only about 25 or 30% of my stamps would be taken and the balance could go through the same process again, after removing the hinges and transferring to a new sheet or book. These nuisances, I believed, could be remedied and sheets and books dispensed with and in their stead, lists could be used.

After giving the matter careful study, I concluded to call a meeting of those collectors whom I knew personally, and to explain to them my plans.

At this meeting it was decided to form an Exchange on the new system and the management left to my care. We also decided upon a name. "The American Philatelic Exchange" and elected a board of officers to serve indefinitely, subject to dismissal upon proven charges of incompetency or neglect of duty.

Our field is the World and our motto—*Mutual Benefit.*

The membership is gradually increasing and we feel confident that after the appearance of the new catalogue and the confi-

dence of collectors in our new system, the membership of The American Philatelic Exchange will be more than that of any national organization today.

We have members who are disgusted with the workings of other exchange systems, who are not satisfied with the returns they have received. although these exchanges and exchange departments claim to have very large memberships.

It should not be lost sight of that our Exchange does not charge for insurance, but will be responsible for all stamps left to its care. Large postage and registry accounts are things of the past.

The Exchange has accepted the 57th Ed. Catalogue as the basis of exchange, although members may list their stamps at less if they so choose. As soon as the 58th Edition Catalogue is completed and upon the market, the Exchange will cancel the 57th Edition and adopt the 58th Edition and members will be notified accordingly.

The Exchange is worthy of the careful consideration of all wide awake collectors.

I trust that you will give this matter notice in your valuable paper for the benefit of the collecting fraternity, as the Exchange has been organized for their benefit, to dispose of their duplicates at very little expense, the commission of 10% being very reasonable, to meet the expense of running such, which is no small item.

The Exchange is in no way connected with any stamp concern although they will endeavor to dispose of collections and single specimens for its members, for cash when possible.

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Total membership last report	554
Added since	36
Present membership	590

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 13th. 1897.

406 books of stamps received according to my report of Nov. 6th. valued at \$18,108.54

48 books received since Nov. 6th. valued at \$2,030.39

Total number of books received 454. valued at \$20,138.93

1 book retired valued at \$31.59

Total in circulation 453 valued at \$20,107.34

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

U. S. Entire Envelopes.

New price list just issued, post free. Send for one and look it over. [37*

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The Market.

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ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 90th Sale—N. Y.

Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 30, 1897.

UNITED STATES.

New York 1845 5c black good copy, can. with penstroke	2 00
Providence 1846 5c ○ o. g. fine	2 00
1847 5c ○ part o. g. rather faded	1 50
1851 10c ○ no gum	1 40
1855-60 1c scarce type appears ○	2 50
10c ○ o. g. fine	1 70
24c lilac ⊕	1 90
30c ⊕ no perfs. on right	1 30
1861 5c yellow no perf. on left some cut off at S	1 30
1868 10c 9x13 ○ o. g. fine	3 40
30c no perfs. at bottom	1 00
10c ○ .60; 12c ○	65
12c new o. g. off centre	75
24c ⊕ off centre	2 00
90c very lightly cancelled	7 60
Re-issue of 1875 6c ⊕	3 00
1870 2c new faint grill	10
7c grilled ⊕ desirable	1 40
6c no grille ○ o. g. fine	1 60
1879 90c carmine no perfs. at left ○ o. g.	1 00
Newspapers 1865 5c white border new	1 00
1865 25c new fine	1 70
Agriculture 1c ○ full gum, fine	1 40
10c ○ fine full gum	3 40
12c new o. g. little off centre	3 60
15c new o. g.	1 60
24c ○ o. g. (2) 2 05;	2 10
30c evenly cen. ○ o. g.	2 30
Executive 1c ○ o. g.	3 50
1c ⊕ lightly cancelled	2 65
2c ○ o. g.	3 25
3c ○ o. g. well cen. (2) each	2 60
6c new o. g.	6 60
10c perfectly cen. ○ o. g.	4 05
Justice 15c ⊕	2 00
24c ⊕ beautifully centered	4 10
90c "The Pride of the Speculator" ○	19 00
Navy 24c ○ right-marginal stamp	1 00
30c ○ little off center	1 30
90c ⊕ 3 perfs. gone at S	2 10
State 2c ○ o. g.	3 60
12c ○ fair copy	1 50
24c ○ o. g. deep color	5 10
30c ○ o. g.	2 60
90c ○ magnificent o. g.	8 25
90c ⊕ nice cancellation	3 60
Treasury complete, the 7c ○	3 25
War complete ○	2 00
<i>Revenues:</i>	
Perforated \$15 fine copy rich color	2 70
\$25 fine copy	1 80
<i>Envelopes:</i>	
1855 6c green on buff, new	1 50
10c on buff wide straight label fine margins	60

1861 24c green and red on buff new fine	3 25
1864 9c yellow on buff ⊕	85
1870 15c on white ○ fine	1 60
24c " " ○ "	2 05
1874 2c die A on white ○ fine	1 30
30c on amber ○ fine	2 00
<i>Confederate States:</i>	
Memphis 5c ⊕ on part o. c. fine	2 50
Mobile 5c ⊕ desirable copy	2 00
1862 2c green ○ o. g.	1 40
10c rose ⊕ very fine	1 00
1863 "TEN CENTS" ○ o. g. fine	2 00
Blood's Despatch, black on green ⊕ on o. c.	3 00
<i>FOREIGN.</i>	
Austria 1858 2kr orange off center ⊕	25
Bahamas 1859 1d good margins ⊕	5 00
Barbados 1852 blue p. ¼d green lightly cancelled	1 50
1861 1d blue on blue paper perfs. on top and right ⊕	70
1871 4d vermilion large star two perfs. gone ⊕	60
Belgium 5fr red-brown bar can.	1 60
Brazil 1843 90r fine ⊕	5 25
1845 180r on yellow p. rather heavily cancelled	5 00
1861 280r fine ⊕	1 40
1861 perce en scie 10gr black fine ⊕	2 50
Br. Columbia 1868 per. 14 25c ○ o. g.	1 70
Br. Guiana 1868 4c thin p. per. 11 ½ ⊕	1 75
Canada 1857 ¼d cut close ⊕	50
1857 6d on thick wove p. good margins ⊕	2 00
registration 8c ○ no per. on left	1 50
Cape of Good Hope 1853 1sh green good margins ⊕	1 65
1861 wood block 4d blue ⊕	6 00
Colombia 1879 1 peso new on laid p.	1 00
Costa Rica 1885 Guanacaste surch. in blk & in red through error	1 00
Cuba 1856 Y¼ narrow on 2r orange-red penmark cancellation	1 10
1878 10c ○	80
Cyprus 1880 4d fine ⊕	80
6d ⊕	4 10
1sh ⊕	5 70
1881 CC 4pi ⊕	1 65
CC 6p rather heavily can.	1 80
Denmark 1851 2rs ⊕ fair copy	1 30
Dutch Indies unpaid 1874 5c ⊕	3 20
Falkland Islands 1879 1d claret, no perfs. at bottom ○	2 50
1886 CA sideways 4d ○	1 60
Finland 1867 1m lightly cancelled	1 60
France 1853 1fr ⊕	1 30
unpaid 1871 40c blue ○	1 10
Gambia 1869 4d imperf. fine ⊕	1 60
Gt. Britain 1878 10sh lightly can.	2 15
1878 £1 ⊕ magnificent	6 00
1883 wmk, three crowns £1 violet ⊕	1 25
Levant 40 paras on ¼d vermil'n ⊕ on piece o. c. can. Feb. 27, '93	6 40
Greece '61 Paris print 10l wide mar. ⊕	3 90
Grenada 1875 1sh purple ⊕	1 30
1886 1d on 4d ○ fine	2 70
revenue ○ postally 1d on 2sh orange	3 55

Guatemala 1872 1 peso orange fine ⊕	1 25
Hawaiian Is. 1853 5c ○ full gum	
very fine thin bluish wove p.	2 10
1853 5c ⊕	2 00
1869 2c rose on thin wove p. ○ fine	1 00
1883 50c ⊕	1 50
Hlayti 1881 20c ⊕	1 20
Honduras 1890 2c ○ error in yellow instead of red	1 00
Hong Kong 1880 10 on 12c blue ○	1 70
Hungary 1871 litho. 3kr ⊕	2 00
Iceland 1873 2s blue new	1 30
India '55 on blue p. 4a ○ trimmed perfs.	50
Japan 1877 45s carmine fine ⊕ wrapper 1875 ○	2 25
Labuan 1880 CC upright 6c orange fine ⊕	1 25
Luxemburg 1865 37 ½ stone fair	90
Mauritius 1861 1sh green ⊕	1 00
Mexico 1882 100 orange ○ fine	60
Montserrat 1884 CA perf 12 1d ○ fine	3 25
1879 4d fine ⊕	2 10
6d ○ o. g.	1 75
Natal 1857 3d pink ⊕	1 25
Nevis 1861 1d on grayish p. ○ fine	1 50
1867 4d orange fine ⊕	3 10
1882 1d violet ○ fine	1 00
2 ½d fine ⊕	2 20
4d blue well centered	2 15
New Brunswick 1851 6d fair copy ⊕	6 00
Newfoundland 1857 3d cancelled	1 00
1867 3c vermilion ○ fine	1 75
1866 5c brown creased ⊕	1 90
1873 5c black lightly can. little off center	1 25
New South Wales 1853 1sh fine ⊕	1 25
1860 registered orange and blue fine ⊕	1 10
Nova Scotia 1851 1d red-brown ⊕	
2 copies neither perfect 2 25; 1 50	
1851 6d yellow-green lightly can. 4 00	
6d yellow-green "fair" ⊕	2 25
1 shilling violet magnificent margins lightly can. slightly skinned on the back	33 00
1860 8 ½ green ⊕ fine	1 60
Philippine 1874 1p 25c ⊕	1 00
1rl in red on 20c in black on 250 mils new	1 00
Portugal 1853 5r red-brown fine ⊕	1 60
1853 50r lightly cancelled	1 50
100r "fair" ⊕	5 75
1855 5r red-brown little close at top ⊕	2 00
Prince Ed. Is. 1872 12c ⊕	25
Roman States 1852 50baj ultram'ne cut close ⊕	1 00
1852 1 scudo fine ⊕	1 50
Russia Levant 1865 2k brown & blue wide margins fine color ⊕	12 75
Levant 1865 20k blue and red wide margins splendid color has a thin spot ⊕	12 50
Levant 1866 vertical network 20k cut close on right ⊕	4 00
Livonia 1862 4k green & black cancelled with pen	2 25
St. Christopher 1882 2 ½d ⊕	2 10
St. Helena CC 14 6d gray-blue fine ⊕	1 40
St. Lucia 1881 ¼d CC ○	1 25
1885 1d carmine ○	80

St. Vincent star wmk. compound
perf. 1sh vermilion ⊕ 1 50
CA 14 4d ultramarine ⊕ fine 1 70
Sierra Leone 1/4d bistre CA ⊙ 70
S. African Rep. envelope 1873 eagle
w/lt wings at side 6d blue ⊙ 2 25
1879 "VR Transvaal" 1d red-
yellow, imperf. ⊙ 1 75
S. Australia 1859 1sh yellow offcen. ⊕ 1 00
Trinidad 1872 CC 5 shillings ⊕ 3 10
Uruguay 1856 1 real red ⊙ little thin 2 00
Victoria 1863 no wmk. 1d perf. ⊕ 50
1870 no wmk. 1sh ⊕ 25
Virgin Is. 1867 1sh colored border
⊙ fine 2 60
1867 4d lightly cancelled 1 75
1880 1d green ⊙ fine 1 00
1880 2 1/2 claret ⊙ o. g. 3 10
Wurtemberg 1875 2m orange ⊕ 1 50
1879 2m vermilion on buff ⊕ 2 15
U. S. 1859 15c with diamond ⊙ 2 00
St. Lucia 1860 1d ⊙ o. g. 1 25
Total for 528 lots, \$1.096 05

I would like to exchange with a few collectors, U. S. and Foreign Adhesives. Send sheets priced by Scott's catalog and I will send you selection in return. Harry E. Dore, P. O. Box 105, Fresno, Cal.

Coins for stamps. \$3.00 gold piece for \$8.00 worth U. S. per 58th catalogue, or \$1.00 gold piece for \$4.00 worth U. S. stamps of my selection. Also have U. S. Fractional Currency to exchange for U. S. stamps. F. E. Ellis, 1328 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Will exchange mounted or unmounted kodak pictures. Send me any number, same promptly returned. Will also exchange U. S. stamps for B. N. A. and Japan. S. P. Hughes, Howe, Nebr.

Wanted: \$1.00 Passage Ticket, \$15.00 and \$25.00 Mort., 3c and 4c Playing Cards, all perf., in exchange for good foreign. E. J. Kirby & Co., Marshall, Mich.

Exchange! Collectors having duplicates to exchange should send ten unused United States No. 256 for five Exchange blank lists, listing 100 stamps each. None of the objectionable features of other exchanges. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. [45*

Will exchange a set of Italy Official, cat. value 70c, for twenty-five Special Delivery stamps or for 6 var. unused Canada Jubilees. Cumberland Stamp Co., 383 Spring St., Portland, Me.

Will exchange an open face, screw bed, crescent silver case, Elgin watch, stem winding and setting, perfectly new, for the best offer in U. S. stamps. Also plate numbers for U. S. stamps. C. A. Provost, Box 124, Adamsford, Pa.

Wanted in exchange for Stamps: Flint-lock Pistols, Snuff-boxes, historical Crockery, old Bibles, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Engravings, Autographs, early American Literature or anything historical. John Verrier, 358 Broad St., Newark, N. J. [38

Unused 3c claret Dies 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [1fc*

I have stamps from 5c to \$1.50 each to exchange. Send sheets and receive nine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. Late with Mercantile Bank, Hartford. [36

Stamps for Coins. Have 8000 varieties postage stamps to exchange for any coins not in my collection, ancient preferred. Send want lists. I offer no trash and want none. W. G. Jerrens, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [36

Will exchange a U. S. entire envelope unused, July, 1884, Die B., brown on fawn, catalogued \$5.00, for \$3.00 worth of Foreign stamps. French Colonials wanted. F. N. Massoth, 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill. [1fc*

30 different stamp papers for every 50 cents worth of stamps (unused British Colonials preferred). No U. S. wanted. Send selections on approval. F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. [38

Will exchange a fine double barrel breech loading shot gun, with case, cleaning tools, and a dozen loaded shells for foreign stamps from approval sheets. J. F. Johnson, 81 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [242

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Will pay \$3 per 100 for used orange Spec. Del., perfect condition only. Any quantity accepted in lots 25 & upwards. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Av., N. Y. [38

For Sale. A limited number of sets of Italy Official, unused o. g., cat. value 70c, our price 16c post free. Cumberland Stamp Co., 383 Spring St., Portland, Me.

Newfoundland Cabot issue 1897 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12c for 75c. New Brunswick 17c black, 20c. Tasmania '64 6p red violet, \$1.25. U. S. Interior 6c unused, cat. 50c, 25c. J. C. Sawin, 40 May St., Worcester, Mass.

Wanted to exchange a bicycle for a collection of stamps. Will buy a collection for cash. Louis Harris, 137 E. 54th St., N. Y. Member Manhattan Phil. Soc.

Newfoundland (Cabot) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, set of six only 35c; complete set new, \$2.75; fine condition. Single stamps a specialty. 1c only 10c, 3c only 3c, 5c only 6c, etc. A few U. S. 50c orange (.95) at 10c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Block of 6 \$2.00 black and vermilion Revenues, catalogued at \$4.50, price \$1.80; block of 10 U. S. 30c 1888 used, \$2.50, cat. \$5.00. Will be sent on approval, or will trade. F. E. ELLIS (A. P. A. 1445), 1328 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

There's money in it. Selling Rubber Stamps, Daters, Check Protectors, Self-inkers, etc. It costs but a two-cent stamp to find out all about it. Write, BURTON OSBORNE, Camden, New York.

Bargains! '61 12c, 30c; 15c, 40c and 90c only \$2.50. Navy 1c, \$1; 2c, 35c; 3c, 15c; 6c, 25c. Fine approval sheets. H. W. Beals, 38 Rich Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Collection for Sale, of over 1700 varieties (in 2 volume Mekeel Album that cost \$10). All stamps in good condition and catalogue over \$200. Who wants them. W. F. Fratcher, 344 Michigan Av., Detroit, Mich. [37

Cheap if you can use 'em, if not perhaps I've what you want as cheap, if not cheaper: 5c N. Y., white paper, \$6.00. 1861 5c black brown, unused, \$6.00. 1869 2c, without grille, unused, \$15.00; 3c, no grille, used, \$10.00; 1c, two grilles, unused, \$2.50; 2c two grilles, used, \$2.00. Pair 2c Confederate, post-marked, \$3.00. 1c Red Eye Type Carrier, unused, \$7.00. 1868 30c, used, \$2.50; 24c, used, \$2.75. 1870 3c unused, \$1.25; 90c used, \$3.75. H. J. DOUGLASS, Champlain, N. Y.

Early Bureau Plate Numbers at very low prices. Write for them. Geo. S. Buckman, Brockville, Ont. [36

Match, Medicine, Perfumery & Playing Card stamps bought, sold and exchanged. Dr. Geo. Hetrich, Birdsboro, Pa. [36

UNITED STATES.

POSTAGE. Have just purchased a complete collection, many unused, 1869 and other reprints.

Complete sheet Providence \$70.00
1851 1c type I., used 17.00
1855 1c, type I., used 4.00
1862 3c scarlet, heavily postmarked 35.00

Executive 6 and 10c, used, lightly cancelled; other Departments used and unused. Who wants first pick? Call or send want list.

REVENUES. New price list just ready, free for the asking. A few prices culled at random:

1c Telegraph 8c 2c Prop. orange 90c
2c Play. Card, blue 15c 6c Inland Each. 10c
2c orange 65c 15c Foreign Ex. 45c

50 Varieties, Document Revenues only 50c
1878 4c Proprietary, red, wmk., surch. Ponds
Extract Apr. 1883, blocks of six, unused o. g. 50c

M. C. BERLEPSCH, NEW YORK.
Room 1, 2 W. 14th St.,

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing with Sept. 1st, 1897, we will buy unused U. S. postage stamps (any issue 1888 to 1896) at following rates.
1c, 2c values 3% discount from face.
3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c values 5% " " "
30c, 50c, \$1.00 values 10% " " "
\$2 value 15% " " "
\$3, \$4, \$5 values Prices quoted on application.
We remit as soon as stamps are counted and found correct. All stamps must have full gum and be free from stickers. F. N. MASSOTH & CO., 651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL. [1fn]

AGENTS WANTED!

I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan. BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. Send for Circular and Price List.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

I. E. WELDON,
6 Balmuto St., Toronto, Can.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

To all those sending for some of my approval sheets at 40 and 50¢ and promising to purchase at least 25 cents worth, net, a nice packet of stamps containing Barbados, Brazil, Cape, Ceylon, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Finland, French Colonies, India, Japan, Mexico, South Australia, New Zealand, Trinidad, Canada Law and Bill, etc. I only do this to get acquainted with you, but if you do not want to buy stamps (at lowest prices) don't answer. [1fc

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Chicago Philatelic Society.

651 Marquette Building.

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B. A. COTFLOW, Supt. Sales and Auction Department.
F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 260th regular meeting was called to order by the President, October 21st, 1897, at 8.30 p. m.

These members answered to roll call: Messrs. Miller, Sr., Miller, Jr., Wolf-sieffer, Massoth, Michael, Pierce, Bradt, Potts, Lefever, Severn and Cottlow. Visitors, Lieut. Taggart and Mr. Schlickert.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved the following candidates were elected to active membership:

Mr. R. S. Appleton of So. Chicago, (No. 443).

Mrs. L. Disselhorst, City, (No. 444).

Upon motion of Dr. Cottlow the Hon. C. U. Gordon, P. M. of Chicago, was elected to Honorary membership in accordance with the custom of the Society, receiving membership card No. 445. After which adjournment followed.

B. A. COTFLOW,
Secretary.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

To exchange, for stamps not in my collection of 8000 Foreign or collection of same and part payment in cash. Ladies' and Gents' \$100 wheels, 23 lbs. None better in the land for condition, &c. For further particulars, address Frank B. Gouch, 93 So. Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y.

abundance of errors, which might possibly be excusable in a newspaper issued under pressure as it were, but should never have been allowed in a work that took two or three months to publish.

The "Monthly Bulletin" of the Postal Card Society of America for November has been received from the Secretary, Mr. Wm. C. Stone.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s Special Catalogue No. 3 has appeared and 1045 "lots" of stamps are offered for sale at stated prices (until sold) for three months.

Mr. B. V. Jenkins of Baltimore, Md., has favored us with a copy of his new price list of United States Entire Stamped Envelopes.

Stanton's 94th mail auction sale occurs Nov. 27th.

Catalogues have been received of two sales for the latter part of this month. The first is that of the Colonial Stamp Company of Boston, on the 23rd, comprising 360 lots. The other is Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer's at Chicago on the 27th. There are 461 lots listed in the catalogue of this sale.

From a copy of the New York Philatelist for November we learn of the death of T. L. Green at Mt. Olivet, Ky., on the 6th inst., from neuralgia of the heart. He was 56 years of age, a member of most of our leading philatelic societies, holding the office of Exchange Superintendent in the Philatelic Sons of America. He was a user of considerable advertising space in our contemporaries although never having used our columns.

In order that all of our patrons may obtain a copy of the 58th Catalogue at same price we will send a copy to anyone making us a remittance of over 50 cents and adding thereto 50 cents for the Catalogue.

Era Popular Subscription

TO THE
DEFENSE FUND OF THE NEWS-PAPER STAMP CASE.

- F. O. Conant, Portland, Me..... \$5.00
- Herbert Armstrong, Iron Mountain, Mich..... .50
- W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me 2.00
- F. W. Rothery, Omaha, Nebr..... .30
- E. C. Farnsworth, Portland, Me..... .50
- H. H. Elliott, Taunton, Mass..... .75

Come, brother collectors, don't delay longer, but send in your "mite" today. Even if only a few cents, it will help swell the "fund" and show your inclination at least.

Entire Envelopes,

Match and Medicine, Wholesale and Retail Revenues, Philatelic Literature and the finest line of rarities you can wish for in my "Nov. 27th" auction sale. Did you get the catalogue? A postal card will do the business.

Now then, where can you get a nice, clean, entire, "original," unused 10c Brown Canada envelope for \$1.00? Of me certainly, even if it does list at \$4.00 cut square.

Where can you get an unused, "entire" 2c red on fawn 1884 retouched, with round O in "Two" for \$2.75? Again from me, even though it did fetch \$5.00 at a recent Eastern auction sale. Both of these are snags. Get them quick ere they go.

58th "Cat." soon as out, 58 cts.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

BARGAINS.		Our price.
30c Columbian, cat. unused at 50c.....		\$0.40
1c Interior, " " " 25c.....		.15
2c " " " 10c.....		.08
10c " " " 75c.....		.50
12c " " " 60c.....		.45
30c War, " " " 35c.....		.25

Also a large number of packets.
Approval sheets at 40 and 50% discount.

VIRGIN CITY STAMP CO.,
Box 86, BROOKLINE, MASS.

SNAPS.		
50c Pro. of Will, imp.....		\$1.25
50c For. Exchange, imp.....		.60
50c Surety Bond, ultramarine.....		.10
Sold at 20c at B. L. Drew's sale, Oct. 18, 1897.		
45 var. Document Revs., cat. \$2.39.....		50c

Ask for our special circular to agents. We allow 50% on all sales, and give valuable premiums besides.

THE MICHIGAN STAMP CO.,
176 Selden Ave., [37] DETROIT, MICH.

HALF CATALOGUE

is behind the times. Balance of my stock at 50% to 90% below catalogue. Send references for a selection. While they last: 12c War, unused, 7c; Unused Ent. Env. 1878-79 1c blue on fawn, Die B, 10c.

H. N. BUGBEE,
14 Charles St., Fitchburg, Mass.

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Study These Prices, Please!!

Then send in your order at once, as these stamps won't last long.

U. S. REVENUES, PERFORATED.		
	Cat.	My Price.
2c Certificate, blue.....	\$1.00, less 60 per ct.,	\$0.40
25c Protest.....	.30, " 60 "	.30
10c Foreign Exchange.....	.60, " 60 "	.24
25c Life Insurance.....	.40, " 60 "	.16
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	1.00, " 60 "	.40
50c Lease.....	.75, " 60 "	.30
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	.25, " 60 "	.10
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	1.25, " 60 "	.50
\$2.00 Probate of Will.....	1.50, " 60 "	.60
\$3.00 Charter Party.....	.25, " 50 "	.12
\$3.00 Manifest.....	.35, " 50 "	.17
\$3.50 Inland Exchange.....	2.00, " 50 "	1.00
\$5.00 Manifest.....	2.50, " 50 "	1.25
\$10.00 Charter Party.....	1.00, " 50 "	.50
\$10.00 Probate of Will.....	1.25, " 50 "	.63
\$200.00 Int. Rev., fine.....	20.00, " 40 "	12.00
\$2.00 2nd issue.....	.75, " 50 "	.37
3c green 1876 Centennial envelope, entire.....	.25, " 50 "	.12
3c red, 1876 Centennial envelope, entire.....	.50, " 50 "	.25

All stamps are in good condition. [11]

C. A. STEGMANN,
5941 Cote Brillante Av., St. Louis, Mo.

PLEASURE and Money in Stamp Collecting.—I am happy whenever I find a rare stamp, not for its gold value, but for the pleasure it gives me to see it, and know that it is mine. A philatelist said to me, "Nelson, why don't you sell those rare gems? I will give you \$500.00 for them." I refused it. But I will not refuse the highest bids on the following gems:
One 5c green Uniontown, Ala., C. S. Local.
One 5c red and blue Greenville, Ala., C. S. Local.
One Pair 5c carmine Nashville, Tenn., C. S. Local.
R. S. Nelson, Ball Station, S. H., Birmingham, Ala. [atw37]

"Reduced to Extremities"

as the feller said when his Klondike grub stake got down to pickled pigs' feet. We have slept in the field and eat hay, but never got down so far as that. However, just at this time we are so reduced to extremities in supplying our hundreds of customers with perfect M. and M. stamps, and that is one reason why we have gone in so strong on CANADIAN REVENUES. We believe in these stamps also, and will send you a lot on approval at from 50 to 80% off Canadian quotations.

They are beautiful. Let us hear from you.

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When We Come Back

from Klondike, we hope to have lots of money and will then buy these stamps back of you at considerable more than we now ask you.
2 cents, rouletted Revenue, fifth issue..... \$0.28
U. S. P. O. Dept., 6 cents, mint state..... .15
Siam 1887 12a lilac and carmine..... .08
" " 24a lilac and blue..... .12
Also remember my unrivalled

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You know how you can get them, a Liar is not needed to extoll their virtues.

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NEW ISSUE

Canada 1897 1/2c used or unused, 2c post paid.
China New Issue, Oct. 1897, 5 var., unused,15c.

Argentine Republic Jubilee 1892
2 var. catalogue 40c each, 1 var. 15c, 2 var. 25c, unused
If you wish new issues or Jubilee Sets of any kind, write us or have your name on our new issue list.

STAMP CO. Coldwater, Mich.

NEARLY SOLD OUT.

Stamps Surcharged "SPECIMEN" of 1861 to 1866 issue.

The cut prices for "Specimen" sets advertised in THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Nov. 11, 1897, and in The American Philatelist, November, 1897, are hereby canceled.

My present price for Sets of 1861-66, surcharged

"SPECIMEN"	
1 to 90c, 1 set, 10 varieties.....	\$12.00
1 to 90c, 2 sets, 10 " in pairs.....	25.00
1 to 90c, 4 sets, 10 " in blocks.....	50.00

NO DISCOUNT TO DEALERS.
My stock of "Specimen" sets is getting low and therefore it is advisable to order at once before all are gone, as I have no prospect of replenishing my stock in that line.

I have a few more

U. S. ENVELOPES,

Unused, in the finest possible condition,
1874 90c Carmine on White
Cut square, large margins..... \$1.15
Entire, "82" wmk., size S..... 1.35

All sent post free at receipt of price. Please remit by bills or P. O. Money Order and not by unused stamps or check. [37*]

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

BREAKING UP A LARGE COLLECTION.
Send your want list and get my prices before buying elsewhere U. S. Departments and Revenues. Send for my list of Foreign.
J. VAN OSTRAND, Box 53, Bardonia, N. Y.

Stamp News.

A Newspaper Clipping.

STAMPS CUT IN TWO.

The *Railway News* last week on account of not receiving permission from the Post-Master General to allow papers to go through the mails free, was compelled to pay postage. No half cent stamps being available, the postoffice department allowed one cent stamps to be cut in halves for postage. This is the first time on record we believe where such was allowed and the stamps have been eagerly sought after, one dollar being paid for a single stamp with the post office stamp on it. The *News* will pay twenty-five cents each for the one cent jubilee stamps cut in halves bearing the post office stamp of November 5th, 6th or 8th, which was allowed to pass through the mails on that date owing to there being no regular half cent stamps obtainable—*St. John Gazette from Sussex N. B. News.*

FORGED HONG KONG STAMPS.

The following is a cutting kindly sent us by an esteemed correspondent in Hong Kong, from *The Hong Kong Telegraph*:—

"At the Magistracy to-day the master and foki of a Chinese post office were charged with having used a certain forged stamp purporting to be surcharged, and knowing the same to be a forgery. Inspector Kemp said that at 2 p. m. yesterday he went to the post office, and a package was given to him by the chief clerk, and in consequence of what he told him he made enquiries. The package bore a surcharged stamp, \$1 on 10 cents, but the genuine stamp was \$1 surcharged on 96 cents. The colour of both stamps was the same. From information received he went to No. 1, Bonham Strand, and saw the foki there, who handed him a box containing a number of stamps, amongst which he found three similarly surcharged ones. He arrested the man and left the premises in the charge of a Chinese constable, who returned a little later to the station with the master of the shop in his custody. The case was remanded till Friday next, at 10 a. m., to enable the Postmaster-General to communicate with the Consul at Foochow, where the stamps were alleged to have come from. Bail in two sureties of \$500 for each was allowed."

We hear that the Government has recalled from the public any unused \$1 stamps, and have allowed one week for them to be returned; after that date they will not be available for prepayment of postage. It is stated that an order has been sent to the Crown Agents for a supply of new \$1 stamps, which will probably be made by means of a surcharge

on the \$2 Duty stamp. The \$1 on 96 cents will therefore cease to exist. Owing to the forgery of the Dollar stamp the Postmaster has recommended the destruction of the present stock; but this does not yet appear to have been approved. In the meantime a local surcharge of \$1 on \$2 will be made to meet current requirements.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*



Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M.
Entrance Fee 25c, Dues \$1 per year payable quarterly.

President, G. A. ROUND, 223 Carpenter St., Providence, R. I.
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1st Exch. Supt., F. B. ELDRIDGE, Mansfield, Mass.
2nd Exch. Supt., RUSSELL W. WHEELER, Mansfield, Mass.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 53rd regular meeting was held Nov. 17th at 8 p. m. Members present: Utton, Smiley, Cobb, Sherman, Richards, Skinner, Cliff, Fred Wills, Eldredge, Estey, Green, Round, Hope and Wheaton of Providence. R. I., Elliott and Kirby of Taunton and Gates of Teaticket, Mass.

Applications:

Walter L. Bates, 84 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass.

Resignations:

41. Frank T. Wills, Mansfield, Mass.
The Second Exchange Supt., R. W. Wheeler, sent in his resignation of that office and it was accepted. The amendment to Art. III. Sec. 2 was adopted (see report of last meeting). No. 102 was dropped for non-payment of dues. All members in arrears for more than one quarter will be dropped at next meeting, this being a vote of the meeting. Proposed amendment to Art. III. Sec. 1, substitute the words *Supt. of Sales Dept.* for First Exchange Supt., and Supt. of Exchange Dept. for Second Exchange Supt.

Article III. Section 2 substitute the words *Supt. of Exchange Dept.* for Second Exchange Supt. Article III. Sec. 6, add also an *Auditor*, who shall once each quarter examine the books of the Treasurer and Sales Supt. and report in writing to the

Society at the first meeting in each quarter. Article II. Section 3: All members who are in arrears for more than one quarter's dues be dropped at the expiration of 60 days.

The following nominations were made: President, David Smiley.

Vice President, S. W. Shepard,
M. T. Estey.

Secretary, S. W. Shepard.
Treasurer, W. W. Skinner,
S. W. Shepard.

1st Exchange Supt., H. H. Elliott,
F. B. Eldredge.
2nd Exchange Supt., F. T. Utton,
O. C. Cliff.

Librarian, L. A. Richards.
Executive Com., G. A. Round, Prov.
F. B. Eldredge, Mansfield.
Walter Wright, Boston.
W. W. Skinner, Mansfield.
A. J. Kirby, Taunton.
H. N. Wheaton, Prov.

Change in Address:

John Wills, Jr., Tilton House, Newburyport, Mass.

DAVID SMILEY, Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received since last report 12 pieces donated as follows: 7 by F. B. Eldredge, 4 by F. T. Utton, 1 by E. D. Green, and the Society has had the *P. J. of A.*, Vols. 8 and 9, bound.

L. A. RICHARDS, Librarian.

◁ DIRECTORY. ▷

A 2 or 3 line card one year (52 insertions), \$5.00, in advance. Extra lines \$2.00 each.

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FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [16x]

W. K. NIX, U. S. Postage & Revenues—Wholesale, sale and Retail. 69 John Street, Bridgeport, Conn. [274]

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10c STAMP FREE!

A U. S. Dept. stamp, catalogued 10c, free to each applicant for sheets who gives good reference and encloses ac stamp.

Quality equal to any. Good variety (7000 var. in stock) and at prices in accordance with the times. Give them a trial. [1fn*]

PRICE LIST FREE.

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Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

* POSTAGE + STAMPS. *

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [1ft]

Scott's 58th Prices.

[CONTINUED.]

New varieties will not be included in our quotations from this out.

ALL prices not mentioned below remain unchanged.

Prices on adhesives only are quoted. Where a dash (—) appears no price is given in 58th although one appeared in 57th.

DIEGO SUAREZ.

1890 1c black	1 00	60
5c "	1 00	50
15c "	50	35
25c "	50	35
1892 5c on 10c lavender	1 25	1 25
5c on 20c red, green	1 25	1 25
4c claret, lavender	35	
10c lavender	30	
20c red, green	40	
25c rose	45	
75c carmine, rose	1 00	
1fr bronze green, straw	1 25	
1c blue (A10)	03	
2c brown, buff	03	
4c claret, lavender	05	
5c green greenish	06	
10c lavender	08	
15c blue	10	
20c red, green	15	
25c rose	20	
30c brown, bistre	25	
40c red, straw	30	
50c carmine, rose	40	
75c orange	50	
1fr bronze green, straw	75	
1894 15c blue	06	
40c red, straw	15	
50c carmine, rose	18	
75c orange	25	
1fr bronze green, straw	35	

DOMINICA.

1874 1p lilac	1 00	1 00
1sh lake	11 50	7 50
1879 ½p bistre	1 75	2 00
1p lilac	75	50
2½p brown	3 00	1 25
4p blue	2 50	1 00
6p green	8 50	2 00
1sh lake	7 50	7 50
1882 ½p on half of 1p lilac, bl'k surcharge	5 00	2 50
½p on half of 1p lilac, red surcharge	50	1 00
1883-90 ¼p bistre	50	75
½p green	06	12
1p lilac	1 00	75
1p carmine	12	20
2½p claret	2 50	75
2½p blue	35	35
4p gray	60	50
1sh lake	27 50	50 00

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1865 ¼r green	18 00	20 00
1879 1r carmine, buff	25	—
1885 5c blue	10	03
10c orange	20	06
20c brown	35	20

1891 50c slate	90	
1p carmine	1 75	
2p brown	3 25	
DUTCH INDIES.		
1864 10c carmine	2 50	85
10c claret	2 50	1 00
1870-4 5c pale green, per.	14 75	20
10c brown	75	05
50c dark carmine	1 50	08
1876-86 12½c gray	15	08
30c green	30	12
1889 3c lilac	03	02
5c ultramarine	05	02
1892-7 15c bistre	12	03
20c ultramarine	15	04
25c red violet	18	04
30c green	25	10
50c carmine	35	04
2gld 50c red br'n&blue	1 75	60
ECUADOR.		
1892 50c maroon	08	12
1894 20c black	08	08
50c orange	10	10
1s carmine	15	15
5s dark blue	25	25
1895 5c green	02	02
1896 2c red	05	03
20c orange	40	06
50c dark blue	08	08
1s yellow brown	15	15
5s violet	25	25
EGYPT.		
1866 5pia rose	5 00	6 00
10pia slate	6 00	7 50
1pia rose lilac	50	20
1867 10pia lilac	30	25
20pia blue green	25	12
1pia bright red	15	03
5pia brown	4 00	4 00
1872-5 5pia brown (5 reversed)	10	08
20pia gray blue	15	06
1pia rose red	35	03
1pia vermilion red	12	03
2pia yellow	30	08
5pia green	70	60
1879-82 5pia brown	03	02
10pia lilac	08	08
10pia pink	1 50	25
1pia rose	12	02
2pia yellow	30	03
5pia green	75	15
1884 20pia on 5pia green	08	15
1888 2mil green	03	01
1892-3 10pia violet	90	12
ERITREA.		
1895-6 20c orange	08	08
25c blue	10	10
45c olive green	18	18
FALKLAND ISLANDS.		
1878-9 1p claret	5 00	5 00
4p dark gray	7 50	2 50
6p green	1 00	1 25
1sh bistre brown	1 25	1 25
1886 1p claret	50	50
4p olive gray	2 50.	1 50
1891 1p orange brown	12	10
2½p blue	25	25
1891 ½p on half of 1p claret	50	50
1892-96 ½p yellow green	03	03
2p inagenta	08	10
2½p ultramarine	10	10
9p vermilion	35	50
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The S. S. S. Meeting.

A meeting was convened by the Secretary of the S. S. S. S., with the view of ascertaining by discussion whether it would not be advisable to change the constitution of the Society.

The following gentlemen were present at the meeting held in the rooms of the London Philatelic Society, Effingham House, on October 14th: Messrs. Gordon Smith (Secretary), M. P. Castle, J. A. Tilleard, E. J. Nankivell, Major E. B. Evans, Robt. Ehrenbach, R. Pearce, M. Giwelb, and Harry Hilckes.

Mr. Castle took the chair.

There was a little preliminary discussion as to the *locus standi* of the meeting, and its power to change the rules of the S. S. S. S. The Secretary, Mr. Gordon Smith, reassured Mr. Nankivell, who raised the latter question, that the present meeting, being a general one, had full power in every respect. Letters were then read from Mr. Armistead, fully agreeing with the proposed resolutions, and from Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Birmingham, to the same effect. The Secretary then proceeded to state that Mr. Chas. J. Phillips wished to withdraw from the committee entirely, as he wished to preserve his independence with regard to future issues. Mr. Gordon Smith then shortly reviewed the work that has been done.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Society was formed at a representative meeting of collectors and dealers, held at 391, Strand, on the 5th May, 1895. The primary object for which the Society came into existence was:—"To co-operate with the Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society in considering the measures to be taken to prevent the issue of unnecessary stamps and surcharges, and to warn collectors against purchasing them."

This object was fully carried out. The method of procedure being as follows: I first of all draughted a circular, and sent proofs to the members of the two Committees: I then attended a meeting of the Committee of the London Society, and discussed the circular with them, taking note of all their suggestions and alterations.

I then called a meeting of this Society's Committee, at which the Circular was finally approved.

To insure the widest publicity I sent copies of the circular to the leading philatelic journals and dealers throughout the world as well as to the members of the Society.

All went smoothly for about eighteen months, although there were objections taken from time to time to the circulars by one or two dealers. Had this been the limit of their dissent, the Society might have disregarded it, but as some of the original founders began to resign,

expressing their unwillingness to act in accordance with the spirit of the objects for which the Society was formed, a policy of inaction gradually became forced on the Society—a policy for which I am willing to take the blame, but which I considered the least harmful course that could be pursued. The lines upon which the work of the Society had been carried on had become so widely known and the views of those who promoted its creation so extensively disseminated—even by those antagonistic to the Society—that in most cases which have arisen of late where stamps of a speculative or unnecessary nature have been issued, the collector who is desirous of avoiding such rubbish is perfectly capable of discovery for himself what should be avoided.

In fact this influence was particularly noticeable in the early days of the Society, when it was fully admitted by the trade that the sale of "Seebeck" issues had materially decreased, although the Society did not consider that these issues came within the scope of their work.

Experience, however, has shown that both collectors and dealers alike resent anything which can by any means be construed into a dictation as to what stamps they should or should not buy and sell. On the other hand there are many who are only too grateful for a kindly hint respecting the nature of newly issued stamps. To such a short summary of the facts attending the production of any particular stamps (and the deductions which may reasonably be made therefrom) will be of considerable assistance.

It is doubtful, however, whether a joint Committee of collectors and dealers can ever be quite the most suitable body to carry this out.

This is the question the Society will have to consider to-day, in the resolution which will be proposed presently.

If the Society has not been quite a success, domestically, at any rate—as viewed by its effects publically on the body of collectors—its influence for good cannot be disputed.

Unfortunately the Society has become hampered by its own constitution, and if it is desired to promote the purity of philately by continuing to carry on the work which has been carried on in the past, some vital change must be effected.

I present to you a balance sheet of the financial side of the question, from which you will see that although the first year's receipts did not meet the initial expenditure, and the Society is now perfectly solvent, *in spite of the fact that no subscriptions for the current year have been asked for.*

In concluding these few observations I have to express my thanks for the assistance this Society has received in the past from the members of the Special Committee of the London Philatelic

Society, particularly in the compilation of the circulars which have been issued, and I can only add that I know no body of gentlemen interested in stamp collecting who are better able to continue the work of this Society with the tact and discretion which this work demands.

GORDON SMITH,

Hon. Secretary.

Much discussion ensued, which we have not the space to report verbatim, on the subject of the first resolution, as published in the *London Philatelist*. The members present, however, were mainly agreed that it would be far more satisfactory to collectors at large than an expression of opinion should emanate from a Committee of collectors only, and not as hitherto by a mixed committee of dealers and collectors; and, as a matter of fact, the main reason why the S. S. S. S. had been practically non-existent for the last two years was the disinclination of certain dealers to conform to the circulars of the S. S. S. S. The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. M. P. Castle and seconded by Mr. Harry Hilckes:

"That in order to carry out the object for which the S. S. S. S. was formed and to actively carry on the crusade against Speculative and unnecessary issues inaugurated by the Society, the time has now arrived when work can be more effectively promoted by a Committee composed of Collectors only."

This was carried without a dissenting voice.

By this resolution the Constitution of the S. S. S. S. is altered absolutely, and we hope for the better.

The second resolution was proposed by Mr. M. P. Castle, seconded by Major Evans, and carried:

"That the special Committee of the London Philatelic Society for the time being appointed for dealing with Speculative and unnecessary issues be requested to undertake the consideration of all speculative and unnecessary issues and to announce their decisions from time to time in the *London Philatelist* and other philatelic journals."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. M. P. Castle.
Vice-President—Major Evans.
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The above mentioned Committee will undertake to revise the rules, and an announcement will be made by them very shortly. It is quite likely that the subscription may be reduced. For the time being all letters should be addressed to the Secretary of the S. S. S. S., 391, Strand, London, W. C. As the result of a little informal discussion after the official part of the meeting was over it was decided to issue forthwith a circular, condemning the issues of Newfoundland, Canada, Leeward Island Jubilee, New South Wales and Victoria Consumptive Hospital Stamps.

The meeting ended after two hours of real hard work.—S. C. *Fortnightly.*

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

In reply to the open letter of Mr. A. W. Batchelder of Boston, which appeared in the issue of this paper of Oct. 23rd and which criticized rather sarcastically and very adversely the contention, raised by your correspondent in a previous number of the ERA, that the manner in which the Dominion government sold the Jubilee stamps was perfectly "bona fide in every particular" I have very little to add to what I have already said. I hope that in my former notes I made myself clear, what I intended to say was and what I submit is the only meaning which can be given to my words is that it was not through any fault of the government as an aggregate or of the post office department as such, or of the Hon. Mr. Mulock himself, that any *maeu fides* was shown in the disposition of the Jubilee issue. As an opponent of the present government and one who has done and would be only too willing to do anything in his power, legitimately, to embarrass the existing government, I would be extremely pleased to have such evidence adduced as would prove that the postmaster general has lost all title to his reputation as "Honest Bill Mulock, the York County farmer."

I never for one moment had any intention of asserting that the post office clerks throughout Canada had been any too much above suspicion in their dealings with the issue.

Mr. Batchelder's letter has been copied by the *Toronto World*, the editor of which is an opposition member of parliament, particularly noted for his investigating characteristics and no doubt this paper would be willing to probe to the bottom any proof furnished by the Boston gentleman.

Contrary to expectation, the new stamps have already been placed on sale. They were first seen in Toronto last week when the supply of the old one-half cent stamps became exhausted and it was necessary to have new ones to fill the demand. The design of the new stamps has been announced in most of the philatelic papers so it will be unnecessary to give it here. Only a few of the denominations are put on sale but it is now expected that the entire series will be on sale shortly.

Capt. E. F. Wurtele of Quebec, president of the C. P. A., was one of the visitors to Toronto this week.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.

The following numbers complete the list of all plates made up to date:

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It is believed that the first set of Bureau plates will end in the neighborhood of 600, but many of the highest numbers will never be put into use, others may be used only a short time before being discontinued which may cause a number of rarities at the end of the set as well as at the beginning. There are many plates in the vault of the Bureau now which are merely a reserve and will probably never be required for use, namely the duplicates of nearly all high value postage and periodical stamps.

The new and promising organization of Washington stamp collectors was finally effected on Wednesday last with very bright prospects. A lively discussion resulted in naming the organization The Washington Collectors Club. Among the officers are some of the most prominent collectors of the District which should ensure its success. They are as follows: President, Ward Thoron; 1st Vice Pres., W. W. Karr; 2nd Vice Pres., W. L. Drury; Secretary, Dr. Edw. M. Shæffer; Treasurer, J. M. Bartels; Librarian, T. R. Hungerford; Sales and Auction Manager, H. F. Dunkhorst. These also constitute the Executive Board who are now at work on the constitution and by-laws. It is their intention to mail a copy of same with an invitation to join to all collectors in the city, and anyone applying before January 1st shall be considered a charter member.

The Club's home is situated at 702 14th Street, N. W., in the best location of the city, easily accessible from all directions.

The indications are that the existing philatelic clubs will join hands and form one strong and useful organization which will be a credit to the National Capital. There are over 150 active collectors in the city and if half of them would lend their support, there is no telling what could be accomplished.

A visitor during the past week was Mr. E. P. Capen of Minneapolis. He is an ardent plate number collector.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

It is noticed that some of the philatelic writers still complain of hard times. There is no use of disguising the fact that not as much of the speculator's money is now being spent in stamps as there was a year or two ago, but at the same time it must be apparent to anyone that there are just as many collectors this year as ever. Although a dealer may not have as large sales as formerly, he will have just as much profit. One who speculates in stamps is not as good a customer for a dealer as a collector. As soon as a speculator obtains a stamp from a dealer he at once enters into active opposition to the latter in disposing of the stamp to a new purchaser. The dealers whom I have seen around town give this as their opinion and say that they have never done more business with collectors than they are doing now, considering the period of the year.

Mr. W. R. Adams, the well known dealer and publisher of Adelaide St., will shortly occupy ground floor premises on Yonge St., where he will engage in stamp, stationery and publishing business. "Billy" is always promulgating some new scheme for gathering in the "Almighty Dollar" and bids fair to have his full share of this world's goods if he has good health and fortune.

It is perhaps natural for any individual to suppose that he knows more than some other people on certain points. In view of this general failing of humanity, it is perhaps pardonable on my part and on the part of many more Canadians to differ from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in the new prices of some Canadian stamps as listed in the advance sheets. During the coming week I will obtain the views of some of our most prominent philatelists on the subject, and with due deference submit the results next week to the readers of the ERA.

Gaining experience by the recent Jubilee issue, Canadian dealers have bought in all the present issue half-cent stamps in sight, and it is now impossible to procure one at

any of the post offices. Both used and unused these stamps have materially advanced in price and it is well if you have any to keep them for the present.

It is reported that the postmaster general has in consideration the cutting off the second class mailing privileges of all those publications which have not a paid up subscription list of at least 500.

So good-bye to the poor stamp paper.

JASPER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Nov. 24th.

The stamp business in Boston is still improving, and with the arrival today of the new catalogue, the dealers are expecting that business will continue to improve from now on. I suppose the catalogue will be given a review by the editor, and I will therefore make but few comments on it. One of them is something that strikes me as very peculiar, which is, the Uruguay stamps, 1896 issue, are still called a "speculative issue," and are given a place at the end of the catalogue. The same set of stamps, surcharged, "Provisorio 1897" are listed as a legitimate issue. Now, am I to suppose that a stamp, unworthy to be collected (although when current did postal duty) when first issued, must now be collected because it has been surcharged?

It looks to me as though some postal official of the government of Uruguay was a little smarter than the leaders of Philately, for, as before, the stamp was a speculative issue, and not to be collected. It did not meet with a very large sale. By surcharging it, it is all right, and perfectly proper to collect it, and the government have undoubtedly been able to sell the remaining stock, as they give a new issue for 1897. The collector whose ideas are far-reaching, and not confined to the present time, will no doubt place the speculative issue in his collection, and, in the days to come, he will congratulate himself. It may not be amiss to say that I have seen the set in approval books, sent out by one of the leading New York firms, priced at only four times the face value. There have been many rumors floating around the Hub during the past week, in regard to the "Errata" of the new catalogue, and the estimates of the size of it varied considerably. Some said it would contain nearly

as much as the catalogue itself, but, in fact, it is no larger than usual. Many of the wise-acres thought it would contain, among other things, quotations for the ½ and 6c Canada Jubilee, Gambia, 4d CC, British Central Africa, 1895-7, Sierra Leone, 1897 surcharges, but it does not, and it keeps us guessing for another year, unless one reads an up-to-date paper, like the ERA, and keeps posted.

Last evening, the Colonial Stamp Co. held their third public auction sale. There was a very fair attendance. Several of the lots brought over catalogue value, and some lots sold at a ridiculously low price, especially nice U. S. revenues. As I remember reading the old story, in former numbers of the ERA, about catalogue prices being a guide to the market-value of stamps, I would mention that one lot sold last night, the catalogue value of which was about 93 cents, for \$2.80. As two or three persons wanted the stamps, shall we suppose that \$2.80 was the market value?

William B. Hale, of Williamsville, was in Boston today.

Boston is threatened with having another stamp dealer, as a well known collector, living in the suburbs, intends to open an office next month.

The Colonial Stamp Co. presented each collector present at their sale with a copy of the new ½c Canada, neatly hinged to a card, printed with their compliments, enclosed in a transparent, imported envelope.

A sheet of 50 stamps, unused, o. g., of the Newfoundland surcharge has been received in Boston. Only the bottom row of 10 stamps have what will be called the rare type of surcharge, which goes to show that the surcharge was set up in one font of type, as far as that would go, and then another font was used to finish up the job. I know of a block of 4, unused, showing both types of surcharge, being sold this week for \$5.00, and the common type is bringing, for single copies, 50 cents, used, and 75 cents unused. This stamp, at these prices, may be a good thing, and it may not. Time will tell.

S. E. L.

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- 1861 24c lilac, new o. g. 1.75
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- 1869 6c or 12c.40
- 1869 15c brown and blue, (rare type) 2.75
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- Justice 15c purple, new o. g. 4.50
- Navy 30c blue, new o. g. 2.50
- State 1c green, new o. g. 1.60
- State 2c green, new o. g. 2.75
- State 6c green, new o. g.50
- State 24c green, new o. g. 5.50
- State 90c green, new o. g. 8.75
- State 1c to 90c, new o. g. 30.50
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- 1c Playing Cards. 1.10
- 4c Playing Cards. 5.75
- 15c Foreign Exchange.40
- 1d Probate of Will.50
- 10d Conveyance. 1.75
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48. **BODINE, W. H.**, Flemington, N. J.
629. **SCHLUCKEBIER, HENRY**, Petaluma, Cal.

Resignation Received.

204. **CHANDLER, A.P.**, Fargo, N. D.

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Total membership last report 590
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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 20th, 1897.
453 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 13th, valued at \$20,107.34
26 books received since Nov. 13th, valued at \$790.05

Total number of books in circulation 479, valued at \$20,897.39
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 20th, 1897.
Class A. Total Participants 4, Am't \$40
" B. " " " 3, " 75
" C. " " " 4, " 200
" D. " " " 1, " 100
Total received \$415
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To take effect Dec. 1st, 1897.
COLLECTORS should send at once for five (5) Exchange blank lists. Price 10 cents.
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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 20th.

Applications for Membership.

GALLAGHER, WM. G., 72 Broadway, New York City; age 24; occupation, Clerk. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.
HOMBURGER, DR. LIONEL M., 168 W. 96th St., New York City; age 22; occupation, Dentist. References: J. W. George, Geo. R. Tuttle.
KNUDSON, WM, 106 E. 23rd St., New York City; age 40; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, R. R. Bogert.
SEMPLE, WM. O., 114 S. Bank St., Easton, Pa.; age 36; occupation, Druggist. References: H. E. Deats, W. H. Bodine.

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1471. **DISSELHORST, Mrs. LOUISE**, 37 Sullivan St., Chicago, Ill.
1472. **SPIERLING, E. J.**, 1216 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ills.

Corrections.

In the application as published in my report last week of **M. K. GANTZ**, Troy, N. Y., the state should be changed and made Ohio; Troy, Ohio.

129. **GURDJJI, V.**, Changed to 35 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

Reinstated.

522. **KATZENBERGER, GEORGE A.**, Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio.

243. **TURK, HENRY M.**, 229 Broadway, New York City.

238. **GRAEME, JOS. WRIGHT**, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

234. **LEMOINE, GASPARD**, Box 1100, Quebec, Canada.

97. **CAMPBELL, DR. GEO. N.**, Box 87, Hopkinsville, Ky.

130. **OSBORN, CHAS E.**, 1425 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

171. **BROCK, R. C. H.**, 1602 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

1406. **RICHARD, WM. L.**, Zylonite, Adams, Mass.

399. **WEBER, A. H.**, 1809 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

444. **VOETTER, THOS. W.**, Box 221, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

1252. **DELORME, GUSTAVE**, Box 313, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

221. **MCDONALD, W. H.**, 4110 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill.

1373. **RIDDELL, WM. N.**, 825 Polk St., San Francisco, Cal.

1197. **SONNTAG, ADOLPH**, 533 Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

At the last meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association Mr. T. L. W. Porte gave a very interesting article on England and her stamps. Mr. Porte began his essay with the discussions, in the Hill family, of cheaper rates for the carriage of letters and traced the scheme down until the final introduction of postage stamps, reserving the remainder of the history for another time. We have never heard a more thorough discourse on this subject and from the questions asked it was evident that all present appreciated Mr. Porte's talk.

The philatelic club-room seems to be "the proper thing" these days and we think that Detroit will have one in the near future. Of course we can't have an elaborate affair like the Collectors Club but we are earnest advocates of the idea that a club room is the way to keep philatelic interest from waning.

The cost is slight and the benefits many. We look forward to the time when Detroit will have its club room.

Mr. Thomas Farmer, Jr. of this city has, what is in our opinion, one of the ideal collections. His collection is perfect: not a torn stamp mars the pages of his album. The unused stamps have the original gum and the used are lightly cancelled.

A collection of this kind is extremely hard to get but is always saleable.

Many of the Detroit letter carriers are collectors and their vocation doubtless assists them in amassing good collections.

Speaking of the 2 cent green envelope stamps cut round, pasted on other envelopes, and passing through the mail all right, we desire to say that certain Michigan parties used stamps in this manner for some time and we have over twenty-five used in this way.

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One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The offer of four consecutive insertions of an Exchange notice is hereby withdrawn, and henceforth the rate is strictly as per above.

U. S. Revenues (all values including 6c and \$1.30 and issue) and Foreign to exchange for Foreign or U. S. Send sheets at once and receive mine by return mail. D. Peck, 26 W. 131st St., New York City.

Rare U. S. stamps for a pocket Kodak or Comb camera. S. G. Bixby, Box 115, St. Joseph, Mich.

One hundred dollars in U. S. Revenues for '96 or '97 Standard make bicycle. Metropolitan or local offers preferred. Give full particulars. Warren B. Stout, 359 Hank St., Newark, N. J.

I will give two for one in U. S. and Can. Revs. for any of Scott's 57th U.S. Nos. 182 to 191, 196 to 222 unused o. g. H. B. Bartholomew, Asbury Park, N. J.

I want obsolete U. S. and foreign postage stamps on original covers at catalogue in exchange for my choice duplicates at 25% under catalogue prices. Send me your covers. Ed. H. Hall, Fort Collins, Colo.

Exchange Offer: Gent's open face Elgin watch, silver case, second and minute hands, in good condition, except few scratches on inside of back of case, keeps good time. Will exchange for best collection of stamps offered me. What have you to offer for it? Chas. J. Foley, 154 Chicago St., Elgin, Ills.

Good U. S. Postage and Depts. used and unused to exchange for 1893-4 Hawaiians. Want two of some of them. Send with cash or exchange prices, also want lists. Ed. M. Voss, Letter Carrier No. 2, Bloomington, Indiana.

Choice stamp magazines I value at \$12.00 exchanged for good Postage, U. S. and Canada Revenues, Match and Medicine to help my collection. R. B. Field, Stratford, Ct.

Have self-inking printing press, 5x7, and type; 2 frames, furniture, etc., valued at \$28.00, would like to trade for 90c 1837 and 90c 1869, or U. S. stamps which are not in my collection. Send stamp for information. Irving L. Steinman, 717 1st St., Sacramento, Calif.

Exchange desired with collectors, value for value. Send selections and receive mine. U. S. P. A. 62. H. B. Bartholomew, Asbury Park, N. J.

Musical instruments, old books and watches, to exchange for U. S. and foreign postage stamps. Warren Newell, 45 W. Cottage St., Roxbury, Mass.

Wanted, 100 clean 6c or 8c present issue for 50 different Revenue stamps. Match, Medicine and Playing Cards to exchange. Charles King, 105 East 10th St., New York City.

Exchange! Collectors having duplicates to exchange should send ten unused United States No. 256 for five Exchange blank lists, listing 100 stamps each. None of the objectionable features of other exchanges. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Wanted in exchange for Stamps: Flint-lock Pistols, Snuff-boxes, historical Crochery, old Bibles, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Engravings, Autographs, early American Literature or anything historical. John Verrier, 338 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon.

Will exchange a U. S. entire envelope unused, July, 1884, Die B., brown on fawn, catalogue \$5.00, for \$3.00 worth of Foreign stamps. French Colonials wanted. F. N. Massoth, 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

30 different stamp papers for every 50 cents worth of stamps (unused British Colonials preferred). No U. S. wanted. Send selections on approval. F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass.

Will exchange a fine double barrel breech loading shot gun, with case, cleaning tools, and a dozen loaded shells for foreign stamps with approval sheets. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

U. S. collection 200 stamps listed about \$360.00, no Env., Tel., Locals or Match and Medicine, includes 6c Prop., a perfect, unused copy, also 50c and \$1 green, cat. \$125.00 and many others, all picked specimens, for \$200.00 cash. H. L. WHITNEY, Derby, Conn.

German silver Eh Cornet and black walnut case for \$10 or would trade for stamps. J. M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H.

U. S. stamps are on the up grade. Fill up spaces now. 1851 5c, \$8.00, very fine; 1c reprint, o. g., \$4.00; 3c reprint, o. g., \$5.00. '61 90c, \$2.00. '69 15c, \$1.00; 30c, \$2.00; 1c reprint, o. g., \$1.00; 2c reprint, used, \$4.50. '70 1c, strip of 3, o. c., \$1.25; 7c, \$2.00. '71 7c Nat'l, o. g., \$7.50. Justice 24c, fine, \$8.00. Navy 7c, \$4.50; 24c, \$2.00. State 12c, \$2.25. N. O. Local 5c, 2 on part o. c., \$4.50. Eagle Carrier on o. c., \$1.00. All fine. Satisfaction or no sale. JAS. S. WHIPPLE, U. S. P. A. 98, Urbana, Ohio.

Four designs World's Fair Postals, 10c; 6 designs of same, 20c; complete Set same, \$1; Set 4 Purcell Envs., 28c; Set Centennial Envs., \$1; complete Set Columbian Envs., \$1.15; Set Col. stamps 1c to 50c, \$1.50. All unused and fine. S. B. Fish, Butler, Ills.

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15c Card, blue 15c
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2c 65c
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Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

When I unrolled a pamphlet which came to me the other day, and found that it was the annual number of the *American Philatelist* (Vol. XI.), I wondered why the old familiar blue-gray cover had been replaced by one of yellow hue. After thinking it over I came to the conclusion that our worthy Secretary had done his best to reproduce the hue his face wore on the trip to Salem, but all who saw him will agree with me that there is but slight resemblance. It doesn't begin to be yellow enough! The Year Book contains the list of officers for the current year, By-laws of the Association, rules of the Sales and Purchasing Departments, report of the Obituary Committee, alphabetical list of members and full stenographic report of the Boston convention. I am sorry to see that the geographical list of members is omitted this year. It was of considerable value to anyone who wished to ascertain whether there was an Association member in any city or town he happened to be in. I always took my list with me and made it a point to look up members in any place I might be passing through. The typographical appearance of the annual is excellent and the report, like all of Mr. Burt's work, is first class.

The November issue of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* is the final number of Volume twelve and closes the sixth year of the paper's existence. "Shade Collecting" by W. A. W. is a very interesting sketch, showing as it does the various causes, natural and artificial, of what the new catalogue brings so prominently before us this year. The portrait gallery contains likenesses of the three members of the firm of Burton & Burton, Leopold Beringer, Erwin Fischer, Franklin Stearns, Jr., R. R. Bogert and Joseph C. Morin.

From the *Philatelic Monthly and World* (Vol. XXIII, No. 11) I learn that there is excellent authority for the statement that the \$5000 revenue stamp was actually issued. A member of the firm who engraved and printed the stamps says that five of them are on the lease of the United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Co. to the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Stamps, the breezy little paper published in Rushden, England, will enlarge its pages and increase them commencing with the first of the new year. The October number, just to hand, is full of readable articles, the most interesting of which are two on Gambia, one by Edward J. Nankivell, the well known editor of the *Philatelic Record*.

One of the immediate results of the crusade against stamp illustrations in Great Britain is shown by the supplement issued with *Alfred Smith & Sons Monthly Circular* for the current month. It is a single leaf containing illustrations of novelties and is inscribed in the lower corner "Printed in Germany." If the authorities insist upon their objections, all the philatelic printing of the United Kingdom will drift across the channel. The illustrations by the way, are much superior to the average cuts.

The Cuban "Y $\frac{1}{4}$ " surcharge is the subject of an interesting article in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* for October, showing quite conclusively that the overprint represented an extra charge of $\frac{1}{4}$ real for a carrier's fee. A letter from Mr. Remington, postmaster general of Zanzibar and the British East Africa Protectorate, gives some interesting facts concerning the numerous provisionals which have made their appearance of late, and shows that they were in no way intended to be for philatelic purposes, and were really necessary on account of the neglect of the company to provide enough stamps to tide over the interval between the taking possession of the post office by the imperial authorities and the arrival of a supply of stamps for the new government.

Arthur Maury in his interesting little magazine *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* gives an entertaining account of the

manner in which he went to work to get up his Universal album. To the average collector the amount of work involved in such a task and the number of different items to be looked up and decided upon is probably but little thought of. A perusal of M. Maury's editorial will cause him to open his eyes however, and I trust some one of our papers will give us a translation of the article.

Also received: *Omaha Philatelist* (Vol. IV, No. 3), *Stampman* (Vol. II, No. 2), *Columbian Philatelist* (Vol. III, No. 6), *Young Collector* (Vol. I, No. 10), *Stamp Collectors' Journal* (Vol. XIX, No. 228).

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Notes and Comment.

By the Editor.

Our supply of the 58th Catalogne was delivered at noon Wednesday, the 24th inst., and all orders we had booked were promptly mailed, prepaid with Columbian stamps, and we will continue to supply them to our patrons (prepaid in like manner) for 50 cents, providing the amount is sent in addition to a remittance of 50 cents or more.

Chase Brothers, the stationers and printers of Haverhill, Mass., have purchased the stock and stamp business of Mr. Geo. M. Frame, one of our former advertisers.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co., of Boston, Mass., paid the ERA office a short call on Friday. He was on his way to Montreal and stopped over in Portland in an endeavor to do some business with local collectors.

In speaking of the present condition of the stamp trade Mr. Batchelder informs us that his firm has no chance to complain, having done something over two and one-half times the usual yearly business during the past year.

Mr. Batchelder's Company has been and still is handling and selling by private sale three of the largest collections ever put upon the American market and have the stamps to supply any grade of wants, and he states that he finds no trouble in finding customers.

We acknowledge receipt during the past week of the following:

- An 88-page and cover Price List from C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.
E. T. Parker's Priced-List No. 93, eight pages, from Bethlehem, Pa.
L'Estrange Ewen's "Weekly Circular," No. 6, for week ending Nov. 20th, from Norwood, S. E., England.

A sample of the unique little souvenir distributed by the Colonial Stamp Co. at their last auction to attendants, and which is described by our Boston correspondent.

"Postage Stamps" is the title of a neatly printed price list of sixteen pages and cover. It is printed in two colors on coated book paper and advertises for sale at stated prices stamps which are the property of Mr. D. H. Bacon of D. H. Bacon & Co., the philatelic and general job printers, of Derby, Conn.

Although only a single small advance notice was made that this number would be our regular monthly "Special" for

AGENTS WANTED!

I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan. BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. Send for Circular and Price List.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

PLEASURE and Money in Stamp Collecting.—I am happy whenever I find a rare stamp, not for its gold value, but for the pleasure it gives me to see it, and know that it is mine. A philatelist said to me, "Nelson, why don't you sell those rare gems? I will give you \$5000.00 for them." I refused it. But I will not refuse the highest bids on the following gems:

One 5c green Uniontown, Ala., C. S. Local. One 5c red and blue Greenville, Ala., C. S. Local. One Pair 5c carmine Nashville, Tenn., C. S. Local. R. S. Nelson, Ball Station, S. H., Birmingham, Ala.

Stamps on Approval.

Our approval sheets and books can not be beat for bargains.

Common as well as Rare

U. S. Postage & Revenues at 50% Discount

and prices marked average under those of Scott's 57th.

Try a lot of our selected sheets of Foreign including British Colonials at 50% Discount. On them you will find many unused and rare stamps that are usually sold at 25% discount by other dealers.

Good references required.

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W. L. DUNBAR & CO., BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Scarce Stamps.

Table listing scarce stamps such as Bulgaria 1896 21* o. g., Luxembourg 1892 1fr * o. g., Monaco 1892 5fr * o. g., Sierra Leone 1897 * 2sh, o. g., etc.

Approval books of really good, choice, and rare stamps 25% to 50% discount.

B. L. DREW & Co.,

23 Court St., (Room 219) BOSTON, MASS. (Come to see us when in town.)

COOK'S 5c COUNTER.

NOTHING OVER 5c.

Table listing items for Cook's 5c counter such as 1c Telegraph, 2c Express blue and orange, 3c Foreign Exchange, etc.

Terms: Cash with order. Satisfaction guaranteed. Postage extra on orders under 50c. Prices hold good while stock lasts.

EXTRA! SPECIAL! To the first ten persons who remit \$1.00 bill or M. O. for stamps from this ad will receive a set of Commercial Union Telegraph unused and o. g. free; most dealers sell this set alone for \$1.00.

COOK

THE CUT-RATE REVENUE MAN, NEWTOWN, CONN.



November—as we were unable to give any extra time to the preparation and printing of extra pages—yet we have been obliged to run a little larger proportion of advertising than we like as a regular thing. It is pretty substantial proof of the acknowledged superior qualities of the ERA as an advertising medium.

While our size is our ordinary one we issue an edition just double our regular one and advertisers in this issue (which are composed almost entirely of our regular patrons) will reap the entire benefit of the extra circulation.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have kindly favored us with a copy of the new catalogue "For Review." There are several features in the work that have caused some discussion among collectors and which we desire to consider both pro and con, but neither space nor time will allow it this week. Suffice it is to say that the book is very similar to the preceding edition in style and arrangement. It is bound in a buff colored cover, and does not include letter and post cards as heretofore. The price of the work remains the same, 50 cents, or by mail 58 cents. Scott Stamp & Coin Co., publishers, 18 East 23rd St., New York City.

Catalogue of Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 93rd Auction Sale lists 498 lots. The sale will occur at the company's New York offices on Saturday afternoon, December 11th.

Priced catalogues of Tuttle's 7th and Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 91st sales have been received and quotations will be given as fast as space will allow.

As many of our readers are by this time in possession of a copy of the new catalogue, we discontinue the publication of 58th Prices.

IT WAS FRAME'S.

The stock of George M. Frame has always been considered complete and low priced, but now

IT IS OURS.

We have purchased this entire stock for spot cash and are quoting low prices to turn quickly, consequently

IT SHOULD BE YOURS.

It will be for your interest to send us your want lists early and get the best specimens.

British North Borneo, 9 varieties, 1887, Catalogued 68 cts., our price 32 cts.

British North Borneo, 9 varieties, 1893, Catalogued \$1.02, our price 50 cts.

Newfoundland Jubilee, 14 var., unused, \$3.50
Canada 1868, 1-2 cent, black, catalogued 20c, our price 10 cts.

Canada 1868, 1 cent, red, catalogued 20c, our price 10 cts.

Canada 1868, 2 cent, green, catalogued 10c, our price 5 cts.

Canada 1868, 3 cent, red, catalogued 4c, our price 2 cts.

All fine copies. Postage extra on orders under 50 cts. Your money back if you want it.

CHASE BROTHERS,

11-13-15 Washington St., HAVERHILL, MASS.

Did You Ever

buy stamps at your own price? If not just try it at one of my Auction Sales.

You are too late now for my Nov. 27th sale, but there is another one on Dec. 18th. If you are not receiving my auction catalogues regularly, you are missing some good things, so it will be to your interest to write for them.

My Blank Stamp Album will make a handsome Christmas present for that philatelic friend of yours. Prices \$2.00 to \$5.00. Specimen page for stamp. 58th Catalogue mailed for 58 cts.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

Patentee Wolsieffer's Approval Cards, Left Page Stock Books and Blank Albums.

FINE U. S. BARGAINS.

1847 5c unused.....	\$4.00
5c used.....	45
5c used on cover.....	60
1851 10c used.....	50
3c unused.....	75
1855 1c Type II.....	60
10c unused.....	1.50
90c unused.....	15.00
1868 1c 11X13.....	60
12c unused, 11X13.....	2.25
2c 12X14.....	3.00
3c 13X16.....	3.00
1869 2c unused.....	65
15c framed, used.....	1.50
30c used.....	2.00
1861 90c unused o. g.....	10.00
90c used.....	2.00
1862 1c LAID Paper, used.....	15.00
2c LAID Paper, used.....	15.00
3c LAID Paper, used.....	2.00
1873 2c RIBBED Paper, used.....	25
7c RIBBED Paper, used.....	7.50
7c CHEMICAL Paper, used.....	7.50
12c RIBBED Paper, used.....	7.50
15c RIBBED Paper, used.....	1.75

Cash with order. Money cheerfully refunded if stamps are returned within three days from receipt.

FRANCIS K. DELP,

4507 Regent Ave., West Phila., Pa.
Member Collectors Club of Philadelphia.

\$1.25 for 27c.

The catalogue price of the 24c green Straits Settlements is \$1.25, our price 27c.

Our price list free for your address.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

J. H. LYONS, Manager,

351 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

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I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan. BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. Send for Circular and Price List.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

A. C. TOWNSEND,
COLORADO, TEXAS.

I have opened a branch office at the above place and can now fill orders for Western customers in two days less time. I offer the following Big Bargain as a tradeopener:

India Proofs, 1847 and Carriers . . .	\$2.00
" " 1851 complete . . .	4.00
" " 1861 " " . . .	2.50
The Three Sets \$6.00.	

These are on *thin* paper, you know, and printed in the regular colors. Look at my list or any other and you will see the size of the cut. Order from Colorado or from

A. C. TOWNSEND,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Our Friend Mr. Fratcher

in Detroit tells us that we don't look like the way he thought we would. We admit, ourselves, that we are not very pretty, particularly at this time of the year, with red billy-goat whiskers, but you can't always tell by the looks of a road how far he can jump, and like the skunk, when we get round, we are much in evidence, and get there just the same. Just now we are getting there pretty lively with **CANADIAN REVENUES**. We own these beautiful stamps at a price that enables us to not only supply the small collector, but can sell the man who supplies dealers as well as the dealers themselves. Give us references if unknown, and a varied assortment will be sent you—on approval at our expense both ways. Let us hear from you.

LEWIS ROBIE,
208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

NEW ISSUE

Canada 1897 1/2c used or unused, 1c post paid.
China New Issue, Oct. 1897, 5 var., unused, 15c.

Argentine Republic Jubilee 1892

2 var. catalogue 40c each, 1 var. 15c, 2 var. 25c, unused
If you wish new issues or Jubilee Sets of any kind, write us or have your name on our new issue list.

STAMP Coldwater, Mich.

EXACTLY 278 REQUESTS

have been received, to date, for a sample copy of my new paper

The Philatelic Rambler.

Have you sent in your application? It may be a daily when we come back from Klondike. Hadn't you better try some of my

APPROVAL SHEETS?

They are all right. Don't forget that gilt-edged reference, please.

+ SPECIAL +

Guatemala, Nos. 59 and 60, Scott's 57th, both for 8c
Ceylon, No. 136, Scott's 57th, 3c

JAMES A. ANDERZEN,

Lock Box 15, Loomis, Nebraska.

In First-Class Condition.

Grenada 1891 1d on 2sh yellow, 2nd type (Scott No. 32) strip of 5 used, on original cover	\$150.00
U. S. 1c 1851, unsp., Type 1	17.50
" " " " Type 3, un-severed pair	22.00
U. S. 1879 15c orange, Am. Bk. Note Co., block of 80, unused	100.00
U. S. 1873 15c orange, Cont. Bk. Note Co., block of 6, unused, with imprint	40.00
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T. S. CLARK,

394 Alfred St., Kingston, Ont., Canada.

Am I The Man

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You want Scott's 58th Catalogue (out about Dec. 1st and you want a good live monthly stamp paper. Will you pay the other man 58 cents for the catalogue alone, when you can have the catalogue as soon as out, postpaid, and the paper for the same price?

Either publication one year and the catalogue 58 cents, either two and the catalogue 70 cents, all three and the catalogue 80 cents. The publications—excuse me—

**The Columbian Philatelist
The Rocky Mountain Stamp
The American Collector.**

Complete file of **ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP** (30 Nos.) mint state, never folded, mailed flat, post free, 60 cents. Address, [it*]

J. F. DODGE, Publisher,
Dept. P. NEW OXFORD, PA.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. ○ means unused, ⊕ used. ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

P. M. Wolsieffer's Oct. Sale—Chicago.

Saturday Evening, Oct. 30th.

UNITED STATES.

1861-6 complete card board set of proofs	1 60
1869 1c to 30c inclusive india paper proofs	1 75
1871-5 complete set Continental Co. print on card board, 11 var.	1 55
Dues, 1889 complete set card board proofs	75
Providence 5c fine copy ○ o. g.	3 75
1847 10c on white paper ○	8 15
1851 3c ○ o. g.	95
1855 10c No. 45 ○ o. g.	2 05
24c No. 47 ○ o. g.	4 05
30c No. 48 ○ o. g.	5 10
1861 30c No. 65 ○ o. g.	4 15
1862-6 5c No. 70 ○ no gum	2 30
24c No. 72 ○ o. g.	2 05
1870-1 2c No. 133 very strong grille ○ no gum	75
10c No. 151 ○	3 50
90c No. 156 ○ full gum	7 90
1873 7c No. 161 ○ o. g.	2 60
12c No. 163 ○	3 50
1888 90c ○ full gum	1 70
1893 Columbian \$2.00 ○ o. g.	2 25
\$3.00 ○ o. g.	3 00
\$4.00 ○ 4.00; \$5.00 ○ complete set ○	17 75
Newspaper Stamps 5c dark blue No. 501 ○	10 00
25c red No. 505 ○	3 75
Dues 1891 50c No. 728 ○ full gum	90
Navy 12c little off cen. ○ no gum	1 00
24c ○ 2 40; 30c ○	2 40
Post Office 90c ○ no gum	90
War complete set ○	2 10
1847 10c red cancellation	2 50
another a little close cut at left	1 55
1851-6 5c No. 30 ⊕	8 10
1855-60 5c type I No. 43 ⊕	2 20
5c type II No. 44 ⊕	1 35
1861 90c blue No. 66 ⊕	2 45
1862-6 5c No. 69 ⊕	1 90
1867 3c grilled 12½ x 15 uncatalog'd ⊕	1 70
30c No. 96 strong grille ⊕	2 50
92c well cen. few perfs. missing at left ⊕	10 25
1869 15c no diamond ⊕	2 80
24c ⊕	4 05
30c not exactly centered ⊕	1 80
90c a good color but not cen. ⊕	10 00
1870-1 7c No. 136 grille not strong ⊕	2 00
90c No. 142, good color trifle off center ⊕	3 20
24c No. 154 good color ⊕	1 00
Carriers Stamps 1853 1c blue No. 442 uncancelled copy	4 50
1853 1c blue No. 443 lightly can.	3 05
Dues 1889 red-brown 50c No. 721 ⊕	1 05
Interior complete set ⊕	2 40
Post Office complete set can. with one light pen stroke	4 40

Confederate New Orleans 5c brown & blue copy part of imprint at top	1 70
U. S. Reprints, Specimens, Etc.:	
1855 1c 4-65; 5c	6 05
10c good condition although not exactly centered	4 00
24c two perfs. at top missing	5 00
1875 1c buff with brown gum	1 00
Another no gum	1 00
2c brown ⊕	2 00
Newspapers, 10c 2 05; 25c	2 00
Dues 1879 red-brown complete sur. in red "Specimen" small type	5 05
U. S. Envelopes:	
1864 12c No. 1056 ⊕ wide margins	2 40
1874 1c blue No. 1098 □ ⊕	1 00
1876 3c Die C No. 1125 □ wide mar. ⊕	3 10
1884 2c brown on fawn Die B entire ○ size 3 (2) 1 60;	1 40
Wrapper 1884 2c brown Die B entire ○ (2) 1 20;	1 25
United States Revenues:	
4c Playing Cards perf. few perfs. missing at left	3 00
4c Proprietary part perf. steel stamp cancellation	1 40
\$1 Mortgage good copy	5 30
\$3.50 Inland Ex. rich color	1 60
\$20 Conveyance imper. brill't color	1 70
\$50 U.S.I.R. blue-gr'n strong color	3 05
Second Issue \$3	1 00
Third Issue \$3	90
Proprietary 5c little off center 1c "Inverted Medallion" lightly cancelled	14 20
2c No. 2984 rouletted	3 10
4c No. 2987 rouletted	1 30
5c No. 2988 rouletted not quite cen. lightly can. in red pencil	26 20
Home Bitters Co. 2c blue No. 3003	1 05
UNUSED FOREIGN.	
Bahamas 1d No. 21 full gum	3 10
Br. Columbia 1868 5c No. 9 imperf. at left	3 40
1868 10c No. 15 full gum	13 05
Egypt 1866 5c pia No. 5 no gum	3 05
Lubeck 1863 Envelope ½s No. 16	2 05
Malta 1863-4 ½d No. 4 no gum	2 05
Newfoundland 1857 1d No. 1	1 35
Queensland 1860-1 1d No. 9 no gum	1 60
1860-1 3d No. 11 wmkd. "Large Star" not quite centered o. g.	3 20
1869-75 1sh No. 48 not quite cen.	5 25
Registration Stamp No. 301 not quite centered full gum	2 85
Trinidad 1859 1d No. 29	2 90
1882 ½d No. 64 full gum fair copy	6 05
Two Sicilies 1859 50gr No. 18	1 55
USED FOREIGN.	
Barbadas 1852 ½d No. 1	1 50
1871 4d No. 18 lightly cancelled	1 95
1871-3 4d No. 21 "fair copy" not centered	2 40
Canada 1870 3c No. 49 not quite cen.	1 20
Cuba 1855-6 ¼r No. 5	1 55
1867 5c No. 23	1 90
Denmark 1870 48s No. 26 not quite centered	85
another better copy	1 50
Dominica 1874 6d No. 2	2 50
Ecuador 1882 10c No. 18	1 55

Hawaii 1882 15c No. 41 lightly can.	1 60
Japan 1874 30s No. 53 (2) 1 90;	1 40
Newfoundland 1863 6d No. 22	1 55
1867-73 5c No. 36	1 30
New South Wales Registration Stamp No. 301	1 55
Envelope 1883 2d No. 705 not priced in any catalogue	25
Queensland 1869-75 1d No. 50	90
Roman States 1852 50b No. 12 lightly cancelled	3 30
St. Christopher 1887-90 1s No. 23	3 00
Switzerland 1849-50 2½r No. 15	3 05
Turks Is. 1881 4d No. 40	1 30
Tuscany 1853 1q No. 12	1 70
Two Sicilies 1858 50g No. 7	12 30
Total for 516 lots,	\$1,289.30

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C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

60% FIGURES TALK!

This is my regular discount on Foreign Stamps. There is no mystery about it; I am simply willing to do business on a basis of smaller profits and larger, much larger, sales. I do not pretend to sell everything, but my sheets do contain over 4000 varieties. I pick up many bargains and my customers get the benefit.

The stamps are arranged according to price and sheets of special countries cannot be sent. If, however, you are a general collector and want to buy cheap it will pay you to write me. Good reference required.

For a 2c stamp with your application I will send you an entire, unused, U. S. envelope, cat. 10c. (or 5 var. Honduras, cat. 20c) FREE!

"PERFECT" STAMP HINGES.
My Cut Prices: 1000.....8c. 3000.....22c.

F. PUTNEY, Jr.,
Box 944, Providence, R. I.

58TH EDITION OF THE Standard Postage Stamp CATALOGUE.

Price: 58 cents post free.

This will be ready some time between November 1st and November 15th, and, in its general appearance, will closely resemble its predecessors, except that postal cards will be omitted entirely, and will be published in a separate volume, sometime in November or December.

A feature of the new edition will be the addition of all minor varieties of type, surcharge, etc., and the catalogue will be, more than ever, a convenient handbook for all classes of collectors.

Following our practice of some years past, we are prepared to supply advance sheets in forms as delivered to us by the printer, at the price of \$5.00 for the full set. The first forms will be ready for delivery on September 1st.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.,
LIMITED,
18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

From Our Special Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Wednesday, Nov. 17th.

The four leading San Francisco dealers are trying a scheme to increase business which I think would prove profitable in all sections of the country.

Arrangements have been perfected with the Newton Gum Company by which the associated dealers furnish them free a quarter of a million stamps (and more if required), they to place one stamp in each package of gum put up, also a stamp advertisement of one of the dealers.

Each dealer furnishes his own stamps and they are to be kept separate and placed in the package of gum containing his advertisement. Special letters are to be mailed to firms carrying this brand of gum and showcards embellished with cuts of stamps and calling attention to the beauties and benefits of stamp collecting, are to be distributed and conspicuously displayed.

This action of the local dealers will, it is thought, cause a re-action in the stamp trade such as followed the distribution of stamps with Duke's cigarettes a number of years ago.

Newton's gum has a sale of 50,000 boxes per month on this coast so the stamps will be extensively circulated. Many very attractive stamps have been mixed with thousands of continentals, and should the stamp trade improve owing to this experiment, the revival will in the long run be cheaply bought.

At the regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society this evening, President Koenig will again display a sheet of one hundred selected British Colonials from his collection.

The catalogue value of this sheet is nearly \$5,000. A list of these rarities was published in the last number of Filatelic Facts and Fallacies.

San Francisco has another aspirant for philatelic honors

The California Stamp published by Chas. D. Lowe of this city, has made its appearance. It consists of eight pages and cover, and it is the aim of the editor to provide for the interests of the younger collectors

Most of the 461 lots comprising Wolfieffer's Nov. 27th auction sale are on exhibition at W. Sellschopp & Co.'s store. The many desirable stamps will undoubtedly call for liberal bids from San Francisco buyers.

The local faker referred to in No. 234 in Toronto notes is named Barron not Banon. GEO. N. BREWER.

Any person sending one or more of following coupons to E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PENN., and cash to the amount named on it or them will receive by return mail the stamps the coupons call for. These offers hold good as long as the stamps last.

Table with 3 columns and 7 rows of coupon details. Each coupon includes a number, description, value, and price.

Current Issues = ALL UNUSED.

I am making a specialty of my books containing only the current issues in an unused condition. In them can be found represented all of the British Colonials. Many other countries also represented. The discount given is 25% below Scott's 57th. Books sent on approval to responsible parties. References required. St. Vincent 1897 1d, 2 1/2d, 5d, mint state, 30c Send 2c stamp for sample page of the PERFECTION STAMP ALBUM. EDW. S. STEBBINS, 612 Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Minn. U. S. A.

WE GIVE AWAY STAMPS - - - AT A LOW PRICE.

Table listing various stamps and their prices, including 1c black Periodical, 2c, 3c, 12c carmine, 1c black unwmk '95, 2c black '95, 30c deep claret Due unused, 3c bright claret Due unused, 50c Probate of Will, perforated, 25c Entry of Goods, imperforated, \$1 black unused and unwatermarked, 1894 issue, 50c deep claret, unwatermarked, used.

We have some 30c deep claret, unwatermarked, used Dues that are not in perfect condition, that is, a few of the perforations are missing, or a small pin hole in the stamp, but not badly damaged, very cheap at our price, 15c.

POSTAGE EXTRA ON ALL ORDERS. D. M. AVERILL & CO., Portland, Ore.

In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

WE PROVE TO YOU That we can fill your blank spaces in your collection of Match and Medicine stamps, of which we have almost a complete collection to choose from: 1 to 100 or soiled stamps sent out - THEY ARE GIVEN AWAY. Try us and be convinced. T. M. DROSSNER, 566 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

\$3.45 U. S. Stamps Only \$1.00

To readers of the ERA for Nov. 27, 1897, I offer a complete set of 1891 claret unpaid (due) letter stamps (1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 30c, 50c) finely used, listing at \$3.45, for a one dollar bill. Those starting to collect and "bargain hunters" should not let this bargain slip them. Send U. S. want lists. Prices low.

FRANKLIN E. SMITH, NEWTON, MASS.

U. S. Entire Envelopes.

New price list just issued, post free. Send for one and look it over. [37] B. V. JENKINS, 1224 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

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C. H. MEKEEL, St. Louis, Mo.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing with Sept. 1st, 1897, we will buy unused U. S. postage stamps (any issue 1888 to 1896) at following rates. 1c, 2c values..... 3% discount from face. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c values .. 5% " " " " 30c, 50c, \$1.00 values 10% " " " " \$2 values..... 15% " " " " \$3, \$4, \$5 values..... Prices quoted on application. We remit as soon as stamps are counted and found correct. All stamps must have full gum and be free from stickers. F. N. DROSSNER & CO., [fin] 651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

10c STAMP FREE!

A U. S. Dept. stamp, catalogued 10c, free to each applicant for sheets who gives good reference and encloses 2c stamp. Quality equal to any. Good variety (7000 var. in stock) and at prices in accordance with the times. Give them a trial. PRICE LIST FREE. [fin]

W. S. KINZER, Canton, Ohio.

NEARLY SOLD OUT.

Stamps Surcharged "SPECIMEN" of 1861 to 1866 Issue.

The cut prices for "Specimen" sets advertised in THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Nov. 11, 1897, and in The American Philatelist, November, 1897, are hereby canceled.

My present price for Sets of 1861-66, surcharged

"SPECIMEN"

Table listing prices for sets of 1861-66 surcharged stamps: 1 to 90c, 1 set, 10 varieties..... \$12.00; 1 to 90c, 2 sets, 10 " in pairs..... 25.00; 1 to 90c, 4 sets, 10 " in blocks..... 50.00

NO DISCOUNT TO DEALERS.

My stock of "Specimen" sets is getting low and therefore it is advisable to order at once before all are gone, as I have no prospect of replenishing my stock in that line.

I have a few more

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C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Northwestern Notes.

By FRANCIS.

Mr. J. R. Gooding, the progressive St. Paul collector-dealer, is now keeping books at Cloquet, Minn.. Jim will very likely be back in the city about the middle of December and will remain for the winter.

The Postal Savings Bank petitions are circulating and many signatures are being added daily. Among others may be found the names of nearly all of our prominent collectors, some of whom are very much interested in the new venture.

There is a stamp woman at the Dime Museum. One of the boys told me of her and of her trade and added that she was married, so I haven't been down as yet. She is selling cheap packets and stamps from sheets. Her greatest trade, though, is the sale of decorated stamp plates which are made up mostly of the Columbian issue cut to shape and the medallions of the '72-S8 issues.

New collectors are coming to the surface daily. There seems to be a new set springing up and the new faces are beginning to outnumber the old stand-bys. So far this week three new stampites have strolled into our office, while last week there were two strangers. They all seem to have the fever to the extent of going down into their pockets for specimens that they require to fill out some set, so we take it that they are in it to stay.

But little of interest transpired at the meeting of the St. Paul Society on the 9th. The paper of the evening was omitted on account of the absence of the member who was assigned for that evening. St. Paul has lost considerably by the removal of quite a number of their former members to other cities, still they retain a very goodly number of active, energetic philatelists and we look for a revival before many months.

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- One 5c red and blue Greenville, Ala., C. S. Local.
- One Pair 5c carmine Nashville, Tenn., C. S. Local.
- R. S. Nelson, Ball Station, S. H., Birmingham, Ala. [atw37*

Specials This Week:

	Catalog price.	My price.
1c Post Office, new,	\$0.40	\$0.18
6c Post Office, new,	.30	.10
12c Post Office, new,	1.00	.40
15c Post Office, new,	1.50	.60
24c Post Office, new,	1.25	.50
U. S. 10c green 1855, new,	3.00	1.50
" 24c lilac " new,	7.50	3.75
" 30c orange " new,	12.00	6.00
" 90c blue " new,	27.50	15.00

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" 1 gulden.....	15c
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United States Stamps.

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	Catalog price.	My price.
5c 1847 brown, used.....	\$0.85	\$0.40
10c 1847 black, ".....	4.00	1.80
5c 1851 brown, ".....	13.50	6.75
3c 1857 brick red, used.....	15.00	8.00
24c 1856 lilac, used.....	5.00	2.50
3c 1861 orange, used.....	7.50	3.85
5c 1861 pink, used.....	8.00	5.00
5c 1861 yellow, used.....	8.50	4.25
90c 1861 blue, used.....	4.00	2.00
1c 1868 " " 11X13.....	1.50	.75
1c 1868 " " 9X13.....	1.25	.70
Set 1866 complete, used.....	41.07	21.00
12c 1870-71 dark purple, used.....	75	40
24c 1870-71 purple, used.....	2.00	1.00
90c 1870-71 carmine, unused.....	12.50	6.50
7c 1873 vermilion, used.....	75	40
90c 1879 carmine, unused.....	7.50	3.25
90c 1888 purple, used.....	1.25	.80
90c 1890 orange, ".....	85	42
Set 1893 Columbus, unused, perfect copies.....	26.42	15.50
\$1.00 1893 Columbus, unused.....	6.00	2.50
\$1.00 1894 black, no watermark, unused.....	3.00	1.50
\$1.00 1894 black, no watermark, used.....	2.00	.75
\$2.00 1894 deep blue, no watermark, unused.....	5.00	3.00
\$5.00 1894 dark green, no watermark, unused.....	8.00	5.25
\$1.00 1895 black, watermarked, used.....	75	40
50c 1895 orange, ".....	25	12

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5 Cuba 5c	5 Porto Rico 5c
2 Gold Coast 5c	3 Reunion Is. 5c
4 Honduras 5c	4 Salvador 5c
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The November meeting of the Minneapolis Society was held at 242 Boston Block on the evening of the 19th. There was a fairly good turn-out and three visitors are recorded as present. On account of the Nansen lecture a number of the fellows were absent, among them Mr. Edsten, who was to read the paper of the evening. Mr. Edsten, however, sent his paper on "The Stamps of Sweden" to the President and those present enjoyed its contents.

The date of the second annual banquet was set for the evening of Dec. 15th, and all arrangements were left to the committee, Messrs. Stebbins, George and Edsten. It is hoped that all philatelists who will be in the city that evening will send their names to Mr. Stebbins, 612 Masonic Temple. The next regular meeting occurs on the 17th of December, while that of the St. Paul Society takes place on the 14th.

Mr. Stanley R. Kitchel, an Attorney and one of our prominent collectors, sails for Honolulu very soon to recuperate. Mr. Kitchell has been in poor health for some time past and all of the stamp men here join with the writer in the hope that the trip will prove highly beneficial.

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\$1 Conveyance, imperf.....	35	10
3c Telegraph, part perf.....	35	10
10c Inland Exchange, part perf.....	30	05
15c Inland Exchange, part perf.....	30	10
25c Bond, part perf.....	75	30
25c Certificate, part perf.....	15	05
25c Entry of Goods, part perf.....	1 50	50
30c Inland Exchange, part perf.....	1 00	30
50c Conveyance, part perf.....	25	10
50c Surety Bond, part perf.....	1 00	30
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Baden.....	6 "	20
Chefoo.....	3 "	04
Costa Rica.....	6 "	08
" official.....	5 "	08
Kew Kiang.....	4 "	06
Ecuador.....	7 "	06
Luxemburg.....	3 "	03
Mexico 1864.....	4 "	08
Persia, official.....	4 "	14
Peru.....	5 "	07
Philippine Islands.....	4 "	04
Venezuela.....	4 "	04

Used Sets.

Austria.....	6 varieties	02
Austrian Italy.....	4 "	03
Bavaria, including 1 mark.....	3 "	03
Bolivia.....	6 "	20
Bosnia.....	5 "	05
Brazil.....	5 "	06
British North Borneo.....	9 "	15
Bulgaria.....	5 "	05
Canada.....	6 "	03
" Registered.....	2 "	03
Cape of Good Hope.....	5 "	05
Ceylon.....	3 "	03
Chili.....	5 "	03
" Telegraph.....	3 "	03
Tientien China.....	4 "	05
Colombian Republic.....	3 "	03
Costa Rica.....	6 "	07
Cuba.....	6 "	04
Cyprus.....	2 "	04
Danish West Indies.....	2 "	02
Denmark.....	7 "	03
Dutch Indies.....	3 "	04
Egypt.....	6 "	06
Finland.....	6 "	04
French Colonies.....	4 "	03
Hong Kong.....	3 "	03
Hungary.....	6 "	04
India.....	4 "	03
Jamaica.....	5 "	04
Japan.....	5 "	03
Labuan.....	6 "	18
Natal.....	3 "	04
New South Wales.....	4 "	03
New Zealand.....	7 "	05
Nicaragua.....	4 "	06
Porto Rico.....	7 "	05

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" " " " " " " "	3c (For 5 cents) "
" " " " " " " "	4c (" 7) "
" " " " " " " "	5c or 6c "
Roman States 1852 1/2b violet, used.	15 green and 4b buff, used.
" " " " " " " "	2b green and 6b pale blue, used.
" " " " " " " "	3b buff and 4b lemon, used.
" " " " " " " "	1/2b gray (For 15 cents), used.
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 Wuhu 1894, 9 varieties..... .60
 25 varieties of Chinese stamps..... .25
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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Newfoundland Provisionals.

Perhaps a few notes on the recently issued Newfoundland one cent provisional, the first of which Newfoundland can boast, may be of interest to the readers of the ERA. As was predicted the supply of one cent stamps of the Cabot issue ran out and it became necessary to resort to the expedient of a one cent provisional, pending the arrival of the new issue. Just why a provisional was issued instead of resort being made to the use of the one half cent stamps to make up the foreign second class rate of one cent, I do not know, unless possibly the supply of half cent stamps was also nearly exhausted. Whatever the reason it has given us the first surcharge among the stamps of British North America and judging by surface indications they will be very rare. The stamp surcharged is the 3c type A23 of the lilac gray shade which has been over-printed with the word one cent in capital letters, and two heavy horizontal bars across the old value at the top and bottom of the stamp. A correspondent in Newfoundland writes that the stamps are not sold, unused, to the public, but are used for foreign postage only, and must be affixed at the post office by the clerks. Moreover, he writes, that not over one letter bearing the provisional is allowed to be sent to the same address at any one time. I am also informed by my correspondent that the stamps will be withdrawn as soon as the new issue arrives. As to the number issued, I have been unable to learn.

Of course it is not to be expected that even under these strict rulings of the postal authorities, none of the unused provisionals will get out, but they will doubtless be very scarce. As for the stamps themselves two types of the surcharge have been chronicled. These types vary in both style and size. The commoner surcharge is a plain, rather heavy faced antique, measuring 17 mm., and the other is a lighter, clearer cut antique, designated by printers as "old style antique," and measures 18 mm. The difference in the types is plainly seen in the C of cents, which, in the latter type, is a full, open C while in the former surcharge the C is almost closed. Mr. Edmund L. Siniley, writing in the November *Boston Stamp Book*, relative to these two varieties, says: "It is rumored abroad that only one row

in each sheet of 100 stamps is printed in this larger type. If this is so, stamps with this surcharge ought to be a very good thing, for the other surcharge is not bad." In a small lot of about fifty of these stamps, all used on the original cover, just from Newfoundland, which are before me as I write, only 14 are of this larger type. While this perhaps indicates a larger number than 10 of this type per sheet of 100, it evidences a much greater rarity; and it is possible that all ten of this type from one sheet and four from another were used in the lot of provisionals before me.

There is, however, another distinct variety of type, and, evidently of far greater rarity than either of the others, judging from the fact that the lot of about fifty contains only one. The last variety is not surcharged in antique at all but in a plain Gothic, rather heavy faced, about the same in this point and in size as the first type of the antique. It bears the distinguishing marks of Gothic type, the entire absence, from the C, N, T and E's, of the little dashes and extensions of the letters, which are perfectly plain, thus: **ONE CENT.***

This gives us three distinct varieties of the provisional, as follows:

Type I., surcharge in Antique. 17 mm.

Type II., surcharge in Old Style Antique. 18 mm.

Type III., surcharge in plain Gothic. *

In the matter of irregularities and oddities in the printing of the surcharges, due probably to careless or hurried printing, I have before me quite an interesting array. On some the upper horizontal bar passes through the top of the figure 3's, in others through the center, and in others through the bottom, while the position of the lower bar, relative to the figure 3 at the bottom of the stamp, is fixed in accordance with the bar at the top. On one stamp the bars do not extend clear across the stamp but, beginning a little at the left of the upper left hand 3, leave that figure untouched, and are shortened by about 1-5 the width of the stamp. The surcharge on this stamp reads: ONE CEN. On others the bars are normal but the surcharge reads the same. ONE CEN. The missing T appears on another stamp, the surcharge reading thus: T. ONE CEN: the T being at the extreme left of the stamp and the N of cen on the right margin. It is likely that in some sheets of 100 the outside vertical

* Having mislaid my millimetre scale I am unable at this writing to give the exact measurement of the Gothic surcharge.

rows of ten stamps have the former surcharge and the remainder of the sheets the latter. Some have the T on the left margin and the full surcharge on the face as well, it reading thus: T ONE CENT. A few are of the gray rather than the lilac-gray shade. These imprints and variations though perhaps deserving no increased value, are of considerable interest and indicate crude work, carelessness or hurry, or both on the part of the printer of the surcharges.

The average collector will doubtless be satisfied with one copy of this stamp, the great majority will probably be obliged to be satisfied with less, but the specialist and the collector who delights in minor varieties and oddities will find an interesting field in the Newfoundland provisionals.

Geo. S. McKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Dec. 1st.

The stamp business here is steadily on the increase. There is an active demand for the Canada and Newfoundland stamps, issued previously to the Jubilee sets. The surcharged Newfoundland still finds ready buyers, at from 50 to 75 cents per copy.

In one of my letters, a few weeks ago, I mentioned that if the Philatelic writers would only take pains to learn the facts regarding what they wrote about, it would be of a great deal more interest to the collectors at large. Some of these writers are considered more or less authority in Philately, but the more I read of the chronicles and articles by these writers, the impression is given me that their knowledge of Philately lacks that which goes to make a person an authority on stamps, or matters relating to them, and that is enough interest in the subject written about to find out all that is possible about it. The writer of the so-called "Chronicle of New Issues," in *Mekel's*, under the list of Niger Coast mentions a paragraph, written by me for the ERA, in which I stated that they were somewhat late in listing the ½d on watermarked paper, as it had been on sale in Boston for over three months, and he says: "Frankly, we do not believe this Cape Cod yarn at all;" and he says, furthermore, in Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly*

Journal for October the 1/2d watermarked is given as one of the newest issues, etc. "It is incredible that the English papers, who receive advance information from the contractors, as well as from the largest dealers in new issues in the world, should have missed so important a change. If we are wrong, we are in good company." The 1/2d Niger Coast, watermarked, was put on sale in Boston on June 18th, by the following well known stamp dealers: Frank P. Brown, New England Stamp Co., and Colonial Stamp Co. Now, a letter of inquiry to any prominent collector or dealer of Boston, would have proven that they were on sale in Boston for over three months. It must be gratifying to the readers of the aforesaid chronicle to know that he did not take enough interest in his work to find out the facts, and being wrong, he was in "good company." A letter of inquiry to the Weather Bureau of Massachusetts would have probably brought the information that Cape Cod is some distance from Boston, but that Cape Cod and St. Louis are, in some respects, alike.

The Hawaiian Official stamps were first supplied to the dealers cancelled to order. Many of the prominent firms strongly objected to paying full face value for a cancelled stamp, and they are now sold to the trade in mint state. Many a dealer will, no doubt, kick himself when he looks at that set, nicely cancelled, but unsaleable. This is another one of the unnecessary issues, and if there had been no stamp collectors, it would have probably never been issued.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Nov. 30th.

In addition to the entire set of adhesives, we have now before us a complete set of the current postal stationery surcharged "Universal Postal Congress" in black type. The set consists of four postal cards surcharged in two lines and 57 envelopes, and two wrappers surcharged in three lines. The box in which they come bears the inscription:

"One Set of Specimen of Stamped Envelopes of the United States, of the Series in use June, 1897. Prepared for presentation to members of the Universal Postal Congress of Washington, U. S. A., beginning May 5, 1897, and ending June 15th, 1897.

JAMES A. GARY,
Postmaster General."

It is reported that 125 of these sets were issued. No doubt they will become very scarce, and few collectors will ever be able to boast of a set, as most of them will doubtless remain in the hands of those to whom they were presented.

An old collection, which was unearthed in the city last week, contained a specimen of the first 13c Hawaii, Scott No 3. Unfortunately it was in a poor condition and would scarcely bring one tenth of the regular price.

The highest plate number out so far is 513. The present interest in this branch of our hobby seems to be as great, if not greater, than any other. Collectors have never been so eager to fill their pages as they are today, especially in the Bureau and Columbian sets. There are a number of strips that are going up in the next edition of the plate number catalogue, but they are mainly such as are priced low now. The main feature of the new edition will be the pricing of all four positions in the Bureau series. The scarcity of certain sides has become very apparent during the past year, and the time is at hand when the relative value of each can be fixed with considerable accuracy.

The Philatelic Club of the D. C. held a well attended meeting on Friday which will be the last in its history under the old name. A committee of three members of the Washington Stamp Club were present for the purpose of effecting a consolidation of the two organizations. This was successfully carried out and all final transactions in the matter will take place at the combined meeting of the two bodies on Friday next.

The Washington Collectors Club, who have recently fitted up quarters in the city, are progressing rapidly with their work. Invitations to join have been mailed to 98 collectors in the District, and the membership is rapidly increasing.

It is not yet known whether we are to have two separate philatelic organizations in the city or not.

Much philatelic news can be gleaned from foreign magazines, and it is to be regretted that the American press so seldom makes any reference to or reproduce any articles except those printed in our own language. *Der Philatelist*, which probably ranks highest among the foreign philatelic journals informs us that Mr. Kosack, of Berlin, has sold an envelope bearing a pair of 2c Br. Guiana, first issue, for \$5,000, and states that he could place another at the same price, if it could be secured. Another party is stated to hold a specimen of same stamps at \$10,000. This is probably rarer than the famous Post Office Mauritius.

There is another article on varieties of the U. S. 1851 and 1857 3c stamps with two pages of illustrations, which should prove very interesting to all U. S. specialists.

ROUND O IN "TWO."

The 2c red, June 1884, retouched die, entire envelope, on fawn paper, known as No. 868 (National Society) with a round o in "two" is considered scarce. At a recent auction sale in Boston it brought \$5.

I will sell one for \$1. Have nine of them in stock.

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27 books received since Nov. 20th, valued at \$1,138.67

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Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	609
Added since	3
Reinstated	15
Present membership	627

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

In a recent issue Mr. Edgar Nelton had an article titled "New Issues," in which he deplored the present superfluity of unnecessary and speculative issues of stamps. A Canadian friend of his, who by the way is a well-known collector, wrote him a couple of letters after reading the article in question. Thinking that some of the remarks made might interest our readers, Mr. Nelton has kindly sent us the letters and we give them in full below.

MONTREAL, Nov. 1st, 1897.

DEAR MR. NELTON:

I cannot but admire your sensible talk on "New Issues" but think you are a trifle late in bringing this matter before the philatelic public. It is certainly better late than never to get such information from the pen of an old, experienced and expert philatelist.

I do not see why you write Jubilee and Columbian issues. Is it because the last issued came first and the first last? As a matter of fact when the U. S. Columbian issue was placed on sale in 1893 great was the rejoicing of American philatelists and the rush for certain high values immediately set in. American Philatelists went wild with enthusiasm and praise for the Columbian sets. The American government in issuing the beautiful Columbian set of postage stamps, set a most excellent example for other governments to follow suit, and in my humble opinion it seems a little late now to harp on the damage done. The stamp dealer invariably cries out when the slump in prices effect his sales and profit, but so long as adhesive labels styled postage stamps, in used or unused condition, can be bought and sold by the stamp dealer at a good profit, so long I say will the dealer cheerfully supply the demand whether it is a Twelve pence Canada, a New Brunswick shilling or some Seebecks and Cuban remainders, either good stamps or worthless trash it matters not to the dealer so long as a good profit is made.

It seems strange that you prefer the English catalogue to Scott's 57th. Perhaps you will kindly favor THE PHILATELIC ERA readers with some valuable suggestions that may tend to universally discourage the future issuing of Speculative, Commemorative and unnecessary issues, and instead of the amazing multiplicity of new varieties strangling fair philatelia, by all means come to the rescue and state plainly the stamps you consider worth collecting and the stamps that should be discouraged, commencing at home first with

the \$5.00, \$4.00 and \$3.00 Columbian issue. Philately may stand the \$2.00 postage stamp but if there is no use for this value it should also be discarded.

Yours faithfully,

MONTREAL, Nov. 15th, 1897.

FRIEND NELTON:

Your postal received with thanks and noted.

Regarding philately it is well to look backward to the pristine youth of philately when the postal issues of the entire world could be counted by the spaces filled in the neat little Lallier or Common-Sense Album you refer to. The same may be said regarding ourselves individually, I often think with pleasure of my own boyhood and school days. This looking backward often reminds us of opportunities lost as well as of pleasure and profit derived from our hobbies.

In 1840 when one penny postage stamps were first introduced I would ask how many persons were considered or considered themselves Philatelists? We have abundant proof and evidence of the careless manner in which stamps were then preserved by stamp collectors, whether mutilated, clipped round, oval or square, or glued down in a book did not signify the postage stamp had been collected as an object of curiosity and was looked upon as such and we are told that it was an easy matter in those days to swap stamp for stamp; varieties and increases in the number and denomination of stamps steadily followed and other nations were quick to follow the British example of issuing postage stamps.

To collect a stamp was one thing and to study it another. The naked eye may determine the quality and texture of paper, but all this is rapidly becoming insufficient to the needs of stamp collectors. Powerful magnifying glasses must be used for stamp collecting soon becomes a source of profit as well as pleasure. *There is money in it*, and whether the almighty dollar with the flying eagle or the watermarked five pound Bank of England note is at stake is a question to be decided, and a very important question too for the student of philately to ponder over: it is this, there is money in it. *but who for, the forgers and counterfeiters or myself, the student of philately?* He cannot believe his own eyes the forger and counterfeiter are at work and their misdeeds must be highly magnified and brought out in bold relief to their own detriment and the students gain. But this is not all, we may go a little further, varieties of original design, description of color and watermark, date of issue, all these details are being carefully looked into and this hobby or fad so-called is developing into a science, and in the present year of our Lord. Anno Domini 1897, it is a question not from

one old and experienced student of philately but from a multitudinous number of students of philately that a multitudinous number of questions are now asked and a considerable variety and number of accessories are now used to aid the philatelist in collecting and studying and describing in minutest detail the quality, condition and value of a postage stamp.

The perforation gauge, watermark developer, de-oxidizer color chart, stamp mount, general, specialist, or advanced collector's albums, surcharge measure, stamp tongs, together with handbooks, catalogues and hundreds of philatelic journals, and other accessories too numerous to mention, may well set the old time student wondering where we are drifting.

Speculative and commemorative issues have been condemned and also defended. Please look under the head "Northwestern Note" in PHILATELIC ERA, Nov. 6, Mr. Aldrich writes from Benson that he can use large quantities of Seebecks provided they are dirt cheap, perhaps someone contemplates using them for wall paper. Lastly I may ask what really constitutes a postage stamp, and when is a stamp not a stamp.

A speculative issue of postage stamps may be partially used for prepayment of mail matter at the usual rates by any government issuing the same, and the general collector receiving perfect, lightly cancelled copies of these stamps and on original covers, cannot consistently condemn them and scatter them to the winds as of no philatelic value. Truly philately is as peculiar and as complicated, proportionately so, as it is fascinating.

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The Editor's Spears.

SPECULATIVE ISSUES.

The all-important question of Philately at the present time is speculative issues. Below we give a couple of sensible editorials on this subject from the pen of Mr. Crawford Capen, which appear in the November number of *Post Office*, just received.

There is no greater demand at the present time for any stamps than there is for the Leeward Isles Sexagenary stamps. The stamps are as speculative as any that were ever put forth. The number of the stamps issued was so small that the prices have risen steadily—that of the five-shilling stamp jumped at once to \$15—and yet every day dealers are receiving calls for the stamps, not from young collectors, those who are not supposed to know the difference between good stamps and "speculative rubbish," but from the most advanced collectors of the country.

Why do they want these stamps? Simply because they are interesting. The fact that they are British Colonials certainly adds to their interest, and there may be any number of societies organized to suppress these stamps and they will surely be collected in spite of them. There would on the contrary be very few who would put any money into them if they knew that they would have no place in catalogues and albums.

A great deal of thought and discrimination, however, should be exercised when the decision was made to omit anything from the catalogues, even supposing that catalogue makers come to the decision to cease listing speculative issues. We do not believe that any firm of dealers can act in this matter contrary to the views of other dealers in all parts of the world. They must pull together in their decisions against speculative issues just as they do in their determination to list them. We regard the determination to list them as one which is really profitable. Hence it is not to be expected that the time will come when the dealers will unite in refusal to admit them to their catalogues. The only hope is in the union of collectors themselves. The coming together of other parties, and by an authoritative body deciding to list the new stamps in the catalogue, which is their own property, is the only means whereby the speculative stamp can be destroyed.

CLIPPERTON ISLANDS.

The Clipperton Islands, in the North Pacific Ocean, are now the property of the United States. The Oceanic Phosphate Co., of San Francisco, sent men

there a few years ago to gather the phosphate on the islands. On May 1, 1897, the American flag was hoisted, through the efforts of P. J. Henning and two other employes of the company. The *Kinkora*, a British ship, went to pieces on the islands, and the *Comus* was sent to relieve her. The British, of course, wanted to fly the British flag, but the Americans said "no;" the American flag was going to stay up, and they would fight if any attempts were made to take it down. Not only was the flag left up, but a million pieces of lumber that had been washed on shore from the *Kinkora* were claimed as wreckage. Clipperton is a small island in the North Pacific Ocean. It is of solid coral, and covered with coral and sand, which has been washed ashore at various times. On the south side of the rock was an entrance to the lake, but it is now entirely washed up and no mark remains, although it is still marked on the charts.—*Pharmaceutical Era.*

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By THE EDITOR.

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Our grand annual "Mid-Season" edition this season will be issued the latter part of January, instead of about the middle of February...

Stamp "Exchanges" appear to be all the rage this season and new ones are continually springing up on every side.

Another one is the Common Sense Exchange, under the auspices of C. L. Moreau of New York City...

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The 261st regular meeting of the Society was held Nov. 4th, with President Miller in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. C. E. Severn was elected pro tem.

The following members answered to the roll call: Michael, Massoth, L. H. Miller, W. F. Miller, Pierce, Severn, Wolsieffer and W. F. Gurley of Danville, Ills.

The Secretary told of Mr. Edgar Nelson's offer to exhibit his collection of entires on the occasion of his coming visit to Chicago, which offer was accepted with thanks. As there was no business for the Society to consider, the meeting resolved itself into an informal session.

After the meeting was called to order again, adjournment was taken at 9.45 p. m. C. E. SEVERN, Secretary pro tem.

The 262nd regular meeting was called to order by the President, at 8.30 p. m. Nov. 18th, 1897. These members were present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, W. F. Miller, Massoth, Pierce, Lefever, Severn, Michael, Wolsieffer, Robie and Cottlow.

After the minutes had been read and approved, the Secretary read the resignation of Dr. Jas. M. Craighill of Baltimore, Md. After recess which followed, the Governing Board reported that this resignation had been accepted with regrets.

Adjourned at 9.30 p. m. B. A. COTTLOW, Secretary.

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UNITED STATES.

Cardboard Proofs:

1851-6 1c to 9c complete, all fine	\$1 20
1861-6 1 to 9c, all fine	90
1873 1 to 9c, all fine	1 10
Agriculture complete	90
Post Office complete	60
State 1 to 9c	1 10
Treasury complete	77
War claret, complete	66
Unpaid red-brown, complete	49
Newspaper \$1.92 to \$60 (9)	2 34

Essays, Proofs, Oddities, Etc.:

New York 5c red	2 25
Head of Washington, brown	1 15
Essay 3c black	1 30
3c. different design, green	1 25
3c. different design, blue	1 05
1861 "Specimen" 5c brown	35
" 3c orange	40
10c green, imperf., wide margins part of adjoining stamp to left	50
1875 "Sample" 3c purple, trial color	30
1870 24c India paper	25
1888 5c blue, Garfield, imperf., good margins	10
1893 4c blue, half of stamp cut diagonally, used as 2c on orig. c.	70
Revenue, India paper proof, second issue ultramarine and black	75
1871 2c brown, ribbed paper	10
New Haven 1845 5c red reprint, not signed	4 00
New York 5c blk on white, signed	3 10
Providence 5c black	4 50
1847 5c red-brown on bluish	2 10
5c re-issue	25
10c black, bluish	1 50
10c black, re-issue	1 00
1855-60 5c red-brown, good copy	2 50
5c orange-brown, type II.	2 10
5c brown, type III.	25
5c orange-brown, type III.	1 50
5c reprint	25
24c gray-lilac ○ no perfs. to left	80
30c orange ○ o.g., no perfs. to right	4 00
90c blue ○	13 00
1861-6 5c red-brown ⊕	80
5c brown ○ .50; 15c black ○	2 10
24c gray-lilac ○ o. g.	1 75
90c blue, small penmark	3 50
90c cancelled with large "U.S."	1 50
1868 double grill 3c rose ⊕	10
grill 5c brown ⊕	1 25
" 30c ⊕ 1.25; grill 90c ⊕	4 00
1869 6c ○ 1.40; 10c ○ 3.50; 12c ○	1 75
15c second type ⊕	1 75
30c ⊕ (2)	1 75; 1 50
1875 re-issue 1c ○ 1.75; 15c ○	1 20
" 90c ○ fine	19 75

1870 6c double grill ⊕	50
10c very faint grill ⊕	50
90c ○ faint grill	3 00
1871 Nat. 1c blue ○	90
" 6c carmine ○	1 25
1876 double paper 2c brown ⊕	170
1893 Columbian 1 to 50c, all ○ (11)	1 32
Executive 1c carmine ○	3 50
10c carmine ○	4 00
Justice 2c purple ○ o. g.	2 00
24c small penmark only	5 75
Navy 7c fine, ⊕	4 50
30c good copy ⊕ 1.10; 90c ⊕	5 00
Post Office 90c gray surface p. ○	80
State 1c dark green ⊕	1 25
3c yellow-green ○ o. g.	90
12c dk. gr'n ○ o.g. 2.10; 15c same	2 10
30c dark green ○ o. g.	3 60
Treasury 1 to 90c complete ⊕	3 19
7c ○	1 25
War rose-red complete, hand p. ⊕	1 65
State 2c ○ o. g.	2 75
1851 1c blue Carrier (Eagle) ○ on c.	85
Baltimore '51 1c blk (Horseman) ⊕	1 60
1852 1c rose (Eye stamp) ⊕	2 25
New York 1846-9 1c buff (U.S. Mail) ○ on c.	8 00
Newspaper 1865 10c blue-green ○	3 25

Envelopes:

1861 20c blue and red ○ fine	2 75
40c red and black ○ fine	3 60
1870 7c on amber, entire ○	80
1874 12c on white ○ □	1 75
12c on amber ○ □	2 25
15c on white ○ □	75
90c on white ○ □	80
Western Union 1883 brown	2 00

Revenues:

\$1.60 imperf., fine	4 00
\$20 Conveyance imperf., fine	1 20
\$15 ultramarine perf.	2 50
Second issue \$1.30	2 50
\$1.60, 8.50; \$1.90	1 40
Third issue 1878 rouletted 1c violet	50

Confederate:

New Orleans 2c red ○	1 15
5c brown ⊕	1 00
5c brown on blue ○	1 00
10c rose, fine, on cover	1 90

FOREIGN.

Argentine 1868-9 5c verm. ○ horizontal lines only	30
1864 imperf., wmk. 15c blue ⊕	7 00
Baden 30kr orange ⊕	1 50
Barbados pin perf. 1p blue ⊕	1 15
1852 (4) red on blue ⊕	2 25
env. entire 1893 ½ on 1p rose, black surch. ⊕	45
Bolivia 1867 5c yellow-green ⊕	90
100c green ⊕ 2.10; 50c blue ⊕	5 25
Bremen 1855 3gr blue ⊕	1 80
1866 perf. 12½ 2gr orange	2 60
" 1ogr ○	3 00
Br. Honduras CC 12½ 3p brown ⊕	1 50
2 on 50c green and red ⊕	65
Canada 1852 6p violet, fine ⊕	3 00
1857 ½p pink, fine	1 50
" 6p violet, thin p. ⊕	2 50
Colombian Rep. 1861 5c yellow ⊕	1 75
Antioquia 1889 1c green, error of color ○	1 25

Antioquia 1889 10c blue, error of color ○	1 25
Antioquia 1889 10c red, error of color ○	1 25
Cuba 1870 5c blue ○	2 25
Denmark 1853 16c lilac ○	2 25
France 20c blue, error ○ o.g., fine	12 50
1853-60 1fr lake ⊕	3 00
Germany 1852 ½agr flesh ○	1 50
Gt. Britain 1867 5sh rose ○ o. g.	4 50
1878 Maltese cross 10sh, fine ⊕	2 20
Grenada 1883 1sh violet ⊕	5 00
Hamburg 1859 imperf. 4s green ⊕	6 00
Hong Kong 1865 CC 12½ 4c slate ⊕	1 00
Iceland official 8s mauve ⊕	1 50
Italy 1863 3l bronze ⊕	2 00
Jamaica CC 12½ 5sh lilac, ○	2 05
Labuan Eight Cents on 12c ○	55
2c on 8c ○	2 30
Mauritius 1858 2p blue ⊕	1 05
Montserrat CC 14 2½p brown ○	3 50
CA 2½p brown ⊕	3 50
4p mauve ○	60
Natal 1857 3p pink ⊕	2 00
Nevis CA 2½p brown ⊕	2 50
CA 4p blue ⊕	2 75
litho. 1861 6p olive (revenue) ○	90
" 1sh dk. gr'n " ○	1 55
New Brunswick 1851 3p red, fine ⊕	2 10
Newfoundland 1857 1p violet-br'n ○	1 90
1857 5p violet ○	3 30
1867-73 5c black ○	2 00
N. S. Wales 1850 3p green on yellowish wove ⊕	65
1851-3 3p green on blue wove ⊕	1 25
" 6p no floreate ornaments	
to r. & l. of "South" on blue wove ⊕	2 05
New Zealand 1858-9 1sh yel.-gr'n on thick white p. ⊕	1 20
No. Borneo '86 5 on 8c green, perf. 14 ⊕	55
Nova Scotia '51-3 1p red-br'n, fine ⊕	3 75
'51-3 8½c gr'n, white p. ⊕ (2)	2.50; 1 75
Oldenburg 1860 2g rose ⊕	2 55
Poland env. entire ○ 1½k red	2 00
Portugal 1855 5 red-brown ⊕	2 75
1871 240r violet ⊕	1 50
Portuguese India Scott No. 1 ⊕	60
Prince Ed. Is. 1861 6p green ⊕	1 25
St. Christopher Antigua 1p ⊕ in St. Kitts, on the cover	1 25
1sh lilac ⊕	3 75
1p red, surch. "St. Kitts, Nevis Revenue" ○	1 35
'87-90 One Penny on 2½ blue ○	10
St. Lucia 1864 CC 12½ (1sh) orange ⊕	1 25
1883-5 1sh orange ○	13 00
5sh lilac and orange ○	1 50
10sh lilac and black ○	2 90
St. Vincent 1883-8 4p red-brown ⊕	2 00
1883-8 5sh carmine-lake ⊕	1 25
Saxony 10ng blue ⊕	1 80
Shanghai '65-6 6ca scarlet (error) ⊕	3 10
1877 1 on 3 rose, No. 97 ⊕	1 90
1879 60 on 80c ○	2 50
Sierra Leone CC 14 4p blue ○	3 25
So. African Rep. '70 1sh gr'n ○ No. 3	3 00
So. African Rep. V. R. Transvaal 1p red ○ No. 59	50
So. Australia '67-73 1p blue-green ○	10
6p slate-blue "surch. "P. S." No. 205 ⊕	60

So. Bulgaria 5 pia rose and blue, type II. O inverted	3 10
Straits Settlements '83 CA 4p rose ⊕	25
Bangkok CC 12 blue ⊕	1 05
Switzerland 1845-7 5c green ⊕	2 60
1845-7 5c yellow-green ⊕	4 60
" 5c dark green ⊕	3 25
Tasmania 1871-6 1p vermilion ⊕	55
Tobago 1sh gray CA ⊕	85
1/2 on 4 lilac and red "Postage" (2) each	2 50
1/2 on 6p orange ⊕	4 00
Tonga 1895 7 1/2 on 2p red sur. O Scott 28	1 80
Trinidad 1859 4p purple Scott 25 ⊕	2 75
1869-72 5sh dull lake O unpaid complete (9) *	5 25
1 35	
Turks Is. '81 CC 14 6p olive-br'n O	4 00
1893 1/2 on 4p gray O	9 00
1881 CC 4p blue ⊕	2 00
Tuscany 1853 1s yellow ⊕	3 75
Uruguay 1856 80c green O	6 00
Virgin Islands 1883-8 4p brick-red ⊕	3 40
1887 4p on 1sh ⊕ fine	6 00
1889 1p carmine ⊕	2 10
Wurtemberg 1851 18k violet, fine ⊕	3 10
Antigua CA 2 1/2 brown ribbed p. ⊕	25
Revenue 1875 1p blue O	10
Austria 1863 perf. 14 2kr yellow O	30
Newspaper 1863-7 1kr lilac perf. ⊕	05
" tax stamp 1850 4kr brown, type I. O	2 00
Baden 30kr orange ⊕	1 55
Bahamas 1883 4 on 6p violet O	2 50
Barbados 1871 large star 1p blue ⊕	25
Bavaria 1862 18kr vermilion-red ⊕	45
Bermuda 1865 1sh green CC 14 O	65
1873 14x12 1/2 3p buff O o. g.	1 20
Br. E. Africa 1890-91 8a gray, perf. O	1 40
Br. Honduras '72-4 3p br'n CC 14 O	1 25
1888 CC 14 2 on 6p rose ⊕	1 10
Buenos Ayres 1858 1p light brown ⊕	6 00
Cape of Good Hope 1853-64 1sh dark green ⊕	2 20
Colombian Rep. 1883 1p claret on bluish O	10
Dominica 1874 CC 12 1/2 1sh lake ⊕	2 60
1879 4p blue O	1 05
1882 1/2 on half of 1p lilac ⊕	80
CA 6p orange O	1 70
" 1sh lake ⊕	12 25
Finland envelope 1860-1 5k blue, seven stars in shield O	1 50
France 1852 Republic 10c pale bistre on yellow O	2 50
1853-60 Empire 1fr lake O o. g.	2 60
Heligoland 1875 2pf yellow-green and carmine ⊕	50
Italy newspaper 1878 2 on 20c lake inverted ⊕	1 05
Labuan 1880-2 CC 6p orange O	50
Montserrat CA 2 1/2 brown O	2 60
CA 12 1p carmine O	2 15
N. S. W. Hospital stamp 1p green and brown	2 00
CA 2 1/2 p blue, red and gold	3 00
St. Christopher CC 12 1/2 1p lilac-rose O	60
St. Helena 1863-74 6p gray-blue 14x12 1/2 ⊕	30

St. Lucia CC 12 1/2 1p lake O	2 05
" 4p slate-blue O	1 05
" 6p emerald-green O	2 05
1885 CA 12 4p yellow & black ⊕	1 55
Tobago 1879 1sh green O	3 75

UNITED STATES.

1855-60 1c blue type II. O o. g.	2 30
5c brown type II. O	5 00
5c brown type III. O	3 50
5c orange-br'n type III. O o. g. fine	4 50
30c orange O 5.00; 90c blue O	14 00
1861 5c brown-yellow ⊕	3 00
1862 re-issue 1875 2c black O o. g.	10 00
1869 re-issue of 1875 24c green and purple fine ⊕	7 00
Total for 504 lots,	\$1,035.84

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 19th Sale—Boston.

Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 13, 1867.

UNITED STATES.

Baltimore Carrier, P. O. Despatch 1c blue ⊕	\$7 00
New York U. S. Mail 1c yellow ⊕	2 00
3c blue glazed ⊕ fine	4 00
1847 10c ⊕ very fine	2 00
1851 1c O fine	1 10
1857 5c O	2 00
1860 24c ⊕ 1.55; 30c ⊕	2 10
1861 5c brown O o. g.	2 25
90c used	1 00
1868 30c ⊕ good copy	80
1869 24c ⊕ fine, 3.10; 24c ⊕	2 30
1870 10c grilled ⊕	2 10
1873 12c O	2 00
1870 no grill 30c O	1 25
1879 90c O o. g.	2 00
1893 \$1 ⊕	1 25
\$1.94 \$1 no watermark O	1 25
\$2 no watermark O	2 25
\$5 no watermark O	5 25
Blood's second type of man stepping over houses ⊕	1 50
Agriculture 10c O 2.50; 12c ⊕	3 00
Executive 1c ⊕	2 15
2c ⊕ 2.15; 10c ⊕	2 75
Justice 15c ⊕	2 00
State 24c ⊕ 3.25; \$2 O	12 25
Envelopes Cut Square:	
1853 3c wide label on white ⊕ fine	3 50
3c wide label on buff, fine ⊕	7 25
3c K ends on buff ⊕ fine	80
1855 10c narrow label on white ⊕	2 75
1874 2c die B3 on amber, nearly □ ⊕	2 05
1886 1c blue on amber-manila O	55
War 1873 10c dark red on white ⊕	5 50
Revenues:	
25c Protest with serrated perfs.	25
60c Inland Exchange imperf. O	1 05
\$1 Passage Ticket perf., fine	2 80
\$15 Mortgage perf. 2.75; \$25 same	1 75
\$50 U. S. I. R., perforated imperf., wide margins, fine	1 75
3 00	
Mobile 5c blue ⊕ fine	1 65

(Continued next week.)

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In making public the above opinion this Society recommends collectors to refuse to purchase the undermentioned stamps, and so assist the Society in preventing the issue of stamps intended mainly for the purpose of sale to collectors and speculators. This practice if attended with successful results is calculated to seriously prejudice the interests of all Philatelists, and to bring Philately into disrepute.

1. CANADA.—Jubilee set—The objections to these stamps are that the set includes high values for which there is no postal use, and that certain of the values were not issued to the public in the regular way, and could only be purchased in complete sets, and not separately.

2. NEWFOUNDLAND.—Cabot Issue.—This was wholly unnecessary and did not supersede the regular issue, the plates having been destroyed after a limited number of stamps had been printed.

3. NEW SOUTH WALES HOSPITAL STAMPS.—These were entirely unnecessary for postal purposes, and were only made available in order to induce collectors to buy at enhanced prices.

4. VICTORIA HOSPITAL STAMPS.—The same remarks apply to this proposed issue.

5. LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Overprinted "Centenary."—This was a temporary issue entirely unnecessary for postal purposes. The remainders are being offered for sale by Public Tender, and as an inducement it was officially stated that the die used for the overprinting had been destroyed.

6. MAURITIUS.—Proposed Jubilee Issue.—It is believed that the usual objections will apply to this issue. Collectors are advised to regard it with suspicion until it has been ascertained whether it is intended to be of a permanent nature, or merely commemorative.

7. URUGUAY.—"PAZ" Issue.—The stamps were available for only three days in September, 1897, and were not issued to meet any postal requirements.

8. BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—An announcement having been made that a stamp in commemoration of the completion of the Railway as far as Bulawayo was to be issued, the Committee are pleased to state that the London officials of the Company have given their assurance that no such issue will be sanctioned.

9. OLYMPIAN GAMES STAMPS.—The condition under which these stamps have been issued having been modified, so that they have now become a permanent issue, the objections mentioned in a previous circular no longer apply.

By order of the Committee,
 HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,
 Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
 November, 1897.



Old Colony Philatelic Society.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 54th regular meeting was held Dec. 1st at 8.30 p. m., President Round in the chair. Members present: White, Weld, Round, Smiley, Eldredge, Sherman, Richards, Hewitt, Utton, Wheeler, Paine, Sawtelle and Skinner.

New Membership List No. 9.

114. Walter L. Bates, 84 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass.

Resignations.

60. C. R. Boutelle, Providence, R. I.

Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues.
 48 and 55. (These can be re-instated by paying back dues.)

Change in Address.

John Wills, Jr., 69 Lime St., Newburyport, Mass.

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The following amendments published in report of Nov. 17th were adopted: Article II, Section 3; Article III, Sec. 1; Article III, Section 2; Article III, Section 6.

The following officers were elected for 1898:

President—David Smiley.
 Vice-President—Melvin T. Estey.
 Secretary—S. W. Shepard.
 Treasurer—Wilfred W. Skinner.
 Supt of Sales Dept.—Frank B. Eldredge.
 Exchange Supt.—No election.
 Librarian—Lewis A. Richards.
 Executive Committee—David Smiley, chairman, M. T. Estey, G. A. Round, F. B. Eldredge, Walter Wright.

DAVID SMILEY, Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received since last report 197 pieces donated as follows:
 174 F. B. Eldredge, 13 W. W. Skinner,
 4 F. T. Utton, 3 L. A. Richards, 1 E. D. Green, 1 A. L. Sherman, 1 Publishers.
 L. A. RICHARDS, Librarian.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing with Sept. 1st, 1897, we will buy unused U. S. postage stamps (any issue 1888 to 1896) at following rates:
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30c deep claret Due unused.....	.35
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We are now arranging our sales for the season of 1897-98. By the first of September we shall have all our sales arranged for October, November and December.

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We have the best facilities for selling, distribute the greatest number of catalogues, and have a larger number of people in attendance at our sales than any other auctioneers of stamps. Considering the service we render, our charges are the lowest. We don't do 10 per cent, and 15 per cent, business. It does not pay, but we give you good, reliable service, and charge a fair price for it. If you want to sell bring or send us your collection, and let us look it over, perhaps we can make some good suggestions.

Our sales take place every other Saturday afternoon during the season.

The following letters speak for themselves.

Cazenovia, N. Y., March 31, 1897.
 Bogert & Durbin Co.
 Dear Sirs:—Mr. — has forwarded to me your letter of March 29th with check for \$31.00 enclosed. I am well pleased that the auction went so well and thank you for your kindness in the matter. Believe me,
 Truly yours,
 Mrs. L. K.

Akron, Ohio, March 24th, 1897.
 Bogert & Durbin Co.

Gentlemen:—Please accept thanks for your check of \$109.82 in payment of auction sale. As my collection cost me net less than \$70.00 you see I am not a loser. Once more Sirs I thank you for selling my collection and had I another one to be disposed of the same way I think it would go to Bogert & Durbin.
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 C. A. T.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

It is much to be regretted that the suit prosecuted by the American Philatelic Association against Emil A. Stigeler of Denver, Colo., for the theft of one of their circuit books, should have resulted in an acquittal for the defendant. This is certainly a case which should be carried to a higher court. In the report of the case written by Mr. Joseph S. Davis and which appears in the ERA of November 20th, it is said that this decision means that "any member of any philatelic society who receives circuits of stamps has a right to keep the entire circuit, and if the member does not desire to pay for the same the only recourse of the society or owners of the stamps is a civil suit and the obtaining of a judgment. This is equally true as regards all stamps sent out by dealers on approval." With all due deference to Mr. Davis I would respectfully submit that the case reported would not generally be taken as a precedent as regards stamps sent out on approval by dealers. If, instead of this book having been submitted to Stigeler by a brother member of the A. P. A., he (Stigeler) had written to a dealer requesting stamps on approval on the usual terms and promising to make returns within ten days, and then had refused to account for the same I submit that, by Canadian law at least, there would be very strong *prima facie* evidence for a count against the defendant for obtaining goods under false pretenses. It should also be remembered by any young Canadian who feels an irresistible impulse arising in him to defraud a stamp dealer out of some approval sheets that Canada is not governed as to the decision of cases like these by any precedents of the United States Courts.

In an election speech made in the constituency of Centre Toronto a few days ago, Hon. Wm. Patterson stated that the Postmaster General had so improved his department that he had been able to make arrangements whereby after the 1st of January Canadians would be able to send a letter to any portion of the British Empire at the uniform rate of three cents. As suggested by one of the Toronto papers it would be well if the Hon. Postmaster General would devote his time to devising ways and means of carrying a letter to Hamilton from Toronto for two cents instead of trying to carry one from Toronto to the Fiji Islands for three cents.

A local branch of the Dominion Philatelic Association has been formed in Hamilton, Ont. The officers are: President, F. M. Robinson; Secretary-Treasurer, R. S. Mason; Librarian, C. C. Applegath. **JASPER.**

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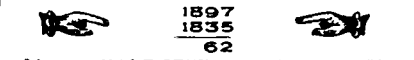
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The Stamp Exchange,
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Scott's... Chicago Correspondence.

Saturday, Nov. 27th.

I was in error a couple of weeks ago in reporting Lieut. Taggart, U. S. A., as having been in town and attending a C. P. S. meeting.

It was Lieut. E. B. Paddock who was here and in some unaccountable way I got the names mixed, and so the error occurred.

Mr. Nelson intended attending the last C. P. S. meeting and showing his collection of entires and rarities on o. c., to the members, but was compelled to send his regrets owing to having to continue his journey to the Northwest sooner than he had anticipated.

Mr. Fred G. Ross is expected here Sunday for a three week's stay with the Russell, Fox De Angelis Opera Co.

Wolsieffer's sixth sale occurs to-night at the great Northern Hotel. I will try to give a synopsis of prices in my next.

Mr. Buechner, of New York City, has been in town the past few weeks with the "Whirl of the Town" Company.

Other visitors have been Mr. O. O. Ingersoll of Galesburg, Illinois, Mr. N. H. Withee, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Mr. Joe F. Beard, Secretary of the A. P. A., Muscatine, Iowa. These last two gentlemen are here to attend the Wolsieffer sale this evening.

The annual election of the C. P. S. will occur at the meeting of December 16th. Nominations will be made at next Thursday's meeting, but I doubt if there will be any great scramble for the offices.

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Coupon No. 4. U. S. Wrapper 1870, 2c brown, Price, 3c cts. Catalogs at 75c.	Coupon No. 5. 2c Playing Card blue, Price, 12 cts. Catalogs at 40c.	Coupon No. 6. 2c Certificate Exchange, Price, 25 cts. Catalogs at 75c.
Coupon No. 7. 50c Passage Ticket, Price, 2 cts. Catalogs at 75c.	Coupon No. 8. 1c Second Issue Revenue, Price, 20 cts. Catalogs at 17.5c.	Coupon No. 9. 2c Second Issue Revenue, Price, 20 cts. Catalogs at 50c.
Coupon No. 10. 4c Second Issue Revenue, Price, 30 cts. Catalogs at 75c.	Coupon No. 11. 5c Second Issue Revenue, Price, 4 cts. Catalogs at 12c.	Coupon No. 12. 6c Second Issue Revenue, Price, 41.5c. Catalogs at 22.5c.
Coupon No. 13. 3c Mortgage, Unused, Price, 4 cts. Catalogs at 17.5c.	Coupon No. 14. 6c Post Office, Unused, Price, 10 cts. Catalogs at 30c.	Coupon No. 15. 3c blue Nova Scotia, Price, 20 cts. Catalogs at 25c.
Coupon No. 16. 50c Lease, Price, 25 cts. Catalogs at 75c.	Coupon No. 17. 25c Mortgage, Unused, Price, 3c. Catalogs at 3c.	Coupon No. 18. 10c Probate of Will, Price, 30 cts. Catalogs at 3c.
Coupon No. 19. No. 58 Cuba, Unused, Price, 75 cts. Catalogs at 9c.	Coupon No. 20. No. 59 Great Britain 1884 1c green, Price, 5 cts. Catalogs at 30c.	Coupon No. 21. 30c Third Issue Revenue, Price, 12 cts. Catalogs at 40c.

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VOL. XII. No. 11. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1897. WHOLE No. 239.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

I have read with considerable interest the remarks of the ERA's Boston correspondent under date of Nov. 24, concerning the Uruguay 1896 issue, which the Scott company continues to catalogue as speculative, while the same set of these stamps surcharged "Provisorio 1897" are given place as a legitimate issue. That these stamps without the "odium removing" surcharge, freely did postal duty I know from the fact that a good many of them were received on the regular mail matter of a large manufacturing concern of this state (New York), whose foreign business is very extensive, particularly so its South American trade and consequent correspondence. I have two copies of the 10c. on portion of the cover, given by a clerk in the employ of the company.

I can only echo the opinion of the correspondent above referred to and believe that the collector who gets the set now may have reason later on to congratulate himself on his foresight.

The stamps of Uruguay seem to be gaining in popularity, not of the booming sort, too often with pernicious results, but with a slow healthfulness which should give stability, and in my judgment will prove, at current discounts, a very good purchase. Judging by the proportionate number received in the correspondence of the above mentioned firm, I should say the stamps of the 1895 issue, particularly the values above 5c and the 7 centavos, which is one of the handsomest stamps among the issues of any South American country, would prove a first class purchase to make now.

I have just received in my mail today another oddity of surcharge of the much talked of Newfoundland provisional, which is perhaps more unique than any of those mentioned in my notes of last week. On the copy before me the last three letters of the word cent are to the left of the "One" and the surcharge reads thus "ENT. ONE C." It is in the rarer type, "old style antique." For turning out oddities and varieties the printers of the Newfoundland surcharges beat anything I have seen. Before me,

including the three type varieties, are no less than nine distinct variations of the surcharge. This makes quite a small collection in itself and all lacking is an inverted surcharge. I do not believe that any of these are intentional but simply the result of hurried work, as all the variations I have seen might easily result from a little carelessness in feeding the press.

During the week I have heard it rumored that the 3c violet brown, type A18, had been pressed into service for surcharging, the supply of 3c, type A23, running low. The stamp received by me today being of the latter type would indicate that such was not the case, at least a week ago, showing the lilac gray provisional to be still in use on Dec. 1st.

I recently had placed in my hands by a friend, who is not a collector, a U. S. local which is not listed in the Standard Catalogue. It was a Swarts "U. S. Mail" of type L245, but the color was grayish black. It was on the original cover and was found among the old letters of a family in Troy, N. Y. The rarity is now in the collection of a gentleman on Long Island.

I recollect reading in *Mekeel's Weekly* some time ago that fawn was the only paper upon which it remained to discover the two link variety of the 2c red, re-touched die envelope of June, 1884, issue. It may be of interest to my readers to know that for several years I have had in my own collection a very fine unused copy, cut square, I regret to say, of this variety, on fawn paper. Where I got it I cannot now recall, but from a faint lead pencil note on a piece of the flap I judge that it cost me about 3 cents in 1890.

I notice that in the Errata of the new 58th the price of the 1 and 2 cent Newfoundland Cabots is fixed at 10 cents instead of eight. How many collectors I wonder have noticed this?

Special.

Friday, Dec. 10th.

A letter just received this afternoon, from my Newfoundland correspondent, (Continued on next page.)

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W. P. TODD,
MORRISTOWN, N. J.

gives information in regard to the one cent provisionals which I think will prove of great interest to collectors and dealers. The letter, confirms my classification, in last week's ERA, of three distinct types of the surcharge, and, from it I learn that the total number of the surcharges printed was only 40,000. Compare this with the number of one dollar Columbians issued, bearing in mind that there are three distinct types of the surcharge, and you can form somewhat of an idea as to what a really good thing these Newfoundlands will prove for the collector or dealer fortunate enough to secure any. Granting that a corner was secured on the one dollar Columbian, a corner seems to have already been secured on these provisionals by the Newfoundland postal authorities, and even if, upon the withdrawing of those on hand when the new issue arrived, the remainders are dumped upon the market it can to very little extent affect the value and scarcity of the stamps. I am further informed that thirty-two thousand of the total number were printed in what I last week designated as type I., surcharge in antique, 17mm.; and 6400 in type II. old style antique, 18mm. This leaves only 160 of type III. surcharge in Gothic. Two dollars, I am told, is already freely offered for the last variety in Newfoundland.

If the provisionals are to be withdrawn upon the arrival of the new one cent stamps, it has already been done, as the new stamps are out.

I have the new one and two cent before me, they being the only values, which, up to Dec. 4, had been received in Newfoundland. The stamps are of almost the same size as those of the Cabot issue. The color of the one cent is on a rosy red or claret shade, somewhat similar to the 2c Cabot issue, not quite as dark perhaps, and the design is similar to the 1c Cabot. The center is composed of a circle with a profile reproduction of the Queen at the present time similar to the 1c Cabot. Immediately above is a curved line with the words "Postage One Cent." In the upper right and left hand corner is the figure 1 and between them the word Newfoundland in small capitals. In each of the lower corners the figure 1 again occurs and between them a narrow straight label, with curved ends, containing the word "Cent." The 2cent is of an orange shade and the central design is a picture of Prince Albert, three quarters view. It is enclosed by a straight line frame with curved top surmounted by a curved label with the word Newfoundland. In each of the upper corners is a figure 2, smaller than the figures of the one cent stamp. The figure 2 is repeated in the lower corners and between them the words "Cents Postage." The heads on the new stamps are considerably larger than on the one and two cent of the Ca-

bot issue which give the stamps the appearance of being larger.

My correspondent informs me that the postal department is without any 1/2 cent stamps, the 1/2c black being exhausted.

GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The offer of four consecutive insertions of an Exchange notice is hereby withdrawn, and henceforth the rate is strictly as per above.

A 3x4 inch printing press, 1/2 H. P. battery motor and three 2 volt batteries to exchange for U. S. Rev., M. and M. and unused Foreign. Send offer. H. S. Lewis, Beaver Falls, N. Y.

\$2.00 cat. value in good foreign given for either 10 clean specimens 6, 8, 90 or '93 or 12, 3, 5, 10 Dues any issue. J. L. Mayer, 119 Aldrich Ave., North, Minneapolis, Minn. [40

A big Webster Unabridged Dictionary, over 1300 pages, to exchange for U. S. Rev., Match, Medicine and Playing Cards stamps. A. Anderson, Luray, Kansas.

"Golden Days" Volume VI. (one number missing), 75 numbers "Harper's Weekly" years 1896 and 1897, cloth and paper bound books, and a variety of other reading matter of which I will furnish list, for U. S. and foreign stamps cat. at 10c and over. Duplicates taken. J. F. Rollins, Needham, Mass. (O.C.P.A. 86)

Wish to enter into correspondence with collectors who desire to exchange their duplicates. Joshua M. Frost, Bangor, Me. [41

To exchange: A bicycle as good as new or "stamps that are seldom seen" from out my collection, for a first-class second-hand typewriter, Remington or Smith-Premier. Write, giving full particulars and what is wanted for same. Frank B. Gooch, 93 So. Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y.

U. S. silver dollar of 1798, good condition, to trade for \$4.00 worth (cat. value), also 58th Catalogue for \$1.16 (cat. value) of U. S. or foreign stamps of my selection. F. E. Ellis, 1328 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

To exchange: Send yours and receive mine! Have Scott's 57th U. S. No. 815, block of 10, also 3215, 3201, 3205, 3217, 3245, 3250, 3269, 3473 and others. Otto Fuhrmann, Yonkers, N. Y.

We have a fine lot of U. S. postage and revenues that we will exchange for the better grades of Match and Medicine. Don't send torn or soiled specimens as we have no customers for damaged stamps. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [41

Will exchange a book containing over 650 U. S. revenues of more than 100 varieties that catalogue over \$80 for foreign stamps for my collection. J. F. Johnson, 53 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [241

I want obsolete U. S. and foreign postage stamps on original covers at catalogue in exchange for my choice duplicates at 25% under catalogue prices. Send me your covers. Ed. H. Hall, Fort Collins, Colo. [41

Exchange! Collectors having duplicates to exchange should send ten unused United States No. 256 for five Exchange blank lists, listing 100 stamps each. None of the objectionable features of other exchanges. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. [45*

Wanted in exchange for Stamps: Flint-lock Pistols, Snuff-boxes, historical Crockery, old Bibles, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Engravings, Autographs, early American Literature or anything historical. John Verrier, 358 Broad St., Newark, N. J. [42

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [11c*

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. First order can get plate No. in complete strip attached to and strip (in all 20 stamps) for \$75.00. S. J. McMichael, 2110 K St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

For Sale. Collection 159 varieties Medicine and Proprietary stamps, catalogue \$85.00, all in good condition. Price \$40.00. C. E. Field, 5546 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Perfect 90c carmines (No. 191 Scott's 57th) unused with o. g. complete, just as came from P. O., singles, \$3.00; blocks of 4, \$13.00; Plate No., \$35.00. First order can get plate No. in complete strip attached to and strip (in all 20 stamps) for \$75.00. S. J. McMichael, 2110 K St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

Canadian Revs. desired in exchange for U. S. or For. Duplicates taken in quantity. Write for terms and state what you have to exch. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.

50c Columbians, unused, blocks 10 or more, face, \$0.55
50c 1894, unused, blocks of 10 or more, \$0.50
Executive "Specimen" Set, 8.50
"performed proofs", 5.00
\$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, State, 15.00
5c and 10c 1847, fine, used, 2.75
H. I. Whitney, Derby, Ct.

Wanted. Collections and duplicates for spot cash or exch. J. C. Sawin, 40 May St., Worcester, Mass.

Camera wanted. Kombi or Bira preferred. A. STEWART, Bosworth, Mo.

For Sale. Collection 2350 different stamps in \$2.50 Edition Scott's International Album, catalogue \$160.00, about \$60 U. S., sent C. O. D. if intending purchaser guarantees express charges. F. N. MAS-SOTH & CO., 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago [41*

Early Bureau Plate Numbers at very low prices. Write for them. Geo. S. Buckman, Brockville, Ont.

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	Imperf.	Perf.
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	\$0.25	\$0.10
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\$1.00 Life Insurance.....	2.50	.12
\$1.00 Manifest.....	1.20	.40
\$1.00 Mortgage.....	.65	2.00
\$1.00 Passage Ticket.....	6.00	4.50
\$1.00 Power of Attorney.....	.65	.04
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	1.50	1.15

Complete price list of Revenues free.

M. C. BERLEPSCH,
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EXCHANGE!

THE STANDARD (58TH EDITION) CATALOGUE Has Been Adopted By THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC EXCHANGE, To take effect Dec. 1st, 1897. COLLECTORS should send at once for five (5) Exchange blank lists. Price 10 cents. Our Motto—Mutual benefit. [37-9-41 No. 91 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

AGENTS WANTED!

I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan. BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. Send for Circular and Price List. C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

Dealers, Please Note:

I have recently secured quite large lots of some good stamps and can supply same at very reasonable prices in small lots suitable to the wants of small dealers.

I CAN OFFER TODAY:

Gold Coast 1 shilling violet, used..... per 10, \$1.20
Mauritius 15c red brown, used..... " .80
U. S. Due 3c brown, unused o. g..... " .50
Five at same rate. Write for prices on other lots.

Perfect Minges are the Best. *
Special rates to dealers. Write for samples.
George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

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- 400. **GROSSMAN, HENRY**, from Apr. 15th to Nov. 1st, Ashville, N. C.; from Nov. 1st to Apr. 15th, St. Augustine, Fla.

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- 1447. **PREVOST, JOHN W.**, Longmeadow, Mass.

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Total membership last report	627
Added since	4
Reinstated	6
	<hr/> 10
Present membership	637

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 4th, 1897.
506 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 27th, valued at \$22,036.06
49 books received since Nov. 27th, valued at \$1,755.03
Total number of books in circulation 555, valued at \$23,791.09
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, DEC. 1, 1897.

Stock Fund.	
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1897	\$228.76
Entertainment Fund.	
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1897	125.89
General Fund.	
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1897	\$559.15
Rec'd Dues paid in Nov.	144.60
	<hr/> 703.75
	\$1058.40

Disbursements.	
Jno. Luther Kilbon Expenses	
Bd. of Vice Presidents	
Dec., '96, to Sept., '97	\$18.12
Journal Printing Co., ptg. &c.	27.15
Joe F. Beard, Sec'y Sundries	26.99
Fidelity & Casualty Treas.	
Bond	10.00
W. W. Jewett, postage foreign papers	Sept. and Oct., '97
	8.19

Compton & Sons Litho. & Print. Co., 2000 Certificates bound..... 65.00
Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1897, 892 95
\$1058.40
H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

Last year I handled the
10c BALTIMORE
This year, I have another very rare and unique local which is not catalogued and but recently brought to light. I have **THREE** of these locals on the original cover and know positively that they are the
Only Three Known to be in Existence.
I have the entire history of these stamps, including their usage and other items of importance.
I solicit correspondence on the above from any person or firm who wishes to purchase rare stamps.

EDW. BROOKS,
STAMP BROKER,
228 East Market St., Louisville, Ky.
"My Specialty"—selling rare stamps on commission.

Collections For Sale.
No. 6. Collection of U. S. stamps consisting 355 var. Postage.....Cat. \$321.00
108 " Envelope..... " 87.00
14 " Confederate..... " 4.36
14 " Telegram..... " 9.80
Total..... \$422.16
Price \$117.50. A Rare Bargain.

No. 7. General Collection Foreign, containing many rare and desirable stamps, consisting of 4489 varieties, catalogue (57th Ed.), \$927.00.
PRICE \$218.25.
Both Collections..... \$316.50.
Either of the above sent *C. O. D.* if intending purchaser agrees to pay express charges.
We buy and sell anything in the Collections but handle only Bargains. Wanted: General Collections cataloguing about \$200 to \$300. We buy for cash or sell on commission.

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.
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Drop me a Postal Card for the
CHEAPEST PRICE LIST OUT.
My prices will be sure to please.
F. NOYES, Alice, Texas.
If you mention this paper when writing I will enclose a good stamp with list. [16]

AGENTS WANTED!
I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan.
BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT.
Send for Circular and Price List.
C. H. MEKEEL, St. Louis, Mo.

Am I The Man YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?
You want Scott's 58th Catalogue which I am now mailing and you want a good live monthly stamp paper. Will you pay the other man 58 cents for the catalogue alone, when you can have the catalogue by return mail, postpaid, and the paper for the same price?
Either publication one year and the catalogue 58 cents, either two and the catalogue 68 cents, all three and the catalogue 75 cents. The publications—excuse me—
The Columbian Philatelist
The Rocky Mountain Stamp
The American Collector.
Complete file of **ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP** (30 Nos.) mint state, never folded, mailed flat, post free, 60 cents. Address, [16]
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Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

We appear with only eight pages this week owing to sickness in our office and the non-arrival of manuscript from several of our most regular correspondents...

Mr. Geo. S. McKearin has our thanks for copies of the new 1 and 2c Newfoundland stamps with which he favored us.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to be present at the Second Annual Banquet of the Minneapolis Philatelic Society,

which will occur at the Commercial Club of Minneapolis on the evening of Dec. 15th. We extend thanks, and regret distance prevents our acceptance.

We have also received:

The Stampman for December, from Mr. D. W. Osgood, the Denver, Colo., stamp man. It's just as full and bright as ever, even if considerable of its space is devoted to the Queen City Philatelic Society.

From Mr. James A. Anderzen of Loomis, Nebr., a copy of his Philatelic Rambler, Vol. I. No. 1, a four-page "house-organ" sheet. Besides the catchy paragraphs, written in a vein similar to his recent ads in our columns, there are others—written in the same style.

Catalogue of C. L. Moreau's 15th mail auction sale. There are 607 lots to be disposed of on Jan. 7th.

We note that Emil A. Stigeler has been expelled from the Queen City Philatelic Society, his local society, and wonder why some of the national organizations don't follow suit.

Era Popular Subscription

TO THE DEFENSE FUND OF THE NEWS-PAPER STAMP CASE.

Table listing names and amounts for the defense fund subscription, including F. O. Conant, Herbert Armstrong, W. W. Jewett, etc.

Our list this week has been augmented by the receipt of a check for \$3.00 from Mr. A. P. Chandler, of Fargo, N. Dak.

Have you sent in your "mite"? If not, why not now? There's no time like the present.

Mr. Chandler, as well as several others who have given, promise to contribute again if sufficient money is not raised without. This is loyalty to Philately. Why not show your loyalty?

All Unused O. G.

Table listing unused O. G. stamps and their prices, such as New South Wales Jubilee, Seychelles 1897, etc.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

J. E. LYONS, Manager, 351 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

Stamps on Approval.

Our approval sheets and books can not be beat for bargains.

Common as well as Rare

U. S. Postage & Revenues at 50% Discount

and prices marked average under those of Scott's 57th.

Try a lot of our selected sheets of Foreign including British Colonials at 50% Discount. On them you will find many unused and rare stamps that are usually sold at 25% discount by other dealers.

Good references required. [39*

W. L. DUNBAR & CO., BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

CYPRUS

is a beautiful island they say, and its stamps are beautiful we know.

Table listing Cyprus stamps and prices, including 1894-6 1 pi., 2 pi., 4 pi., etc.

All as bought at the Cyprus P. O.

B. L. DREW & Co., 23 Court St., (Room 219) BOSTON, MASS. (Come to see us when in town.)

WANTED FOR

Cash or Even Exchange

Perforated Revenues in pairs, strips and blocks; any quantities taken. Large blocks or strips of imperfs. Unused Revenues with o. g. And especially a fine copy of the 6c Proprietary orange.

WHAT CAN YOU OFFER ME?

COOK

THE CUT-RATE REVENUE MAN, NEWTOWN, CONN.

AGENTS WANTED!

I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan. BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. Send for Circular and Price List.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR EVERYONE.

Desiring to remember my customers at Christmas time I have arranged to give each customer whose purchases, from my approval sheets, price lists or advertisements between Dec. 15, '97, and Feb. 1st, '98, amount to two dollars or over, a year's subscription to this paper, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

Perfect Hinges are the Best. Per 1,000... 10c. 3,000... 25c. 10,000... 65c. SPECIAL RATES TO DEALERS. Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

A. J. KIRBY, Taunton, Mass.,

Wants all stamp buyers to see his approval books of U. S. Postage, Revenues, or Foreign stamps. The prices will sell them. State what is wanted and remember I require good reference (no dealers).

SPECIAL PACKET: \$1.00 worth all different U. S. Revenues, only 30c (stamps taken). No two lots alike. 4 for \$1.00. Supply limited at these prices.

BE IN THE SWIM!

Everybody is collecting Canadian Revenues, and small wonder, they are so pretty and cheap.

As a Starter, I Offer:

Packet of 40 varieties, only 80c, post free. Hall's Standard Catalogue of Can. Revs., latest and best, 36 pages and cover, only 15c, post free.

W. KELSEY HALL, Peterboro, Ont.

60% OFF 58th Cat. All stamps, U. S. or Foreign. SLAIN & MORGAN, 13 Macdougall St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

OTTAWA, 4th Dec., 1897.

The philatelic theme of the past week in the Dominion has been the proposed reduction of the postal rate on Canadian letters to Great Britain and the British Colonies, from five cents per half ounce to three cents per ounce, or to the same rate now charged on domestic letters and letters to the United States. The government estimates that this reduction will entail an annual loss of revenue of about \$50,000; a serious matter with our small revenue, but the change will undoubtedly foster increased trade relations within the Empire.

The drift of public sentiment is certainly in the direction of a realization of Mr. Heaton's scheme of universal penny postage, and every reduction of international rates brings it closer. I was surprised to learn how old was the advocacy of ocean penny postage. Mr. James M. Mullin, an old-time journalist here, owns an envelope addressed to the Editor of the Mercury, Quebec, L. C., mailed in Montreal on the 22nd March, 1852, and received in Quebec two days later, with 3d postage to collect on it, which has engraved on it an old-fashioned paddle steamship, with the word "Mail" on the paddle box, and at the fore mast head a flag bearing the figure "1d," at the mainmast head an envelope and at the mizzen a steamer with "A welcome everywhere" on it. The envelope also has the printed legends, "The world's want, and should be Britain's boon, an ocean penny postage" and "All ports are open wheresoe'er she goes Friends hail her welcome and she has no foes."

The six-cent stamp of the new issue has been put in circulation, but I have not seen a copy yet. I saw today a proof of the new two-cent stamp in the deep rich violet which has been officially approved as to its colour. The two and eight-cent values are the next two that will be required.

(Continued on page 132.)

Condition Fine.

I offer this week a fine United States and general collection cataloguing as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Includes 138 U. S. Revenues, 157 Postage, Total U. S., 3300 Foreign, over.

3300 Total Collection \$733.39 Interior, P. O., War, Navy, Treasury, State to 90c, all unused, complete and fine. Justice complete, used. This collection is mounted in a latest edition, 2 Vol. International Album, and presents a very clean and new appearance. The owner will sacrifice it for cash only, at

\$350.00.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago. Patentee Wolsieffer's Approval Cards, Left Page Stock Hooks and Blank Albums.

Match and Medicine.

If you have Match and Medicine stamps to dispose of communicate with

Rollie Neumann, Wymore, Nebr.

50c BARGAINS. 50c

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Upon receipt of 80c in Silver or unused 2c stamps we will mail post free any of the below mentioned bargains:

- 200 distinctly different Foreign stamps from all parts of the world. 50 different U. S. stamps, all issues represented from 1851 up to the present day. 20 different stamps from British North America.

- Complete set Coats of Arms of the World. U. S. 1851 10c green. U. S. 1856 12c black. U. S. 1868 12c black, grill 9x13. U. S. Revenue 40c 3rd issue. U. S. Unpaid 30c bright claret. U. S. Unpaid 50c bright claret. Spain 1865 1r yellow green. All fine used copies.

Next week \$1.00 Bargains.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., WM. KNUDSON, Mgr.,

106 East 23rd St., NEW YORK.

IN THE WHIRL.

NO KLONDIKE, but HOT BARGAINS.

Table with 2 columns: Country/Stamp description and Price. Includes Abyssinia, Antigua, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, etc.

*Unused, others used. [40c]

JOE F. BEARD,

Muscataine, Iowa.

Our Friend Lefever

tells us there are only five really first-class liars in the City of Chicago: "Doc" Cottlow is one of 'em, he himself is another, and we are the other three. Perhaps he is correct in his diagnosis, but when Brother Gurley can come up here from Danville, and pick up 3 and 4c Playing Cards on the streets of the Windy City—and in the winter time at that—we agree with Wolsieffer that the position of Modern Ananias among us stamp collectors, should go to him. We rank pretty far from just now, however, with CANADIAN REVENUES. The rare and radiant beauty of these varieties has started even ourselves into collecting them, and as Dealers we can supply you with most everything at liberal discounts—50 to 80%. Sent on approval. Let us hear from you.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

MATCH and MEDICINE.

10 Varieties for 15 Cents.

We have added a good many new customers for Match and Medicine the last few days. The main reason is we have the stock and we sell at right discounts.

CANADA REVENUES

Our stock was never so large and well assorted. 58th Catalogue has reached us. Send for one, 58c post paid.

WANT LISTS.

Send us your want list and you will be surprised how many of your wants we can supply. TIME IS MONEY and a letter from any Eastern city gets here in about 22 hours, and we can send you your orders so you will have them in two days from the time you send orders.

STARR STAMP CO. Coldwater, Mich.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

RECEIVED:

- Stamp Collector's Figaro, Nov., Vol. I. No. 1.
- Virginia Philatelist, Dec., Vol. I. No. 4.
- Eastern Philatelist, Nov., Vol. XX. No. 3.
- Perforator, Dec., Vol. I. No. 10.
- Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Nov., Vol. VII. No. 2.
- Boys' Own Philatelist, Dec., Vol. I. No. 1.
- American Collector, Nov., Vol. III. No. 1.
- Boston Stamp Book, Nov., Vol. III. No. 6.
- Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Nov., Vol. VII. No. 11.
- Philatelic Bulletin, Nov., Vol. I. No. 3.
- Der Philatelist, Nov., Vol. XVIII. No. 11.
- Stamp Reporter, Nov., Vol. I. No. 3.
- Philatelic Literature Collector, Nov., Vol. II. No. 12.
- Allegheny Philatelist, Oct., Vol. II. No. 4.
- Lone Star State Philatelist, Oct., Vol. V. No. 3.
- English Specialists' Journal, Nov., Vol. II. No. 7.
- International Philatelist, Nov., Vol. VI. No. 1.

The *Boys' Own Philatelist* hails from Berlin, Ontario, and I judge from its name is intended to be especially for beginners. It is illustrated with a likeness of Henry A. Chapman on the cover and its four interior pages are occupied with a sketch of the same gentleman, an announcement of the formation of the Boys' Own Philatelic Association and a number of extracts from the *Philatelic Advocate*. I fail to see just how it appeals especially to the boys.

Another new paper hails from Wellington, Ohio, and edited by C. B. Duffy. For its name he has chosen that made famous ten or a dozen years ago by Voule of Chicago, namely *The Stamp Collector's Figaro*. I am very much pleased with the general make up of the paper and its contents are well selected and carefully prepared, which is something I cannot say of many of our periodicals. I trust it may have a long and prosperous career.

The best article which I have seen for a long time in any of our newer papers is the one on the Bergedorf locals in the *Virginia Philatelist*. It is written by John Paalzow, son of Frank Paalzow, postmaster of the city when the stamps were issued, and contains many interesting facts concerning them. Mr. Paalzow

states that when the stamps were submitted to the authorities the colors of the 2/8s. and 3s. did not meet with approval, and were ordered changed and that the single sheet printed of each was secured by J. B. Moens of Brussels.

M. Moens afterwards purchased the stock of stamps remaining when the office was merged with the North German Confederation and also the stones from which they were printed. It certainly seems clear from the above statement that the two rarities should be dropped from the list of regularly issued stamps and relegated to their proper position as essays or stamps prepared but never issued.

Diego Suarez, French Congo and French Guiana are the countries treated of in the *Boston Stamp Book* in the reference list of type and die varieties. This series of articles is of great value to collectors and especially to specialists. Could this series and the one on "errors" by C. B. Corwin in the *American Philatelist* some ten years ago be issued in pamphlet form it would form a very handy little manual for collectors.

Dr. Michelsen in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* calls attention in a short article to many interesting facts concerning the various issues of the United States of Colombia. The need of such high values as the 5 and 10 peso stamps is explained by the statement that there being no money order service specie had therefore to be sent by mail at the rate of 80 centavos per kilo and that the stamps were pasted in a special book which was supposed to be destroyed after a certain lapse of time but which like our own periodicals often leaked out. Packets of gold dust are still sent from the mining districts by the same process.

"Gums and the Modes to Discover a Cleaned Stamp" is the title of another article in the same paper which is well worth perusing. It was written by M. W. Jones and read before the Manchester (Eng.) Philatelic Society. It is a careful scientific analysis of the different kinds of gum and the processes of their manufacture. Only the first part is in the November number and I await the publication of the remainder with some degree of impatience. The one fault I have to find with the magazine is the short installments which are given of its more important articles.

"Some German Cancellations" is the title of Gordon Corbaley's article in the *Eastern Philatelist* and it gives a short description of the various postmarks etc. used in the individual states of Germany. The complexity of the German postal arrangements in the old days is shown by the fact that at Hamburg were maintained no less than seven distinct post

offices namely those maintained by the governments of Prussia, Sweden, Hannover, Schleswig Holstein, Mecklenburg Schwerin, and those of the local government and of the Thurn and Taxis service. Bremen was about as well supplied and had an Oldenburg office in addition.

Der Philatelist, the journal of the Dresden society, is always full of good things and I hardly know which one interests me most in the number before me. The stamps of Hamburg, and Roumania, are treated of by Julius Lossau and Geo. B. Duesst respectively, and there are illustrated articles on Luxemburg cancellations and minor varieties of the 3 cent United States stamps of the 1851-1857 issues. Dr. Socolis of Athens writes an interesting paper on the surcharges rendered necessary by the capture by the Turks during the late war of large supplies of postage and fiscal stamps at Larissa, and other depositories. The seal of the treasury or depository forms the surcharge and it is composed of the Greek arms in the center of a circular band inscribed with two Greek words. The whole being struck on the corners of four stamps a la ceratin "cancelled" stamps we frequently meet with. Later it was decided to put the surcharge on the back of the stamps. I hope some one of our papers will translate the article and reproduce the cut of the surcharge.

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- " " " " 1c '55-'60, type I..... 6.75
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

Among the new issues of stamps received in Boston this week is the 4d Sierra Leone; the name of the country and the denomination, being in a bright carmine makes it a very attractive stamp. There was also received here to-day the 1 and 2c of the new issue of Newfoundland; the forerunners of an entire new set. This new 1c stamp having been received, there will be no occasion for any more surcharges to be made. The 1c surcharged is steadily advancing in price, being sold here to-day at \$1.00 each, unused. It is also chronicled that the St. Vincent 1sh. is now a salmon color. It is reported here that St. Vincent is to change the colors of the entire set.

Mr. Robie, of match and medicine fame, is liable in the near future to have an able competitor, hailing from the Hub, and he is very likely to make it hot for Mr. Robie, not because his name is Pepper, but because he has been accumulating a very fine stock of certain stamps.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder, of the New England Stamp Co., has returned from a business trip through New York state and Canada, and he reports the stamp trade as very good. He says the lowest price quoted on 6c Canada Jubilees in Canada was 75 cts. each. I consider this stamp the most desirable of the entire set, and I have no doubt but that it will be sold for dollars in the near future.

Some of the collectors, who have studied the new catalogue, have succeeded in buying a few of the 2 1/2d green Cape of Good Hope, in unused condition, for about 25 cts. each. It is priced in the "Errata" of the new catalogue at \$2.50. It strikes me as though this is a boom price, as there has been enough of them held in stock in Boston to supply the majority of the collectors.

There is a movement on foot here, among some of the leading dealers, to publish a catalogue of postage stamps, in which the stamps will be priced at their net-value, as a great many of the collectors and dealers are disgusted with this discount business from catalogue values. If a catalogue of this kind is issued, it might cause loss to some of the dealers who have stocked up at boom prices, but in the end it would work great good, and put the stamp business on a more solid basis than it is today.

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(Continued from page 125.)

The U. P. U. 2-cent postal card of the new set has just been issued. It is in inscription a copy of the red card of 1896, with the stamp changed to the new type. The red is of a somewhat deeper tint, and a comparison of the two cards is very much in favor of the 1896 issue both in the colour of the ink and also in the pleasing design of the stamp. The 1896 card, of which only one printing was made, will undoubtedly soon become a rarity.

The new half-cent has been issued in two sized sheets. The government wished all the stamps to be in sheets of 100. By some misunderstanding the contractors, the American Bank Note Co., set the sheet up with 200 stamps, and the first five hundred sheets were so printed. The sheets were afterwards cut in two through the imprint, and we have these half sheets with a close imperforated margin on either the left or right edge. Afterwards sheets of 100 stamps were issued, all the stamps perforated on all four sides. Plate number collectors will find the earliest sheets difficult to obtain. Both sheets bear the plate number 1.

I hear that in at least one post office the yellow one-cent stamps were cut in two by the postmaster to do duty as half-cents during the stringency which I mentioned in my last letter, but this provisional was not only officially sanctioned but postmasters were officially instructed to use whole cent stamps and to get a refund of the difference in value—consequently I should advise collectors to fight shy of this variety.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Company visited Ottawa this week, merely for the purpose of seeing what his chances of trade were here. He showed us some splendid rarities and left the impression that he could fill most of our unsightly blanks if we could raise the equivalent.

The Ottawa Philatelic Club held its annual meeting on Wednesday and elected Lieut. Col. Anderson, president; Mr. A. H. O'Brien, vice-president; Mr. J. P. Nutting, secretary-treasurer, and Mr. A. F. Sladen, exchange superintendent. Everything seemed to promise an active winter's work. It was decided to organize the Club's exchange on a basis of cash values of the stamps offered: this was deemed desirable in view of the different bases of value of foreign, colonial, Canadian, and Canadian revenue stamps respectively.

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Below is a list of stamps, prices of which I think are in touch with the times.

- U. S. 1895 50c orange, used..... \$0 08
- “ “ \$1 black, “..... 28
- “ “ \$2 blue, new..... 2 20
- “ “ \$5 green, “..... 5 25
- Confederate 1861 5c green, new..... 25
- “ 1862 5c blue, used..... 35
- “ 1863 10c d'k blue, new..... 02
- “ “ 10c “ “ pair..... 03
- “ “ 10c “ “ blk 4..... 05
- “ “ 20c green, new..... 07
- “ “ 20c “ “ pair..... 13
- “ “ 20c-“ “ block 4..... 25
- Argentine 1892 12c, used..... 02
- “ “ 16c, “..... 03
- “ “ 24c, “..... 04
- “ “ 50c, “..... 05
- “ “ 1 peso, used..... 12
- “ “ 2 pesos, “..... 25
- “ “ 5 pesos, “..... 40
- Bahamas No. 1, 1p lake, new..... 2 25
- Barbadoes 1882 5sh ochre, new..... 6 00
- Belgium 1866 1fr lilac, used..... 45
- Bolivia 1867 5c green, “..... 04
- Brazil, Unpaid 1890 300r green, used..... 09
- Br. Bechuanaland 1892 1sh gr'n, new..... 1 15
- “ 1894 2p bistre, “..... 10
- Br. Columbia 1866 3p blue, new..... 30
- Col. Republic 1876-7 10p pink, used..... 50
- “ 1890-1 20c violet, new..... 50
- Cooks Island 1892 10p carmine, “..... 1 75
- Spain 1850 6c black, used..... 04
- “ 1851 6c “ “..... 03
- St. Thomas and P. I. 1869-77 10r yellow, new..... 50
- Seychelles Envs. '95 8, 15, 30c, new(3)..... 50
- South Af. Rep. 1895 1sh green, new..... 50
- Selangor 1895 \$1 green, new..... 65
- Switzerland '45 No. 3, 5c yel.-gr'n, new..... 5 00
- “ 1855-60 2r gray, used..... 70
- “ “ 1fr lilac, “..... 75

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 - 10c..... 02
 - 30c..... 06
 - 50c..... 14
 - 1888-89 3c..... 02
 - 6c..... 05
 - 12c..... 03
 - 12c on bluish..... 04
 - 1890 25c mauve..... 12
 - 40c..... 03
 - 50c..... 06
 - 60c..... 12
 - ¼ on 12c red surcharge..... 02
 - 1892 16c..... 03
 - 24c..... 03
 - 50c..... 06
 - 1 peso..... 14
 - 2 pesos..... 25
 - 5 pesos..... 45
 - 1897 80c..... 20
 - Jamaica 1860-63 wmk. pineapple, 4d..... 40
 - 6d..... 35

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- Gambia 3p blue, new o. g..... 50
- Gibraltar 1889 5p steel blue, new o. g..... 1 80
- Grenada 1p on 8p, Unpaid..... 40
- Hawaiian Islands 1882 10c black, new o. g..... 1 00
- “ 1894 10c green..... 08
- Lagos 1887 1sh black and green, new o. g..... 35
- St. Helena 1895 1sh green, new o. g..... 40
- St. Vincent 1897 5p brown, new o. g..... 15
- “ 1883-8 5sh lake, new o. g..... 1 65

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- 1894 \$1, new o. g., well centered..... 1 20
- Due, 30c red brown, new o. g..... 65
- “ 50c red brown..... 75
- “ 1895 30c and 50c dark claret..... 60
- Agriculture 10c, used, fine..... 3 00
- “ 12c, used, fine..... 4 60
- State 1c, new o. g..... 1 50
- Treasury 24c, used, fine..... 2 35

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VOL. XII. No. 12. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1897. WHOLE No. 240.

From a Special Era Correspondent.

Notes from Lima, Peru.

A large part of the remainder that were not included in the official auction catalogue were publicly burned in the court yard of the Post Office in Lima on Sept. 19 as a result of a protest on the part of the successful bidder. This gentleman had one such experience with the remainder of a Central America country when one quarter of the total remainder were not noted in the auction list, but were placed on the market after the main part were sold, thus destroying the control which is of much importance to such speculators. He informs us that it will be some time yet before any of the Perus will be placed on the market and that prices will be sustained. This is good news to the holders of any considerable stock of this country, though as a matter of fact only 26 varieties are in the remainders in large numbers and these with six exceptions are surcharged stamps, which are already so plentiful unused, and which we have very little call for, so we are not affected by this sale, though having quite a respectable sum invested in Peruvian stamps. This remainder should rather serve to interest a great many more collectors in the stamps of Peru.

Stamped covers of the 1886 issue 50c, surcharged "Habilitada," were recently on sale at the Lima P. O.

The 1895 Commemorative issue, which were in use but one day, legitimately used, not the usual cancelled-to-order class are seldom seen and should command high prices. In our opinion they are only collectable when having done duty as postage stamps.

We have seen all the Bermudez (1894) issue with head reversed and sideways, the work, we are told on good authority, of an obliging post office official. We have found only the 1c green with the head reversed in mixtures which we have purchased from the public and we handle at least 20,000 stamps a month and have handled over 50,000 in one week.

The work on the new P. O. building is progressing rapidly though it will not be completed for several months. The new

issue 1, 2 and 5c were received months ago for regular use but it was decided to hold them till the completion of this building when the sale was to commence to celebrate the occasion, though they were not so originally intended, but as they are dated 1897 it was finally decided to put them in circulation in December of this year and will be continued as an ordinary issue in 1898. So these will not trouble the S. S. S.

Forgeries are quite plentiful along this coast owing perhaps to there also being forgers (we are not trying to be funny by making this remark, as it naturally follows that those who forge will also receive and sell forgeries for others) and from appearances this West Coast being so far from the centers of philately has been made the dumping ground for this trash. Several of this clique have been disappointed in palming off on us their rubbish, although such tempting delicacies. Newfoundland penny issues, Tuscany 3 liras, Spain 2 reales were offered with remarks to the effect that some lucky finds of old letters had been recently made in Lima. Their Peruvian wares are easily detected when under experienced eyes, but would readily deceive an ordinary collector. Several of our friends have not been so fortunate, and we occasionally hear their complaints, but this is as far as it goes, as further steps in Peruentail too much trouble. In our coming catalogue we shall give particulars of these forged surcharges.

WILLIAMS & Co.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Dec. 15th.

Last Thursday evening was held the 20th auction sale of B. L. Drew & Co. There was a very good attendance, and prices on the whole were very low. A nice copy of an 1869 90c, used, sold for \$10.00. A complete set of "Specimen" Agriculture, catalogued as very rare, sold for 75 cents each. A 24c Navy Department, unused, o. g., extra fine, sold for \$2.90. A Nova Scotia 6d, good used copy, sold for \$3.00. A large part of the sale consisted of miscellaneous and combination lots, the greater part of it being the stock of the Granite State Stamp Co. of Newmarket. Many of the lots brought all,

if not more, than they were worth, while in other cases, as one of the buyers remarked, it was like picking stamps up in the street.

Among the new stamps that have made their appearance in Boston this week are the 2c and 6c of the new issue of Canada. The 2c is a very handsome purple, and the 6c is brown. I have also been shown the Jubilee issue of Barbados. The denominations are the same as the 1892 issue. The stamps are considerably larger in size, using the same design for the center, with designs in the four corners, and an inscription on each side.

The design of the new 2c Newfoundland is a portrait of the Prince of Wales of today. In speaking of this stamp, I cannot help mentioning that old saying: "Coming events cast their shadows before."

This week the speculator is busy looking for the stamps of Gambia, in entire sheets, and the low denominations seem to be very strong favorites with him. I judge, not so much on account of their prospective value, but owing to the state of his finances, as I should think that the higher values would be a better investment. The prices quoted for a sheet of 1d is \$1.00. As these stamps come in sheets of 15 stamps, with a nice margin, it makes a very attractive block. It has been rumored for the last year or two that Gambia was to have a new set of stamps and it is now said that the new set has materialized at the Colony.

Speculating in stamps is very much like speculating in stocks. Very slight rumors will produce an active demand for certain stamps, and the same effect is noticed in the stock market. It has been mentioned that the Postal Union made a ruling that the stamp of the low denomination of the various countries should be green: the 2c stamp should be red, and the 5c, or its equivalent, should be blue: and this has caused the rumor that the new 1c Newfoundland will be printed in another color. This has created, among the speculators in Boston, a great demand for this stamp, one dealer having sold over nine hundred of them this week. This has also brought up the question whether this ruling for the 2c stamp to be in red would apply to Cau-

ada. or does it mean the stamp of the denomination used for local postage. In regard to Newfoundland, will the 3c stamp be red, or will that be the color of the 2c stamp? It is such slight rumors as these that cause activity among stamp speculators.

S. E. L

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

Detroit is blessed with no boy dealers at present. The Wayne Stamp Co. has sunk into obscurity and its youthful proprietors have sold the stock for the magnificent sum of three dollars.

Mr. H. C. Beck, the popular manager of the Michigan Stamp Co., was honored with a unanimous re-election as Secretary-Treasurer of the Detroit Philatelic Association for the coming year.

The Detroit Stamp Co. have been giving an unused pair of the old issue half-cent Canadian stamps with each Scott's 58th catalogue. As these stamps now sell at five cents each they are very acceptable to purchasers of the catalogue.

Owing to the fact that everyone had been reading the advance prices of Scott's 58th, the catalogue itself caused little excitement in Detroit. The sales however are better than those of last year despite the large number of minor varieties listed.

The annual meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association was held in the Society rooms, Cowie Bldg., on Monday, Dec. 4th, President John Kay in the chair. Nearly thirty were present and much interest was displayed in the work of the Society.

The retiring president, Mr. John Kay, gave a very interesting address, going through many years of philatelic history and showing how great was the interest taken in stamps even during the civil war.

Following Mr. Kay's address the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Howard C. Beck, made his annual report. The report showed the membership at present to be forty-seven, an increase of thirteen during the year. The attendance at all the meetings had been good and at only one was a quorum absent. Many interesting papers had been read and the program committee had provided an interesting program for each meeting. The Treasurer's report showed a good balance in the treasury.

The annual election resulted in the following officers being chosen:

- President—Mr. C. Woodruff.
- Vice President—Thomas Farmer, Jr.
- Secretary-Treasurer—Howard C. Beck.
- Executive Committee—Messrs. Bates, Porte, Aikman and Begg.

Mr. Lewis Rice, the Secretary of the National Numismatic Association, then gave a very instructive talk on Fractional Currency, illustrating it with his own collection, which is the finest in existence. Mr. Rice showed the connection between practical currency and postage stamps and also told of the many schemes employed in counterfeiting fractional currency, one of which was to separate the bills, certain issues of which had the front and back on separate paper and were then stuck together, put a good front on a counterfeit back and vice-versa.

After moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Rice and the retiring officers the meeting adjourned.

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" " 12, 1p carmine.....	60
" " 14, 4p rose.....	55
" " 15, 6p violet.....	90
" " 19, 4p rose.....	75
" " 21, 1p vermilion.....	1 50
*Barbados " 1, 1/2p green.....	2 10
" " 2, 1p blue.....	1 40
" " 22, 1p slate blue.....	1 40
" " 3, 4p red.....	2 10
" " 3, 4p red.....	3 25
" " 4, 1/2p green.....	1 50
" " 5, 1p dark blue.....	1 50
" " 5, 1p light blue.....	1 50
" " 13, 1p blue.....	2 25
" " 15, 1/2p yellow green.....	60
" " 17, 4p red.....	4 50
" " 17, 4p red.....	1 00
" " 21, 6p vermilion.....	6 00
" " 21, 6p vermilion.....	6 00
" " 22, 6p orange.....	7 00
" " 23, 1s black.....	1 30
" " 27, 1p red.....	6 00
" " 27, 1p red.....	6 00
" " 27, 1p rose.....	6 00
" " 28, 1p vermilion.....	80
" " 36, 1s black.....	2 00
" " 42, 6p vermilion, imp.....	6 00
" " 44, 5s pink.....	9 00
" " 45, 1/2p green.....	1 10
" " 49, 4p scarlet.....	1 00
" " 54, 3p violet.....	1 50
" " 82, 2s 6p slate and orang.e.....	80

Unused, others used. [40

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Send in an order for the complete books first, and then buy the supplies to "fill up" when sales occur. I do not send out cheap stamps (1c to 5c) on approval for selection and this is the only way I can supply cheap stamps to agents.

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A COMMUNICATION.

WINONA, MINN., Dec. 7, 1897.
W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,
Publisher of WEEKLY ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I wish to put in a word of remonstrance for the way you gently roast our Secretary as to his work in getting out the "Year Book."

If you were aware of the immense amount of labor he had thrust upon him during the last few days in which he was compiling the lists you would compliment him rather than find fault. There has never been published a book or magazine in which there were no errors.

During the last few days, which run into November I sent him the names of some hundred members who were slow in paying and urged him to "hang fire" as long as possible, as the thirty-day limit was a new law and members did not all thoroughly understand its application. This our genial Secretary did and greatly accommodated over one hundred members who will sincerely thank him, for had he refused their names would have been left out.

When we consider the fact that he does not receive a dollar of remuneration and that the annuals were printed for half what they have cost in previous years, I think all members will join in congratulations to Joe.

Yours for the interest of the A. P. A.,
H. G. SMITH, Treas.

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.

BRANCH No. 7, A. P. A.

The seventy-fifth regular meeting was held Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 1897, at 446 The Arcade. The meeting was called to order by President G. W. Gender in the presence of Messrs. Bailey, Schneider, Brodie, Colwell, Prescott, Humiston, Pears, Crawford, Cushing, French, Crowell, Buerger, Dun Laury and the Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, after a slight correction, approved. In addition to the regular monthly meetings of the Club, held at the club room, it was decided to hold special or social meetings each month at the members' residences. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Bailey, Schneider and Brodie was appointed to arrange for the annual banquet. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Mr. J. O. Prescott
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W. H. BARNUM, Sec'y.

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Roman States 50 baj.	\$7.00	\$2.50
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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 11th.

Applications for Membership.

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BURTON, WARREN E., Lake Geneva, Wis.: age 26; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, Joe F. Beard.
PALMER, LINCOLN N., 206 Broadway, New York City; age 30; occupation, Lawyer. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, R. R. Bogert.

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170. **MacLAREN, W. W.,** Rooms C and D, 120 W. 14th St., New York City.

Corrected Addresses.

26. **RICH, JOSEPH S.,** 489 Manhattan Ave., New York City.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	637
Added since	3
Reinstated.....	3
	6
Present membership	643

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 11th, 1897.
555 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 4th, valued at \$23,791.09
47 books received since Dec. 4th, valued at \$1,418.68
Total number of books in circulation 602, valued at..... \$25,209.77

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Northwestern Notes.

BY FRANCIS.

The new catalogues reached the twin cities last week and most of the faithful are perusing them by this time. There is some criticism over the pricing of certain stamps and a general dissatisfaction is manifested. Most of the collectors feel that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. has evinced too much personal interest in the listings and that the new edition is not by any means a standard of correctness.

A new stamp company is on the tapis. I have not as yet been able to ascertain the guiding spirits, but my informant told me enough to warrant the assertion that the new concern will have the largest stock ever in the northwest. The twin cities have enough collectors to support two or three good concerns if properly managed and it seems queer that with a single exception, the stamp firms of these parts have been rank failures. They never carried a large enough stock and they rendered the more inaccessible from the fact that they were carried on from the homes of the owners.

Another proposed departure is along the literary line. There is a scheme on foot toward the establishment of a first-class magazine. The promoters told me that they were contemplating something that would put even the *Boston Stamp Book* in the shade when considered in the light of a truly philatelic magazine. It will be about twenty-four pages and cover of a size that is very similar to *Museys*, the *Review of Reviews* and the other popular professional magazines. The men at the head are good substantial business men and doubtless they will live up to their promises.

The northwest was visited with a very comfortable fall of snow last week. It began on Thanksgiving day and now we have some very good sleighing. Some of your readers may want to know what that has to do with stamps. Well, we will put you next. In this country we look for a good revival in the stamp trade when the snow begins to fall and the dealers are always anxious to see some of the beautiful, for it seems to loosen the purse-strings of our collectors as if they had been touched by a magic wand. So we are glad to see it. And right here I want to disabuse the minds of any of your readers as to our climate. Why, we have the finest in the land. In the winter, even if the thermometer is 20 degrees below, we have no chilly, cold,

creeping feeling that goes way in to the marrow. It is bracing and one feels electrified and braced up. We do not need any other "elixir." The atmosphere does that for us. It's a good temperance lesson, because it's so dry. See the point?

The Second Annual Banquet of the Minneapolis Philatelic Society will be a thing of the past when this number of the ERA reaches its readers. It is to come off on the evening of December 15th at the Commercial Club. The committee has worked hard to make it as successful as that of last year and from present indications, one would expect their fondest hopes to be realized. The attendance promises to be much larger than formerly and the list of speakers is certainly a good one. A number of out-of-town philatelists have promised to be present and respond to toasts. It will certainly be the Philatelic event of the year for the Minneapolitans and they will doubtless make the most of it. I am going, having raked up a dollar, and will let the readers of the ERA know all about it next week.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance; extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

25 diff. good stamps from South and Central America for every 50c worth of Match and Medicine stamps sent me. any kind taken. A. Anderson, Luray, Kansas.

High grade Bellis Bicycle, price when new \$85.00, ridden about 1000 miles, fine condition, looks like new. I want a good collection of stamps. Make me an offer. Send good description. M. Wm. Hamilton, 2159 Osiris St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fine Mexican and Argentine Republic to exchange for other foreign stamps, also U. S. Revenues. Bluff City Stamp Co., Council Bluffs, Ia.

An arrow point or one hundred different stamps to exchange for each unused stamp of Can. or U. S. above the 5c any issue. Geo. O. Greene, Box 41, Princeton, Ills.

Want following magazines: "Cheap Book," Vol. I. No. 4; "Cosmopolitan," Sept., 1893; "McClure's Magazine," June and July, 1893; "New England Magazine," Sept., 1889. State what is wanted in exchange. F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn.

Exchange desired with stamp collectors who are not very far advanced in the collecting of Foreign postage and revenue stamps. Send sheets or books and receive mine in return. Correspondence solicited. W. O. Loomis, Hubbardsville, New York.

To exchange: Same nice U. S. coins to exchange for stamps. A. M. Moore, Greenfield, Mass.

\$2.00 cat. value in good foreign given for either to clean specimens 6, 8, 90 or '03 or 22, 3, 5, 10 Dues any issue. J. I. Mayer, 119 Aldrich Ave., North, Minneapolis, Minn. [40]

Wish to enter into correspondence with collectors who desire to exchange their duplicates. Joshua M. Frost, Bangor, Me. [42]

We have a fine lot of U. S. postage and revenues that we will exchange for the better grades of Match and Medicine. Don't send torn or soiled specimens as we have no customers for damaged stamps. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [41]

Will exchange a book containing over 650 U. S. revenues of more than 100 varieties that catalogue over \$80 for foreign stamps for my collection. J. F. Johnson, 53 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [241]

I want obsolete U. S. and foreign postage stamps on original covers at catalogue in exchange for my choice duplicates at 25% under catalogue prices. Send me your covers. Ed. H. Hall, Fort Collins, Colo. [41]

Exchange! Collectors having duplicates to exchange should send ten unused United States No. 256 for five Exchange blank lists, listing 100 stamps each. None of the objectionable features of other exchanges. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. [45*]

Wanted in exchange for Stamps: Flint-lock Pistols, Snuff-boxes, historical Crockery, old Bibles, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Engravings, Autographs, early American Literature or anything historical. John Verrier, 358 Broad St., Newark, N. J. [42]

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [16*]

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100 mixed, 5c; 12 Belgium, 5c; 10 French, 5c; 10 German, 5c; 50 all different, 15c. All for 30c. EUGENE W. ABBOTT, Springvale, Maine.

I think I sell cheaper in most all cases than any other dealer. Send for my Price List of U. S. Revenues, and you will no doubt think as I do. It is free. Herman Sechner, 17 McClintock Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

Permanent, reliable agents wanted. U. S. Revs. 50¢ off 58th. Geo. Shepard, McClintock Av., Allegheny, Pa.

Will trade a fine morocco U. S. album, all engraved, gilt edges, a beauty, cost \$30.00, for \$25.00 of U. S. for my collection. Have a fine \$10 California gold piece (Moffat & Co.) for \$12 cash. Fine Revs. at 50% disc. H. I. Whitney, Derby, Conn.

Stewart's Guide to the Colors of Postage Stamps. Post free 12c. C. Stewart, 210 E. 9th St., St. Paul, Minn. [44]

\$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 Col'bians new, no gum, \$15, 10c '47 whicp., \$5. Bluff City Stamp Co., Council Bluffs, Ia.

'69 15c. good copy, 90c; '70 issue, grills faint but guaranteed, 1c, 20c; 6c, \$1.25; 15c, \$2.50; Proprietary 4c red, 6c. F. W. ROTHERY, 2621 Davenport St., Omaha, Nebr. [41]

To Get Rid of Some Duplicates, I Offer at 60 per cent Discount: U. S. envelope, 2c, green on amber, die A (rejected die), entire new and fine, 40c. Same on white, 30c. 1884, June, 2c brown on blue, re-touched die, entire, new and fine, 60c. 1871 Proprietary 6c black and green, 50c. One each of above, \$1.50. F. E. ELLIS, A. P. A. 1445, 1328 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Wanted: Petersburg Locals, will pay \$5.00 to \$7.00 each; Athens, Ga., \$30.00 to \$25.00; New Orleans 5c, \$1.00 each, and any number of Confederate stamps bought, used or unused, also 1/2 sheets 2c green U. S. 1887, 2c brown, 3c red 1832 o. g. R. I. DEITRICK, Lorraine, Va. [41]

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Complete price list of Revenues free.

M. C. BERLEPSCH,

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

The attendance at the December meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, as is usually the case in the holiday month, was rather small and not very much business was transacted. President Newbury and Mr. Dawson were appointed the committee on the annual meeting and banquet, which occurs in February. The matter of holding an auction at that time was left to the discretion of the auction committee.

After the business meeting, the members adjourned to the residence of Hon. F. F. Olney, where they were given an opportunity of viewing Mr. Olney's magnificent collection. The writer regrets very much that he could not be present but from all reports the evening was a veritable treat to those who were. A large proportion of Mr. Olney's specimens are unused and the array of rarities is something to be remembered. As to figures, I do not dare quote any where Mr. Olney may see them, but when a newspaper reporter gives the value of the collection, he always ends the amount with several ciphers.

The recent arrest of an employe of the Providence post office, on the charge of stealing from the mails, has, I hope, put a stop to a serious annoyance from which the people of this city have been suffering for several months past. For some time, valuable letters, mostly those containing money, have been missed, and complaints became so numerous that the authorities were finally aroused to watching the whole local force. After several weeks of work the inspectors caught a half-breed Indian, who was employed as driver on one of the mail wagons, in the act of appropriating money that had been paid in for newspaper postage, and he later confessed to the theft of letters. The man had been in the habit of climbing in at one of the windows which open on an unfrequented alley, where the mail wagons stand, obtaining his plunder and then climbing out by the same way. The writer was a loser by this fellow in at least one instance and he doesn't know whether or not any other of the city "cranks" were victims.

Trade is falling off somewhat, as is usual before the holidays, but prospects are bright for a rush in January. Not only are many new lambs coming into the fold, but the old collectors who laid aside their albums during the depression, under the idea that stamp collecting was dead, are one by one waking up to the fact that the corpse is a mighty lively one, after all.

No one denies that the makers of the standard catalogue have a right to list anything they please as "varieties," from peppermint flavored gum to sewing machine perforations, but collectors who permit themselves to be humbugged into buying extra sets of such varieties as the so-called "gray surfaced" paper of the Post Office Department, have only themselves to blame when they discover how they have been fooled. I mention these "gray surface" stamps particularly, because a good proof of how much of a "variety" they are is found in a block recently offered at a New York sale. Of this block, the upper row of stamps is described as on the surface paper and the lower row as on the white. Why would it not be consistent for the cataloguers to list the current two cent on pink surfaced paper, or the old three cent green on green surfaced paper, or about half of all the other stamps that were ever issued on "surfaced" paper? And now that I have written this last suggestion, I am almost afraid to let it be printed, for fear that it will be followed!

Speaking of the catalogue, have you noticed how many "freaks," especially in inverted surcharges, have come to the surface since they were listed in the new book? Almost every collector has had from a single specimen to a few dozen of these things, which he has been holding for fear that they were rare. Now that the catalogue has shattered his air castles he is very willing to sell.

In spite of the reported rush for the old Canada half cent, the pesky little stamps seem to turn up in cheap lots about as often as ever. It seems that a corner in these is likely to prove about as profitable as a corner in two cent Columbians would have been. But there are some people who never can learn anything. I knew a man who sold out his unused Columbians at less than face and bought certain "coming" British Colonials at about catalogue rates. The Colonials are still "coming," or were when I last heard from them, for by this time he may have sold out at a discount and bought Canadas. The writer has an idea that the people who are paying "five cents apiece and more" for the little black half-centers are those who believe in getting rich slowly.

How kind it was in the S. S. S. S. to condemn the Canada Jubilee stamps just before Thanksgiving time!

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In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

Chesapeake Stamp Co.,
230 E. Balto. St., Baltimore, Md.
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

There have been several philatelists of note here lately.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht was in town for a couple of days last week on important business for his firm. It was the first time I had ever met him and spent an enjoyable hour listening to his reminiscences.

Mr. Henry W. Mischler of Springfield, Illinois, was here on the 29th ult., and the day before Mr. A. C. Townsend passed through the city on his way to his new home in Texas.

Mr. Fred G. Ross of New York City is here again on his annual tour with the Russell, Fox, De Angelis Co. to stay three weeks. He has his usual stock of stamp stories and is enthusiastic regarding the new American Collectors Co., of which he is vice-president. The stock of this company has already been issued, it having been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

Mr. Ross is authority for the statement that the Wells, Fargo & Co. stamps of the 1860 issue which are usually regarded as locals, were made regular postage stamps by act of Congress.

The new Catalogue with its yellow cover is here, having arrived last week, and collectors are busy checking up their collections according to its many shades and varieties.

Owing to the changes in the prices, Mr. Wolsieffer has postponed his December sale until next month, in order to give himself time to change the prices of the lots in his auction catalogue.

The sale will occur early in January and will be duly announced in the Wolsieffer corner of the ERA's advertising column.

The annual meeting of the C. P. S. will occur on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 16th.

As the election occurs at this meeting, it is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance. As a special attraction our official photographer, Mr. Geo. B. Ward intends taking some flash-light photos of the members present.

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San Francisco Notes.

The new catalogue arrived here several days ago and, as usual, found the stamp collecting fraternity eager to peruse it. As it now stands, it is a list for the ultra-advanced collector and much disgust has been expressed on account of the many hair-splitting varieties enumerated. There is an old saying about "killing the goose that lays the golden eggs" that might apply in the present instance.

The San Francisco Stamp Trading Co. recently rented a large store on a prominent business street. It was at first supposed to be a new company formed for the purpose of dealing in postage stamps, and much speculation was indulged in as to who was behind the enterprise. The local dealers are resting easier now as it is announced that the company will issue coupons that will command a rebate on many lines of goods sold by the retail stores and it is not their intention to deal in postal emissions.

At the last meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society Mr. Wilcox exhibited thirty-three copies of the $\frac{1}{2}$ on 4 pence Turks Island, Scott's No. 58, in singles, pairs, strips and blocks. I understand that this is the finest lot of this variety shown in any one collection in the United States. Mr. Wilcox through his correspondence with the printer has discovered that there were four printings of this surcharge, instead of three as listed by Baron Reuterskjold in his volume on the stamps of Turks Island, published by Stanley Gibbons.

The local trade is being augmented by the demand for lots of stamps for holiday gifts. This demand helps to offset the natural dullness of the holiday season when collectors suffer with depletion of the treasury owing to Christmas presents.

GEO. N. BREWER.

Forgeries.

NAPLES.

With the exception of the 50 grana and the two $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese we do not know of any good forgeries of the stamps of Naples, except those made to defraud the government. The ordinary forgeries are lithographed instead of engraved and are on unwatermarked paper.

As there are several dangerous imitations of the 50 grana and $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese (arms and cross) we shall, instead of describing each forgery, give a minute description of the genuine.

50 Grana:

Size of inner oval: height 16 mm., width $13\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Size of outer oval; height 22mm., width $19\frac{1}{2}$ mm. There is a colon after "50." If the vertical line in the centre of the Coat of Arms should be continued upward it would cut through the centre of the "o" of "POSTA". If the left diagonal line of the Coat of Arms should be continued downward, it would pass to the left of the first "o" of "BOLLO". If the right diagonal line should be continued upward, it would pass to the right of the second "i." of "DELLA," touching the foot, and if continued downward it would cut through the left foot of the last "A" of "NAPOLETANA."

$\frac{1}{2}$ tornese:

The outer frame line at the bottom and at the right side is thick, while it is thin at the top and left side. The outer circle at the right side, beginning above the "s" of "POSTA" and ending below the " $\frac{1}{2}$," is thick, and the outer side is thin. The inner circle at the left side, beginning below the "p" of "POSTA" and ending over the "t," is thick, while the right side is thin; the "o" of "POSTA" is smaller than the other letters of the same word. The "1" of the " $\frac{1}{2}$ " has a foot and a slanting serif, the foot of the "2" is straight, not curved, but ends with a hook. The "i" of " $\frac{1}{2}$ " does not touch the fraction line. If a line should be drawn from the left lower corner to the upper right corner of the inner rectangle it would run through the right side of the first "o" of "BOLLO" and pass at $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. to the left of the first "x" of "NAPOLETANA." If a line should be drawn from the upper left corner to the lower right corner of the inner rectangle, it would run through the centre of the horizontal branch of the second "i." of "DELLA" and through the right arm of the second "x" of "NAPOLETANA."—*Am. Journal of Phil.*

SICILY.

The forgeries of the stamps of Sicily are rather poor, they being lithographed while the genuine are engraved, and a cursory comparison will be sufficient to distinguish them. However, to aid comparison, we shall give a few of the points pertaining to the genuine.

The lower half of the "b" of "BOLLO" is a trifle smaller than the upper half. There is a period after "SICILIA" exactly opposite the right branch of the "B" of "BOLLO," a trifle higher than the bottom frame line of the inner rectangle. There is always a horizontal colored line running through the bottom label, immediately below the bottom frame line of the inner rectangle—*Am. Journal of Philately.*

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Dec. 15th.

I have just received from one of my correspondents in New Brunswick a few of the six cent stamps of the new issue of Canada. The design is the same as the ½c and the color is a deep rich brown, with just a faint reddish tinge. It is a very handsome stamp and judging by the two values thus far received I think Canada's new issue will add a pleasing page to our albums.

No class of persons needs more carefully to train the mind and eye to the observation of minute details than stamp collectors. (I use the word as including dealers, for every dealer ought to be a collector.) How easy a matter it is to pass over, again and again perhaps, a variety, even when its existence is already known, was well illustrated in my own experience the past week. I was just in the act of putting in an envelope, preparatory to sealing and sending it away, one of the Newfoundland one cent provisionals on the cover, when a ray of light chancing to fall directly on the stamp, I was greatly surprised and equally delighted to discover that, instead of being, as I supposed, the common variety, type I., it was the rare type III., surcharged in Gothic. I had probably looked at that same stamp 50 times, and, though well aware of the existence of the Gothic surcharge, had previously failed to note it in that particular case. Some collector will perhaps never know how narrowly he missed securing the rarity at a nominal price. It is needless perhaps to add that I carefully looked over again, all the copies of the provisional in my possession, but I did not find another type III. This makes two of the Gothic surcharge in a small lot of about fifty. This is the right proportion, if the figures of my Newfoundland correspondent as to the total number of the surcharges printed are correct. The total number being 40,000, divided as follows, type I., 32,000; type II., 6,400; type III., 1,600, the proportion of type II. to type I. would be as 1 to 5 and of type III. to type I., as 1 to 20. In each sheet of 100 stamps, eighty would be surcharged in antique, sixteen in old style antique, and four in Gothic. The manner of their printing in the sheet is of course largely a matter of conjecture, but I am inclined to believe that in each sheet of 100, four stamps of the top row will be found with the Gothic surcharge, the bottom row and balance of the top in type II., and the remainder of the sheet with the commoner surcharge. Perhaps I have already worn this subject thread-

bare so will presume no longer on the patience of my readers.

Quite a rarity recently turned up among some old letters in the house of a friend of mine, it being a U. S. split provisional which is not listed in the 58th. It consisted of a pair of 2c black 1868, grilled, used, on the original cover, and one stamp cut vertically in halves to make the letter postage of three cents. The similar stamp of the 1862-66 issue, without the grill is listed by Scott at \$25.00. Their are unquestionably a great many good things still to be found in the old haircloth trunks of our daddies and grand-daddies.

Collectors of Chinese stamps should consult the Errata of the new 58th catalogue as they will find quite a few changes in the matter of prices. Although the prices of the 3c red lilac and 5c greenish yellow perf. 12 of the 1885 issue are wrongly quoted in the body of the catalogue, being interchanged with the prices of the stamps perf. 12½, I have learned that such is not the case with the 1c green perf. 12, which is correctly priced at 35 cents, either used or unused.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

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The 263rd regular meeting was called to order by the President on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 2nd, 1897, at 8.30 o'clock, with the following members present: Messrs. Miller, Severn, Lefever, Wolskiesfer, Michael, Mansoth, Leckie, Stephens, Potts, Ross (F. G.), Sonntag, Spierling and Cottlow.

After the minutes had been read and approved the Secretary gave notice that the next meeting would be the annual. The Treasurer made a brief report as to the condition of the finances. Recess was dispensed with and nominations for officers for the ensuing year were called for.

The following nominations were made: For President: Mr. L. S. Miller; for Vice President: Mr. C. E. Severn; for Secretary: Mr. Fred Michael; for Treasurer: Mr. F. J. Lefever; for Governing Board (three to be elected): Messrs. Michael, Kurzweg, Sonntag, Spierling, Huber, McDonald, Cottlow, Gadsden, Stephens, Wolsley, Berger, Leland, Rohie and Schreiner.

The following gentlemen were given to be suggested to the new Board for appointment: To the office of Exchange Manager, Mr. Chas. Krippachne; To the office of Librarian, Mr. F. J. Lefever.

Adjournment followed.

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FUERA DE HORA STAMPS.

The following letter has been sent us by Mr. Pullen with his permission to publish.

SAVANNAH, GA., Nov. 25, '97.

MR. JOS. H. PULLEN,
HOUMA, LA.

Dear Sir: Have just finished reading your letter in ERA of Nov. 13 and wish to write a few words on the subject of "Fuera de Hora" stamps. I have a few of these stamps in my collection (all cancelled) which were given to me by a naval officer who was stationed on the U. S. S. Marion at Montevideo about 1881.

These stamps were used on letters which were posted after the regular closing of the out-going mail from Montevideo and by paying the extra fee the letters so stamped were taken on board the steamer in a special pouch a few minutes before sailing. Owing to being used so very little they will always be valuable, and I think a great deal of those I possess. I send you this for information, an extract from which you may publish if you so wish.

Very respectfully,

L. BARTON.

A WARNING!

PETERBORO, ONT., Dec. 14, 1897.

Editor ERA.

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: One Lyman J. Hastings wrote me from Boston on 6th inst., requesting a consignment of stamps, rare Canada Revenues, etc., and gave the Third National Bank of that city as reference. The Cashier advises me that the gentle-

man (?) is not known at the bank, that they have had other letters besides mine inquiring as to this party's responsibility, and that his name does not appear in the City Directory, all of which I submit, savours strongly of the stamp swindler.

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Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

The philatelic clubs of Washington are having a lively time of it at present. The two old ones have voted themselves out of existence and formed the Washington Philatelic Society, who intend to rent a room in some building as soon as enough members can be secured to insure the rent. The dues have been fixed at 25 cents a month, which means that 50 members will be necessary to make the Society a success.

The Washington Collectors Club, with its newly equipped quarters at 702 14th St., has been rapidly increasing its membership. It is to be regretted, however, that the two organizations now in existence cannot be consolidated into one strong and active club, as there is not enough material in the city to make a success of two. A combination is a thing of absolute necessity in this case, and unless it can be effected at an early date, the prospects of both will be much impaired.

There is a general impression among the trade that business is increasing, though large sales seem to be an exception. There is no doubt that anything out of the ordinary run will find a speedy customer at a fair price, but whatever can be obtained at any time is hard to place, even if the price be very low.

Never has the demand for plate numbers been greater than at present. This is one branch of collecting that can be considered very active. The demand is mainly for the scarcer strips of Bureau issue and 2c Columbians. The third edition of the Plate Number Catalogue is ready to go to press and will be out about the first of the year. It will contain a number of new features which can only make this branch of collecting more popular. Only the issues from 1890 will be listed in this edition.

Something new is the addition of a small capital letter to some of the latest numbers. Just what this means is yet unknown but it will not be difficult to find out.

The type of the recent figures has been changed again, and is now somewhat heavier.

Entire envelopes are coming to the front this season. Dealers are advertising them throughout the country, which cannot fail to help them. We are particularly struck with the frequency with which we find a certain variety offered for sale. It is the 2c brown, Die B, on fawn, of July 1884. The fact that it is listed in the two last editions of the Standard Catalogue at \$5.00,

is always referred to in some way, which would make it appear as a great bargain at \$1.00. A peculiar thing about this Die B seems to be that it is found scattered among Die A in the same package or box. The writer once found over 100 in a box of 500, and noticed in the possession of a fellow dealer a full box similarly mixed. All efforts to secure the lot were in vain, and since then the owner has discovered his prize.

Since the decision of the Stigeler case, the demand for stamps on approval has wonderfully increased. A few days ago three dealers here received requests from Peabody, Williams & Co. of East Providence, R. I. giving as reference parties who know nothing about them. The postmaster states that upon request of addressees "sent by mail" he had just forwarded all matter for this firm to Pawtucket, but would communicate with the postmaster there. It is doubtless a case of intended fraud.

A double print of a red horseman carrier stamp is certainly a rarity. A specimen of same has been noticed in a collection of common stamps. The right border was repeated about 2mm to the left of the regular one.

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Halifax Notes,

Halifax collectors were a little bit dismayed on the appearance of the Newfoundland provisionals, thinking the old colony might be taking a philatelic backslide. but I am happy to say we have enough information to satisfy us that the surcharge of 10 on 3c was due to actual necessity. A correspondant in St. Johns informs me that all the local letters and papers are being marked with an ink stamp "Paid all," while the provisionals are only used on foreign matter. He could obtain but a very small number of unused copies as the stamps are affixed by the clerks of the department and not sold at the window. Several enterprising gentlemen here had a large number of circulars mailed to their own addresses, but alas they received them marked "Paid all". The circulars had been enclosed under cover to the P. O. here for re-distribution. Such, I believe, is done when there is a large quantity for any particular place. Persons getting the stamps at the prices quoted by your Boston correspondent will be very lucky.

Stamp collecting is reviving here. B. N. A. and good U. S. hold their prices in spite of the fact that certain varieties bring so little at auction in the U. S. I am inclined to think that the specimens sold are more often undesirable than otherwise. A short time ago I bought at auction two stamps at about one-fifth catalogue which I was very glad to get rid of at a small advance and yet the description warranted one in supposing that they were good copies.

One thing which to my mind has had a tendency to depreciate good stamps during the past couple of years is the ill-advised advertising of some dealers. A school-boy buys one of the so-called dealer's stocks and advertises "Foreign stamps at 60% to 75% off Scott." Many persons who see these ads expect to get Moldavian, Swiss and Spanish rarities at such discounts. A man with whom I have exchanged and to whom I have sold many good stamps said to me not long ago. "I can't buy from you as I can get anything I want at 60% off." I asked him where, and he pointed to the ads of several people most of whom probably carry their stocks in their coat pockets. If dealers have stamps for sale at such discounts they should specify them, as the wise ones do. Another person expected me to give him a discount of 50% on unused colonials, which would bring the prices below their face value.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Notes.

Tuesday, Dec. 21st

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 93rd sale on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11th, brought out the largest attendance of any auction sale this season, over 40 persons being present. The class of stamps and the condition were better than usual and prices ruled very good, very few stamps bringing less than ½ catalogue. 90 cents U. S. re-issue of 1861, brought \$25.25; 12c re-issue of 1873 unused, brought \$25.50; 24c same issue unused, \$26.50; Barbados 1873, 5 shillings fine color, unused and o. g., brought \$14.75; a really fine copy of the 9d imperforate of Ceylon lightly cancelled, brought only \$11, fine used copies of this stamp bring double this price in London; Zululand 5 shillings unused, brought \$10. The total amount realized was \$1,115.00.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Collectors Club held recently, about 30 members were on hand. After the reading of reports, during which was brought out that the resigning chairman of the house committee was entitled to honorary mention for being present, nearly 300 times the year past, the question of raising the dues and initiation fee was brought up and to the surprise of many who expected strong opposition to the idea the motion went through flying. The dues and initiation fees to all new members after January 1st are \$10 each, and after October 1st, '98, the dues of all members will be \$10. On election of officers Mr. Wm. Thorne was chosen President for the coming year in place of Mr. Herrick resigned. Mr. P. F. Bruner was elected Vice President and Messrs. J. W. Scott and H. L. Calman and Dr. Stebbins were elected to the Board of Governors.

The following announcement written in the usual humorous style of the new chairman of the house committee has appeared on the bulletin board in the Club house:

"Amusement Committee beg to announce an entertainment on or about Dec. 29th, '97. There will be a Xmas tree to which members are requested to send gifts of an amusing nature. It is desired to give a short amateur performance. We hope members will volunteer their services; anything will be acceptable from an oration to

a skirt dance and—there will be something to eat."

The interior of the Club house has taken on its usual holiday appearance, having been handsomely decorated with vines, ferns and holly, while at the head of the Assembly room stands the gorgeously trimmed Xmas tree around which the members will again gather, like the good little boys in the Sunday school, to receive their little gifts and enjoy their usual happy time.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Dec. 21st.

The new postal cards will soon be distributed all over the country. The first car load was shipped to St. Louis about ten days ago and other consignments are being rapidly made. It is with much regret that we learn that the new design and engraving is inferior to any we have had before and reflects little credit on the present administration. It now transpires that two designs have been approved by the department, one bearing again the old familiar portrait of Jefferson and the other that of John Adams. Whether both will be the same kind of a card, could not be ascertained, at any rate the first consignment were the Jefferson cards. More definite information will doubtless be forthcoming in a few days.

Two designs have been submitted to the department for the new 5c stamp, both with the portrait of Seward. One of them is rather fancy, containing too much fine scroll work to be suitable, but the other one is similar to the current 5c Grant. Proofs of these two designs were made by the Bureau. They are engravings with the oval containing the head pasted in the center. Neither has yet been approved, but it is probable that one will be adopted. Again a great deal has been said about placing Seward on the 5c stamps. Several of the authorities are in favor of the idea, though it has not yet been definitely decided. The change may go into effect as soon as a decision is reached, this being

left entirely with the Third Assistant Postmaster General. As yet no steps have been taken in regard to making proposed changes in colors.

High numbers of the second set of Newspaper and Periodical plates are gradually appearing. Several of the lower denominations have been seen in New York.

The Jubilee set of Barbados is now arriving on mail in the Departments.

The demand for Albums and Packets has been fair during the last few days, but as usual, general business has not been at its best during the busy week prior to Christmas.

Mr. R. A. Tarr has been off in New York and Philadelphia for the last ten days. Mr. Dunkhorst has returned from his northern trip.

From a Special Era Correspondent.

Notes from Lima, Peru.

We are informed that there are less than 40,000 of each of the 5, 10 and 20c Unpaid stamps remaining, which were recently issued surcharged "Deficit," and these will be correspondingly scarce.

Postage from Peru is 22 centavos, equal to 11c U. S. currency, each 15 grs. (about ½ oz.) or more than double the rates of other U. P. U. countries. This is quite a hardship for such as we, who do so much business through the post. The postal card for foreign service is only 4 centavos however and these are much in favour with us for replying to our correspondents who do not remit cash with orders.

Our box in the new post office will be No. 989 to which Casilla all future correspondence for us should be addressed. These are new boxes, with locks, and were specially imported from the U. S.

Beware of errors of the surcharge "Franqueo." Many of the sheets were so carelessly gummed that the front of the stamps were also plastered. Thus any part of the surcharge can be easily rubbed off. We noticed this in stamping our own

letters, the heat of the hand causing the freshly printed surcharge to disappear with the gum. They are surcharged only as required, and needing a thousand without gum for last steamer we were favored with the view of the operation which is done by a hand-power machine, the deft handed operator requiring but 30 minutes.

A client, in looking over "The Market" page in the ERA recently, made the remark "I would pay those prices and take all I could carry" and he meant it, as we have sold him more than £200 worth of foreign stamps at much higher prices. He called our attention to a Mobile, C. S., local 5c on original envelope which sold(?) for \$3.50: while he had, a month before, paid us \$7.50 for such a one.

Another of our clients, a coast captain, puts all his "winnings" into stamps for his collection, or savings bank as he calls it. Although quite gleam after a bad night, and always offers to sell his collection, he is a buyer whom any dealer would welcome. Unfortunately his collection contains a number of forgeries, which however he does not care to have pointed out as he naively remarks "I may want to sell it some day." He is not a subscriber to any Philatelic journal.

Another about a year ago entertained on board a local dealer who carried away 80 bright sovereigns in exchange for what might have been a fine collection had not all the scarce stamps been forgeries. And still he has been buying for several years as a speculator and has a great accumulation and is another who has never seen any other Philatelic publication than a stamp album and catalogue. A copy of "Album Weeds" and subscription to the first class Philatelic journals are the best preventions in cases of this kind.

One of the differences between a philatelist and a stamp collector is noticeable in one of our friends whose catalogue is dated 1895: he also has a Senf '94 which he always hauls out of its locker to ascertain prices when buying. His collection numbers fully 5000 varieties and he is still another who has never seen a specimen of philatelic journalism.

That a man who is interested in stamps is considered by the general public to be somewhat of a curiosity and a legitimate subject for cross-questioning, appears to us to be the case, but, when on oil-boat captain, and a bigger man than you, tells how he was once the owner of a stamp of which only one copy was ever issued and how, while he was telegraph operating in Persia, he started the Shah stamp collecting, and so on, it makes us wish the sub-

ject had never been broached along with other things.

We have stamps "pretty much on the brain" as one of our men remarked, and always manage to let our acquaintances know that we are collectors and through this have picked up several collections and many good stamps at low prices. While visiting an ancient hacienda a few Sundays past, a pair of media pesos rewarded our enquiry, while the previous Sunday the sight of a few approval sheets of new issues from Stanley Gibbons Ltd., and a book of "good 'uns" from Makins & Co., netted a small box of philatelic treasures.

Unfortunately we have not received ERA No. 225 which probably contained the 58th price on the U. S. 10c 1861 premiere gravure, a beautiful used copy of which we found in an old collection picked up in Lima. It went for the 57th price of \$20.

There is something in the opinion of one of our clients on stamps that have not done postal duty. Unused find no favour with him as he claims they are merely over-priced pictures, while he becomes quite enthusiastic and poetical when discoursing on the fascination of collecting stamps which have faithfully carried their messages to all parts of the world, and represent duty well done. Fiscals and such he abominates as not being even the 42nd cousins of postage stamps.

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New members 4
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9
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652
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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.
New York City, Dec. 18th, 1897.
602 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 11th, valued at \$25,209.77
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Total number of books in circulation 637, valued at..... \$26,237.71

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

Owing to important business matters arising which have occupied all my time it has been impossible for me to send in my notes for the last week or two. From this I have learned one thing, that the ERA is a widely and closely read paper, for I have received several enquiries as to "what was the matter." I shall endeavor not to transgress in the future.

Dealers report business as being very good just at present but expect it to drop off during the holiday season.

Postmaster-General Mulock has given another evidence of his competency to conduct the postal affairs of the country. He has found time amid the turmoil of a busy political life to formulate a scheme with regard to postal cards. It is to remove the restriction which has hitherto existed with respect to using the front or address side of the card for any purpose whatever other than the address. It is intended to allow pictures, views, advertisements or any matter of that kind to be printed on the face of the card, either plain or in colors so long as sufficient space is left clear for the address to be written or printed plainly so that it can be easily read in the office in which it is posted. It is intended that the cards shall be issued in sheets instead of singly, for the convenience of printers and lithographers. Regulations respecting the new postal cards will shortly be made.

The post office department is very jubilant over the phenomenal increase in postal revenue which is taking place each month and which is regarded as a sure indication of the increased prosperity of the country. For the four months of the fiscal year ending on the 31st of October the receipts were \$242,000 more than the corresponding period last year. And judging by this and the partial returns received for November, the postmaster-general estimates that the postal revenue for the current fiscal year will be about three quarters of a million dollars in excess of last year or over 500 per cent. above the ordinary normal increase which has been taking place for some years past. This is not wholly attributable to the sale of Jubilee stamps, the total result from which will not greatly exceed \$200,000, the largest part of which was collected in the last fiscal year, but is almost entirely due to improvement in business throughout the country as indicated by increased postal receipts at almost every city, town and village post office.

JASPER.

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Current issue plate numbers to exchange for others not in my collection; also Foreign, U. S. and Entire Envelopes to exchange. Write what you have. Philip J. Veiter, Jr., 475 Penn Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Would exchange Canada Jubilee 1, 2 and 3c used, and 5 and 8c unused, for U. S. Locals, Postage or Revenues I have not in my collection. I. A. Langlois, 52 D'Artigny St., Quebec, Canada. [43]

Scott U. S. No. 1591 (Holyoke die) entire unused, to exchange for good U. S. or at half price for good copies 24c, 30c or 90c 1869 or 2c State. E. M. Douglas, Takoma Park, D. C. [44]

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Wish to enter into correspondence with collectors who desire to exchange their duplicates. Joshua M. Frost, Bangor, Me. [42]

We have a fine lot of U. S. postage and revenues that we will exchange for the better grades of Match and Medicine. Don't send torn or soiled specimens. We have no customers for damaged stamps. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [41]

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Scott Stamp & Coin Co.,

LIMITED,

18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Northwestern Notes.

BY FRANCIS.

The meeting of the St. Paul Society held on the 14th was well attended and quite a little interest in the affairs of the society was shown. The members are now awake to the fact that a library is a good thing and are going ahead on the matter of securing books. Mr. Thiessen read an interesting article on "France and her postage stamps." This was highly instructive and showed no small amount of thought and research. A discussion as to what was the proper shade in the color of pink was participated in by all present.

The only other meeting of the past week was the Second Annual Banquet of the Minneapolis Society which was held at the Commercial Club on the evening of the 15th. It was a very successful affair and everybody who attended felt that it was good to have been there. The attendance was about twenty-five and, after discussing the elaborate menu which had been interspersed with good "joshes," Mr. F. H. Carleton, the toastmaster called on the gentlemen who were to respond. The toasts were all witty and sparkling with humor. Some of the stories were to the point or rather hit the funny part of the auditors to a marked degree. I wish I could put you next, but I'm afraid Br. Jewett would run his blue pencil through them on account of certain of his readers. Mr. C. L. Annan, President of the St. Paul Society, toasted his club in good shape. Mr. G. W. Achard, President of the Minneapolis Society, followed upon "The Minneapolis Philatelic Society, All Speculative Issues." Then came Dr. Mercer, who, although not a collector, still takes quite an interest in stamp matters and may soon be numbered among philatelic subjects. His toast was "Where am I at" and he replied in a felicitous manner. Mr. Edsten followed with the subject of "Obscure." I have sent Mr. Edsten's remarks as I took them down and the editor may find space to reproduce them in another column. Rev. G. C. Rheinfrank, formerly of Sleepy Eye, Minn., responded to "The Neophyte, throughly Seebeckized" and kept the assemblage in laughter from beginning to end with his terse statements. Mr. C. Ezekiel Nason Howard, of St. Paul, responded to the toast "The Bright Light of Philately." He paid a high tribute to the devotion and zeal of Crawford Capen and John K. Tiffany. Following him came Mr. W. R. Young, who spoke on the "Philatelic Bargain Counter." Mr.

Young thought with the great poet that things are not always what they seem.

This finished the set list of toasts, but all present were called on for a few remarks. Mr. Stebbins made a hit when he read the letters of regret. One came, apparently, from the Duke of York, who showed a decided familiarity with our Librarian as well as other members of our Society. The particular billet doux that interested everyone came from Mr. A. W. Batchelder, of the N. E. Stamp Co., who enclosed, with compliments of his firm, a card for each of those present upon which was a recent issue Newfoundland. Mr. Batchelder was given a rising vote of thanks for his kind remembrances. The festivities did not break until after the last cars had gone into the barns, thus affording those of athletic temperaments a chance to display their training. All in all it was the best affair of its kind that the Northwest has seen and the only regret is that more out-of-town guests were absent.

Some of the boys are talking of holding an auction sale some time in January. Catalogues will be ready for circulation about the first of the year and from the lists of stamps handed in, one would infer that the coming sale would contain many scarce specimens. The catalogues may be obtained of Messrs. Stebbins, Achard, Young or Edsten upon application.

Forgeries.**TUSCANY.**

There are numerous dangerous forgeries of the stamps of Tuscany, some of them being printed on old paper with the genuine watermark, others with a forged watermark. The following description of some of the peculiarities of the genuine will assist in distinguishing these from the forgeries.

1851-53 issue.

With the exception of the inscriptions in the lower label, all the values are exactly alike. The words "FRANCO BOLLI" measure 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm., and "TOSCANO" measures 12 mm.

There are thirty-two lines of shading on the back of the lion of which the 2d, 5th, 8th, 10th and 12th from the top are not complete.

The outer frame line at the bottom is always broken at the left and right of the denomination of value; we have never seen a genuine stamp which had this frame line unbroken.

In the watermark of the 1851-52 issues, the lines forming the crowns are about $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. thick and the vertical and horizontal lines surrounding the crowns are about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. thick. The minimum width of the space between two horizon-

tal lines, is 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. and the maximum width 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. The minimum width of three horizontal lines is 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. and the maximum width 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ mm. On all the forgeries seen by us, the horizontal lines are $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. thick, the minimum width of the space between two horizontal lines is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. and of three lines is 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. In the watermark of the 1853 issue (interlaced loops) the lines are about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. thick and the width of any loop ranges from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ mm. The forged watermarks which we have seen had the lines $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. thick and the minimum width of any loop was 7 mm.

In the 1860 issue the measurements of the inscriptions are the same as in the earlier issues and the frame line at the bottom is always broken. In the 3 line the "it" in the lower label is punctuated.

We also wish to call attention to some clever forgeries of the 60 crazie lately changing the color of a genuine 9 crazie and replacing the "9" by "60"; this fraud, however is easily detected by measuring the word "CRAZIE" which is 9 mm. long in the 60 crazie and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. in the 9 crazie.

Another forgery of the 60 crazie has been made by replacing the inscription in the lower label of a genuine 1 crazie by a forged inscription "60 CRAZIE."—*American Journal of Philately.*

NAPLES AND SICILY.

The forgeries of these stamps are rather well made, the embossing of the head is, however, not as sharp as in the genuine. In the frame of the genuine, at top and bottom, there are twelve pairs of white dots or dashes, at the right side there are fourteen pairs and on the left side fifteen pairs; the "R" of "NOLLO" is opposite the "C" of "FRANCO" in the genuine.—*Am. Journal of Philately.*

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Stamps at auction! If you do, send for the catalogue of the seventh Northwestern sale which will take place the latter part of January. There are some beauties on the list, such stamps as the No. 1 paper, large style, elegant copies of the 19 issues, Departments in splendid condition, rare foreign as well as the latest thing in current issues. Some good revenues are also included. Send for a list at once and after perusing it, send on your bids.

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A. J. KIRBY, Taunton, Mass.,

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Wednesday, Dec. 15th.

The new \$1 on \$2 Hong Kong has a double surcharge. The Chinese characters appear down the left panel as usual and also across the medallion. I have been reliably informed that the new dollar stamp will in all probability make its appearance next month as the order was placed in London some two or three months ago. The available colors are black, brown, vermilion, orange and yellow and it is a matter of speculation as to which has been selected.

Mr. A. H. Weber has the new Hayti five cent slate green in which the right hand figure has a short bar or top. The more common type is the variety with normal bar. It is possible that an examination of a quantity of the previous issue may show that it also has two or more types.

A thirty cent 1869 with inverted medallion, recently changed hands in this city at the modest price of \$600.00—full catalogue.

Mr. E. F. Gambs recently showed me a copy of a ten cent black Colusa Lake and Mendocino Telegraph Co. adhesive. Scott only lists the five cent value but Mr. Gambs vouches for the genuineness of his copy and says he obtained it from an old collection.

One of the local dealers received an order growing out of the distribution of stamps by means of enclosing one in each package of Newton's Gum within three days of their being placed on the market.

It is a little early yet to say that large results will obtain but the scheme has already provoked much inquiry. The W. H. Hollis Stamp Co., E. F. Gambs, Makins & Co., and W. Sellschopp & Co., have already responded to Newton Bros. call for a second installment of 50,000 stamps.

I expect that very material benefits will result by the time this lot is distributed.

I hope the many readers of the ERA will all enjoy a very Merry Christmas.

GEO. N. BREWER.

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Seventeenth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House Dec. 6, 1897.

Present, Messrs. C. Gregory, Vice-president, in the chair, Calman, Deats, Luff, Lynde, Scott and the Secretary.

Called to order at 8.15 p. m.
 The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Wm. Herrick, resigning as President of the Club, and his resignation was accepted with regret.

Adjourned at 9.15 p. m.
 J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

Eighteenth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House Dec. 8, 1897.

Present, Messrs. C. Gregory, Vice-president, in the chair, Deats, Luff, Nast, Scott and the Secretary.

Called to order at 7.50 p. m.
 The resignation of Mr. Lynde as a member of the Board of Governors, was read by the Secretary and the same was accepted.

Adjourned at 8 p. m.
 J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

Nineteenth meeting of the Board of Governors, held at the Club House Dec. 8, 1897.

Present Messrs. Deats, who was chosen Chairman, Bruner, Calman, Luff, Nast, Scott and the Secretary.

Called to order at 10 p. m.
 Mr. Wm. Thorne was nominated for President and unanimously elected.

Mr. P. F. Bruner was nominated for Vice-President and unanimously elected.

Mr. J. W. Scott was nominated for Treasurer and unanimously elected.

Mr. J. M. Andreini was nominated for Secretary and unanimously elected.

Mr. John N. Luff was chosen temporary Chairman of House Committee.
 Adjourned at 10.30 p. m.
 J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

Twentieth meeting of the Board of Governors, held Dec. 13, 1897.

President Thorne in the chair.
 Present Messrs. Calman, Bruner, Nast, Luff, Stebbins, Scott and the Secretary.
 Called to order at 8 p. m.

After the reading of correspondence by the Secretary it was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Theo. Van den Heuvel, formerly known as Henri Collin, may become a subscribing member by paying initiation fee.

Treasurer's report received, showing balance in bank of \$1,120.33.

For failure to meet house bills Mr. Fred'k M. Herlihy was dropped from the rolls and the Treasurer was authorized to charge the indebtedness to House accounts.

Mr. Frank J. Bescher not having qualified as stockholder, was stricken off the roll.

Messrs. Hasse and Mead not having qualified as subscribers, and were stricken off the roll.

The amount appropriated for a second-hand piano was increased to \$150.

The Treasurer was directed to invest, out of the Club funds, a sufficient sum to pay for \$500 U. S. 4% Coupon Bond of 1907.

The President offered to the Board the names of members to serve in the standing Committees during the ensuing year, and the same were duly approved by the Governors, to wit:

Executive: H. L. Calman, Chairman, J. N. T. Levick, J. W. George; House: John N. Luff, Chairman, Chas. D. W. Drew, Robt. A. McKim, Albert Perrin, Walter S. Scott; Amusements: P. F. Bruner, Chairman, Ed. C. Hartshorne, John N. Luff, Wm. Knudson, J. W. Scott; Auditing: F. A. Nast, Chairman, Henry Clotz, Alvah Davidson; Literary: H. E. Deats, Chairman, Jos. J. Casey, Jos. S. Rich; Membership: J. H. Stebbins, Jr., Chairman, R. R. Bogert, Henry Clotz, Jos. S. Rich, H. N. Terrett.

The Treasurer was authorized to spend about \$80 for the Club's year book.

Mr. Luff presented to the Club, in behalf of Mr. Wm. Brown, of Salisbury, England, a number of Mr. Brown's own etchings, which were accepted with thanks, and Mr. Luff was authorized to have some properly framed and hung about the premises.

An appropriation of \$50 was passed, upon request of Amusement Committee, for a Xmas celebration.

Adjourned at 9.35 p. m.
 J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. O means unused, ⊕ used.

ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 91st Sale—N. Y.

Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 13, 1897.

NOTE:—The prices on the U. S. portion of this sale appeared on page 121 by mistake under the heading of "B. L. Drew & Co.'s 19th Sale—Boston."

FOREIGN.

Barbados 1852 4d blue paper ⊕ 1 75
 India Scinde ½d white ⊕ fine 1 70

Nevis 1867 4d yellow engraved ⊕ fine 3 25
 New South Wales 1851 3d on blue paper ⊕ fine 1 30
 Spain 1854 2c green ⊕ fine 5 50
 Total for 432 lots, \$812 35

P. M. Wolsieffer's Nov. Sale—Chicago.

Saturday Evening, Nov. 27th.

UNITED STATES.

Entire Envelopes:
 H indicates Horner, N is for National.
 1853-60 10c green on buff H No. 23, N No. 26 very fine O wmk. plain (57th No. 1017) 4 70
 10c green on buff H No. 25, N No. 28 fine O full gum on flap (57th No. 1018) 4 00
 1857-61 3c red on white H No. 32, N No. 29 fine O "Patent Lines" show plainly 2 00
 3c red on white H No. 33, N No. 30 O full gum on flap 1 00
 3c red on white H No. 34, N No. 31 O "Patent Lines" 1 70
 3c red on buff H No. 35½, N No. 34 "Patent Lines" distinct; O full gum on flap 1 50
 1c blue on buff H No. 30, N No. 50 fine O "Patent Lines" distinct flap un gummed 3 20
 4c red & blue on white H No. 40, N No. 58 fine O (57th No. 1020) 8 50
 4c red & blue on buff H No. 41 N No. 61 with return to inscription O (57th No. 1024) 8 25
 1874-76 2c chocolate on white H No. 266, N No. 352 with return inscription at left side fine O (57th No. 1102) 1 40
 2c chocolate on white Die B 2 N No. 352a fine O return inscription printed at left side (57th No. 1103) 4 75
 2c chocolate on amber H No. 267, N No. 353 O with return inscription printed at left side (57th No. 1131) 75
 30c black on amber H No. 388 N No. 432 O (57th No. 1144) 2 75
 90c carmine on amber H No. 389, N No. 436 beautiful O full original gum on flap (57th No. 1116) 1 90
 1878 5c blue on blue H No. 564½, N No. 606 O 1 00
 90c carmine on white H No. 679½, N No. 682 fine O with "Specimen" printed diagonally in upper left hand corner; (57th No. 1116) 1 50
 1883 2c red on blue H No. 786, N No. 759 O with return inscription at left side; "Star" wmk. plain 4 75
 1883 November 2c red on fawn H No. 813½, N No. 793 splendid O with return inscription at left side "Star" wmk. plain 2 10

1884 June 2c red on fawn H 864, N No. 879 fine O with return inscription printed at left side	1 25	Rumford Chemical Works "imperf." No. 3382 fine wide margins	95	Gambia 1869 4d brown No. 1 good	3 15
July 2c brown on fawn Die B N No. 911a splendid O with return inscription printed at left side (57th No. 1215)	1 85	G. W. Swett No. 3413 silk fine O full gum perf. 12	2 80	1880 1sh green No. 11	10 25
July 2c brown & blue Die B N No. 916a with "Specimen" in small type across the stamp and in larger type in the middle of the env. on blue paper	10 50	H. H. Warner & Co. No. 3429 fine	1 90	Gibraltar 1886 1sh brown No. 7 o.g.	10 50
1882 30c black on white H No. 779 N No. 922 fine O (57th No. 1115)	1 40	West India Mfg. Co. No. 3430 silk	1 75	Great Britain 1891 1½ green No. 119 o. g.	5 15
90c carmine on white H No. 780, N No. 723 O (57th No. 1116) env. folded in middle	1 25	E. A. Wilson No. 3444 silk fine O full gum	1 10	Grenada 1883 1sh No. 22 o. g.	5 30
1886 30c black on oriental buff N No. 944 with "Specimen" printed across stamp & "Bidders' Sample, No. 8, Second Quality" in middle of env. O (57th No. 1227)	2 50	Perfumery Stamps Pettridge & Co. No. 3456 fine	2 60	Mauritius 1849-59 (5p.) magenta No. 10 o. g.	3 25
2c green on white Die A, H No. 1083 N No. 1093 splendid O with full gum on flap	1 75	E. W. Hoyt & Co. No. 3460 pink fine	80	1879-80 13c gray No. 62 o. g.	3 10
2c green on amber Die A H No. 1084 N No. 1095 with return card printed in upper left corner O	1 85	<i>Document Revenues:</i>		Montserrat 1876-89 (6d) green No. 4 full gum	1 60
2c green on oriental buff Die A, H No. 1056 N No. 1096 has gov't return inscription at left side fine O (57th No. 1261)	5 00	\$5 00 Charter Party imperf. good margins	1 85	Nevis 1882-3, 4d blue No. 26 trifle off center o. g.	8 75
30c chocolate on amber H No. 1131 N No. 1174 O but flap stuck tight (57th No. 1259)	1 30	\$10 Conveyance imperf.	1 70	6d green No. 27 no gum but fine	25 25
30c chocolate on blue H No. 1067 N No. 1178 splendid O (57th No. 1271)	1 30	\$10 Probate of Will imperf.	5 75	St. Christopher 1887-00 1sh lilac No. 23 full gum	4 10
30c chocolate on oriental buff H No. 1066 N No. 1177 beautiful O (57th No. 1265) (2) 1.40	1 30	\$15 Mortgage perf.	3 65	St. Lucia 1883-5 6d lilac No. 31 o. g.	13 00
90c purple on amber H No. 1133 N No. 1188 O but flap stuck down tight (57th No. 1260)	2 15	\$20 Probate of Will perf.	22 25	1883-5 1sh orange No. 32 o. g.	25 00
<i>Match Stamps:</i>		\$25 Mortgage	2 30	Tobago 1880 6d bistre brown No. 9 fair copy	12 05
Akron Match Co. 1c blue old, No. 3,000 not quite centered	2 40	\$50 U. S. I. R. imperf. wide margins	4 75	Trinidad 1851 (1d) brown-violet No. 2 o. g.	1 25
D. Burhans & Co. 1c black old, No. 3045	2 00	Second Issue \$10	1 55	1851 (1d) blue No. 3 fine o. g.	1 60
W. E. Doolittle 3069 1c blue fair	7 00	Third Issue \$10	1 90	1858 (1d) red No. 11 o. g.	2 50
Wm. Gates Sons 3090 1c black, silk	2 90	<i>Unused Postage:</i>		1859 4d gray-lilac No. 16 o. g.	2 55
A. Goldback 3093 1c green, silk not quite centered	1 00	Providence 10c no gum otherwise fine	15 50	1859 1sh blue-black No. 18 o. g.	1 35
D. M. Richardson 3152 3c vermilion good copy	4 90	1855-60 24c lilac No. 47 o. g.	3 80	Virgin Is. 1867-8 4d No. 4 full gum	2 50
San Francisco Match Co. 3161 12c blue fine specimen	4 40	Newspaper 1865 5c blue No. 509	2 00	1883-8 6d lilac No. 17 o. g.	2 60
Eagle Card Co. 3489 good	1 25	Officially Sealed brown "Post Oblitum" no gum	1 30	Western Australia 1854-7 4d blue No. 3 wide margins	2 05
<i>Medicine Stamps:</i>		Agriculture 24c fine full gum	3 10	<i>USED FOREIGN.</i>	
JAN. C. Kerl No. 3335 perf. cuts design a trifle at S	4 30	Justice 1c full gum	1 80	Bermuda 1874 3d No. 9 lightly cancelled in blue	5 15
J. Lippmann & Bro. No. 3338 silk off center	6 05	2c o. g.	3 50	1875 1d No. 13	1 20
T. W. Marsden No. 3351 not exactly centered	4 50	6c No. 827 o. g.	2 35	British Columbia 1868 5c bright red No. 9	2 05
Merchants Gargling Oil No. 3354 pink not quite centered	1 55	10c full gum	2 75	British Guiana 1850 4c No. 5 well preserved copy on original c. deep blue brilliant color	32 75
		30c full gum	11 50	British Honduras 1872-4 1sh green No. 11	1 35
		State 7c full gum	2 60	Canada 1852 6d No. 5 peculiar olive-gray shade lightly cancelled	2 50
		<i>Used Postage:</i>		Gibraltar 1886 6d violet No. 6	3 05
		1855-60 5c red brown No. 42	3 45	Great Britain 1878 1£ violet No. 69 fair copy	4 60
		1867 24c lilac No. 95	3 00	1883-4 1£ violet No. 105 usual cancellation	1 80
		1869 15 "no diamond" fair copy 30c	3 05	Luxemburg 1865-72 37½c stone No. 26 lightly cancelled	2 50
		Agriculture 12c one pen stroke	3 80	Mauritius 1848 1d No. 4 wide margins but cut irregularly at left	7 50
		Navy 90c two light pen strokes	4 50	Montserrat 1876-9 4d blue No. 3	2 10
		1842-6 3c Carrier on blue glazed p. No. 404 ⊕	6 05	1884-5 2½d No. 7	4 05
		<i>St. Louis Provisionals:</i>		New South Wales 1850 1d red No. 1	6 60
		5c No. 16 greenish paper Die A Plate 1 good margins except at lower left corner, lightly postmarked in red, small thin spot under hinge	152 50	1850 3d green No. 22	5 20
		10c No. 20 gray lilac paper Die C Plate 2 good margins but irregularly cut at left cancelled by two pen strokes, fine	180 00	3d green No. 23	6 05
		<i>UNUSED FOREIGN.</i>		New Zealand 1885-90 3£ green No. 271	1 05
		British Honduras 1884-7 6d yellow No. 16 o. g.	9 00	Nova Scotia 1851-3 1sh violet No. 6 good margins on three sides but S corner cut a trifle close but fine copy	76 00
		1888 2c No. 18 part gum	5 00	Switzerland Basle 1845 2½ No. 1	17 00
		Canada Registration 1875-89 8c blue No. 105	1 55	Zurich 1843 6r No. 9 on part orig. cover	6 25
		Ceylon 1861 9d brown No. 23a	2 15	1849-50 2½ No. 14	10 00
		Columbian Rep. Insured Letter Stamps 1865 25c No. 501	1 45	Tobago 1880 4d green No. 8	1 50
		50c No. 502	1 80	Victoria 1861 3d claret No. 58	2 50
		1867 50c No. 503	1 70	1886-91 1sh 6d blue No. 168 usual cancellation	2 75
		1890 1p No. 610	50	Wurtemberg 1769-73 70kr No. 55	9 25
		Tollma Cubiertas 1883 5c No. 103 o. g.	1 65	Total for 461 lots.	\$1,929 35
		10c No. 104 o. g.	1 60		
		50c No. 105 o. g.	1 70		
		Finland 1889-90 5M green and red No. 65 o. g.	1 65		
		10M brown and rose No. 66 o. g.	2 70		
		1891-2 7r black and orange o. g.	3 25		

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

During the week I have received copies of the new Canadian two cent stamp. The design is the same as that of the other values of the new issue and the color is a beautiful deep violet.

A great deal has been said pro and con concerning the Canadian Jubilee stamps and the subject has already been worn threadbare. I have little to say regarding the merits or demerits of these stamps, but in common with a great many other collectors and dealers I have shared feelings of disgust at the manner in which the issue was handled apparently with the sanction, or at least the sanction of silence, of the Canadian postal officials. Candidly now, I cannot see how the stamps, in themselves, are any more speculative or unnecessary than our own Columbian issue of 1893. The manner in which they were handled and not the stamps themselves constitutes the objectionable feature. However, perhaps the most noteworthy fact in connection with this issue is that in spite of all that has been said against it by philatelic authorities of great and small degree, notwithstanding the edict of the S. S. S. S. and all else combined, there is, from all sides, an active and I am inclined to believe, increasing demand for these stamps up to the dollar value, a demand emanating not from the speculator but from bona fide collectors, those who collect for the pleasure it gives them. The call seems particularly strong for the ½c, 6c and 8c values. The collector who desires these stamps will doubtless be wise in getting them now, and even he who cares not particularly for them now may act wisely in anticipating at the present time at a small expense a desire which may, later on, produce a larger hole in his pocket book.

This largely goes to show that the stamp collector is to a very great extent an independent person. He may listen with respect to the sayings and edicts of philatelic experts and so-called authorities as to what he shall or shall not collect, he may give them careful consideration, but he will not follow them blindly; and when it comes to action he will draw his own conclusions, from his own opinions and do in accord therewith.

This independence of the true collector, he who collects for the pleasure derived, the knowledge gained by study and not for the expectation of financial gain, is the safeguard of philately and before its author the dealer the speculator and all others must bow down and pay homage. Vive le roi.

The demand for the Newfoundland surcharges continues unabated and apparently comes to a large extent from the more advanced collectors. Few speculators seem to be buying, deterred perhaps by the ruling prices and very small supply of the stamps on the market, which apparently precludes any possibility of laying in anything like a fair supply of these stamps.

I have just now the privilege of examining two complete sheets 50 unused Newfoundland provisionals. I must first correct my surmise of last week as to the location of the different types in the sheet, which was based on the assumption that the stamps had been surcharged in sheets of 100. Not having then seen an unbroken sheet, I was strengthened in my surmise of last week by the fact that in the ERA of Nov. 27, a week before my article recording type III., surcharged in Gothic, appeared, mention was made of the receipt in Boston of a sheet of 50 of the stamps with only the bottom row of ten stamps having the rarer type of surcharge (type II.). I argued that the sharp eyes of the Boston dealers could hardly fail to note the Gothic surcharge had it existed in the sheet in question, and so concluded that there must be upper sheets of 50 in which will be found the four stamps printed in Gothic, in each one hundred. However I find I was wrong and the stamps were apparently surcharged in bottom sheets of 50. In the sheets before me the four top rows of ten stamps each are surcharged in antique, the first eight stamps of the bottom row are in "old style antique" and the two right hand stamps in Gothic.

I have a letter from my Newfoundland correspondent in which he states that after

using all possible means to secure unused copies, he has, during the two months or so the provisionals have been in use, been able to secure only a very few. The postal authorities have apparently taken all possible means to prevent the sale of the stamps to the public and far smaller numbers seem to have leaked out than would be expected, even under the strict rulings of the department.

Bulgaria seems to be quite a popular country with the general collector and I think deservedly so. In spite of the sameness of the design the stamps form a very pretty page in one's album, there are but few surcharges and minor varieties and a fairly complete collection can be made at a comparatively small cost. I recently ran across a distinct color of the 15s 1882 issue, it being of a similar shade as the 1s lilac 1886, but a little lighter. The 5s of the '82 issue is found in two distinct shades of green, one being a decided yellow green. At some not far distant day collectors may see quite a rise in some of the now low priced stamps of this little country.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

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PERTINENT QUESTIONS—

AND THERE ARE OTHERS.

PENN YAN, Dec 23, 1897.

W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: * * * Now, at a risk of being declared a kicker by interested parties, I would like to ask a few questions in regard to the Scott catalogue. Why don't the variety of the 1861 U. S. envelope appear among the many new varieties which they add each year? I mean the one with the broken circle at left about the figure of value. I have several copies on the buff, but have never ran across one on the white. It was called to their attention as long ago as 1888. Also why is the p. p. 2c blue Playing Cards continuously ignored? I have also had in my possession since early August two Victoria envelopes of 58th catalogue cut No. E8. one on amber laid paper and the other on a heavy manilla, which do not appear in the 58th. U. S. stamps have always been my hobby, but for the past few years the catalogue complications have been too much, and the latest addition will force their entire abandonment. The recent catalogues may be all right for collectors located in cities where they can easily consult experts, but for country collectors it means abandonment of U. S.

Very truly yours,
R. H. GRAHAM.

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BY WM. C. STONE.

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- Home Worker*, Dec., Vol. IV. No. 9.
- New York Philatelist*, Dec., Vol. III. No. 3.
- Philatelic Advocate*, Dec., Vol. III. No. 7.
- Philatelic Monthly and World*, Dec., Vol. XXIII. No. 12.
- Philatelic Rambler*, 1897-8, Vol. I. No. 1.
- Post Office*, Nov., Vol. VII. No. 80.
- Stamp Collectors' Journal*, Nov., Vol. XX. No. 229.

The piece of news that interested me most in the *Columbian Philatelist* was "Tremont's" statement that Howard K.

Sanderson was being talked of for postmaster of Lynn, Mass. Mr. Sanderson is well known to the collectors of this part of the country at least as a man who handles gilt edged goods exclusively, and I believe he was the originator of the now common term "mint state." Mr. S. is well fitted for the position having served as carrier, superintendent of carriers, and assistant postmaster in the same office. For the past two or three years he has been a member of the General Court of Massachusetts.

"Veritas" in the *New York Philatelist* concludes his article on "The Recrudescence of Philatelic Fiction" and uses some pretty plain English to express his disgust at the stuff with which a number of our papers are filled. I agree with him fully and hope we shall see less and less of it. "Philo's" series of articles in the *Western Philatelist* some ten years ago entitled "The Bluffton Stamp Society" while they were in a story form really imparted considerable information concerning our hobby. Some of our youthful authors had better get a copy of the book (It was issued afterwards in book form) and read it and see if they cannot get a pointer or so from it. I rather guess Wolsieffer could supply a copy or so.

Every time I pick up a Canadian paper I think of what they used to produce in the palmy days of the *Halifax Philatelist*, *Toronto Stamp Journal*, *Dominion Philatelist*, etc. And now what have we? I am glad to see that the *Advocate* has killed off the "story" which has been running several months and hope the editor will give us some philatelic matter once in a while.

Mr Knight's *Philatelic Messenger*, which I have not seen since it became a monthly, is by all odds the most valuable of the papers across the border.

"A novel project is now under consideration by the postmaster general of the German Empire and the postal departments of Bavaria and Wurtemberg. It deals with the creation of a return letter stamp to be used between these countries on the same basis as the reply postal card, i. e., simple reciprocity. The new stamp is to appear like the Belgian Sunday stamps, with a special coupon under the stamp, which is detached and placed upon the return envelope. The words upon this coupon will simply state that the letter franked with it, is to be returned free to Germany, Bavaria or Wurtemberg respectively, while the stamps the coupon is to be attached to may remain the same as they are now."—*Philatelic Monthly*.

The *Philatelic Rambler*, according to the publisher, is "A high-grade leaflet published as often as occasion demands, and

for the sole purpose of aiding the financial interests of the publisher," who is James A. Anderzen of Loomis, Nebraska.

The most startling news in the *Stamp Collectors' Journal* is an item in the "American Notes" which states that over \$100,000 has been subscribed for the defense fund in the periodical case. Also that a new stamp for the Klondyke gold fields is being spoken of.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. I understand that it was voted to dispense with an auction sale, at their annual banquet, which will take place in February, and in place of it a lecture is intended to be given by Mr. Luff, of New York, with stereopticon views of stamps; also, a short talk by a well known and prominent Boston stamp collector. As the last named gentleman is a collector of long standing, it will probably be reminiscences of old-time stamp collecting.

It is rumored that the *Boston Stamp Book* is to be owned by an incorporated stock company.

I mentioned in one of my former letters that the Hub was to have a new stamp dealer. His name is Mr. George A. Flagg, and he is to open an office the first of the year at 170 Tremont Street. I understand that he has acquired a fine stock of U. S. and foreign stamps.

I am told that Mr. Gardner R. Kennedy, the well known and popular clerk of Mr. Brown, is to sever his connection with Mr. B. the first of the year.

The latest news from the Postmaster-General of Gambia, received here this week, is that Gambia has a new set of postage stamps. He does not mention what they are, but simply states that there are 120 stamps to a sheet. They are probably of the well known two color, Colonial type. This will be highly gratifying alike to collectors and dealers, as it has been rumored so often that the country was to have a new set of stamps that it has got to be rather an old story. And although it has been told, for the last two or three years, that this new set was about to be issued, now that the new set has been issued, many of the dealers are short of certain values of the old issue.

The stamps that are in active demand here at the present time are Gambia, Zululand and Newfoundland surcharged.

In a copy of the *Columbian Philatelist* which was received today, the Boston correspondent, Mr. Wylie, says: "Certain correspondents of Philatelic papers have a quick eye to note the demand for stamps. It is a case of the desire being the father of the thought. For instance, 'North Borneo is meeting with a good deal of patronage,' or 'The new Sultan's head issue of Zanzibar finds a ready sale,' may be taken as a hint that the correspondent is a dealer with good supplies of the aforesaid stamps."

I naturally suppose that I am included among the "Certain correspondents." I have not the pleasure of Mr. Wylie's acquaintance, but am told that he is a dealer in stamps. I am *not* a dealer in stamps, and in supplying any items of news, I simply give the facts of the case. No stamps of recent issue have found such a ready sale as those of Zanzibar: and, though I may not have mentioned it before, even the stamps of North Borneo have been in active demand, owing to the withdrawal of the two errors. No dealer in Boston has had a good supply of the above mentioned stamps. This is a fact.

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WHOLE No. 242.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

I notice the New York correspondent of one of our leading monthlies says the new four cent stamp of Newfoundland is expected at an early date. However, I am inclined to believe that they who look for the early arrival of any other values of the issue of which the new 1 cent claret and 2c orange are the fore-runners, will be disappointed. Under date of Dec. 22 my St. John's correspondent writes that no other values have yet arrived and none will be required until the Cabots are exhausted. That, he adds, may be six months or more.

Speaking of the new one and two cent stamps I must confess that they do not strike me as being particularly handsome. They are attractive in the sense that a bright or gaudy color attracts the attention of a child; but they are totally lacking in the artistic beauty which has marked so many of the really beautiful stamps of the old colony. The beautiful admits of no excess or defect; it comprehends regularity, proportion, a due distribution of color, and every particular which can engage the attention. The stamps before me possess defects and excesses and lack the most essential feature of the beautiful. Take the one cent. The design seems to be out of proportion to the stamp, and the color out of harmony with the design. Compare it with the one cent of the Cabot issue and note the falling off. The same applies to the two cent; if anything it is a poorer piece of artistic workmanship than its companion. Comparing it with its predecessor of the Cabot issue reminds one almost of a darkey beside a Kentucky thoroughbred. A comparison with the beautiful ten cent black and twenty-four cent blue of the 1866 issue, printed by the same company, shows most clearly what a back slide the old colony has taken from a high plane of artistic beauty in its postal issue. The new stamps considered by themselves may not be so bad: It is in comparison with their predecessors that they appear to such disadvantage. I do not pose as a critic of artistic acumen for it takes no great understanding of engraving as a fine art to observe the falling off in the case in point. That this opinion of the new stamps is held by other collectors, I know. This week I received a letter

from a prominent collector of British Colonials in this state and in writing of these stamps he said: "I regret very much to see such a falling off, in an artistic sense, of the 2c stamp from the heretofore splendid series * * *. It looks as if it had been engraved on a brick bat and printed therefrom, and the face of the Prince looks like that of a burly butcher. Is engraving as a fine art falling into decadence or is it a careless, slipshod method permitted by the postal authorities?"

Let us hope that the succeeding values of the new issue will be better specimens of the engravers' art, and the old colony may retain her well deserved reputation.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I receive each value of Canada's new issue as it comes along. I think the stamps are very neat and pretty and the colors seem to blend so nicely with the design. The series will prove a very attractive one among collectors generally.

Perhaps references to my Newfoundland correspondent have become like the old parson's "When I was in Europe," but I will venture to add that in his last letter he wrote that the Postal Department used up every one of the one cent provisionals they had, and that, in the St. John's office, for a week prior to the arrival of the new issue, mail matter requiring a one cent stamp was kept in the office without being sent until the new one cent stamps arrived.

I have noticed two very distinct shades of the Chile, 1883, 10c orange; one being of a very decided orange yellow. The number I had to examine was not large enough to form an accurate opinion, but I think the latter shade will be found considerably scarcer. I should think that more collectors would turn their attention to this country, while a fairly complete collection can be made with even a slim pocket-book.

GEORGE S. McKEAREN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

Lieut. H. H. Bandholtz is spending his Christmas vacation here as usual. He shows an interesting lot of oddities among

which are the 1c and 15c (no diamond) 1869, each of which has two grills, the 3c War Department with the Port Townsend, Wash., "kicking jackass" cancellation. (Regarding this last stamp there is a slight difference of opinion—Gurley says it is a burro not a jackass.) The Lieut. also has a strip of three 1c 1851 of the common type II., showing at the bottom the tops of the three stamps of the next row below, which appear to be of the rare type III.

Gurley, who happened in at the C. P. S. rooms yesterday, also had a few nice things on exhibition, such as a pair and strip of three of the 3c grilled all over, a block of six of the 15c National unused, and a few other such good stamps.

Since my last notes were written, the C. P. S. has suffered the loss of two well known members.

Mr. W. C. Kurzweg, who has been an active member of the Society since 1887, died December 13th. He was in his 29th year, and although not an active collector, for several years past had been a member of the Governing Board of the Society continuously since 1861 and held that position at the time of his death.

Along in the latter part of the '80's when entire envelopes were the fad "Kurzy" was well known as an authority on that specialty. He had since then disposed of his collection but had kept well informed on his hobby.

On Dec. 10th before the regular meeting was called to order, the President called a special meeting to take suitable action on Mr. Kurzweg's death and a resolution committee was appointed.

A full report will be found in this number of the ERA in the C. P. S. column.

On the 18th inst., Mr. Washington Helsing, one of our best known citizens, died suddenly of heart failure.

In 1895 he was elected to Honorary membership in the Society by virtue of his position as Postmaster of Chicago. Mr. Helsing claimed the honor of being the first dealer in stamps in Chicago, as on his return from Europe in 1861 he brought back a large quantity of old European stamps which he had accumulated on his travels and proceeded to sell them to his friends who were at that time beginning collecting.

He had quite a collection of stamps mostly of the older issues as he had not added to it in some years.

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The Society has thirty-five active members. Among the most prominent is F. Wm. H. Hahn, whose collection numbers about 15,000 and is particularly strong in locals on the original cover, especially Confederate; having such rarities as Baton Rouge 5c and 10c, Athens 5c red, New Orleans in pairs and all of the others of equal value. He was formerly a prominent member of Staten Island Philatelic Society also an A. P. A. member of long standing.

Among others are A. Engler who is continually adding to his collection and a fair estimate of his collection is about 16,000. Then there is also our honorable President N. Adler, whose Europeans are almost complete, and his U. S. adhesives are complete but with a few exceptions of locals. His duplicates of both are sufficient to start a small stamp corporation and keep it alive. Then there is our friend L. C. Hassler, who sold a few St. Louis 20c. He numbers among his rarities such as the 2c 1869 Inverted Medallion. His revenues of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Issues are complete including fine copies of the 6c Prop. and \$200 2nd Issue. Our jolly Exchange Supt. E. F. Wagner is very strong in Germany and the cities, having them complete. His collection is in several volumes and numbers 11,000.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
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New York City, Dec. 24th, 1897.
637 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 18th, valued at \$26,237.71
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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

Thursday, Dec. 30th.

The Louisville Philatelic Society will move into its new and spacious quarters by January 1st. The new quarters are composed of the entire second floor of the Y. M. C. A. building, No. 619 First street. The meetings to be held every Tuesday in the month, but the second and fourth Tuesday's of the month will be the official nights. The other nights to be spent in lectures, chats, "swapping," auction sales, and exhibits of rarities. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 4.

The officers for the ensuing year are: N. Adler, President; L. Lewis, Vice-President; J. V. Porter, Secretary-Treasurer; F. Wm. H. Hahn, Counterfeit Detector; E. F. Wagner, Ex. Supt. and Auction Sales Mgr.; Standing Committee (Governing Board) composed of President, ex-officio, and Messrs. Brooks, Geoghan, Cartright, Gross and Dodge; Librarian, J. Isert.

A very large find of revenues, in point of value not quantity, was turned up ten days ago and was sold to a St. Louis dealer. Among the lot was an extra fine copy in all respects of the \$200 2nd Issue, several single copies of the \$50 and \$20, and an elegant pair of the \$20. Also a block of 4 of the \$10 and a large lot of single copies of the \$10, \$5, \$3, and \$2, all second issue. They were the finest condition stamps ever seen in this part of the country.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Dec 28th.

Beyond all expectations has been the holiday trade of the last week or two. Albums, packets, sets and philatelic supplies have been greatly in demand, and since Christmas boys have had plenty of change to spare for stamps. The local trade has been better than writer has ever experienced and no doubt will hold its own for months to come.

A Post Office official has informed us that not only were all old plates of various issues destroyed but the original dies as well. This places beyond all possibility the issuing of any more of any kind whatever of these issues. It was known before that no more plate proofs could be made, but now also die proofs are an impossibility.

Plate 159, 2c Postage Due, is the only one above No. 76 which has the scrolls omitted from the ends of the marginal imprint.

Mr. Dodge has sent us a copy of the 3c Centennial envelope (No. 400), printed in brick red instead of vermilion.

Mr. G. H. Cogswell has just sent us a 5c Holyoke, Extra Letter, on white, printed in very light blue, same shade as the 1c light blue.

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THE POSTAGE STAMP MARKET. NO TRUTH IN THE REPORTS OF DECREASING INTEREST IN COLLECTIONS, DEALERS SAY.

Recent talk that the collecting of postage stamps is on the wane is denied by dealers. One of the facts cited to prove the alleged decreasing interest in stamp collecting is the number of large collections offered for sale at public auction in the last twelve months, as well as the decline in prices at the auctions. A stamp dealer who has arranged a number of auctions this year said yesterday:

"While there have probably been more stamp collections sold in the past year than ever before, it should not be forgotten that they have all been absorbed. In the great majority of cases their owners will collect again, as times continue to improve. While the prices of the stamps have decreased in some cases, it has been due to an unwarranted inflation in prices, and this very decrease has, undoubtedly, added largely to the ranks of collectors."

As an evidence that an excellent price is always obtainable for a rarity of the first grade the case of a specimen of the \$5 State Department stamp which was sold at auction a few days ago for \$116.50 was noted. George R. Tuttle of this city, who is the exchange superintendent of the American Philatelic Association, the principal association of stamp collectors of the United States and Canada, said regarding this same subject:

"The interest in stamp collecting is rapidly increasing, not decreasing. Since I have taken charge of the exchange business of the American Philatelic Association I have received more demands for stamps of medium prices than I have been able to supply. There is also a marked increase in the number of stamps offered by members for circulation among the other members of the association. Stamps valued at \$27,000 have been put in circulation in the past three months, and I expect in a short time to see the amount in circulation reach \$50,000. The membership of the association is increasing rapidly, and never has the outlook seemed brighter to me for a prosperous year."—A. Y. Sun.

POSTAL TREATY RATIFIED.

PRESIDENT SIGNS THE CONVENTION AND SECRETARY SHERMAN AFFIXES SEAL.

The final act on the part of this government in the ratification of the treaty adopted by the recent Universal Postal Congress was taken about Dec. 1st, when President McKinley signed the formal convention or treaty, and Secretary of State Sherman had the government seal

affixed. Postmaster General Gary had already signed. The treaty takes effect January 1, 1899. It modifies the convention of the Vienna congress now in force, as follows:

For territorial transit, including maritime transit of not more than 300 nautical miles, each country in the line of transit is to be compensated by the country of origin at the rate of what amount in American currency to 18 cents per pound for letters and postcards and 2½ cents per pound for other articles. This rate is to be reduced every two years of the six at the rate of 5, 10, and 15 per cent. respectively. For maritime transit, about \$1.45 per pound for letters and postcards, 9 cents for other articles. This is to be divided pro rata among countries in transit with graduated reduction each two years to \$1.35, \$1.16, and 97 cents respectively. Transit expenses will be further reduced as payments will be made only on the basis of weights exchanged during 1896, though mails increase in weight about 10 per cent. annually. Commemoration postage stamps will not be recognized in international mails. Postage stamps are to be printed as far as possible by the various countries, as follows: Five cent in dark blue; 2 cent in red; 1 cent in green. Natural history specimens, except for commercial use, will be admitted as merchandise samples. Letters in care of Consuls will be returned to origin free.

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Our sales take place every other Saturday afternoon during the season.

The following letters speak for themselves.

Cazenovia, N. Y., March 31, 1897.

Bogert & Durbin Co.

Dear Sirs:—Mr. — has forwarded to me your letter of March 20th with check for \$132.00 enclosed. I am well pleased that the auction went so well and thank you for your kindness in the matter. Believe me,

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Mrs. L. K.

Akron, Ohio, March 24th, 1897.

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From a Special Era Correspondent.

Notes from Lima, Peru.

We notice a distinct variety of the 5c 1871 in which the sides of the smoke stack are curved from the top to where it joins the boiler, while in the common variety these sides are parallel from the ornamental ring at the base of the funnel-top downward.

This is the result of the ink encroaching on the raised parts as is sometimes the case with embossed stamps and is not caused by any difference in the dies. In one of our collections is this stamp with the last two letters of Callao completely obliterated and with no signs of the embossing; another with the 5c of the right hand corner, likewise obliterated. We have also seen a few other such varieties of this and other denominations caused partly from a very light pressure in the embossing. These stamps were for local use between the cities of Lima, Callao and Charillos, situated at the points of a triangle seven miles apart and which were the first in Peru to be connected by a railroad, hence the appropriate design of a locomotive.

They were in use but a short time and in relative proportion to their scarcity, are worth thrice the prices quoted in the English and American catalogues, as are several others of the earlier varieties. Out of over one million of used Peruvian stamps we have found less than one hundred of these. In strips used they are quite rare. Sent prices these at double the others and we rather doubt if the latter based their prices on the number in stock.

Illustrations numbers three and six in Scott's 57th Catalogue have been transposed, quite a confusing mistake, with the similarity of designs of these early issues. Speaking of catalogues, that of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., now includes many more of the distinct varieties of shades of Peruvian stamps. More consistency is wanted in catalogues which claim to be standards; as, why one country should have so many minor varieties of design and colour listed than another, we fail to comprehend. A general catalogue should exercise more uniformity in this respect though of course it is quite natural to pay special attention to the issues of the country in which it is published. We hope to give the philatelic public an ideal catalogue in every respect in our forthcoming work on the emissions of Peru. Other important matters however, claiming much of our time at present, will prevent us from devoting much attention to this till well into 1898.

From *The Daily Graphic* we glean the information that the Amer of the Afghans has decided not only to introduce a new set of stamps, all of different colors,

for every Afghan province, but, to make matters still harder—and more expensive—for the collector, he has ordered his postmaster to remove all defaced stamps from letters before delivery, and to forward them to Cabul, whence they are to be sent to India for sale to the stamp dealers. We agree with the *Graphic* in its opinion that the S. S. S. should proclaim a "jehad" against the Amer's curious stamps.

Our ads pay us, there is no doubt about that, though at times the immediate good results are not in evidence, and, taking everything into consideration we are really surprised that the philatelic press, the most important promoter of our fascinating hobby, is not more widely patronized both by collector and dealer. The rates, in comparison with organs of other lines, are so low that an enterprising firm will always be able to afford the few dollars required to keep in touch with thousands of collectors outside of their immediate locality. We have read with approval a query, in a trade journal, to the effect "Why go to seven eighths of the expense of a large business and not do the large business by failing to expend the last eighth in judicious advertising? Our earnest advice to subscribers is to get the full benefit out of their journal, by studying not only the articles, but also the advertisements. A second or third perusal will often give the reader an idea whereby he can profit, whereas, a hasty first glance only, often is entirely unproductive of good results.

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Chicago Philatelic Society.

351 Marquette Building.

L. H. MILLER, President.
C. E. SEVERN, Vice-President.
B. A. COTTELOW, Secretary.
F. J. LEFEVER, Treasurer.
B. A. COTTELOW, Supt. Sales and Auction Department.
F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

A special meeting was called by the President at 8:30 o'clock Dec. 16th, 1897, to take action on the death of W. C. Kurzweg.

On motion of Mr. Wolsieffer a committee of five (including the President) was appointed to draw up resolutions.

These members comprised the Committee: Messrs. Severn, Wolsieffer, McDonald, Massoth and L. H. Miller.

The following resolutions were reported: Whereas, Death has removed from the midst of us, our beloved fellow-member, W. C. Kurzweg, whose sterling qualities were such as to command our affection and high esteem, and

Whereas, We desire to render loving tribute to the memory of our departed brother for his faithful and years of honor among us, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Chicago Philatelic Society deeply deploras the death of W. C. Kurzweg, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes as a mark of respect and love for the memory of our deceased brother; that a copy of them signed by the President and Secretary, be sent to the fam-

ily of W. C. Kurzweg, and that copies be furnished to the official organ of the Society and to *Meekel's Weekly News*.

C. E. SEVERN,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
F. N. MASSOTH, } Committee.
W. H. McDONALD,
L. H. MILLER.

After which the meeting adjourned.

B. A. COTTELOW, Secretary.

The 264th regular meeting was called to order by the President at 9 p. m., Dec. 16th, 1897, with the following members present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Robie, Gurlley, McDonald, Ross (F. G.), Michael, Potts, Massoth, Leeman, Wolsieffer, Holman, Stephens, Krippaehne, Lefever, Sonntag, Severn and Cottlow. Also these as visitors: Messrs. Tunison, Hoble, Hagar and Miller, Jr.

After the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, the report of the Secretary was read and adopted. This showed a net loss of 4 members in 1897, the total membership being 146, consisting of 5 Honorary, 65 Active and 76 Corresponding as against 5 Honorary, 63 Active and 82 Corresponding at the beginning of the year.

A bill from the Secretary for \$2.45 for postage was then allowed.

Mr. Severn reported that a suitable floral piece had been sent in the name of the Society to the family of Mr. Kurzweg in Watertown, Wisconsin.

The annual election was next in order and as there was but one candidate for each of the four offices of the Society, the Secretary was instructed to cast a favorable ballot for each candidate. This resulted as follows: President, L. H. Miller; Vice-President, C. E. Severn; Secretary, (ballot east by the Vice Pres.), B. A. Cottlow; Treasurer, F. J. Lefever.

A ballot was then taken on the various nominees for the three vacancies on the Governing Board, resulting in the election of Messrs. Michael, Sonntag and McDonald.

It was then moved that the candidates for the position of Superintendent of Sales present to the Governing Board at the next meeting, their various plans for the conduct of that Department.

Adjournment followed after a flash-light photo had been taken.

B. A. COTTELOW, Secretary.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

The stamp business here for the past week has been remarkably good for this season of the year, as it is generally rather dull in the stamp trade during the holidays.

I recently came into possession of a stamp that I do not find listed. It is a British Central Africa, type of the 1891 issue, 3d rose and blue, only it is on very thin paper, watermarked. It is such a distinct variety from the other stamps of the same issue that it will, no doubt, in the future, be listed. I have also been shown a sheet of the 6d, Gambia, and it is what would be called a pale sage green. I see it is being advertised in the English papers as a rarity, and priced at 3 shillings 6 pence each. The 3d of the same issue is still another variety, and would be called a dull gray. As this is an age of varieties in stamp collecting, undoubtedly these two stamps will be listed in the future.

In speaking of the changing of the colors of postage stamps to conform with the ruling of the recent Postal Union Congress which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1899, there are hardly any countries but what will have to make more or less changes.

Great Britain will have to make four, ½d, 1d, 2½d and 1sh. Several of the English Colonies will have to make changes, and also France, Germany and Greece. In some cases, it is reasonable to suppose that it will be the occasion of the making of an entire new issue.

It is now rumored that the United States intends to purchase the Danish West Indies, and it is said that if we do not acquire them, there are two European nations that want to buy them. Although this is an old story of the United States buying said Islands, "it is always the unexpected that occurs," and it might not be amiss for the up-to-date collector to have a complete set of these stamps. I may be allowed to remark here, for the benefit of some other correspondents, that I have none of the stamps for sale.

I understand that a well known stamp firm here sold, during the past week, a United States Revenue, first issue, \$1.30, imperforate. This stamp is considered a greater rarity than the 6c Proprietary.

S. E. L.

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WHOLE No. 243.

Written for the ERA.

The Standard Catalogue

From the Standpoint of American Trade Conditions.

Three or four years ago a new element came into American catalogue manufacture. Before that time our American catalogues were made with particular reference to the condition of the American market. Now the American catalogue is made to conform approximately to the standards of the European market, and particularly to the catalogue of the Stanley Gibbons Company of London, which seems by force of general fitness to set the pace for others to follow.

There are a number of reasons why this combination with the European powers is undesirable for the general good of the American market, if that were the aim of the publishers of the American catalogue, and among these reasons is the fact that the American and European market are radically different from their very foundations. The people who collect stamps in Great Britain, for example, are philatelists for the most part, while the majority of those who collect in America are merely "stamp collectors" who do not study stamps and who care very little, really, whether a stamp is engraved in *taille douce*, is arranged *lete beche*, or has a *bouvrelet* band on its back, so long as it fills a space.

Another all important consideration is the fact that stamp prices, anywhere, are not more exempt from fluctuation than other goods, and are frequently less so, and that fluctuations in prices in America are not in any sense conditioned by European fluctuations. Hence a raise in American prices which is not justified by American demand is no less than inflation.

The last, 57th edition, catalogue and its consequences form a horrible example of the danger of tampering with the American market in this way, and, viewed from the standpoint of business expediency on the part of the publishers, was excessively unwise. It brought about the first widespread radical distrust of the reliability of the "Standard Catalogue" which had ever found place in the minds of collectors. Such wise and conservative collectors as Mr. J. L. Kilbon and Mr. J. M. Andreini expressed themselves emphatically against it and a great many very optimistic collectors have thought that it narrowly es-

caped bringing about the utter ruin of stamp values generally, in this country, which would result in a general panic which would place philately forever upon the top shelf.

But now slowly and with much labor the philatelic ship has righted herself, though somewhat racked by the storm, and another catalogue has been issued, with some slight reductions in price, it is true, but with a good many advances as well. The same dangerous features that appeared in the last catalogue are omni-present with us in the new one, and it cannot be declared a marked improvement. It is a business venture, governed by a business policy which is as unique in this country as is that of Stanley Gibbons in Great Britain.

All other dealers, or nearly all, are united in saying that they can sell more stamps at better prices under a regime of low catalogue than under a high one. They are united in the opinion that the large discounts which the present catalogue compels the honest, self-respecting dealer to give are a frank acknowledgment of inflated prices, and, as such, since they undermine confidence, are a damage to business. Meanwhile the publishers of the catalogue bolstered up by an enthusiastic circle of collectors who will buy of them at 10% discount and consider it an honor to be permitted to do so (and it may be) continue to raise prices entirely out of the plane of the selling values of all other American dealers, and out of accord with the American market beyond the pale of their honored patronage.

Now this is not a plea for the poor, down-trodden under-strapper who cannot get within this 10% of the catalogue quotations as its publishers can, for the aforesaid deserves no sympathy whatever. He has folded his hands and, in acquiescent silence, and sometimes in violent vociferation, he has approved every catalogue which the American cataloguers have issued. Only one dealer in America, so far as I have seen, has ever uttered a protest at the methods of the publishers of the "Standard Catalogue" and that one did it anonymously in the columns of this paper, a few months ago.

But everyone knows who has ever seen the inside of a stamp office or had an approval sheet that our present catalogue values are no more the selling values of stamps than is black white. They are, out of reason, *above* the selling values and there is no excuse for it.

It has been argued that it is necessary to catalogue stamps too high in order to give large discounts for the boy trade. But the boy trade that is desirable does not want an abnormally large discount, and anyway the stamps that the cheapest of the cheap boy trade buys are high at any price and are only fit to be "given away with a half-a-pound of tea" or sold in packets. But the idea of making a catalogue for the benefit of the boy trade is decidedly more picturesque than sensible, besides—so unnecessary—considering the fact that the lively imagination of the boy-trade stamp dealer would not be at a loss, from present indications, in adjusting prices in advance of the current catalogue. There is no excuse for the present state of affairs in our stamp valuation and a remedy must come or further trouble will ensue. It is barely possible that present prices may be justified in Gt. Britain, but this is highly improbable, and according to the report of some of our "traveled" philatelists this last summer financial conditions there are about as tight as they are with us, particularly in the stamp market. But however that may be, one thing is certain: the European market is not large enough to consume the American supply at a reputable per cent. of European prices, as those who shipped stamps for European sale last winter and spring found out to their sorrow. Hence the European market cannot keep our prices up, they must be conditioned by the American market. But we have no national catalogue which reflects even the approximate of the American market.

What are we going to do about it?

EDMUND L. SMILEY.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, January 4th.

Quite a startling fact it is, indeed, that the P. O. Department has approved the plan of issuing commemorative stamps for the Omaha Exposition next summer. Mr. Rosewater, editor of the *Omaha Bee*, has brought considerable influence to bear on some of the officials and finally succeeded with his pet idea of having a special set of stamps. They are to consist of five denominations, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and \$1. and

are to be of a special design. Probably they will bear characteristic features of the West; De Soto, the discoverer of the Mississippi, may come in for a share of honor. These stamps will be placed on sale throughout the country for six months during the Exhibition in addition to the regular set. After January, 1899, such an issue would become an impossibility, owing to recent regulation of the Postal Congress, and the officials seem to think here is an opportunity never to return.

Plate number collectors will be among the first to welcome this new set which will certainly add attraction to their favorite branch of our hobby. Probably no small proportion of the 1c and 2c strips will be made up of the Omaha stamps during the period of their use.

The plan to have Secretary Seward on the new 5c stamps is meeting with much favor at the department and its adoption is a probability of the near future.

We take pleasure in stating that there has been very little activity in the making of new plates at the Bureau during the last two months. In November and December only four new ones were added to the list, namely:

- 534.... 1c (green?)
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The set of the 5c plates, Nos. 375, 377, 378 and 380 are still unfinished, which is all that can be said at present. The probability is that they will never be required, especially if the change from Grant to Seward is made during the next four months.

The two varieties of postal cards mentioned in our recent notes have become facts, though we have yet to see either of them. They are different sizes, the one with the bust of John Adams being the smaller. Both kinds will probably also be printed as reply cards.

Bids will shortly be invited by the Post Office Department for furnishing the United States with postage stamps. At the present time the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is making the stamps for the government, under an arrangement made between the Postmaster-General and the Secretary of the Treasury. The bureau of engraving agreed to print the ordinary stamps at 5 cents per thousand, the newspaper and periodical stamps at 11.4 cents per thousand, the postage due stamps at 6.05 cents per thousand and the special delivery at 11.4 cents per thousand. The work has been entirely satisfactory to the department, but the law provides for the regular advertising for bids to do this work.

Approximately 10 per cent. more stamps will be required this year than when the contract was made four years ago. At that time the government issued the following number of stamps during the year. Ordinary stamps for the use of the public, 2,750,293,690; newspaper and periodical stamps, 4,171,091; postage due stamps, 18,101,960 and special delivery stamps, 3,528,070.

The new bids will be invited during the early part of January.

Should an outside contractor obtain the contract, it will result in throwing out of employment a large force of people who are now engaged at the bureau of engraving and printing making the stamps. It is not thought, however, that an outsider will get the work, as Uncle Sam has saved a considerable amount by doing the work himself.

Yet it has been intimated that efforts are being made to have the contract transferred to Philadelphia.

By the time these notes are read the Third Edition of the Standard Plate Number Catalogue will have been mailed to all subscribers to the second edition.

Just before mailing these notes I have received some very important and interesting information.

The Bureau has already commenced printing the 1c stamps in green, which are expected to be placed on sale about the first of March. No change has been made either in design or plates. The supply of 100,000,000 1c stamps, which is generally kept on hand, has been allowed to run down to half the quantity, and the blue stock is being worked off as rapidly as possible.

The new 5c in dark blue is expected to be placed on sale the latter part of April, but as yet no printing has been made. No other changes are in contemplation for the present.

Newspaper Clippings.

Sent by J. M. Bartels.

OMAHA EXPOSITION STAMPS.

MANY DESIGNS SUBMITTED TO THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The proposed issue of stamps by the Post Office Department to commemorate the trans-Mississippi exposition, to be held at Omaha this year, promises to be a valuable collection to the art treasures of the department.

Upward of 100 designs have been submitted. There are to be but five different stamps, and these will very likely bear reproductions of drawings designed to recall the history of the country. One that has been practically decided upon will represent a buffalo grazing on a prairie. Another will doubtless bear a picture of one of the famous scouts of the section who

participated in its early history. Another will show a field of waving grain with a modern reaper and binder in the foreground, with a representation of a farmer in the background harvesting with the old-time cradle. One of the neatest sketches received shows a wagon train crossing the prairie, while another, and the one which will probably form one of the designs, shows the big bridge across the Mississippi at Rick Island, the first bridge that ever spanned the father of waters.—*Star*, Jan. 4.

Drop me a Postal Card for the CHEAPEST PRICE LIST OUT.

My prices will be sure to please.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas.

If you mention this paper when writing I will enclose a good stamp with list. (19)

NOW READY! THIRD EDITION OF THE Plate No. Catalogue.

All subscribers to the 2nd Edition have received a copy of the new one for which they are expected to remit 25c if retained. They will surely all do it as it will be found worth several times the amount. It now prices all four sides of the Bureau issue up to No. 537. Prices are made as low as possible, some few have been reduced but many of the bottom strips have jumped way up.

Send 25c for a copy.

J. M. Bartels & Co.,
702 14th St., WASHINGTON, D. C.

A Providence Barber

gilded a lump of coal, labelled it "KLONDIKE NUGGET," and hung it in his window, where it proved a great attraction. Weary Willie floated along, smashed the thirty dollar glass with a brick, cloped with the nugget and was last seen running toward Boston. A more lasting attraction is the sixty per cent. discount on our approval sheets. Those who try them stick by them. 5000 varieties, arranged according to price. Why not send your reference for a selection?

F. Putney, Jr., Box 944, Providence, R. I.

Dealers, See Here! THIS WEEK I OFFER:

- Newfoundland 1887 1c green, obsolete per 10.... 10c
- 1890 3c slate,
- U.S. Columbian 1c to 10c used, fine, per 10 sets... 8c
- Special Delivery and Issue, used, per 10..... 30c
- 10c orange,
- Due 1891 1c to 10c bright claret, used, per 10 sets 60c
- Peru '96 3c Prussian blue, used, per 10..... 10c
- Five at same rate. Write for prices on other lots.
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, '98, 629.55
\$956.55

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

WINONA, MINN., Jan. 1, 1898.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Jan. 5th.

Either a printer's error or ineligible writing on my part gave rise to a rather ludicrous error in my notes of last week. In comparing the new two cent stamp of Newfoundland with its predecessor of the Cabot issue, the word "darkey" should have been "donkey." I intended no reflection on brethren of the colored persuasion.

There seems to be a rapidly increasing demand on the part of collectors quite generally for early European issues, particularly the stamps of Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and their colonies. Collectors seem to be awakening to the fact that many of these early Europeans are priced lower in proportion to their actual scarcity than any other class of stamps and will doubtless prove a very good purchase even at catalogue prices. In many instances they are actually worth more. The collector who completes now, as far as possible, the early issues of some of these frequently neglected countries will doubtless have occasion later on to congratulate himself on the purchase of many low priced, but comparatively scarce stamps, prior to a sharp advance in prices. Moreover a little study and observation in this same field will unquestionably be rewarded with many interesting minor varieties and shades which will not only add to the beauty and value of one's collection, but, being the outcome of one's own research, increase immeasurably the pleasure of collecting.

A correspondent in Nova Scotia informs me that the color of the new Canada one cent stamp is pale green. He adds that there seems to be a lot of kicking by post office officials relative to the color of the new 2 cent stamp, on the ground that at night it is difficult to tell whether the stamp has been cancelled or not, thus giving opportunity for used stamps to be "shoved through." Also, it is further claimed that it is difficult at night to distinguish the two from the six cent in the matter of color. Now will this lead to a change of color in the two cent stamp? Here is a chance for the speculator. It might be well to mention that I have not a big stock of these for sale and so have no ulterior business motive in speaking of this. Probably Boston is well supplied and the speculator had better make



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 1st, 1898.

Reinstated.

1201. **ACHARD, GEO. W.**, 242 Boston Block, Minneapolis, Minn.
971. **RICHARDSON, FREDERICK P.**, 106 Washington St., Salem, Mass.
21. **ROGERS, A. R.**, 75 Maiden Lane, New York City.

Corrected Addresses.

264. **DOUGHTY, FRED**, 229 Washington St. N., Lansing, Mich.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report 656
Reinstated..... 3
Present membership 659
JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 1st, 1898.

678 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 24th, valued at \$26,934.25
22 books received since Dec. 24th, valued at \$1,238.57

Total number of books received 700
of the value of 28,172.82
2 books retired valued at 1,008.30

Total number of books in circulation 698 valued at \$27,164.52

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

MONTHLY STATEMENT, JAN. 1, 1898.

Stock Fund.

Balance Dec. 1, 1897, \$228.76
Receipts for December 20.00
\$248.76

Entertainment Fund.

Balance December 1, 1897, 125.89

General Fund.

Balance Dec. 1, 1897, \$538.30
Dues for " 43.60
581.90
\$956.55

Disbursements.

Journal Printing Co., 1200
Year Books \$162.50
W. W. Jewett, 600 subscriptions to ERA 150.00

a hustle. buying all in sight at 5 cents each.

In any event, if it is correctly stated that the Postal Union made a ruling that the stamp of low denomination of the various countries should be green, and the 2 cent, or its equivalent, red, will not this necessitate a change in the color of the stamp above referred to: and in the new one and two cent stamps of Newfoundland as well? Just after the appearance of the latter stamps, the ERA's Boston correspondent stated that some such rumor caused quite a run on the one cent stamp among Boston speculators.

I have reason to believe that all the Newfoundland post offices have been well supplied with the new stamps: and yet I know a dealer who has had an order in St. Johns for several weeks, and up to date has not received the stamps. The money was sent in advance too.

I read with some interest a few weeks ago, the Bartels' note regarding the Embossed stamps on the document recently found by Mr. R. A. Tarr. Last week I received from a correspondent in Rhode Island a note dated 1801, which bears on its left end two of these Embossed stamps, each of the value of ten cents and similar to those described by Mr. Bartels.

The upper stamp is of circular form about an inch and a half in diameter. In the center is an eagle resting on a shield with the American stripes. Below is the value in capital letters "TEN CENTS." The other stamp is immediately below and the embossing cuts into the bottom of the upper stamp. It is formed of a straight line base and sides with a curved top. The inscription at the top is COM. REV. C. S. in capital letters. The center is a circle of links, 9 in number, which remind one of sausage links as much as anything, and within the circle thus formed are 13 stars. At the bottom is the value thus X* CENTS.

The note is for \$163.25, dated at Providence May 28, 1801, for 60 days, and signed by one Jacob Whitman, Jr.

GEORGE S. MCKEARN.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Have 15c, 30c (some pairs) and 50c Columbian, also 30c 1885, beautiful lightly cancelled specimens, to exchange for U. S. Adhesives or Departments. What have you? Write. H. H. Wilson, Ansonia, Ct.

Would exchange Canada Jubilee 1, 2 and 3c used, and 5 and 8c unused, for U. S. Locals, Postage or Revenues I have not in my collection. I. A. Langlois, 52 D'Artigny St., Quebec, Canada. [43]

Scott U. S. No. 1592 (Holyoke die) entire unused, to exchange for good U. S. or at half price for good copies 2c, 3c or 90c 1866 or 2c State. E. M. Douglas, Takoma Park, D. C. [44]

I will give 12 1/2 cents apiece, in stamps from sheets, for half-cents in good condition. No mutilated, bent or punched ones accepted. S. L. Futer, 513 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa.

Have some good Periodical and Post Due stamps, unused o. g., to exchange for good Cuba and Porto Rico. W. E. Conner, Ballston, Oregon.

I have U. S. and Foreign, cat. 5c to \$1.50 each, to exchange for others of same grade. Send sheets of U. S. and Foreign and receive mine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [46]

The following for exchange this week: 6c 1870 used, \$1 Passage Ticket, Mortgage, Life Insurance, Lease, Manifest, Imp. \$10 and \$50 Conveyance, 1c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 60c, 70c, \$1.50, \$3, \$3.50 2nd issue. Fred S. Martin, Greene, N. Y. [46]

Collectors sending us five unused Scott's No. 370, will receive in return, three blank exchange books and particulars; 95¢, no dues. The Mutual Stamp Exchange, 703 1/2 6th Ave., Asbury Park, N. J. [45]

Will exchange a bicycle in good condition, with cyclometer and bell, for stamps from approval sheets for my collection to the catalogue value of \$35. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [241f]

Exchange! Collectors having duplicates to exchange should send ten unused United States No. 256 for five Exchange blank lists, listing 100 stamps each. None of the objectionable features of other exchanges. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. [45*]

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [1f*]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

A collection of over 500 var. in a Standard Album, cat. value over \$12.00, for a \$2.00 Money Order. W. J. McDonald, Lock Box 212, Morgantown, W. Va.

American Match Co. 1c black, silk 35c
J. S. Burdall 1c black, waf., wrapper 35c
CHARLES KING, 105 East 10th St., New York.

U. S. 50c orange '95, 11 cts. Newfoundland (Cabot) complete set (14 var.), mint state, \$2.75; set of 6 from 1c to 6c both inclusive, only 37c, Cabot 1c and 2c only 10c each. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa. [44]

Postage Dues 1895 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, new o. g., \$0.22
War Dept. 10c, 12c, 15c or 24c, new o. g., each, .12
1885 5c brown Garfield, new o. g., .24
1888 5c indigo, Garfield, new o. g., .24
A. C. GOODRICH, Box 220, Manitou, Colo.

A small Printing Press and Outfit for sale, cost \$12, will sell for \$6. A. C. MORGAN, 2410 Penna. Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Snaps in Mexican Rev., 33 var. catalogued about \$1.75, only 42c; 20 var. cat. about \$1, only 27c; 10 var., 15c. S. LEVY, 154 2nd Ave., New York City. [43]

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Packet.	Cat. value.	Price
I.—25 varieties.....	\$0.42	\$0.08
II.—25, different from above.....	1.47	.30
The two packets, 50 varieties		
III.—25, different from above.....	1.60	.35
The three packets, 75 varieties		
IV.—12 better grade, diff. from above.....	3.40	1.00
The four packets, 85 varieties.		
V.—10 varieties, imperforated.....	5.20	1.25
VI.—10 varieties, part perf.....	3.15	1.00
VII.—10 varieties, silk paper.....	8.44	2.15
The seven packets, 115 varieties		
VIII.—15 varieties Match stamps.....	2.95	1.00
IX.—40 varieties Medicine stamps.....	2.05	.75
Both packets, 55 varieties.....		
	15.74	4.50
	.81	.25
	2.98	.75
	3.70	.00

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Newfoundland 1867 5c black.....	5.00	2.00

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 55th regular meeting was held Jan. 5th at 8.10 P. M. President Smiley in the chair. Members present: Smiley, Round, Utton, Sherman and Richards.

Application:

Albert F. Monroe, East Providence, R. I.

Resignations:

Nos. 24, 90 and 88.

Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues:

No. 73. (These can be re-instated by paying back dues.)

S. W. Shepard resigned from Secretaryship and Howard Paine was elected to fill that place.

The office of Exchange Supt. of which there has been no election was voted filled by Otto C. Cliff.

G. A. Round was appointed Auditor by the President.

G. A. ROUND, Sec. pro-tem.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received since last report 41 Pieces, donated as follows: 27 F. B. Eldridge, 6 E. D. Green, 4 F. T. Utton, 2 A. L. Sherman, 1 A. J. Kirby, 1 L. H. Benton.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, January 5th.

I have been shown, during the past week, the following new stamps: 1c and 8c of the new issue of Canada. The 1c is a very light green. The lady clerk of the New England Stamp Co. says the color harmonizes well with the colors of the rest of the set, and as ladies are supposed to be posted on such subjects, I think the color is proper. The new 3d St. Vincent has also arrived in Boston, and the dealers report that it is a ready seller.

Mr. E. L. Smiley is managing B. L. Drew & Co.'s stamp business this week, as the proprietor is visiting various cities, showing the stamps comprising his next sale. I have seen a catalogue of the above mentioned sale, and I consider it is the best catalogue of any sale that has been held in Boston. If the printer of the catalogue had only known his business, and printed the cover in gold, it would have been something grand. The cover is unique, but the color of ink used in printing it spoils what would have otherwise been a very nice job.

I understand that Mr. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. is on a trip through New York State.

It is rumored that Mr. G. R. Kennedy is to be business manager of the *Boston Stamp Book*. I understand that Mr. Kennedy is mounting a collection for one of Boston's well known collectors, that will probably require from five to seven blank albums.

Newfoundland has kindly had several denominations of their old issue re-printed, which, with their old stock, has made about 5,000 sets of stamps from ½c to 24c, and the Philatelic public is invited to contribute funds to the treasury of Newfoundland. I suppose that some enterprising dealer or syndicate will probably try to corner this lot and then we shall expect to have some new varieties. It is quite amusing to read what one of your correspondents writes about the Newfoundland surcharge, as most every mail from there brings to Boston several sheets. When they undertake to tell you that about 38,000 were used postally, it might be well to ask, what were they used for? The facts of the case are, there was no need of making them.

The compiler of the so-called "Chronicle of New Issues," in the last number of *Mekel's Weekly*, has to make a few remarks about my statement in regard to the Niger Coast ½d watermarked, and, instead of being man enough to acknowledge that he was wrong, devotes over 20 lines of his

valuable space to remarks altogether foreign to the subject. He says that if he "should write a letter to Boston to inquire about every foolish statement made by every Tom, Dick and Harry, who scribbles for the amateur stamp papers of the country (and is ashamed to sign his name to his productions), it would be a thankless task of Herculean proportions." Now, it would really pay our young friend of St. Louis to come to Boston and get posted on new issues, for we have some of the best posted dealers and importers of new issues in the country. The ERA is considered here as the second best stamp paper in the country, and I know it has always paid one hundred cents on a dollar.

S. E. L.

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Notices of coming events and applications for membership will be found posted on the bulletin boards.
For special information inquire of the House Committee.

Second meeting of stockholders and first annual meeting of the Club, held at the Club House, Dec. 8, 1897.

Vice-President Chas. Gregory, as Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8.15 p. m.

To the roll call the following stockholders answered: Andreini, Bogert, Bruner, H. L. Calman, Deats, Dieschbourg, Drew, George, Chas. Gregory, W. F. Gregory, Hartshorne, Hobby, Holland, Homburger, Knudson, Krassit, Luff, Meyenberg, Morgenthau, Nast, Parker, Perrin, Rich, J. W. Scott, W. S. Scott, Terrett, G. R. Tuttle, and Williams.

Reading of the minutes of previous stockholders meeting, Oct. 5, 1896, was dispensed with.

The following reports of officers were accepted: Vice-President's report, Treasurer's report, Secretary's report, report of Chairman Executive Com., report of House Com., report of Com. on Amusements, report of Auditing Com., report of Literary Com., report of Membership Com.

Amendments to Constitution and By-laws were then considered section by section, and passed as follows:

Amendments to the Constitution:
Sec. 8. Amended to read as follows:
"Nominations for the office of Governor may be made two weeks before the annual meeting."

Sec. 9. Amended to read as follows:
"No member shall vote for more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled and the corresponding number of candidates obtaining the largest number of votes shall be declared elected as Governors."

Sec. 12. To add to the section as follows:
"Any member who shall have transferred his stock to another person shall be deemed to have resigned his membership, but this shall not prevent his applying for and being elected to subscribing membership in the prescribed way."

Amendments to the By-laws:

Sec. 2. Amended to read as follows:
"The initiation fee for subscribers shall be ten dollars. The annual dues for resident subscribers shall be ten dollars and for non-resident subscribers five dollars."

"The above initiation fee and annual dues shall be paid by all subscribers admitted after January 1st, 1898, and the annual dues above provided for shall be paid by all subscribers after October 1st, 1898."

Sec. 3. Amended to read as follows:
"The annual dues for resident stockholders shall be ten dollars and for non-resident stockholders five dollars."

"The above annual dues shall be paid by stockholders admitted after January 1st, 1898, and by all stockholders after Oct. 1st, 1898."

Sec. 8. Amended to read as follows:

"All bills shall be payable on the first Monday of each month, and no member shall, at any time, allow a charge against him to exceed twenty (20) dollars. Should a charge against any member be found to exceed the prescribed limit the Chairman of the House Committee shall notify him, in writing, to that effect. Should a member refuse or neglect to pay his account on written notice of the amount due, he shall cease to have any further credit at the Club until such arrears be paid up. If he should remain in arrears sixty days after receiving notice of default, the Board of Governors may erase his name from the list of members."

The Secretary then read the resignations of Messrs. Herrick and Lynde from the Board of Governors, the Secretary stating that both resignations had been accepted by the Board.

After an explanation made by the Chairman about vacancies, the election of Governors took place, Messrs. Nast and Drew having been appointed Tellers.

To serve three years to replace the outgoing class, John W. Scott, Henry L. Calman, P. F. Bruner

To serve two years in place of Mr. Herrick, resigned: Mr. William Thorne.

To serve one year in place of Mr. Lynde, resigned: Dr. Jas. H. Stebbins, Jr.

And the Chairman thereupon declared Messrs. Scott, J. W., Calman, H. L., Bruner, Thorne and Stebbins duly elected Governors of the Club.

Adjourned at 9.55 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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A 20-page Wholesale Price List together with a large single-sheet retail price list from H. H. Ashworth & Co., of Manchester, England.

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A Nice Little Find.

By EDWARD B. EVANS.

The One Shilling triangular *emerald-green* of the Cape of Good Hope has always been a scarce stamp. Unused in mint condition, especially in unsevered pairs or blocks, they are decidedly difficult stamps to find; and this will be easily understood, when we remember that the stamps in this colour belong to the comparatively small supply of that value printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., and sent out in 1863, not long before the triangular stamps were superseded by the less striking but far more convenient rectangular. To this fact, and also no doubt to the fact that in those days the great majority of collectors were content with a single copy, and preferred that copy *obliterated*, we owe it that the *emerald-green* shilling, in fine unused condition, has not come down to us in such abundance as we could wish.

One hundred and fifty-eight sheets is the total number stated in the London Society's *Africa* book to have been despatched to the Colony in January, 1863; this was the last lot of triangular Shillings that was supplied, and the only lot printed in *emerald-green*. It was, therefore, rather a shock to me when, a few days ago, a friend who had asked me to meet him, as he had something curious to show me, pulled a modest-looking roll out of his pocket, and carefully unwrapped one of these very 158 sheets, almost entire, lacking only two specimens out of the 240! It was a real find, having turned up in a mass of old papers, supposed to be of very little value, but containing a certain number of curiosities, among which this will certainly take the highest place.

The sheet is in excellent condition, perfectly clean, with original gum, and margins, except where a single pair has been cut out, quite complete; and one can only wonder what led its original owner to stow away nearly £12 worth of stamps (face value) in this manner, for there can be but little doubt that it has never before been in the hands of a stamp collector, and it would appear to have been accidentally preserved, as no other stamps of so early a date have yet been found in the pile.

The impression is not even tint throughout, and it seems evident that either one end of the plate was worn, or that end was not as heavily inked as the other when this impression was printed, one end of the sheet being distinctly paler in shade, and showing a slight want of ink at some points where the corners of four stamps meet. The other part of the sheet is of a beautiful deep colour.

It is, of course, on the usual Anchor-

watermarked paper, and as sheets of these triangular stamps are not often to be met with nowadays, I thought it of interest to take some notes of the dimensions of this one, and of the arrangement of the watermarks, etc. The arrangement of the stamps is well known; the sheet of each value contained 240 copies, in fifteen rows of eight pairs in each row, the pairs of triangles being placed with the hypotenuse sides of the stamps paralleled and running from the lower left corner to the upper right corner, when the sheet is held with the longer sides vertical. A sheet like this cannot be said to have top, bottom, or sides, for the stamps are in an equally correct position whichever way the sheet is placed. The watermarks, are arranged in the same manner, perpendicularly to the hypotenuse or bottom size of the stamps, but of course without a triangular frame, being so placed that an Anchor should appear upon each stamp, with its stock towards the top corner of the design. Surrounding the portion of the sheet intended to receive the impression of the plate, is a frame of five parallel lines in watermark, interrupted twice along each of the longer, and once in the centre of each of the shorter sides by the word "POST-AGE" in outline capitals. The letters occupy the width of four of the lines, and the inner line is continuous all round the pane of Anchors. The size of the pane of stamps, in the case I am describing, is 263x55mm., and of the sheet of paper (the watermarked frame extending quite to the edges) 282x536mm. From these particulars it will be seen that it would be quite impossible to put a sheet into the press *sideways*, which it is stated in the Society's *Africa* book is the cause of parts of two Anchors appearing at the bottom of a stamp, instead of one Anchor in the middle. This misplacement of the watermark is evidently due to the sheet being put into the press with the wrong side of the paper uppermost, which may frequently have taken place: in this case the diagonal space between the two stamps of each pair would fall along, or parallel to the stocks of the two Anchors, instead of between the latter, and so a portion of each Anchor would come at the bottom of each stamp. We thus see that this paper, which had the advantage of having neither top nor bottom, but was always the right way up in one sense of the term, possessed the very great disadvantage of having a right and a wrong side.

Further examination of the sheet seems to show that the roller with which the plate was constructed probably bore two impressions of the original die, carefully placed with the bases of the triangles parallel to one another, as the diagonal spaces are very regular, whilst the horizontal and vertical spaces between

the rows of pairs are not so; the former, that is the spaces between the rows of eight, varying from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3mm., and the latter, the spaces between the rows of fifteen, varying also, but not to so great an extent, and hardly in any part exceeding 2mm.

All these little details may appear to be of minor importance, but it is well to place information of this kind on record, as it is not always obtainable.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

The Market.

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ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Geo. R. Tuttle's 8th Sale—New York.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 30th.

UNITED STATES.

Cardboard Proofs:

1861-6 1, 2, 3 scarlet, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90c all fine	2 10
Post Office complete all fine	60
Justice complete all fine	1 00
Newspaper 1879 black 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 9 and 10c all fine	1 05
red 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96c all fine	1 68
\$1.92 to \$60 all fine	1 62

Essays, Proofs, Oddities, Uncatalogued Stamps, Etc.

1861 10c green "Specimen" in gothic ○	16
1869 India Proofs 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 30c	1 04
1873 2c brown ribbed vertically	22
1883 2c claret has half of re-strike on back ○	11
Officially Sealed Post Office ○	1 05
Revenues India p. 2nd issue \$1.30 unsevered pair	1 80
same \$1.50 pair	1 80
\$1.60 pair	1 80
\$1.90 pair	1 80
\$1 green and black has imprint "Philadelphia 2"	15
\$50 India paper in brown and black fine	3 25
Camden Co. No. Ca. 1862 25c bill	05
Confederate States of Am. War envelope stamped Paid 5c	23
1861 essay 3c red on gold beater's skin fine block 4	40
same in blue	50
same in green	40
same in brown	40
same in black	40

UNITED STATES.

New York 5c black on white signed and used on o. c. fine unsevered pair	14 50
1847 5c re-issue ○	2 00
10c black on bluish on c. Paid cancellation	1 95

1855-60 1c type II. dark blue ⊕	35
12c black ○ part o. g.	90
30c orange ○	4 00
1861 10c dark green "Premiere Graveure"	5 25
30c "Premiere Graveure"	25
1861-6 5c brown ○	1 25
5c black-brown ○	2 00
10c green ○	45
3c pink ⊕	2 00
24c lilac ○	1 00
30c orange ○	1 40
1868 grill 9x13 1c blue ○ o. g.	2 00
grill 2c black ○ o. g.	75
" 15c black ○	3 00
" 30c orange light grill ⊕	1 50
" 15c black ⊕	1 10
1869 12c ○ o. g.	2 00
15c ⊕ .90; 24c ⊕	2 60
30c ⊕ 1.35; 90c ⊕	8 50
re-issue of 1875 1c ○ porous p.	95
" 2c ⊕ 1.00; 6c ⊕	4 00
" 15c ⊕	4 75
1870 grill 6c ⊕ 2.00; 7c grill ⊕	1 60
no grill 2c red-brown ○	1 25
" 3c green ○	1 25
" 6c carmine ○	2 50
1873 7c ○	3 00
1879 90c soft porous p. ○ o. g.	2 10
Agriculture 12c ○ 3.75; 15c ○ o.g.	2 10
Executive 3c ○ 2.75; 6c ○	6 50
Justice 30c ○	7 00
Navy 1c blue ○ .65; 7c blue ⊕	3 75
10c blue ○ 1.00; 30c blue ⊕	1 10
6c dull blue ○	30
State 2c dark green ○	3 00
6c dark green ○	60
10c dark green ○	1 50
12c dark green ○	2 10
15c dark green ○	2 10
Treasury 24c dark brown ⊕	2 25
War 7c rose-red ○	1 25
Envelopes 3c K die □ large margins ⊕	90
1870 10c brown on amber ○ □	1 50
1870 12c plum on amber □ ⊕	1 00
1870 24c purple on white □ ⊕	2 75
Telegraph W. U. Tel. 1881 green	1 00
Revenue imperf. 2c Bk. Check orange	
○ good margins	50
Baltimore Carrier 1c red light shade	
○ o. g.	9 25
Match:	
G. Farr & Co. 1c black	2 00
Gardner Bier & Co. 1c black on pink	2 00
Greenleaf & Co. 3c carmine old paper	1 75
A. Goldback 1c green	1 25
W. Gates 6c black	1 90
N. Y. Match 1c vermilion (silk)	3 60
Medicine:	
D. S. Barnes 1c vermilion	4 50
2c vermilion	1 80
W. T. Blow 1c green on pink	2 25
Brandreth Alcock's (large) 1c black	2 50
J. I. Brown & Son 2c green on pink	1 65
J. Burnett & Co. 4c black on pink	2 00
E. A. Wilson 12c blue (silk)	95
Perfume, Fetridge & Co. 2c vermilion	2 25
Confederate 1863 Ten Cents blue	1 10
Executive 1c "Specimen"	35
Swarts City Dispatch Post 1c blue	
No. 2733	1 50

1861 24c red-lilac ○	2 00
1855-60 10c green ○ o. g.	90
1870-1 1c blue no grill ○	35
3c green no grill ○	30
15c orange ○ o. g.	45
1873 12c dark purple ○	2 00
Revenues:	
50c Passage Ticket imp.	1 60
50c Life Ins. imp.	1 00
50c P. of W. imp.	1 00
\$1.60 imp.	3 00
Perforated \$1 Passage Ticket	2 50
\$1.60 ○ 1.50; 1c Playing Cards ○	2 00
\$3.50 ○ 2.00; 4c "	4 00
\$50 ○ 3.00; \$25 silk paper	2 00
\$10 Conv. 1 00; \$15 ○	4 00
\$10 P. of W. ○	1 10
2nd issue 6c blue and black	1 00
50c blue and black inverted	8 00
2c black & orange on green "	2 50
5c blue and black "	11 10
2c Liberty part perf. large margins	1 00
5c Prop. black and green on green	1 90
5c Prop. black and green on violet ○	2 00
6c Prop. black and green on violet ○	1 30
10c Prop. black and green on violet	2 00
FOREIGN.	
Antigua CC 14 2½ brown ○	4 00
1sh mauve ○	3 75
Argentine 1868-9 5c vermilion horizontal lines only ○	1 00
Bahamas 1871-3 4p red ⊕	65
1874 CC 12½ 1sh violet ⊕	90
Belgium 1851 wmk. "LL." without frame thick paper ○	1 25
Bolivia 1867 5r yellow-green ⊕	1 10
1869 500r black ○	7 75
Bremen perf. 2gr yellow ⊕	1 15
Brunswick 1883 12gr yellow ○	4 50
Canada 1859-64 12¼c green imperf. ○	3 30
1859 17c blue imperf. ○	2 75
Cape of Good Hope 1853 6p lilac ○	2 10
Columbian Rep. 1859 5c lilac on laid ○	2 05
1859 5c gray ○	1 90
1861 5c yellow ⊕	2 10
1883 2c red on yellow ○	1 25
Antioquia 1873 10c lilac ○	2 00
Columbian Rep. Antioquia 1875 5c green laid paper pen cancel.	6 10
Cundinamarca 1882 1p red-brown pen cancellation	75
Costa Rica 1863 1p brown ○ proof	25
1881-2 Dos Cts. on ½r blue and black ○	4 00
Cuba 1877 10c light green ○	1 50
Cyprus 1880 ½p red ○ plate 15	50
CC 4p olive ⊕	1 30
revenue "Postal Surcharge" 2 piastres lilac ⊕	1 00
Danish W. I. 1873-9 14c lilac & gr'n ○	2 55
Denmark 1853-7 16s violet ⊕	1 90
Dominica 1874 CC 12½ 6p gr'n fine	75
Dominican Rep. 1866 ½r straw ⊕	50
Finland env. 1860-1 5k blue □ ○	2 00
1885 10m brown and red ○	1 60
Hawaiian 1859-65 5c blue on blue ⊕	3 00
1883-6 \$1 ⊕	1 80
Prov. Govt. 25c purple ○	1 25
Hong Kong 1890 1d on 96c brown on red ⊕ without Chinese characters	1 30

Mexico 1856 half of 4r red ⊕ as 2r on part cover	60
Guadalajara 1867 quadrille 2r rose ⊕	80
Nevis CA 4p blue ⊕	2 00
New Brunswick 1851 3p red ⊕	1 60
1860 1c brown-violet ⊕	95
New Caledonia 1881 5c on 75c carmine inverted ⊕	15
Newfoundland 1867-73 1c lilac ○	85
New So. Wales 1862 wmk. double lined "6" red and blue ○	2 70
New Zealand 1858-9 6p red-brown thick paper ⊕	25
Nova Scotia 6p green cut diagonal ⊕ as 3p on o. c.	4 00
Oldenburg 1852 1-30 blue ○	80
St. Helena 1871 perf. 12½ 1sh. Scott's No. 34 ⊕	90
Shanghai 1879 60 on 80 blue No. 115 ⊕	1 05
Spain 1865 1r green perf. red, London cancellation	1 70
1870 2c lilac ⊕	1 30
1874 10p black ○	2 30
1889 4p carmine ○	82
Straits Settlements 12c ⊕	2 10
1883 3c on 5c blue ○ No. 65	80
Surinam 1873 2g 50c ○	1 20
Tobago 1896 ½d postage on 4 lilac and red ⊕	2 00
Turks I. 1p red ○ No. 1	70
4 on 6p No. 18 ○	4 40
Uruguay 1891-92 5 on 7 brown ○ error "Previsorio"	80
Victoria 1891-5 2sk yellow-green ○	1 35
Virgin Is. 1866 perf. 12 6p rose ⊕	4 25
W. Australia 1861 1sh green No. 26 ⊕	80
Wurtemberg 1851 18kr violet ⊕	1 80
Formosa China 20c green ⊕	4 30
Sweden 1855 24s bright red ⊕	3 60
France 1849 15c green ⊕	90
Grenada 1875-81 ½ violet ○ error "ostage"	85
Germany Thurn & Taxis 30k orange ⊕	30
Gold Coast CA ½ bistre ⊕	1 60
One Penny on 6p ⊕	1 05
Gambia CC 4p ⊕	1 10
Falkland Is. 1886 4p olive-gray CA sideways ○	1 10
1878 6p green ○	50
Grenada 1875 4p blue ⊕	80
Iceland 1873 2s blue ○	1 25
Labuan 1883 16c blue CA ○	1 65
Newfoundland 1857 3p green ⊕	1 10
New Zealand 1873 1sh green ○ No. 122	1 50
Oldenburg 1860 1g blue ⊕	60
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The new issue of special stamps will be of marked artistic order in design, symbolical of the great Trans-Mississippi region and its tributaries. Third Assistant Postmaster General Merritt, who will have charge of the selection of subjects, has written a number of letters to the leading artists of the United States, asking for suggestions relative to designs. The designs contemplate portraits of distinguished persons identified with the country, appropriate historical events as illustrated by existing paintings or engravings.

As it is the aim of the Postmaster General to give the Exposition a series of stamps that will not only be artistic in character, but which will appeal to all classes of people and be especially typical of the Greater West, it is suggested that possibly one of the denominations might have on the face a reproduction of a celebrated painting "Fremont Hoisting the Flag on the Rocky Mountains." Other prominent men and events in connection with the western territory, typical of its marvelous development and progress during the past one hundred years, are suggested. Among these is the well known statue of the distinguished western leader and statesman, United States Senator Thomas H. Benton at St. Louis, which bears upon one side of the base a quotation from one of Mr. Benton's celebrated speeches, wherein he outlined the possibilities of the country beyond the Mississippi. It has been thought that the Benton statue would be an appropriate design for one of the stamps.

The complex picture which hangs in the south corridor of the capitol, known as "Westward-ho," emblematical of the hardships attendant upon the pioneer, and suggested by Bishop Berkeley's quotation, "Westward the course of the empire takes its way," is also proposed.

A representation of the picture, "De Soto's Discovery of the Mississippi River," in the rotunda of the capitol at Washington, is suggested for use on one of the stamps.

The stamps will be different in color from the regular series. In shape they will resemble the Columbian stamp issued in commemoration of the World's Fair. The new ones will be twice the size of the present postage stamps. The Trans-Mississippi stamps will be sought after by collectors, and as there are nearly half a million of these people in the world, the government, instead of being philanthropic, expects to realize handsomely upon the issue. Columbian stamps today are selling at prices many times higher than was once paid for them and they are growing more valuable each year. It is the same way with the Centennial stamp, and it will also be true of the Trans-Mississippi stamp.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Merritt, invites suggestions of scenes for use of the stamps, it being the desire of the post office authorities to give the Trans-Missis-

siippi and International Exposition the handsomest set of stamps ever issued to commemorate an exposition.

The absurdity of the statements made in the latter part of next to the last paragraph above cannot but be considered as ludicrous in the extreme, as the Columbian issue has thus far been an utter failure as an investment and they are today a drug on the market.

As examples to show the reception the news of this proposed new issue is being given by collectors we publish below "Protests" that have, even at this early day, been made by representative stamp people. First we publish Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer's letter of protestation to the Postmaster General and we would advise our readers to follow his example *at once*. Write to your Congressman, to your Senator and to the Postmaster General and enter your protest, both for the nation's honor and for the good of stamp collecting.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31st, 1897.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GARY,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I wish to register a protest against the issue of special commemorative stamps for the Omaha Exposition, and respectfully urge that the idea of their issue be re-considered and abandoned.

Since the issue of the Columbian set in 1893, or more strictly in the last few years, the custom of emitting special stamps to celebrate occasions of varying National importance has been abused, especially by minor countries, that consider such issues primarily as a convenient means through which to replenish Governmental exchequers, by the sale of the stamp to Philatelists, that the commemorative issues have lost all charm and novelty to the Philatelist or stamp collector. Rather, the Philatelist now views special unnecessary issues with disfavor and impatience.

By resorting to the hackneyed plan of providing special stamp for the Omaha Exposition, you will unwittingly disquiet stamp collectors and in consequence exercise a sinister effect on the stamp business.

Respectfully yours,

P. M. WOLSEFFER.

From *American Journal of Philately*.

STAMP COLLECTORS' PROTEST!!

In some of the daily papers a notice has recently appeared that our government intends to issue a series of celebration stamps in commemoration of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to be held at Omaha this year. After the earnest endeavors of almost all prominent philatelists in all parts of the world to put a stop to the issue of Jubilee and commemorative stamps, it would, indeed, be a sad blow to our hobby if the Government of the United States should lend itself to so reprehensible a scheme.

We publish below a copy of a letter addressed by us to the Hon. James A. Gary, Postmaster General of the United States,

on December 29th, 1897, and we would earnestly advise all stamp collectors to address similar letters of protest to the authorities at Washington, in order to show that the objections to the issue in question are not held by a few individuals, but pervade the entire stamp collecting fraternity.

"December 29th, 1897.

"JAMES A. GARY, Esq.,

"Postmaster-General,

"Washington, D. C.

"DEAR SIR:—In a recent issue of the *New York Sun*, we find a statement that a series of postage stamps in commemoration of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which is to be held at Omaha next Summer, will be issued by the Post Office Department. It is said that the designs and colors have not yet been determined, but the denominations will be 1, 2, 5, 10c and \$1.

"We trust we may be excused for what might seem to you an impertinence in addressing you on a subject which concerns your Department exclusively, but we feel justified in protesting to you against the execution of any such design as is contemplated in the article referred to. The number of collectors of postage stamps in the United States may probably be estimated as somewhere around 500,000 and for the past three or four years their almost unanimous efforts have been directed against the collecting of Jubilee or commemorative stamps issued by Governments, whether large or small. In many instances, issues of this character have been made for purely speculative purposes, and in others to replenish the treasuries of weak governments. United action has resulted in reducing to a considerable extent the issue of such stamps, and a protest filed in advance has in some instance succeeded in preventing such projected issues. In the majority of instances, the offenders, in the view of stamp collectors, have been the smaller states and colonies, and only in a few cases has a government like that of Canada or Newfoundland stooped to such a prostitution of the legitimate purposes of a Post Office Department. We certainly hope that the government of the United States will not, at this late day, lend itself to a scheme of this character, which can under no interpretation bear any relation to the legitimate ends of the postal service. The issue of the Columbian series of stamps in 1893 should not be considered a precedent for future issues, as the occasion then celebrated was one of such surpassing importance that it was proper, and perhaps essential, that it should be commemorated in so fitting and lasting a manner.

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Providence Notes.

As usual, the stamp business has been rather quiet during the holiday season, but the revival is already beginning to make itself felt. A curious feature of the past few weeks has been the number of inquiries for "the new albums," a quite general impression seeming to exist among younger collectors especially that annual editions of the albums are as essential a feature of the philatelic routine as are annual catalogues.

Mr. H. F. Lamb, formerly of Pawtucket, but now, I believe, claiming New York as his permanent residence, was here for a few days recently. He reports an interesting and fortunate "find" of over six hundred of the three cent black and green Proprietary revenues, now catalogued at fifty cents each. These stamps were taken from a New York drug store, under the very noses of the dealers, and were secured by Mr. Lamb at a nominal price. If Mr. Robie of Chicago ever strikes that drug store and finds the boxes of pills which those stamps came off of, I hope that the druggist will have a phonograph ready.

The ERA's Peruvian correspondent recently noted several cases of collectors who are pursuing their own sweet will "outside the pale" and unhampered by any knowledge of stamp papers or up-to-date catalogues. The writer knows a gentleman in this city who has a fair sized collection, including some very good North Americans, but who, I am quite sure, has never seen a stamp paper and who is blissfully ignorant of minor varieties. His collection was begun many years ago and he claims that he has never purchased a single stamp, all his acquisitions having been made through gifts from friends or by "stamp for stamp" exchange.

While in a city in eastern Massachusetts recently, the writer heard of a collection which is being carefully preserved for a peculiar and perhaps unique reason. The book contains a few hundred varieties, evidently gathered some years ago, all pasted down flat but including a few desirable specimens of the early United States issues, as well as some good foreign. It is in the possession of a Chinese laundryman, to whom it was given by a lady customer, and he regards it as a sort of good luck charm, refusing to sell it for any amount. The Celestial absolutely refuses to exhibit the collection before strangers and the writer was unable to obtain a sight at the book, even at the request of his informant, who had already seen it.

The Canadian Jubilee stamps were (1)

issued with the main purpose of selling them to collectors, (2) purposely limited in quantity, (3) not good for postage after a limited time and therefore so much waste paper so far as their non-philatelic value goes, and (4) entirely unnecessary. You may write columns upon columns stating that the issue was not speculative, but unless you can prove that every one of the above four statements is untrue, you cannot prove your case.

I notice that the Post Office department has decided that only one cent shall be charged upon "drop" letters in districts where the rural free delivery is in operation. If we could only believe that this is another step toward one cent postage, as some of the newspapers would have it!

The report of the Providence post office for 1897, shows a large increase in the business of all departments over that of last year. The sales of stamped paper were over \$15,000 more than they were in 1896, the figures for the past year being \$272,188.65. In the registry department, the Providence office stands fifteenth in the country in the amount of business done. It occupies about the same position with regard to the money order business, about a million and a half dollars being annually handled. A peculiarity about Providence business men is that they patronize the box department of the post office more liberally than in any other city of the country. Of the 1350 boxes in the office, all but sixty-five are taken. Perhaps one strong reason for this is that in many sections of the city the last carrier delivery each day covers only what mail has arrived up to two o'clock and many people do not care to wait until the next morning for their afternoon mail.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

Several more denominations of the new issue have been put on sale and it is expected that the entire series will be placed in the offices throughout Canada generally, within a few days. The press of the Dominion seems very kindly disposed towards the new stamps.

Hon. Mr. Mulock, the postmaster-general has, it seems, raised quite a tempest in a tea pot over the recent mandate made by him that after January 1st, 1898, the postal rate on first class matter should be 3 cents per half ounce to any point within the British Empire. Mr. Mulock's first effort at "preferential trade" among the British colonies and the motherland has raised quite a commotion and not only the Home government but a number of foreign countries have been making it so warm for this gentleman that it has been about decided in the last few days that the matter will have to be dropped permanently instead of being postponed for a month or two. This agitation has about convinced the "Hon. member for North York" that he only owns Canada and is not the controller-in-chief of the universal postal union.

Another matter has cropped up recently

in Toronto which is giving the postmaster-general some trouble. The Farmer's Loan and Savings Company, a corporation which has been doing business in Toronto for a score of years and which was always supposed to have been financially sound, has collapsed, and is admitted to have been one of the worst failures of recent years. Mr. Mulock has been president of this company from its inception until a short time before the crash came when he resigned. It looked for a time as though the political career of the postmaster-general was likely to be nipped in the bud, but later developments have exculpated the Honorable gentleman entirely. The Toronto papers also hint that Mr. Thos. Pinkney, the well known philatelist, who was accountant of the defunct corporation and who left town shortly after the failure had been guilty of some misfeasance in connection with the affair. Everyone who was personally acquainted with Mr. Pinkney gave the reports no credence and their view of the matter has since turned out to be correct. When Mr. Pinkney, whose qualities of sterling honesty are well known, is required, he will undoubtedly be on hand to give an account of his stewardship.

If you have any of the old Canadian, the issue just concluded, stamps of the ½c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 50c denominations keep them, you'll need them before long. If one may judge by the manner these are

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The Catalogue and Newfoundland.

It may seem presumptuous to criticise the catalogue when the experience of the compilers is considered, but one who has handled any considerable number of the pence and cents of Newfoundland cannot in my humble opinion but find fault with certain things appearing therein.

First: Take the 5d. I consider the 5d violet which is priced highest unused (justly so and at far less than its real value) is the most common used. I have seen numbers of them on the sheets of English dealers marked as the red or yellow-brown. Then the next in order of rarity used is the common unused red on yellow-brown, while the dark violet or chocolate colored 5d, while quite common unused, must be very rare indeed in a used condition as I have yet to see what I consider a genuinely used one.

Again, turn to the one penny. I have never seen a penny similar in color to the common 5d yellow or reddish-brown. I think the information supplied by Mr. Bacon a few years ago, in regard to the quantities of Newfoundland pence printed and different shipments to the colony, will bear out my contention.

According to him there were 11,000 5d shipped on Oct. 3d, 1856. This lot would, I think, be the violet and as the next lot was not sent till June, 1860, they would be nearly all used. With one exception all the unused copies I have seen were without original gum and most of them could be traced to very old collections.

The next lot which arrived in 1860, consisted of 20,000 and these I believe to be the reddish or yellowish brown.

Then the third and last lot consisting of 10,000 5d came over in the following year, and here we have the dark violet or chocolate brown.

To digress for a moment a comparison of the numbers of these stamps printed and their catalogue prices with the quantities and prices of certain other B. N. A. and U. S. would afford some evidence to support the belief which I have always had that the scarcity of a given stamp has less to do with its selling value than many people imagine and that fashion very often booms a stamp to a point far away beyond its true value. The pence issues of Newfoundland are very scarce indeed, but until very re-

cently were not what you would call popular. Perhaps uniformity of design has had something to do with this. A gentleman who dealt in stamps here in the later sixties and early seventies told me recently that while he always had a large market for his Nova Scotia stamps he used to find Newfoundland pence something of a drug.

To return to our mutation. The statement I have before referred to shows that there were only two shipments of the one penny, viz., 70,000 in 1856 and 10,000 in 1861. The first lot would be the common or violet corresponding exactly in color to the 5d violet (the one high priced unused), and the second lot would be the violet or dark brown corresponding with the dark brown 5d.

Query: Why is the common one penny priced higher than the eight pence lake of which only 10,000 were printed?

In my next I shall discuss the prices of some of the pence issues and shall also have something to say concerning certain of the cents.

HALISONIAN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Jan 11th.

The green 1c stamps may be expected early in February, the stock of blues being rapidly absorbed by the quarterly requisitions now coming in.

The change was made by order of the Department a few days before Christmas, and it is probable that a few sets of plates will be found in blue as well as green; these are probably Nos. 452, 455, 493, 496 and 526, 529. Plate number collectors are advised to procure these numbers at the earliest possible date, as some of them may prove to be very scarce in one or the other color.

No further change in colors has yet been ordered, but it is believed that the 5c in blue may be on the market by May 1st. The change in design of same has not been yet approved.

The color of the 2c rose has been considered within the requirements of the Union and will not be changed.

The proposed Omaha Exposition stamps are creating no little indignation among collectors, and Washington philatelists are receiving requests to do all in their power to prevent the issue of this uncalled for imposition upon the stamp collecting world. Also the Postmaster General has received letters of protest from various sources, but what effect this will have we are unable to know.

There has been an improvement in business with dealers since shortly before Christmas, both with local and mail trade.

The new Standard Plate Number Catalogue has been mailed in large numbers, which will no doubt help this branch of business considerably, though it has been quite active the whole season.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

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- American Journal of Philately*, Jan., Vol. XI, No. 1.
- Briefmarkenhandler*, Dec., Vol. II, No. 8.
- California Stamp*, Dec., Vol. I, No. 2.
- Eastern Philatelist*, Dec., Vol. XX, No. 4.
- International Philatelist*, Dec., Vol. VI, No. 2.
- Lone Star State Philatelist*, Nov., Dec., Vol. V, Nos. 4 and 5.
- Pennsylvania Philatelist*, Dec., Vol. XIII, No. 1.
- Perforator*, Jan., Vol. I, No. 11.
- Philatelic Bulletin*, Dec., Vol. I, No. 4.
- Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, Dec., Vol. VIII, No. 3.
- Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, Dec., Vol. VII, No. 84.
- Stamp Collectors' Journal*, Dec., Vol. XX, No. 230.
- Virginia Philatelist*, Jan., Vol. I, No. 5.
- Young Collector*, Dec., Vol. I, No. 12.

The first thing that strikes the eye in opening the first number of the new volume of the *American Journal of Philately* is an unpagged leaf pasted in at the commencement of the number and bearing a protest from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., in the shape of a letter to Postmaster General Gary in regard to the proposed issue of stamps for the Omaha Exposition.

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Corrected Addresses.

868. BELDEN, FRANCIS S., to 1805
Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ills.
1139. McCULLOCH, R. A., to 5 W.
83rd St., N. Y. City.
921. SUYDAM, W. H., to 53 River
St., Chicago, Ills.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report 659
New members 3
Reinstated 1
Present membership 663

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 10th, 1898.
698 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Jan.
1st, valued at \$27,164.52
48 books received since Jan. 1st,
valued at \$1,632.19
28,796.71
1 book retired valued at..... 21.80
Total number of books in circula-
tion 745 valued at..... \$28,774.91
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK END- ING JAN. 8th, 1898.

Applications for Membership.

MOHN, N. C., 47 Sotheby Road, High-
bury Park N., London: age 35; occupa-
tion, Manager. References: Alfred Daw-
son, C. W. Bowen.
OSGOOD, D. W., Pueblo, Colo.: age 29 1/2;
occupation, Ore Broker. References:
Jos. S. Davis, Joe F. Beard.

New Stockholders.

1488. **BURTON, KENNETH E.**, Lake
Geneva, Wis.
1489. **BURTON, WARREN E.**, Lake
Geneva, Wis.
1490. **PALMER, LINCOLN N.**, 206
Broadway, N. Y. City.

Reinstated.

164. **SELLSCHOPP, W.**, 108 Stock-
ton St., San Francisco, Cal.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

The first meeting of the Louisville Philatelic Society in its new quarters was attended by eighteen members. President Adler in the chair. Numerous new ideas for the betterment of the Society were brought forth, and from all the promises, etc., we expect to see about ten new members added this month. The new quarters have put new life into the older members as well as the young ones. During the evening Mr. Hahn brought forth a 23rd edition of J. W. Scott & Co., 1871. A comparison with that of the 58th made some of the "boys" wish they had been collecting in those days. You could buy a 5c New York for 50 cents, a 24c 1851 for 20 cents, unused or used, an 1851 30c for 25 cents, a 90c 1869 for 25 cents and a 90c 1870 for 15 cents. The rare foreigners such as a 2c Hawaiian Is., first issue Mauritius and British Guiana were not priced. The regular issue of the Confederates differed very little in price from the price of today.

A Spartanburg, S. C., on original cover has been offered here this week by one of the collectors who handles rarities on commission. A Philadelphia party has been offering Jenkins-Camden Dispatch in sheets of fifty, claimed to have received from the heirs of Jenkins. From the manner in which they were sent here, the owner did not appear to take extra care in sending or value them extra high.

One of the "boys" has made a "find" which he considers very valuable. As to the value of the find, he has the only three known of this kind. It was a label of the Postmaster of Gonzales, Texas, which he used as stamps previous to receiving the stamps of the Confederate Government and had them in use for about a year. The stamps are on the original cover and everything goes to prove that they were used just as represented. There are a great many people living in Gonzales, Texas, who remember the issue and use of these stamps. The party who the envelopes are addressed to is yet alive, and authenticates all statements. When the full history of these very unique and novel locals is brought forth, it will make quite interesting reading and will show what a philatelist can do when he tries. It took the party who now has the envelopes at least four months to get all the history, dates, names, etc., and trace each one up.

E. B. S.

GREAT BRITAIN

1864, 1p Red.

Set of Plate Numbers 71 to 225, Complete, Ewing's Price \$10.00. My Price, \$4.00.

W. F. GREGORY,

71 Nassau St., Room 4. * NEW YORK.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

ONE-CENT ALBINOS.

MANFIELD, MASS., Dec. 27, 1897.

MR. W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: I had the good fortune to get hold of two 1c Albinos, from a box of 1c envelopes, on white paper, the past week.

The envelopes are gummed and o. k. and I think they must be scarce if not rare, as I never saw one before of the 1c value although I have seen two of the 2c value in the last 15 years.

Thinking this find might possibly interest the readers of your very valuable paper, I remain, with the compliments of the season,

Yours very truly,

DAVID SMILEY.

DEALERS SHOULD BE THE ONES TO CONTRIBUTE.

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 20, '97.

I notice in almost every philatelic paper that I pick up, an invitation to have the collectors contribute toward the defense fund of the newspaper stamp case.

Briefly stated I think the dealers should be the ones to fight hard, leaving no stone unturned to bring this case to a successful termination, for the reason that at least ninety-nine out of one hundred collections will be bought and re-sold by them and consequently are the ones that derive the profits in dollars and cents and the collector has the pleasure for which he paid.

I may be wrong in my conclusion, but would like to hear from other collectors not from collector (?) dealers or publishers interested in selling stamps.

PHILIP J. VETTER.

THE NEW POSTALS.

RICHMOND, ILL., Jan. 3, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: If I am not too late for giving you information about the new postal cards, herewith I give you absolute correct description of both with the portrait of Jefferson and Adams. The Jefferson card has the portrait three-quarter face looking to the left, exactly as now appears upon the ordinary one-cent card, but surrounded by a somewhat fuller olive wreath and having at the bottom, in very small capitals on a curved tablet, the name of "Jefferson." To the left of the portrait are three straight lines of lettering. The first, which is two inches long, is made up of the words "Postal Card—One Cent" in

Gothic capitals about one-sixteenth of an inch high, with the beginning letter of each word, however, twice that height.

The second line, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, contains the words "United States of America" in ornamental white capitals three-sixteenths of an inch high, upon a plain black tablet $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch wide, surrounded by a single fine black line, with a heart-shaped finial at either end, and a semicircular ornament at the bottom, having a straight line extension from each side running parallel with the tablet. The third line $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, is made up of the words, "This side is for address only" in very small Gothic capitals.

The Adams card has the portrait of John Adams three-quarter face, looking to the left, surrounded by an olive wreath, and with the name "John Adams" upon a scroll at the bottom. To the left of portrait are three lines of ordinary Roman capitals, the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long contains the words "Postal Card—One Cent" the beginning letter of each word being larger than the other letters.

The second line $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches long contains the words "United States of America," in capitals exactly like the large letters in the line above.

The third line $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, contains in quite small letters, "This side is for address only," between the second and third lines is an ornamental dash $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long.

This is a true statement direct from John A. Merritt, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

If you have room in the WEEKLY ERA you may publish it, it may interest many stamp collectors.

Yours very truly,

GUSTAV MULLER.

THE TURKS ISLAND SURCHARGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 1, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I beg to make a correction in your San Francisco Notes of Dec. 18th. Your correspondent was in error in stating that I had discovered there were four printings of the surcharge $\frac{1}{2}$ on 4d. Turks Islands, Scott's No. 58. I have all of the varieties of type of this stamp, and Mr. Brewer has evidently mixed types with printings. As this information was given him by a member, in attendance at the meeting, the mistake can be easily accounted for. Baron Reuterskiold in his article in Stanley Gibbons' Monthly for Feb., '97, inclines to the belief that three printings of these stamps were made, while I have reliable information that there were only two.

The whole issue of these stamps consisted of but 1200 copies, which were printed in two lots of 600 each, the first being on strips of six, while the second printing was made on entire sheets, they being run

through the press for each row. The matter of types, if not illustrated, is too lengthy to enter into.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. WILLCOX.

Chicago Philatelic Society.
651 Marquette Building.

- L. H. MILLER, President.
- C. E. SEVERN, Vice-President.
- B. A. COTTELOW, Secretary.
- F. J. LEFEVER, Treasurer.
- B. A. COTTELOW, Supt. Sales and Auction Department.
- F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 265th regular meeting was called to order at 8.30 p. m., January 6th, 1898, by the President.

These members were present: Messrs. Miller, Wolsieffer, Massoth, Michael, Severn, Krippaehne, Wolseley and Cottlow.

After the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Severn reported having received a letter of thanks from Mr. Kurzweg's brother of Watertown, Wis.

The Secretary read the resignations of Mr. Reckard and Dr. Potts both of which were referred to the Governing Board for their action.

The Auditing Committee reported having examined the Treasurer's books for 1897 and had found them correct.

It was then moved that a committee of five, including the chair, be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of our member, Hon. Washington Hesting. This was seconded and carried and the following committee appointed: Messrs. Cottlow, Miller, Wolsieffer, Wolseley and Severn.

After recess which followed, the Governing Board made its report. The resignations of Messrs. Potts and Reckard were accepted with regrets; and Messrs. Lefever and Massoth were appointed to fill the offices of Librarian and Superintendent of Sales respectively, after which the Committee on Resolutions reported the following:

Whereas, It has been the will of Almighty God to take from us our beloved and honored fellow-member and citizen, the Honorable Washington Hesting, and Whereas, The Chicago Philatelic Society desires to make a memorial of the great loss that has fallen upon us, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize the loss that has been sustained by us in common with the community at large through the death of this man, whose earnest efforts were always to advance the interests of his city and who by the results of his labors became honored among men, and be it further

Resolved, That in testimonial of our appreciation of his friendship, for our Society, there be spread upon the records a copy of these resolutions and that copies signed by the President, Secretary and

Committee be sent to the family of the late Washington Hesting and be furnished to the official organ of the Society and to *Meebel's Weekly News.*

- B. A. COTTELOW,
 - L. H. MILLER,
 - P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
 - H. W. WOLSELEY,
 - C. E. SEVERN,
- Committee.

After the adoption of the above adjournment followed.

B. A. COTTELOW, Secretary.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Will exchange Match and Medicine for good U. S. Postage and Departments. Duplicates taken. Send your sheets early if you wish pick of good Match and Medicine. Charles King, 105 East 10th St., New York City.

Wanted: Bound volumes or single numbers of "The American Journal of Philately." State what you have and what you want. S. Schachne, 16 East 87th St., New York, N. Y.

Want to exchange Foreign stamps catalogued 5c to \$5 each for other stamps or entire. Send sheets. Good exchange guaranteed. Mrs. Th. Martin, 1294 First Ave., New York.

A great rarity to exchange for U. S. stamps. 110 copies (no duplicates) of "Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper," years 1861-65 (War copies) and same number of "Harper's Weekly" same years, also War Nos. of N. Y. and other daily papers. Jerome Williams, Roundout, N. Y.

Wanted—to exchange with advanced collectors. No trash wanted, none given. Can supply any die number of English a penny, also N. S., P. E. I., Newfoundland; have Newfoundland re-issue used and unused. C. S. Woodling, 16 Agricola St., Halifax, N. S.

Exchange desired in unmounted camera prints taken from here to Europe for others. Two cameras, Tribune tandem, French cycle, Hammond typewriter, books, stamp papers, stamps, entire envelopes and postal cards for stamps or best offer. Full description given by return mail for postal or postage. Copies of leading stamp journals of U. S. and England for the postage. Write L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

Silveroid Watch, 23 cal. Colt's Revolver, Birds' Eggs, Coins, Books, Novels, Magazines, Philatelic Journals, Oil Painting, Photographs and Stamps to exchange for Stamps for my collection, U. S. & Foreign. H. G. Armstrong, (U. S. P. A. 8r) L. Box 905, Remington, Vt.

I want all U. S. and Canada, current and old except very common, and will give foreign from my sheets in exchange. W. C. Boult, Box 222, Altona, Pa. [48]

Scott U. S. No. 1591 (Holyoke die) entire unused, to exchange for good U. S. or at half price for good copies 24c, 30c or 90c 1869 or 2c State. E. M. Douglas, Takona Park, D. C. [44]

I have U. S. and Foreign, cat. 5c to \$1.50 each, to exchange for others of same grade. Send sheets of U. S. and Foreign and receive mine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [46]

The following for exchange this week: 6c 1870 used, \$1 Passage Ticket, Mortgage, Life Insurance, Lease, Manifest, Imp. \$10 and \$20 Conveyance, 1c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 60c, 70c, \$1.50, \$3, \$3.50 and 2nd Issue. Fred S. Martin, Greene, N. Y. [46]

Collectors sending us five unused Scott's No. 379, will receive in return, three blank exchange books and particulars: 95¢, no dues. The Mutual Stamp Exchange, 703 1/2 6th Ave., Asbury Park, N. J. [45]

Will exchange a bicycle in good condition, with cyclometer and bell, for stamps from approval sheets for my collection to the catalogue value of \$35. J. F. Johnson, 53 Thomson St., Boston, Mass. [42]ff

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Barrels, Box 1020, Portland, Oregon. [41c]

Exchange! Collectors having duplicates to exchange should send ten unused United States No. 256 for five Exchange blank lists, listing 100 stamps each. None of the objectionable features of other exchanges. The American Philatelic Exchange, 91 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. [45*]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

If you want a fine specimen of the rare 1c black Gorman Match at a low price write to me at once.
C. B. MERRILL, [45]
130 West 14th St., New York.

For Sale: Ten dollars worth of U. S. Hawaii, etc., all different, for a \$2.00 Money Order. CUMBERLAND STAMP CO., 383 Spring St., Portland, Me.

1000 Best Hinges 8c, H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa. U. S., all good copies: '62 Jackson 2c black, 5c; '67 rose 3c grilled, 5c; '71 carmine 6c, only 13c; '73 pink 6c, only 7c; Scott's 58th catalogue only 47c post paid. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

From the success of my former ads, my Revenue Sheets at 20¢ off must be pretty good. I give new agents a premium. Better send for some. GEO. E. SHEPARD, McClintock Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

75 good different Revenue Stamps, 52 cents. CHARLES KING, 105 East 10th St., New York.

Entire Envelopes, unused and fine. Scott's Nos.: 1463, cat. \$2.50, for 90c; 1471, cat. 60c, for 35c; 1448 (star wmk.) cat. 35c, for 20c; 1451 (2a wmk.) cat. 25c, for 15c; 1494 and 1496 (2a wmk.) cat. 50c, for 15c; 1350 and 1352 (patent lines) used, fine, 25c. Post-free. Cash with order. References given. CHAS. A. BRAND & CO., 233 E. 84th St., New York.

Try my approval sheets at 25, 33 1/2 and 50¢ com. 6c Treasury, price 5c; 75 unused stamps, price 12c; 7 var. Guatemala, price 70c. Postage extra on orders under 25c. M. A. Bettman, 137 W. 75th St., N. Y. City.

Prices will surprise you. Price List of U. S. Rev. a. free. H. Lechner, 17 McClintock Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

1869 1c, 2c and 3c, good condition, the set, post paid, 22c. C. B. MERRILL, [45]
130 West 14th St., New York.

In order to introduce my price list of Canadian stamps I'll give a Montenegro stamp and list free to those sending me addresses of four collectors. W. J. PORTER, 206 Simcoe St., Toronto, Canada.

U. S. 50c orange '95, 11 cts. Newfoundland (Cabot) complete set (14 var.), mint state, \$2.75; set of 6 from 1c to 6c both inclusive, only 37c, Cabot 1c and 2c only 10c each. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa. [44]

DOCUMENT REVENUES IN PACKETS, NO TWO ALIKE IN SERIES.

Packet	Cat. value	Price
I.—25 varieties.....	\$0.42	\$0.08
II.—25, different from above.....	1.47	.30
<i>The two packets, 50 varieties</i>		
III.—25, different from above.....	1.20	.25
<i>The three packets, 75 varieties</i>		
IV.—12 better grade, diff. from above.....	3.15	1.00
<i>The four packets, 85 varieties.</i>		
V.—10 varieties, imperforated.....	2.95	1.00
VI.—10 varieties, part perf.....	2.30	.75
VII.—10 varieties, silk paper.....	2.05	.75
<i>The seven packets, 115 varieties</i>		
VIII.—15 varieties Match stamps.....	15.74	4.50
IX.—40 varieties Medicine stamps.....	.81	.25
<i>Both packets, 55 varieties.....</i>		
	2.98	.75
	3.70	.00

M. C. BERLEPSCH,
Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE + STAMPS *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [1f]

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

Era Popular Subscription

TO THE
DEFENSE FUND OF THE NEWS-
PAPER STAMP CASE.

- F. O. Conant, Portland, Me. \$5.00
- Herbert Armstrong, Iron Moun-
tain, Mich.50
- W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me 2.00
- F. W. Rothery, Omaha, Nebr.30
- E. C. Farnsworth, Portland, Me.50
- H. H. Elliott, Taunton, Mass.75
- A. P. Chandler, Fargo, N. Dak. 3.00
- Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, Ohio.10
- Chas. A. Jenkins, Cleveland, O.50

YOUR contribution is respectfully and earnestly solicited. Our latest contributor sets a praiseworthy example thus:

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 3, 1898.

DEAR MR. JEWETT:

I enclose \$1.00; half for a renewal of my subscription to the ERA and half for the Defense Fund of the Newspaper Stamp Case. I don't collect Periodical stamps, but I would feel sorry to have them lost to those who do collect them. * * *

Yours truly,

CHAS. A. JENKINS.

Now why not do as much—or more, according to your means—for yourself.

◆ British West Indies ◆

AT WHOLESALE.

- Barbados '61, no wmk., (1) blue. \$2 per 50
 - " '71, large star, (½) green \$6 " 50
 - " '71-73, small star, (1) blue. . . . \$2 " 50
 - " '74-78, CC 14, 1d light blue. . \$1.50 " 50
 - Grenada '92, unpaid, 1d, 2d, 3d black, \$1.75 per 10 sets
 - Trinidad '78, CC 14 (1d) lake & carmine, \$1.50 per 25
- Rare B. W. I. on approval. Reference required.
V. GURDJJI, 35 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

CHARTER MEMBER A. P. A., P. S. OF A. [48]

CANADA CANADA

West Pocket Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps By LEWIS ROBIE.

Ready shortly. Price 10 cts. per copy.

- 6 var. Canada 2nd issue Bill. 12c
- 6 " " 3rd " 70c
- 7 " " Quebec Law. 27c
- 8 " " " Registration 27c
- Sarawak 1875 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12. 75c

Canadian Revenues present the neatest appearance in Wolsieffer's Blank Album.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
201 S. Clark St., Chicago.
CANADA CANADA

"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL," * * *

And while you may regret parting with your money, you will never regret receiving in exchange for it:

Packet A, containing 13 stamps from China, Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, Canada, Cuba, Cyprus and Colombian Republic, post free, **43 cts.**

No trash and all are fine specimens. Send Money Order and if you are superstitious a stamp cat. bet 5c and 15c will be thrown in.

International Catalogue, post free. 10c
Scott's 58th, post free. 58c

Approval sheets a specialty. Send good references and receive a selection.

Monarch Stamp Co.,

Lock Box 48, TALLAPOOSA, GA.

I n answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

Match and Medicine

Stamps are booming too. One of our old-time friends wrote us the other day, enclosing a \$10 bill, and said, "Look here, you red whiskered fake of a corn-plaster you, let up on your windy wind on CANADIAN REVENUES, and do something with my want list on M. & M. stamps sent you last October." This is the same cuss that wouldn't look at these stamps two years ago. However, we are not sending back \$10 bi is or any other kind of money to anybody if we can help it, and we therefore dug up his want list with great alacrity.

We shall continue to whoop up CANADIAN REVENUES just the same, especially the Tax and Custom stamps of that country. As Col. Sellers says with his eye water, "There is money in it."

Sent on approval.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

The Cheapest Packet Yet!

10 varieties of the large Canada Revenues, catalogue value 85c. \$0.10

6 Packets for. 50c.

- \$1.00 1894 unwatermarked, unused o.g., cat \$3 . 1.10
- 5c Playing Cards, cat. 90c.22
- 25c Protest, cat. 35c.09
- 5c Express, imp., cat. 50c.12

Newfoundland Jubilee

14 var. complete. \$2.75 post paid
Only a few sets at this price.



Coldwater, Mich.

Two Rare Stamps:

- 2c Navy green (error), perfect o. g. \$30.00
 - 12d Canada black "Specimen" in green 12.00
- JOHN B. EKELEY, Garden City, N. Y.

At 1-3 Catalog. Loose Selections for Beginners.

Stamps not wanted may be exchanged for others of equal value. Send 50 cts. for trial lot.
N. A. SMEDBERG, Kingsbridge, N. Y. City. [48]

HAVE YOU SENT IN AN AD

FOR THE

"Mid-Season Number" of the "Era" ?

It will consist of at least sixteen pages and cover. It will be bound and trimmed, making all pages easily accessible and desirable for good positions of advertising announcements. * * * * *

CIRCULATION: 5000 COPIES TO 5000 DIFFERENT COLLECTORS.

This is just double our regular circulation and dealers advertising in this number will get a double circulation at regular rates, as no advance will be made on our regular prices. * * * * *

Copy Must Positively be in by January 26th,

* * * * * For the Cover Pages on or before the 22nd.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

(Continued from page 182.)

will take with him on this grand gunning expedition—gunning for collectors in search for "space-fillers" of the better class, such as they rarely if ever find offered for sale.

Receipt acknowledged:

A little eight-page price list of U. S. Document and Proprietary stamps from Herman Lechner, Allegheny, Pa.

The *Stampman* for January is as bright and spicy as ever. It's "Original Gum," "Impertinent Personals" and other notes are up to the standard. The first page has the second biography of "Eminent Men Who Have Never Met Us." Bro. Osgood claims it to be "A monthly publication for the gratification of the curious" and it is issued "by and for D. W. Osgood."

Catalogue of the 95th auction sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co., to occur at the rooms of the Company at 722 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, on Saturday afternoon, January 29th. There are 605 lots listed.

Our thanks are also due J. M. Bartels & Co. for a copy of the Third Edition of their "Standard Price Catalogue and Reference List of the Plate Numbers of United States Adhesive Postage Stamps issued from 1890 to 1898." In this edition prices are given on Bureau plates for top, bottom, right and left sides. Price of the work is 25 cents.

Mr. S. Stewart, of Darlington, England, has our thanks for a copy of his "Stamp Collectors' Almanac" for 1898. It contains a list of new issues of stamps for 1897, some auction quotations, a list of English stamp societies, a couple of full-page illustrations, advertisements, etc. Price per copy 2d (4 cents).

We cheerfully publish a letter from Mr. Vetter on another page of this issue under the head of "Correspondence," although we differ considerably with him on the point raised. While it is of course true that dealers have the largest interest at stake in the case, yet every collector who possesses or ever hopes or expects to possess Newspaper and Periodical stamps of the U. S. have a vital interest also and ought to so look at the matter. This is our humble opinion as a collector—we absolutely having no pecuniary interest in these, or any other stamps for that matter, as a dealer or speculator. Our interest as publisher of the *ERA* is purely a business one with the aim of spreading the interest in stamps among non-collectors and keeping alive the interest of collectors.

We are still supplying Scott's 58th Catalogue (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) for 50 cents per copy—if order is sent with a remittance for a subscription or advertisement.

Newspaper Clippings.

NELSON'S CHICAGO RECORD.

WANTED THERE ON THREE CHARGES—
HE JUMPED A \$3,000 BAIL.

The fact that they have no ordinary prisoner in the person of "Dr. Nelson," is one that is becoming more apparent to the Rochester police officials every day. The latest development is the fact that the Chicago police are longing to get their clutches on the young man, of many aliases, who came to the end of his tether in this city on the 21st of last December.

Yesterday, Deputy Marshal Scholl received the following telegram which explains itself:

"Hold Dr. Nelson at all hazards until I arrive tomorrow. Our case very important."

DANIEL M. WHITE,

"U. S. Deputy Marshal, Chicago, Ill."

In commenting on the above Mr. Scholl said: "I don't think we shall give Dr. Nelson up to the Chicago police for a good while yet, for I have got enough evidence against him to keep him in this state for several years, where he won't have to pay any board. I know Dan White, of Chicago, personally, and I know that he wants Nelson very badly for Dan, himself arrested Nelson three times out there, and Nelson slipped through his fingers every time. The last time he was arrested Nelson jumped \$3,000 bail which was afterwards proven to be no good."

Nelson was known in Chicago under the name of Charles C. Rickerson and Dr. Le Clair. In Buffalo he used the names of Brown and Saunders. Other fictitious names that he adopted are Dr. C. DeLuzerne, Dr. Gardner and Dr. Cook. "These names are only a few of his," said Mr. Scholl, "more are coming in all the time. Oh, no, we can't give up such a good thing."

The method of Nelson's operations in one part of his business was to advertise in cheap periodicals and the names secured through the replies he would sell to business firms doing a business with the class of people who answered his advertisements. The tenor of these advertisements was such as to attract the lovers of sensational reading matter, pictures and appliances. The numbers of answers received to these alluring inducements was something astonishing. In the effects captured at the time of the arrest of Nelson's female accomplice, who claims to be his wife, there were over fifty different advertisements of the above nature, and memorandums had been made of the number of replies received from each. In one instance 25,000 answers had been recorded for one paper in three years.—*Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle*, January 14.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The authorities of the post office department have deter-

mined upon the subjects which shall be illustrated upon the new series of postage stamps to be issued by the department in commemoration of the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, to be opened on the first of next June at Omaha.

They are illustrative of the conditions, progress and accomplishments of the great west from its discovery to our own day. The series comprises nine denominations of stamps, as follows:

One cent, the discovery of the Mississippi river by Marquette; two-cent, an Indian chief; four-cent, a buffalo-hunting scene; five-cent, the pathfinder, being a picture of Fremont raising the flag on the summit of the Rockies; eight-cent, a train of emigrants crossing the plains; 10-cent, a mining scene; 50-cent, a cowboy and cattle scene; \$1, a harvesting scene or a great flouring mill; \$2, the Rock Island bridge, showing part of the city of Omaha.

The director of the mint, who is required by special act of congress to prepare the commemorative or souvenir medals for this enterprise, has today approved the subjects to be illustrated, and artists are now preparing the designs. The reverse will be a group comprising a mounted Indian spearing a buffalo. Above will appear the words "Trans-Mississippi" and below the date, "1848."

The obverse of this medal will show the head in profile of the typical young woman of the Trans-Mississippi region. The design is to be prepared by means of composite photography and the types are now being selected by the states and territories of the entire region.

The medals, like the stamps, testify the progress of civilization, from 50 years ago to the finest and most refined product of the half century. The medals are within the protection of all the laws against counterfeiting the coins of the government.

SLIGER SLOPED.

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Emil Sliger, a former bookkeeper for the Denver Boiler and Sheet Iron works, at Thirty-fifth and Wazee streets, is wanted for forgery. He is charged with having forged the name of Charles H. Shaw, president of the company, to a check for \$112, obtained the cash and absconded.

On November 13 Sliger was given a position as bookkeeper at the boiler works. He was well recommended by customers in the East. His mother is said to be the proprietress of extensive silk works at Paterson, N. J. He entered upon his duties and at once made a favorable impression upon his employers. He had come here for his health and was apparently an excellent young man. He handled the cash and mail.

One day a letter came to the firm from the Colorado Springs office of the Elkton

Mining Company, at Cripple Creek, inclosing a check for \$112. Mr. Shaw was absent from the office. Slinger opened the letter and put the check in his pocket. This was on the 10th of December. On the following Saturday he resigned his position for reasons unknown to his employers.

A few days later, Mr. Shaw wrote to the Mining Company, requesting that the check be forwarded at once as it had not yet been received. A reply came stating that it had been sent more than a month before. No one about the office knew anything of a letter having been received from the Elkton Mining Company, and Mr. Shaw was puzzled. Finally it occurred to him to investigate at the banks. Perhaps the check had fallen into wrong hands. This, he found, was true. Slinger had forged the name of Charles H. Shaw on the back of the check, cashing it at the Denver National Bank on the day he disappeared from Denver.

The case was then reported to the police, according to Mr. Shaw. He says they were given charge of the case on the 27th of December, but Chief Farley and Chief of Detectives Sam Howe deny that they have ever heard of the case. They deny it because, probably, they cannot catch the fugitive.—*Denver Times.*

[The above clipping sent us by Mr. Jos. S. Davis, and another similar from the *Denver Evening Post* by Mr. J. E. Zahn, tell about the same story, but in each case the name is erroneously spelled. Each of our correspondents informing us that the party referred to is Mr. E. A. Stigeler, who had the recent trouble with the American Philatelic Association, and came off clear notwithstanding his being responsible for the loss of an exchange lot valued at several hundred dollars.—E.D.]

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same ⊕ (2)	3 50; 3 25
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Justice 15c well centered ⊕	1 75
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30c ⊕ o. g. 2 10; 30c ⊕ (2) 1 10;	1 25
90c ⊕	3 50

State 2c ⊕ 2 00; 24c ⊕	3 75
30c ⊕ no gum 3 25; 90c ⊕	6 00
Env. 1861 4c 1 x 3 buff paper □ ⊕	5 00
6c red on white p. reprint □ ⊕	1 00
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" " " 2521	1 00
" " " 2522	1 00
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New Brunswick 6c, ½ of 10c ⊕ orig. c.	1 40
New South Wales 1885 10sh ⊕ o. g.	2 70
another "specimen"	88
1889 5sh P. O. state	1 55
" 20sh "	5 00
Official Registration Env. 1889	
6d P. O. state	1 40
Official Registration Env. 1893	
6d P. O. state	1 00
Nova Scotia 1851-3 1d ⊕	2 75
Oldenburg 1860 Envelope ½g □ □	
large margins	1 00
Trinidad 1897 5sh P. O. state	1 60
Western Australia 1860 2d vermilion ⊕	1 70
Zululand 1890-2 9d ⊕	1 55

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Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Jan. 12th.

One does not very often in these days see a stamp of our 1855 issue do postal duty without any intention on the part of the sender of producing a postal oddity. Not long ago a special agent of the Traveler's Ins. Co. who was stopping at our office for a few days, received a letter which had been sent from his native home, a little village of about 300 people not far from Albany, N. Y., to Syracuse and forwarded to Hoosick Falls franked with a 3c 1855. In speaking about it he said the last time he was at home he saw several sheets of the old stamps of different denominations (ones, threes, fives and tens he thought) in an old bureau drawer. From about 1853 to along in the eighties, he explained, his father had served as postmaster of the little village. The stamps were doubtless some on hand at the outbreak of the civil war. I produced my catalogue and explained that some of them might be quite valuable. When he left he had promised to send me the stamps upon going home, which he expected to do in a few days, but the old adage about the cup and the lip proved true in this case, for before my friend reached home the family roof-tree with its entire contents was burned to the ground.

I have seen the Austrian Levant 1890-92, 10 par on 3kr green in both a yellow and blue green shade.

I am informed that the St. Vincent 4d has appeared in a red orange.

I see the *Virginia Philatelist* for January chronicles the Newfoundland provisional with the surcharge in red and another with a double surcharge in black and red, adding that only 10 of the former and 35 or 40 of the latter were printed. If this is the case it seems very probable that they were simply proofs or the result of a little private experimenting on the part of the printer or some one else.

I have actually amused the wise and sedate Bostonians. Such a laurel crown of success is more than I had hoped for and I fear is undeserved, for the ERA's Boston correspondent must have read one of my notes in the issue of January 1st without due consideration as to its meaning, as he certainly misinterpreted it. I wish to repeat, on the authority of a reliable informant on the ground, the statement I then made that the Newfoundland Postal Department used up all the recently issued one cent provisionals it had, and that in the St. Johns office for a week prior to the arrival of the new issue mail matter requir-

ing one cent postage was held over. How many of the stamps were used for the postal requirements of the St. Johns office and how many in filling the requisitions of other offices of the island, I do not pretend to know. I certainly never intended to convey the impression that nearly the entire issue had been postally used and not a stamp remained in any of the many offices in Newfoundland. Most of my readers probably understood that requisitions of other offices throughout the island would naturally be largely instrumental in exhausting the supply of the Postal Department at St. Johns.

If the Newfoundland surcharge was entirely uncalled for then ten out of ten of all the surcharges listed in our catalogues are equally uncalled for. If a one cent stamp was needed at all, then it seems to me that it was most emphatically necessary. With neither one half nor one cent stamps on hand and the arrival of a new issue about two months or more distant it seems to have been a natural and legitimate method of meeting an actual postal need. Whatever opinion may be held as to the Cabot issue or another re-issue it is hardly fair, unless there is reliable information to support the assertion, to accuse the old colony of fostering an entirely uncalled for and hence presumably speculative, surcharge upon a philatelic public. From information at hand the postal department seems to have endeavored as far as lay within its power, to see to it that the surcharges did postal duty in a straightforward legitimate manner. The treasury of Newfoundland would not burst its coffers on the sale of 40,000 one cent stamps.

I do not pretend to be able to form an accurate estimate of the number of the stamps actually used to meet the postal requirements of the various offices of the island during the two months or so the provisionals were in use, but I imagine it would comprise no small proportion of the total issue. Without doubt, many unused sheets have and will find their way out, but dealers of the Hub must be very well supplied indeed if each mail from there has been bringing several sheets. It is rather queer if the supply exceeds the demands of counter trade and is being added to every mail, that they have not been more freely advertised before the steady influx of them causes a tumble in the price.

Now I do not in the least question but that Boston dealers are supplied, for I know that such is the case and that representatives of some of the stamp firms of the Hub have been in other philatelic centers with the stamps for sale, but I am inclined to doubt very much that the stamps have or will be received in such quantities as to cause any drop in price.

I recently found two copies of the Mauritius 1885 2c green in which the vertical line of color in front of the throat penetrated the chin a distance of 1/4mm. The line in the chin was very plain and distinct, easily discernable to the naked eye. I also found one copy in which the line stopped at the sixth line of shading on the neck, the same as in type of the De la Rue pattern of other British Colonies.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Jan. 11th.

I have been shown the set of Newfoundland stamps, recently put on sale in order to use up the stock of old issues on hand. The 1, 2 and 3c are undoubtedly re-issues. The 1c is a yellow green; the 3c is a violet-brown but a different shade from any that have been issued before. I understand that these stamps have been re-printed, within a few weeks, for this special purpose, the making of complete sets. I hear that a syndicate has been formed to purchase the entire lot.

The demand for Canada Jubilee stamps is very good, especially the 5c, 6c, 8c and \$1.00 values in blocks. The following are the prices that the stamps have been bringing here, in blocks of 4, during the past week: the 5c at 50 cents; the 6c at \$4.00; the 8c at 90 cents; the \$1.00 at \$6.50, and they are really a scarce article, in blocks of four. Another favorite with the speculators is Gambia and Zululand. The stock of Gambia in Boston is practically exhausted. A block of four of the 1d is as scarce as "hen's teeth." If you doubt it, just try to buy a block. Zululand is selling at 50% above the face value, except the 3d, which are bringing from 18 to 25 cents each. \$1.00 Columbians, unused, are finding ready purchasers, when offered for \$2.50. I would not be surprised if this stamp some day brought even the *Standard Catalogue* value.

My opinion in regard to the Newfoundland surcharged is that it is a good stamp to let alone. I understand that two more entire sheets have been received in Boston this week, and the supply seems to be unlimited. I have seen a price-list from Newfoundland on which was printed a fac-simile of the surcharge, and there is no reason why the surcharge cannot be counterfeited, as even the originals varied in shades.

Notices are out for the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, to be held next Tuesday evening, and next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, we are to have auction sales, making three nights of philatelic dissipation, which is rather overdoing it, for one week, but as my friend Mr. Smith says, "It is an excuse for a few nights off."

I understand that Mr. G. J. Luhn, of Charleston, S. C., expects to visit Boston shortly, with a line of stamps for sale. If "Gus" only brings his roll with him, perhaps he may carry back more stamps than he brings.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. has published a letter strongly condemning the series of special postage stamps commemorative of the holding of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. As this set of stamps will probably be the last issue of commemorative series, before the new law goes into effect, whereby they will not be receivable for postage in the foreign mails, I should advocate its being issued, as I think it will be a great thing towards starting new collectors. Old issues and high prices are detrimental to making new catalogues.

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Toronto Notes.

It really is time that something was done to re-organize the Toronto Philatelic Club, or that steps were taken to establish a new society. So far this season the Toronto Philatelic Club have held no meetings, and no effort is apparently to be made to continue it during this season. There are a number of elderly Toronto collectors who might be induced to give their support to this club. Besides such collectors as are of more mature age there are innumerable younger collectors who would be pleased to join any society of a local nature. If some of the younger collectors could be gathered together not only would the meetings be productive of good to themselves, but much might be accomplished in the way of making life-long devotees to our hobby.

A valuable collection of coins, the property of the Dominion, which were deposited in the National Art Gallery, were stolen on the night of the 5th inst. The coins were estimated to be worth at least \$2,000. The thief entered the building during the night with skeleton keys, carried off the booty and left the doors securely locked. Some of the coins date back as far as 99 B. C. No clue has as yet been discovered as to the thieves.

General complaint is being made all over the country on account of the poor quality of the gum used on the new Canadian stamps. It is almost impossible to make them stick to the envelope. The whole new issue is now being placed on sale as the old stock is used up. None of the cards or envelopes have as yet made their appearance, although they may be expected now any day. The issue is considered very pretty by almost everyone.

The United States collectors and dealers, principally the latter, have been successful in having the Canadian Jubilee issue classed as Speculative by the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps. It may perhaps soon come Canada's turn to do a little "suppressing" on her own account. If there ever was a stamp for the existence of which there is no use whatever it is certainly the stamp which it is proposed to issue to commemorate the Omaha exhibition.

It is reported that the Bank of Montreal at Montreal, Que., has succeeded in buying up all the re-denomination of the Cabot issue of Newfoundland stamps. It appears that some one having influence and in the neat office of the bank at Montreal, succeeded in inducing the branch of the bank in St. Johns, Newfoundland, to buy these all up. As it is the recognized bank

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He will stop at one of the leading Hotels in each of the above places, and would invite correspondence with collectors residing at or near the above places. He may be addressed at 265 Washington St., Boston, until Feb. 1st, Auditorium, Chicago, Feb. 3rd, and Palace Hotel, San Francisco, until Feb. 15th. He will have with him the finest lot of stamps ever offered for sale.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Jan. 18th.

The Omaha Exposition stamps have been the main topic of interest and attention during the past week. As can be seen from enclosed clipping (which appears on another page) a committee was appointed by one of the Clubs to draft a protest against this issue, more especially the proposed \$1.00 and \$2.00 denominations.

On Saturday last, Mr. Chas. B. Ball, accompanied by your correspondent, called at the Department, and after an interview with the Third Assistant, Gen. Merritt, had the honor of an audience with Postmaster General Gary. It seemed difficult to make any kind of impression upon Mr. Merritt, although he was pleased to hear what we had to say. He expressed the opinion that there was sufficient demand for the high denominations to justify their issue, and rather than see the 3c and 6c substituted for the dollar values, he would have them added to the set. There had been a considerable number of beautiful designs submitted, and he would like to use as many as possible. He believed that the increased size of the stamps would meet the disapproval of large merchants if they were compelled to use them entirely for a certain period, as was experienced with the Columbian set.

However Mr. Gary stated that it was his intention to make an arrangement of this kind and he would in all probability require all orders to be filled with the Omaha stamps during the period of their use.

Mr. Gary treated us with courtesy and consideration, and in the course of the interview said as follows: "I found I had the power to authorize this issue, and did it because I wanted to help the people in the West. The Trans-Mississippi Exposition means a great deal to the people of that section of our country, and its character is decidedly an international one, no less than 15 foreign nations having promised their support. While I am pleased to hear the opinion of any American citizen in regard to this issue, I do not consider philatelists greater patriots on account of the interest they take in the stamps of their country. No one is compelled to buy the high values unless he wishes to do so." When it was called to Mr. Gary's attention

that various nations had resorted to these commemorative issues in order to replenish their treasuries, and that this action would tend toward placing us on a level with these smaller countries in the eyes of foreigners, he replied that as far as the dignity of the American nation was concerned, he would do nothing to lower it. The interview was of necessity a hasty one, and the formal protest was not read, but left, with a copy of the New York issue of *Mekel's Weekly*, which Mr. Gary said he would take pleasure in looking over. Whether any good has been accomplished remains for the future to show. At any rate, we are by no means dissatisfied with the impression we have made.

The following reply to our protest was received just before mailing these notes:

Jan. 17th, 1897.

MR. CHAS. B. BALL,

District Building, Washington, D. C.

Sir: Your letter of the 15th inst., addressed to the Postmaster General, signed also by J. M. Bartels and G. A. Camp, as representatives of the Washington Philatelic Society, has been referred to this Office.

The Postmaster General having decided to issue a series of postage stamps commemorative of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, after considering the protests of several stamp dealers and collectors, I do not think that his decision will be revoked. Neither is it likely that the denominations of these stamps can be limited as you propose.

Your other suggestion, as to the displacement of the current by the proposed new series of stamps, will be given careful consideration.

With thanks for the very intelligent interest manifested by you in this matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,
[Signed] JOHN A. MERRITT,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

The two local organizations are at last coming together. On Wednesday next, an open meeting will be held, and a consolidation effected. This division of strength has to some extent hampered philatelic progress in the city of late, but now it is to be hoped that they will make up for lost time.

Wednesday, Jan. 19th.

The Washington Collectors Club and

the Philatelic Society have just held a joint meeting at 702 14th Street at which a consolidation of the two organizations was finally effected which now gives the national capital one strong philatelic body. There was very little red tape business about the whole affair, it being accomplished simply by mutual agreement. Mr. Wm. A. Johnson was elected Temporary Chairman, after all offices had been declared vacant, and Dr. E. M. Schaeffer, Secretary. A committee of three consisting of Messrs. Thoron, Meutchten and Sahn was appointed to draw up a constitution to be submitted at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25th.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Notes from Lima, Peru.

One of us has in his collection the 1p red 1862 without embossing showing in the center. This is the only specimen we have ever seen.

One peculiarity about these embossed issues is that the light or poor impression is always found on the right half of the stamp. Our latest variety is the 1c green 1868 with the word "Correos" appearing as "Corrios," due from worn state of the plate and causes we mentioned in our other notes. Dozens of varieties could be pointed out from blurred and imperfect impressions.

The stamps of Peru form a very interesting study and probably no other country can show such a range of minor varieties and shades or of such scarce stamps, at such comparatively low prices. Both specialists and general collectors should give these stamps more attention. As previously mentioned, many of the earlier issues are catalogued far too low in proportion to their scarcity and when the boom in South American stamps, which is bound to come, is in full swing, the demand will then force prices to their proper place. We have a fair idea, from long experience in purchasing, regarding the relative value of these and believe the rare stamps of Peru should form a good investment. We have noticed in several auctions in the States the Medio Peso yellow selling for \$6 or under; while in England it always fetches \$10 or more, about what it sells for in Peru. The Medio Peso red is certainly worth every cent at which it is catalogued.

It appears that some of the old departmental surcharges, Piura, Paiti etc., were afterwards used for cancellation purposes, as we have frequently seen the former obliterating the 1886 issue. We have also in our collections Chilean stamps cancelled with these surcharges.

The Unpaid 1883 1c is sometimes found with double surcharge of the triangle. The latest variety that has come under our notice is the 1c Franqueo with double surcharge. We have seen a number of these with part of the surcharge missing, the result of careless printing.

One learns some very interesting things, even bordering on the sensational, in connection with stamp matters in South America, viz., we know that one large firm which purchased some remainders here, once upon a time, stipulated that certain of the common stamps in evidence in uncomfortable large quantities, should be prepared a part with red and a part with blue surcharges, and that they might have some sort of a standing, they should be used to prepay postage on the parcel bought. Evidently they have a monopoly in these both used and unused. We wonder if the I. P. U. office in Berne were recipients of any of these.

WILLIAMS & Co.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Jan. 19th.

I have a friend who does a very profitable business in antique furniture, relics and antiques of all kinds. Not long ago he bought a set of Columbians at face, thinking he had struck something pretty good. He was considerably crestfallen when I told him that Columbians were rather a drug on the stamp market and easily obtained at face value or a slight advance. The other day I chanced into his place of business and he informed me with a jubilant air that he had sold "that set of Columbians" for nine dollars. I was a little mystified until he produced the nine dollars. They were silver dollars of the dates 1795 to 1803 inclusive and all, with one exception, very fine pieces. My friend feels pretty well satisfied with the outcome of his investment in Columbians.

During the past week I picked up a small lot of U. S. Revenues of the 1878 issue rouletted, and found among them a very fine copy of the 2c brown and also the 3c orange on *silk paper*. None of the rouletted series are listed on silk paper and I consider these specimens as being of considerable rarity. I prize them quite highly and have placed them in my own collection. In the same lot were two very fine copies of the 6d vio-

let uncancelled. The entire lots did not cost the gentlemen from whom I obtained them a cent, as he found them on the original package in a drug store. Not long ago the same party found a very fine copy of the six cent Proprietary in a drug store at Poultney, Vt.

I notice that the 2, 3, 5 and 8 cent values of Canada's new issue seem to be on much thinner paper than the 1/2, 3 and 6 cent.

I have received not a few letters from stamp collectors asking my opinion as to the real value of the Newfoundland surcharge. During the past few weeks I have probably supplied over one hundred of these stamps to collectors, and largely of the advanced class, all over this country and Canada. Hence, having as a dealer handled the surcharge it would be only natural that many persons would consider my opinion biased by business interests. But I can honestly say that everything I have written has been with the idea of giving some information on a subject of natural interest to a large class of collectors, and my opinions have been based on information which I believe to be reliable.

Personally, I believe that they who have purchased the stamps in question at the current market prices will have no occasion to regret it. The fact that a few or even several complete sheets of 50 have been received in Boston (some of the New York dealers have also received a few sheets) seems to me rather weak ground upon which to base the conclusion that the supply is unlimited. Twenty-five or even more sheets would hardly be enough to meet the present active demand, with many collectors holding off in hope of a lower price; and 50 sheets would hardly be a drop in the bucket toward supplying enough of the rarer types to meet present calls. The total issue of the Gothic type exceeds by only 400 the issue of the Turks Island 1/2p on 4p gray, Scott's No. 58, which is priced at \$18.00.

75,000 Canada Jubilee 6c were printed and probably 10% is very high estimate of the number postally used; they are easily obtainable in wholesale lots, and yet the supply does not seem to be considered unlimited and they find a ready sale at from 60 to 75 cents each.

As to counterfeiting the surcharge the possibility of this has doubtless occurred to every thoughtful collector, but the same objection attaches to a great many other stamps of the British Colonies. The 4p gray Turks Island is priced at \$1.50 and is not an uncommon stamp.

The Tobago 6p brown orange 1885-94 is priced at 25 cents, either used or unused, while the same stamp surcharge 1/2p, Scott's No. 28, is priced at \$7.50 unused, and \$10 used.

While the 3c lilac-gray re-issue, type A23

of Newfoundland, is not at all uncommon, how many collectors have ever seen very many unused copies and how many dealers can show any appreciable number of the latter in stock?

If the Newfoundland Postal Department had enough to speak of remaining on hand would it have reprinted a 3 cent in a violet-brown in order to complete sets, and use up the stock of old issues on hand?

Unused copies of the 3c lilac-gray re-issue, would be the first necessity to producing a counterfeit provisional in mint state.

I offer these comments simply as my own opinions, knowing that I am as liable to draw wrong conclusions as the rest of mankind, and my readers can take them for what they consider them worth. It is only natural to expect that others will hold different opinions.

If we must endure the humiliation of seeing our government turning out gummed labels for sale to stamp collectors and the booming of the Omaha Exposition, let us at least hope that such unlimited quantities of every value will be printed as to preclude any possibility of successful speculation.

If one dollar and two dollar values are included in the contemplated issue it will be on the same level as the New South Wales hospital labels or any other purely speculative issue. We might as well admit that our own government is descending to the philatelic plane of many impecunious ten-acre-lot governments who issue stamps for revenue.

The sale of the contemplated labels will perhaps assist to clear up the department deficiency.

GEORGE S. McKEARIN.

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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, *Superintendent*,
160 Nassau St.

New York City, Jan. 15th. 1898.

745 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 8th, valued at \$28,774.91

24 books received since Jan. 8th, valued at \$783.06

Total number of books in circulation 769 valued at \$29,557.97

NOTICE.

If by some oversight or accident any of the members have not received circuits, if they will kindly send me a postal card I will immediately place their name on a circuit that will be convenient for them.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGE AND PURCHASING AGENT.

New York, Jan. 8. 1898.

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

Dear Sir: In pursuance to your request we regret to inform you that so far your Committee can only report progress. On September 1. 1897, we mailed the circular of which a copy is hereto annexed to every member of the Association, and up to date have received replies which may be divided as follows:

No dealings with Exchange Department	212
Accounts closed satisfactorily	86
Unable to obtain a settlement	24
No replies	557
Total	879

The unsettled claims are mostly from distant places and for large amounts, and are now coming in, hence our inability to make a more satisfactory report.

Respectfully submitted,

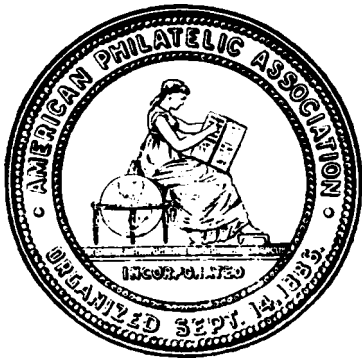
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JOHN W. SCOTT, Secretary,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

(Copy of Circular.)

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.
Committee on Exchange and Purchasing Agent,
40 John Street,
New York, Sept. 1. 1897.

DEAR SIR:

At the Boston convention, held August 24-26, Mr. George R. Tuttle was elected director and immediately after appointed Superintendent of Sales, in the place of G. D. Meckel. The report submitted by the late officer not being sufficiently in detail to be accepted by the Committee on Exchange and Purchasing Department, they were continued with full power to settle up the accounts of the department at the earliest possible moment, to the end that the new



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 15th.

Applications for Membership.

- CLAPMAN, HENRY A., Box 1234, Hartford, Conn.; age 52; occupation, Printer and Publisher. References: W. W. Jewett, H. E. Deats.
- INGLES, C. J., St. Paul, Minn.; age 34; occupation, Chief Clerk Claims Dept. Ct. N. R. R. References: Wm. O. Bailey, Paul Reichelt. Res. Vice-Pres. C. L. Annan.

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1171. CHASE, ALBERT E., 182B Newbury St., Portland, Me.
351. GREANY, W. F., 827 Brannan St., San Francisco, Cal.

Corrected Addresses.

The following addresses should be corrected on the list sent to members the past week.

766. ADDITION should be ADDITON.
1287. Address should be 3 E. 48th St.
224. Should be 244, Barr, Lawrence.
84. Should be 15 Madison Ave.
171. Should be 1612 Walnut St.
105. Should be Gardner.
232. Should be Humphrey.
573. Should be Kalmbach.
314. Should be 350 Eastwood Ave.
969. Should be Hartford, Conn.

Membership Summary.

Total membership as per list sent to members	616
Reinstated since	6
New members	2
Present membership	624

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

Superintendent may immediately commence on the duties of the office.

You are therefore requested to notify the Committee at once of the number of books and value thereof belonging to you, now in the hands of, or under the control of Mr. G. D. Mekeel, or the amount of the balance, if any, due you by the Department, so that a prompt settlement may be effected; also if you have any amount to your credit for the purchase of new issues. No notice can be taken of claims sent in after two weeks, except in the cases of foreign members, to whom 30 days will be allowed. If you have authorized the late Superintendent to transfer your stamps to any other exchange circuit it will act as a bar to the A. P. A. recognizing the debt. If your books have been returned and paid for, or if you have never had any stamps in the hands of the Superintendent of Sales, you will oblige to notify the committee by post card to that effect.

Respectfully,

Geo. L. TOPPAN, Chairman.
294 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.
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40 St. John St., New York City.
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201 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

December 29, 1897.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Am. Philatelic Association:

Gentlemen: The Finance Committee beg leave to herewith submit their final report as follows:

The funds and moneys to balance the several amounts shown by the report of N. W. Chandler, Treasurer, for the fiscal year last ended, to be on hand, together with books of account, membership record, etc., have been received and turned over to H. G. Smith, the present incumbent.

Your Committee would most respectfully recommend that stock fund be invested by depositing the same in participation account with some Trust Company of good standing and doing business in the City of New York, and that the Treasurer be instructed to forward semi-annually all sums received from members in payment of stock.

Very respectfully submitted.

C. W. BOWEN,
J. M. ANDREINI, } Committee.
E. A. HOLTON. }

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COLLECTING AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., JAN. 17, 1898.

MY DEAR JEWETT:

George D. Mekeel per I. A. McKeel presents his compliments to the members of the American Philatelic Association and to me personally in the last issue of *Mekeel's*

Weekly in such a way that I feel that I ought to reply to that part of the attack leveled at the Association through me. While the following statement has been given to the Pittsburg Trustees first, again to the Secretary of the Association and again to the three Vice Presidents, it has never appeared in print, but I think it ought to be printed to answer the slanderous attack made on the Vice Presidents, the Association and myself. About Feb. 17th, 1896, I received the following letter written on the regular stationery of the Association:

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 13, '96.

MR. J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

14 Court St., Northampton, Mass.

Dear Sir: I desire to place the following accounts in your hands for collection: Delinquent Balances in Purchasing Department.

F. H. Drown, Boston, net balance due \$10.00
C. H. Shearer, Bay City, Mich., net balance due 17.45
Delinquent in Sales Department.
C. E. Wade, Brockton, Mass., net bal. \$1.45
R. F. Nelson, Brockton, Mass., net balance due .84
W. S. Fraser, net bal. on open account .65
" Circuit sent Oct. 18, '94, \$257.65
Dan M. Lasker, Houston, Traveling Agent of Jake Davis & Co. of Galveston, circuit of stamps delivered to his address Oct 31st, 1895, \$284.96

This party has a credit on our books of \$6.48 but we have been unable to get anything out of him with regard to the circuit. A statement of each of these accounts is enclosed herewith. I hope you will be able to do something with them.

Yours truly,

G. D. MEKEEL.

The Fraser and Lasker accounts are as follows:

W. S. FRASER, Bangkok, Siam.
G. D. Mekeel, Superintendent Sales and Purchasing Department of American Philatelic Association.
To Balance statement rendered .65
Oct 18, 1894. Circuit 66 by Reg. Mail:
Book 918. \$69.65
" 919. 27.03
" 1035. 160.97
\$257.65
\$258 30

DAN M. LASKER.

Care Hutchins House, Houston, Texas.

G. D. Mekeel, Superintendent Sales and Purchasing Department of American Philatelic Association.

Circuit 30 CC, forwarded by C. M. Newman of El Paso by Registered Mail Oct. 30, 1895: Book 1822, \$15.75; 1959, \$26.64; 1971, \$15.60; 1976, \$12.05; 2078, \$3.78; 2398, \$77.85; 2403, \$36.16; 2499, \$16.19; 2483, \$4.94; 2519, \$7.07; 2540, \$2.85; 2568, \$14.80; 2570, \$34.69; 2571, \$16.59; \$284.96

On Feb. 18th, 1896, I sent a demand to each of the Defendants. Wade and Nelson denied any indebtedness. Drown paid his

direct to Mekeel. Shearer paid his to me and I remitted the same less my regular commissions to Mekeel. I heard nothing from Lasker, but on the 19th of March Mekeel in his report stated:

"The account of D. M. Lasker reported last month has been settled. The individual was recently dropped from membership for non-payment of dues."

Mekeel notified me that Drown had paid up his indebtedness but he did not do so in Lasker's case and I only found this fact out in the early part of May following, when I wrote to him asking for my regular commissions on the amount collected, and received from him the following:

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 11, '96.

MR. J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

Northampton, Mass.

Dear Sir: I have received your report of sales and have charged same to your account. With regard to the matter of D. M. Lasker, would say that the circuit of books which he did not return, has been recovered. There is no delinquency in his accounts, simply a matter of return of books. You seem to have misunderstood it. In order to avoid any misunderstanding I will state that in reporting to you the delinquency of a member I do so in accordance with the regulations made by the Board of Trustees to the effect that they will not pay any attention to a delinquent account until after it has been reported to the Collecting Department. In the case of an account which is reported to you and which is collected by the Department in the regular way, I cannot see that there can be any just claim for commissions unless you could say that you had actually assisted in the matter.

In the case of Lasker I simply recovered a circuit of books that were delayed several months. I reported the matter to you in due form in order that the Trustees could take note of it with a view to having the party expelled.

G. D. MEKEEL.

I replied to this by quoting his first letter and insisted on payment.

The next letter I received was as follows: PITTSBURG, PENN., July 3, 1896

J. A. WAINWRIGHT.

Collecting Agent, Northampton, Mass.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a letter from Supt. G. D. Mekeel in reference to your bill of \$284.49 for commission on Lasker claim, objecting to payment of same and giving evidence to show that Mr. Lasker had not been intentionally remiss, but that the circuit had failed to reach him. Setting aside the question as to whether it is the intention of the by-laws to have an officer of the Association charge for his services for the Association itself, it would seem from the evidence that in this case your services were not effective in obtaining the return of the stamps, but that they were promptly returned as soon as received, the delay arising from the package having been held at a hotel instead of being for-

warded to Mr. Lasker. Under the circumstances I think it would be the proper and graceful thing for you to withdraw your claim of \$28.49 and ask only re-imbursement of actual outlay with a merely nominal sum for your personal services. This is written without formal action by the Board, but I believe voices the opinions of the members. Will you kindly advise of your views by return mail, as we hope to have a meeting very soon.

Yours truly,

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

I immediately replied to this letter and sent to the Trustees copies of the letters as given above and also stated that Lasker had not replied to my demand and that my letter had not been returned to me. Also that Mekeel did not report to me the return of the circuit or give me any information as to the amount of stamps contained therein and that I declined to compromise in any form. I then received the following letter:

PITTSBURG, PENN., July 22, 1896.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, Esq.,

Collecting Agent, Northampton, Mass.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held July 16th, your bill for services amounting to \$28.49 against the Purchasing and Sales Department was considered and the following resolution adopted:

"Resolved, that the decision of this Board is that the claim of J. A. Wainwright, Collecting Agent, against the Purchasing and Sales Department, is technically justified but that we recommend to the Collecting Agent to modify his claim to a nominal sum only in view of the peculiar circumstances connected with the case of D. M. Lasker."

We hope that you will accept the suggestion of the Board in the interests of harmony in the Association.

Yours truly,

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

Not having been informed in any way of the "peculiar circumstances" of the Lasker case I did not see fit to compromise as suggested, but did write Mekeel that although he had not given me any information whatever about this returned circuit of Lasker's, I would allow that \$80.00 worth of stamps had been taken from this circuit and \$200.00 worth returned and I would call my commissions \$20.00 instead of \$28.49. To this letter Mekeel made no reply.

Meanwhile Mekeel reported me delinquent and I was so published to all members of the Association. I kicked vigorously and sent a full statement of the matter to the Secretary of the Association but he declined to publish it.

Some time in June, 1896, in answer to my demand, W. S. Fraser returned from Bangkok, Siam, the circuit that had been out since October, 1894, but did not send the check or money for the amount of stamps taken by him which amounted to something over \$30.00. He promised this

very soon but it has not got here yet as far as I know. Awaiting this remittance I kept the circuit until the latter part of September, when after importunate letters from Mekeel, I examined the circuit and discovered that Fraser had taken between seven and eight dollars more than he had reported.

I at once, after taking out my commissions of \$17.04, returned the circuit to Mekeel asking him to verify my figures as to the amounts taken by Fraser but so far he has not answered my letter or given me any information.

Since I returned the Fraser circuit Mekeel appealed to the Vice Presidents. I stated the facts fully to them and they gave the decision quoted by Mekeel in this last *Weekly*.

I have had two decisions in my favor from two different Boards on identically the same matters and as the case stands today, George D. Mekeel owes me a balance of nine dollars and seventy-six cents (\$9.76).

The Vice Presidents made no special expense on this case and the amount expended in examining into the Department presided over by Mr. Mekeel, was entirely outside of this case, as anyone can see by reading the Annual Report. *Mekeel's Weekly* boasts that nearly every member of our Association takes the *Weekly*, and as the ERA goes to every Association member, I trust you can give this communication a proper circulation. Mekeel sent all those claims to me for collection. I collected all but the two small ones, charged him my regular commissions, was lucky enough to get a part of them and Mekeel owes me now \$9.76 which I stand but a small chance of getting.

Yours fraternally,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,

Collecting Agent Am. Phil. Association.
To W. W. JEWETT, Esq.

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One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Stamps, novels, useful articles and novelties to to exch. for stamps, books, etc. If you have anything to exchange write me. I have typewriters, printing press, dynamo and hundreds of other articles. Edw. Palmer, New Boston, Mich. [S. of P., P.S. of A., etc.]

Will give even exchange for stamps for my collection, or will take duplicates in quantity at small discount giving selection. Send sheets and receive nine of same value. References exchanged. E. A. Osborne, Jamaica, N. Y.

Will exchange entire U. S. Envelopes for Plate Nos., basis of exchange Bartels' Catalogue. Send list of what Plate Nos. you have and your list of wants in Envelopes. John W. Schaefer, 64 Walnut St., Buffalo, N. Y.

I wish to exchange stamps with amateur collectors. Send approval sheets with terms of exchange. Any kinds of stamps will be welcomed. Have some English shillings and old U. S. Jno. K. Allen, 798 Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

A 24c Justice, fine copy, to exchange for U. S. stamps of a lower price. Jerome Williams, Roudout, N. Y.

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Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

Work on the "Mid-Season Number" is well started at time of mailing this issue, and with our increased working force will be in the post office within a week from the day of mailing this number.

The Collectors Club, of New York City, has issued a very neat pamphlet of fifty pages. It gives a history of the inception and corporation of the Club, together with

the constitution, by-laws, lists of officers and members, with the photographs of the former and illustrations of the Club's home the same as appeared in the New York edition of *Mekeel's Stamp News* issued last November.

Mr. George W. Achard, of Minneapolis, has accepted the position of business manager of a new weekly paper. *The Free Press*, of that city.

RECEIVED:

A "List of Stockholders" of the American Philatelic Association has been issued by Secretary Beard, and a copy all marked up with corrections and changes has reached us. The call for the issuance of this list so close on the heels of the appearance of the "Year Book" we fail to see. Some of its imperfections, which prove its worthlessness as a reliable and useful list of stockholders of the Association, are enumerated in the Secretary's weekly report in its customary place on another page of this issue.

Catalogue of Wolsieffer's January 29th Auction Sale, to be held in Club Room L 38, Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, on next Saturday evening, the 29th. There are 528 lots listed.

Catalogue compiled by Mr. Raymond Lee Perry of a sale to be held at the Collectors Club, New York City, on Jan. 28th. The stamps comprising this sale are divided into 490 lots and will be on exhibition at the New York office of E. T. Parker, 73 Nassau St., for the five days preceding the evening of the sale.

The Walter S. Scott Stamp Co.'s 11th Auction Catalogue. This sale of 385 lots will occur on the evening of Thursday, February 3rd, at the New York Collectors' Club House.

Smyth & Co.'s *Philatelic Circulars* Nos. 41 and 42, for September and December, 1897, respectively, have reached us from Boscombe, Bournemouth, England.

We are still supplying Scott's 58th Catalogue (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) for 50 cents per copy—if order is sent with a remittance for a subscription or advertisement.

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Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THE CANADIAN JUBILEE ISSUE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18, 1898.

Editor ERA.

Dear Sir: In your issue of Jan. 8th my attention was drawn to an article by your regular correspondent "P." of Providence, wherein he makes some slashing statements about Canadian Jubilees. I am not consumed with love of the Jubilee issue myself, by any means, but I have no objection to breaking a lance with our friend "P." using his statements as a meeting ground.

First he states that the main purpose of the issue was to sell to collectors. I happen to be aware of the facts and the facts are these:

As he probably knows our Empire was pretty well stirred with Jubilee matters last June, and as the American Bank Note Co. had just taken over the contract for printing stamps, the Postmaster General thought that it would be nice to have a special issue commemorative of the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's reign. He commenced to look around him for designs, and was completely besieged by an army of Philatelic dealers and collectors with suggestions, and he was told that if he made them nice they would sell well, and that if the number was limited they would go like hot cakes. Not being a man of dull perception, it soon occurred to him that if he threw in some dollar values it might possibly add to the Exchequer of his Department, and thus bring his administration of the Department into favorable notice with the sovereign voter. He consequently branched out for himself into the dollar values, much to the disgust of his numerous advisers.

The second statement that they were purposely limited in quantity holds good only in a sense, and that is that an exact supply of the three months' requirements of the Department up to the 10c value was issued, and over that value the Department seems to have made even figures.

Thirdly he states that they are not good for postage after a limited time. That is a positively untruthful statement; they are not only good for postage, but they are used almost every day for that purpose, and can be so used as long as "P." is liable to have any. This country has never repudiated any of its postal issues, and if he has any old stamps he can use them wherever he chooses. In this matter we are a notch ahead of the U. S. with its early issues.

He sums up, fourthly, by stating that they are entirely unnecessary, and of course

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if he knows all about it that is all that is necessary to say. I might remind him however that the Columbian stamps were also entirely unnecessary, and would he also kindly enlighten us as the necessity of the Omaha stamps? I certainly have no intention to try to prove that his four statements are incorrect,—one is certainly incorrect, the others are largely matters of opinion. I myself think that the issue, made in the way it was, and issued in limited quantities, with the dollar values, is

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"FEEL LIKE THE DEVIL"

as the feller said after he had posed all day as Mephisto. We have felt that way ourselves, after a night's whirl with the "Neck-tie of the Gods."

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C. H. MEKEEL, St. Louis, Mo.

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objectionable, but our Postal Department is not run to suit collectors, but to suit itself, and the fact that it has made over a quarter of a million dollars out of the issue, abundantly suits itself. My only suggestion is that the stamps which are purely speculative and unnecessary should be left out of the list, and in fact totally ignored. These are the dollar values. That the others will not be ignored is well known. Scott & Co. catalogued them, and Stanley Gibbons also catalogued them, putting half-cents down at 85c, and the 6c's at \$1.25.

I do not desire this to be considered a defense of the issue, but on the contrary it is merely written with a view to correct certain opinionse xpressed by "P."

The Jubilee issue, speculative or otherwise, are a fact and have been accepted by dealers and collectors, and if they will not repeat the foolishness of buying the \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 issues like the Columbians, they will have a pretty set from 1/2c to \$1.00.

Let "P." give his attention to his own P. O. Dept. It seems to require it with the Omaha issue.

OTTAWA.

THROUGH OTHER EYES.

WOODSTOCK, VT., Jan. 17, 1898.

Answer to the Providence Notes of Jan. 8th concerning the Canadian Jubilee stamps to prove that the issue was not speculative. Four answers are desired by the writer. Here they are. I will say first that I am not more interested in Canadian Jubilee stamps than in Columbians of the U. S., because I am a resident of this country.

1st. The Canadian Jubilee stamps were not issued with the main purpose of selling them to collectors, but they were issued to celebrate the 60th year anniversary of Queen Victoria. Mr. P. N. Breton of Montreal was the first to have given this idea, as he told last summer, and this gentleman was not interested to speculate on this matter.

2nd. These stamps were limited in quantity, because they were issued for Canada only, for postage and as souvenirs, but not for every country.

3rd. These stamps were not issued for only a limited time for postage, but for an unlimited one, as the future will prove. As long as some people will have them, they will be free to use them for postage.

4th. These stamps were not unnecessary as the S. S. S. S. declared them. That judgment has been very unfortunate. Here seems to be the cause of it: Because some dealers and collectors of the United States could not get all the Jubilee stamps they would desire, on last June, in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, etc., they complained themselves to the S. S. S. S. Then came a few months after the judgment of this association. The proof is there, they having their letters on hand in many Post Offices, even of those who have condemned

these stamps as speculative and unnecessary.

It is indeed, a very poor means to show their ambition and fillings, because they were unsuccessful in Canada to get the stamps. These stamps were used as postage from 1/2c to \$5.00. I have all of them used in my possession on envelopes, and \$3, \$4 and \$5 on brown paper, in many duplicates, with Montreal and Ottawa seal.

I will, with many other collectors, regard the judgment of the S. S. S. S. concerning the Canadian Jubilee stamps as very suspicious and imprudent, until better approbation of these stamps will be done.

Yours in Philately,

JOS. TOUPIN.

[NOTE. While the replies given above by Mr. Toupin may appear conclusive enough to him yet he is apparently laboring under a misinterpretation of the word unnecessary as used by collectors and the S. S. S. S. The Canadian Jubilees, as far as the Canadian government is concerned, (we do not recognize the actions of the government's petty officials in several of its local post offices as receiving the sanction of the government) is really deserving to be classed with our own Columbian issue. Both series were unnecessary and speculative strictly speaking.—Ed.]

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 15, '98.

W. W. JEWETT, Editor

WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

I read with some interest the note of George S. McKearin in the issue of Jan. 8. I have a note dated 1801 which bears on its left end two stamps. The upper stamp is circular in form, about one and one-fourth inches in diameter. In the center is an eagle resting upon a shield with the American stripes. Below is the value in capital letters Four Cents. The other stamp is below. It is formed of a straight line base with curved top. The inscription at the top is Com. Rev. C. S. in capital letters. Within the circle is thirteen stars forming a six-pointed star, at the bottom is the value IV. CENTS. The note is for one hundred dollars.

Also have one dated 1798 for sixty dollars, with a stamp in the upper left hand corner, circular in form, about one and one-fourth inches in diameter. In the center an eagle resting upon a shield with the American stripes. At the top the value Four Cents and at the bottom Connecticut, all in capital letters. I write this for the benefit of those interested in embossed stamps and for information in regard to their use and variety.

Respy yours,

E. E. ELSTER.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Editor ERA:

My object in sending you the enclosed [Appears below.—Ed.] copy is to call your attention to what, in my opinion, is the worst and most dangerous feature of the proposed issue, namely, the including of a

high value. If you think best, I wish you would urge your readers to especially mention this point in making future "kicks," as this one stamp would do more harm than all the other proposed values together.

Respectfully,

G. C. H.

[COPY.]

CONSTANTINE, MICH., Jan. 15, 1898.

HON. JAS. A. GARY,

Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C.

Sir: I trust you will pardon my seeming impertinence in addressing you on a subject concerning your Department, but, as a stamp collector, I wish to register a protest against the proposed unnecessary issue of postage stamps for the purpose of commemorating the Omaha Exposition.

The issue of any such stamps, I, in common with most of the philatelic fraternity, would greatly regret for reasons which I am aware you have heard from other sources, but I wish to especially emphasize the fact that absolutely the worst feature about the proposed issue as outlined in the papers, is the fact that it is proposed to include a stamp of the value of \$1.00 in said issue.

The issue of one, two, five and ten cent stamps might be construed only as a friendly attempt on the part of the government to aid the Exposition by advertising it through the medium of the stamps most commonly in use, but to include the dollar value will have the appearance (and the reality, as well) of an attempt to "bleed" stamp collectors in a manner quite beneath the dignity of so powerful and important a country as ours.

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5c full projections a marginal stamp appears ○	1 60
1860 30c ○ o. g.	3 60
90c ○ marginal stamp	11 50
1861 August 10c ⊕	4 25
5c brown ○ o. g.	1 10
5c chocolate ⊕ (2) 1 25;	1 00
5c yellow magnificent ○ o. g.	29 00
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1882 4d blue ○ o. g.	3 20
Barbados 1873 5sh pink ○ o. g. perfs. little close at top	14 75
1882 4d slate ○ o. g.	4 75
1882 5sh ○ o. g.	3 90
Bremen 1855 3gr on blue p. ○ o. g.	2 05
1855 5 grote ○	30
Br. Guiana 1881 2 on 24c official 1863 ⊕	2 20
Br. S. Africa 1891 2d on 6d ○ o. g.	4 15
1891 4d on 6d ○ o. g.	4 25
Buenos Ayres 1862 2 pesos blue ○	1 00

Canada 1857 ½d pink ○	4 25
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Ceylon 1857 9d imperf. little close on right lightly cancelled	11 00
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1857 16s ○ (2) 1 70;	1 60
1863 16s rouletted ⊕	3 00
Dominica CA 6d orange ○ o. g.	3 05
Gambia 1869 4d CC ○ o. g.	5 00
1880 CC 4d ○ o. g.	5 00
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Grenada 1883 1sh violet ○ o. g.	4 25
Guatemala 1872 4r mauve ⊕	2 10
Hanover 1860 ½g black ○	1 60
1859 3pf rose ○ o. g.	1 00
Hawaii 1853 5c on thin bluish wove paper ○	2 50
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1863 1c black on bluish-gray p. ○	3 00
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Montserrat 1884 2½d brown ⊕	2 00
Newfoundland 1870 3c vermilion ○	2 10
Nevis 1861 1d ○ o. g. on grayish p.	2 00
1882 1d violet ○ o. g.	1 75
Port. Indies 1881 1 Tanga on 50r gr'n ○	5 00
1881 2t on 200r orange ○	2 35
Queensland 1879 6d no wmk. ⊕	1 30
Russia 1858 perf. 12 ½ tok ○ o. g.	1 20
1858 20kop ○ 2 05; 10kop ○	2 10
St. Christopher CC 14 6d green ○ o. g.	1 50
CC 14 4d blue ○ o. g.	3 25
1887 1sh lilac ○	3 30
Sweden 1855 3sk ○ a reprint	3 00
1855 24sk bright red ○ reprint	3 80
Tobago 1879 6d orange ○ o. g.	1 75
Trinidad 1894 CC 14 5sh ○ o. g.	2 50
Uruguay 1887 10c violet ○ o. g.	1 05
Venezuela 1862 sur. "Resolucion de 10 de Octubre de 1892 25 centimos" on 5c blue Correos ⊕	3 90
Venezuela 1892 25c on 10c Escuelas ⊕	4 05
Virgin Is. 1866 1d ○	1 00
1867 1d ○	1 00
1879 1d ○ o. g.	3 00
1883 ½d orange ○ o. g.	1 25
Zululand 1892 5sh ○ o. g.	10 00
Honduras 1890 10c (error) yellow official stamp with word "Official" omitted	50
Italy 1878 2c on 20c inverted sur. ○ o. g.	1 35
Luxemburg 1875 error 37½c bistre perf. 13 ○	1 80
Tahiti 1882 25c on 1fr imperf. inverted surcharge	2 25
Total for 498 lots,	\$1.115 85

Stamp News.

LABUAN.—The 18c stamp described in our December number was withdrawn, as we are informed, almost as soon as it was printed, as the surcharge "Labuan" was found to be over the value "Eighteen". These are now placed on the market at something around face value for the unused, and at a small proportion of face value for the "cancelled to order" specimens. We wonder whether any of these stamps ever went out to Labuan for postage, and we sincerely hope that they did not, so that nobody will be tempted to recognize them. At the same time, it was discovered that the surcharge "Labuan" on the 12c stamp also partly obliterated the value "Twelve Cents," and this value, probably for the sake of companionship, was withdrawn at the same time as the 18c.—*Am. Journal of Philately.*

The greatest terror of stamp collectors is doubtlessly the Emir of Afghanistan. While new issues of stamps have made their appearance annually for some time and philatelists have spared no pains, to stop the speculative character of the Afghan postage stamp issues, the Emir continues to find means, by which he fills his privy purse at the expense of collectors. Recently he has given orders to issue a separate set of stamps in many colors for each of the provinces and of the principal cities and furthermore he decreed, that after this every postmaster is compelled to detach from the letters stamped in his district all cancelled Afghan postage stamps, which must be turned in to the principal office at Kabul after being lightly cancelled. The Emir has arranged for the sale of all the cancelled Afghan stamps to India, whence they will find their way into the general market.—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

Your correspondent has been enjoying a vacation in Canada and found business there very good and good stamps selling readily.

Although right on the boundary line between the United States and Canada, very few Detroit collectors have many Canadian revenues and still fewer know very much about them. Detroit's prominent collections are all general ones, and although the owners are not often heard of in the philatelic world the collections are without doubt some of the finest in the western states.

Mr. W. F. Fratcher has been appointed Detroit representative for the American Collectors Company. Mr. Fratcher is an old A. P. A. member, has used a good deal of printer's ink in his day, and most ERA readers will remember seeing his advertisements in the ERA a couple of years back.

The holiday rush at the Detroit post office was larger than ever before and demonstrated that the new post office, recently occupied after being for ten years in the course of construction, is too small for the city.

This is the season of new catalogues and a certain Canadian firm are pleasing their customers by mailing their catalogues with eight cent Jubilee stamps.

Cupper Bros., formerly proprietors of the Detroit Stamp Co., are now leading lights in the local wheelmen's ranks and are fast gaining a reputation in wheeling circles.

The Secretary of the Cuban Delegation has been in correspondence with Detroit parties relative to selling the stamps of the Cuban republic in Detroit and vicinity, but we understand that the commission offered, twenty per cent., was not large enough, so the deal fell through. A prominent Detroit merchant sold over two thousand of the Cuban Souvenir dollars and we think that the stamps, being less expensive and equally good as mementos would have sold much better.

The meetings of the local Society have been fairly well attended and the Program Committee has provided interesting talks for the meetings.

DETROITER.

Newspaper Clippings.

OMAHA EXPOSITION STAMPS.

PROTEST OF THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY PRESENTED TO POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. J. M. Bartels, Charles B. Ball and G. A. Camp, a committee appointed at a meeting of the Washington Philatelic Society, to formulate and prepare on behalf of the Society a protest against the special issue of stamps proposed in honor of the Omaha Exposition, today presented the protest to the Post Office Department.

The paper invites attention to the fact that the number of stamp collectors and dealers in the country has increased until they now number at least 500,000, and that the list includes many persons of influence and wealth. The pursuit of philately, it is stated, is no longer a pastime of school boys, but a systematic study of the course of international events, and in money value the collections owned in this country are not unworthy of consideration.

Within the last few years, the interests represented here, the local Society says, been menaced by certain governments, mainly of the smaller nations, in sending out frequent and numerous series of stamps for which no necessity existed in the postal services of these governments. Those issues to which the Society make special objection as speculative and uncalled for have been the so-called "commemorative" stamps, which are supposed to attract world-wide attention to some event or celebration, otherwise unknown.

Attention is also directed to the late session of the universal postal congress, when it was determined to exclude from the international mails, after January 1, 1899, commemorative and speculative issues, as indicating in a formal manner the disapproval of that body of the many special series heretofore issued.

The committee submitted certain extracts from philatelic papers, which suggest the strong objections generally held among collectors to the ephemeral stamps to which they referred.

Continuing, the committee say:

"The consistent attitude of our own postal authorities in refusing to dignify matters of only local interest with the indorsement of the department has won our approval. The two instances in which exceptions were made, in 1876 and 1893 marked such significant milestones in the history of the nation as to attract universal attention.

"We are strongly of the opinion that the trans-Mississippi exposition will not mark an epoch of national progress sufficient to justify special recognition in the manner proposed.

"If it be, as we apprehended, the fact that you have decided to assist the Omaha Exposition by the issue of stamps, and that decision is not open to further revision, we

respectfully request that two suggestions we make as to details be considered:

"First—We ask that the highest denominations be not greater than 50 cents, as stamps of higher value are but little used. If 3-cent and 6-cent designs be substituted for the proposed high denominations the issue would be much less subject to criticism as to its speculative character, and more acceptable to the entire community.

"Second—We desire that the series displace the current set rather than be used simultaneously therewith. If the present stamps be continued in circulation, and the new ones only furnished on request by postmasters it would seem clear that no postal requirement would be met by this issue. If on the contrary, the current stamps are retired and special ones furnished on all requisitions for a limited period, their use would become a necessity and the issue rest on entirely different grounds.—*Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, Jan. 17th.

Mr. Wolsieffer's seventh sale was held on the evening of Saturday, January 8th, at the usual place, the Great Northern Hotel.

The attendance was a little below the average only about forty-five being present, I believe; but prices ruled well on the whole. I will not go into a synopsis as Mr. Wolsieffer always furnishes the ERA with a priced catalogue. There were as usual a number of visitors from out of town, among them being Mr. I. A. Mekeel of St. Louis, well known as the publisher of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, and the Messrs. Burton & Burton of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Mr. Mekeel had a photographer there who took a flash-light photo of the sale in progress, which was reproduced in the January 20th issue of his paper. I must say that the half-tone cut does not do justice to the crowd present, and I believe Mr. Mekeel will agree with me in this statement.

In the same issue of his paper is printed in full the catalogue of Mr. Wolsieffer's eighth sale which will be held January 30th. Quite an enterprise on Mr. W's part to issue his catalogue in this manner.

Dr. James Mac. Potts has left us to try his fortunes in the frozen fastness of the Yukon.

In order to become acclimated to the Klondike cold he has been sleeping in the bear pits in Lincoln Park for the past month.

Taking a sleeping bag he has been bunking with the Ursa family until he says he really began to enjoy it.

He readily made friends with the polar bear and was just getting on terms with the grizzly when he left.

Well, we all wish the Dr. all kinds of luck and may he soon have nuggets to burn.

Lieut. Bandholtz on his recent holiday vacation which he spent here, became the proud possessor of the 5, 10 and \$20 States which he secured from Bro. Gurley.

In his last letter to me he says he "gloats" over them occasionally, probably much as Joe Leiter gloats over an extra bushel of wheat that he has cornered. Rather an expensive gloat but the Lieutenant needed them as he already had practically everything in U. S. adhesives.

To the many protests already recorded, I can only add my weak wail over the fact that this Government is threatening to

come the Nicaragua act in the matter of the Omaha postal issue.

That a certain editor and a certain U. S. Senator (both from Nebraska) are at the bottom of it, there is no doubt. We may soon see some of the Epworth League people of the west side urging Senator "Billy" Mason to petition the Postmaster General to order a set of stamps for one of their church fairs and Frank Massoth tells me that the officials of the Lake County (Ind.) Trotting and Pacing Association, are talking of having eleven different values made ("good for one day only") for use at their next Horse Fair.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Jan. 19th.

At the annual meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society held last night, there was an unusually large attendance. The following officers were elected for the present year; W. C. Van Derlip, President; Harlow E. Woodward, Vice-President; Geo. L. Toppam, Secretary; L. L. Green, Treasurer; E. L. Smiley, Supt. of Auctions; Mr. Johnson, Supt. of Exchange. A very interesting report was read by the Secretary on behalf of the Revenue Committee, and it seems from what I hear, that this promised publication will be a work of great credit to the Society. It was reported by the committee on "annual jollification" that cards of invitation will be issued to members and their friends for the banquet which occurs next month.

Mr. Batchelder, of the New England Stamp Co., intends the first of February to make a tour across the continent, journeying as far as San Francisco. He is going to take with him many rare gems of philatelic nature, and will call upon the leading collectors of the West. From what I hear of the New England Stamp Co., I have every reason to suppose that they do the largest business in the stamp line in Boston.

A letter received this week from a high official of Zululand stated that Zululand was annexed to Natal in December. A letter received from one of the largest dealers in England stated that their stock of Zululand had all been bought up, and it had been reported to said firm that Zululand had been annexed, and word had been sent to the Colony to destroy the remainders. Owing to this, the prices of Zululand stamps ought to take a sudden and rapid advance. The 3d Zululand is selling here at 25 cents each.

The stamps in active demand here, during the past week, are Canada, Newfoundland, including the criticised surcharge, Gambia and Zululand.

Thursday, Jan. 20th.

At B. L. Drew & Co.'s auction sale, held last evening, the following are a few of the prices the stamps brought: St. Louis 5c, \$111.00; 10c, \$77.50; 1847 10c, very fine, used, \$3.00; 1851 1c, type two, an unused block of six, brought \$33.00; a 5c, used, catalogued as magnificent, sold for \$8.25; 1869 90c, 3 copies, used, very fine, sold for \$12.13 each; 1865 5c, blue border. Newspaper, sold for \$8.10; Justice, unused, o. g., 24c, sold for \$12.13; 30c, \$14.00; 90c, \$27.75; State, 90c, same condition, sold for \$7.50; Revenues, first issue, \$200.00, sold for \$12.00; \$20.00, second issue, sold

for \$9.00; \$25.00, second issue, sold for \$11.60; \$50.00, second issue, sold for \$8.00; 1871, Proprietary, 50c, sold for \$15.00. As this sale is considered a gilt-edge sale, these prices ought to give a fair idea of what stamps are selling for. There was a fair attendance, and, considering the market value of stamps, I suppose it would be called a successful sale. The sale is to be continued this evening, in which a fine lot of foreign stamps will be disposed of.

S. E. L

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WHAT, UNUSED UNITED STATES!

Table listing various stamp types and prices, including '88 10c Spec. Del., any office, 4 for \$0.50, '90 90c orange, Perry, 4 for \$1.00, '90 15c dark blue, Clay, 4 for \$0.70, '93 15c Columbian, green, 4 for \$0.70, '94 5c blue on blue envelope, entire \$0.20, '93 1, 5, 10c Columbian Envelope, entire \$0.25, '93 10, 8, 6, 5, 4 and 3c Columbian \$0.50, '86 Letter Sheet, 2 for \$0.10.

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BARAINS

AND ALL FINE COPIES.

Table listing various international stamps and their prices, including Nova Scotia 5c blue, fine copies, unused \$1.00, Set 1, 2, 8 1/2, 10 and 12 1/2c, full o. g. 3.35, Nova Scotia 5c blue, used, fine \$0.20, Prince Edward Isle, complete set, unused, o. g., 13 varieties, cat. \$12.75 4.50, Newfoundland re-issue 1896, 5 var., cat. 92c .40, New Brunswick 1, 2, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 17c, unused .85, Costa Rica, 7 varieties, unused .10, Canada 1/2c black 1882, complete sheet of 100 1.50.

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WATCH THIS SPACE!

For the next few months I shall offer certain stamps for exchange, when you see something you want let me hear from you. I allow from 1/2 to full catalog for your duplicates according to what you have and what you want.

For Exchange This Week: 1c Express, imp. 1870 6c, used. 3c Telegraph, imp. & p.p. Saxony No. 16, used. 4c Cards, not perfect. 50c Lease, imp. \$1.60 & \$1.90 For. Ex. perf. \$10.00 Mortgage, perf. Unused Entire Env. No. 1515. Set Central American Steamship Co. FRED S. MARTIN, Greene, N. Y.

CHILE.

Table listing Chile stamps and prices: 1853 5c red brown (2) used \$1.00, 1854 5c brown red (7) .60, 5c red brown (11) .60, 1878 50c lilac (37) .30.

LUXEMBURG.

Table listing Luxembourg stamps and prices: 1891 10c, perf. 11 1/2 (63) unused .08, 25c (64) .15, 1891 S. P. 10c (163) .10, 25c (163) .20.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Table listing Newfoundland stamps and prices: 1897 Provisional, 1c on 3c, Type I, unused 1.25, 1c on 3c, " II, 3.00.

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For the WEEKLY ERA.

Lewis Robie.

A "stamp hunter" of world-wide reputation is Mr. Lewis Robie, of Chicago, Ill., the subject of this sketch and accompanying illustration. He has succeeded in bringing into prominence, and I may say general popularity, by his original advertising announcements, both his individuality and Match and Medicine stamps. At present he is endeavoring to "push" Canadian Revenues; with what degree of success it is at present writing rather early to say, although he has certainly made some impression.

But to start at the beginning. Lewis Robie was born in Waldoboro, Maine, on January 24th, 1863, making him just 35 years of age. His father was a clergyman and he has several distinguished relatives in his native state the chief one being Ex-Governor Frederick Robie. His academic education was attained at the Washington University of St. Louis. His mercantile career commenced with Field, Leiter & Co. (now Marshall, Field & Co.), in Chicago, at the munificent salary of \$3.00 per week. A lung trouble obliged him to leave Chicago and a year was spent recuperating his health on a ranch in Wyoming.

During the year 1875 his attention was first attracted to stamps and he started a collection which numbered some 1800 varieties in 1882, when the entire collection was stolen from him in Big Horn, Wyoming, and was never recovered. He received the highest award for a stamp collection at the first Fair ever held in Wyoming Territory.

For the last ten years he has been a travelling drug salesman for different firms, which has given him exceptionally fine opportunities to gather up Medicine stamps at almost nothing.

Mr. Robie has had some experience in literary lines, being a contributor to *Outing*, the well known magazine of sports and pastimes. "Across Wyoming on Horseback" was one of his best articles in this magazine. He is now at work on a humorous book of personal experiences and stamp finds. It was his first intention to make this a "History of Match and Medicine Stamps," but learning that another work of that nature was already in preparation he has concluded to make it more of a story book of his finds, experiences and impressions of stamp and other people he has met with in

his travels. For instance one of his lucky finds was no less than 1500 specimens of a certain Medicine stamp which Scott catalogues at \$1.00 apiece. That the work when it appears will find a ready demand goes without saying.

At the last convention of the American Philatelic Association at Boston, Mr. Robie was a familiar figure and few will ever forget their meeting with him, especially if they saw him during the trip down Boston Harbor.



LEWIS ROBIE.

Mr. Robie is at present under contract with the J. Ellwood Lee Co., of Philadelphia, one of the largest manufacturers of druggists' sundries, surgical dressings and plasters in the country; and is also personally interested in several proprietary articles.

Written for the ERA.

A Word About Reprints.

There is an old and true saying that you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink, and it is quite universally true that a man's power of negation and of doing as he feels like doing is as nearly absolute as most things that we think about. But there is another animal somewhat like the horse but yet different in some such slight particulars as the length of his ears, that may, at a distant or hurried view pass off for a horse. That animal is popularly termed a jackass.

Now there are a good many people with

elongated ideas about their personal freedom of choice and rejection, who imagine that they have peculiar prerogatives of kick and obstinacy whom I would liken unto this latter animal. Some of them pass in the dark and distance for very worthy animals, but sooner or later, they are recognized in their true light.

There are a good many people nowadays in Philately who pride themselves upon their kicking propensities. They are kicking all the time against the institutions and fixtures of our hobby. The S. S. S. declares against speculative stamps, and they file a solemn protest and declare the absolute impossibility of coercing the individual collector's will. But the time eventuates when the S. S. S. effects a great reform, at least in the spirit of philatelics—and they are recognized in their true light.

Long, long ago, publishers of catalogues and all the best minds in philately agreed that the reprint was the source of fatal harm to philately, that it was being abused and foisted upon the public in deceitful and illegitimate ways, and that it was for the good of the majority that unofficial reprints be taken entirely out of the channels of trade.

But this has not been done. Nearly every dealer in this country will sell a Heligoland or Roman States reprint whenever he gets a chance. Some will even advertise in lists of sets a sell *ad hominum* the venerable so-called reprints—counterfeits—of the Samoa "Express" stamps. I will venture to say that Austria reprints will be found on the sheets of a cool majority of the big dealers of this country and that, too, without the label "reprint" and with very few cases of the appending of the initial "R."

It is this fact of the deception which accompanies the reprint on its way and the stigma which follows its discovery that makes it so intensely undesirable. If everyone knew a reprint when he saw it, that would be different. The reprint could not sail under false colors under those circumstances. But as it is, a reprint unlabelled is a fraud; and labelled it is about as unhealthy in its effect.

Just so soon as a collector thinks anything is worthy to put in his collection except a genuine postage or revenue stamp, and will buy a reprint merely to fill a space—that mania of the American collector,—give up hope of his ever being a philatelist! He becomes a penny-splitter and distinctly a member of the boy-trade fraternity

at once. Do not misunderstand me: the official reprint in the hands of an advanced collector forms a distinct collectible variety of a country and not a make-shift for the original which it counterfeits, and, as such, cannot be radically condemned. But the unofficial reprint, as a "space-filler," should be boycotted by every self-respecting stamp collector.

But the only way to displace this undesirable usurper to the throne of favor is to act unitedly against it. If a stamp dealer who ought to know better tries to sell you a reprint of this character, drop him—and tell him why you have dropped him! If he knows no better, why just tell him, and if he will not learn, why then drop him! This looks a little severe, but it is a course that is warranted by the bitter experiences of the past. There is a stamp firm in the central part of this great republic that has sold more unofficial reprints to unsuspecting small boys than would paper the walls of a good-sized hotel, and that too, at an average of about two cents apiece! There are others, on a smaller scale, who are following on in the same unrighteous way. Something must be done to squelch this practice and it must be done personally.

But, considered from a business standpoint, I can see no reason why any dealer with an ounce of common sense, should need any persuasion or boycotting on this line.

Reprints never pay in the long run. There is a statement which has diurnal corroboration that "a fool is born every day," but even thus, the fool-killer's job is neither very pleasant nor long enduring. There are a few ex-stamp-dealers wandering around among us now, who used to do business on the fool-killing principle. They are the people whom we pity as we say: "Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these; it might have been." It might have been but it isn't. They angled for the wrong fish and caught a shark instead of a sucker. Dishonesty and deception may pull through an existence to some lines of business—may perhaps,—but never in a curio on stamp business when all its transactions are based absolutely on the confidence of the customer in the tradesman.

Briefly then, the unofficial reprint is an alien to philately, a source of deception on the part of the dealer, and of disgust and discouragement on the part of the collector who buys it, a source of harm to those who need the best of good encouragement, the young and inexperienced collector.

Let us frown upon it and down it! We can do it if we will.

EDMUND L. SMILEY.

We are still supplying Scott's 58th Catalogue (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) for 50 cents per copy—if order is sent with a remittance for a subscription or advertisement.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

Philately in Louisville has been given a good shake-up. Dreams of hair-trunk finds, old garrets undiscovered, and courthouse rooms full of 5c, 10c and 20c St. Louis and 10c Baltimore's by the handful have disturbed the night's rest of some of our local enthusiasts.

The cause of all this was one lonely 5c St. Louis. It was heralded in one of the morning papers "That ——— had bought of an old negro rag-picker a five-cent St. Louis stamp showing all the cancellations and had paid fifteen cents for it. That ——— expected to get \$100 for it." Your humble correspondent investigated the matter and found it to be correct, at least the party substantiated the statement. But, when asked to show the stamp, he claimed he had sent it to New York City to a friend of his to be sold there, as he thought he could do better. (This person is only a sort of beginner, though he has had his collection for a few years.) He described the stamp to me as being on the entire original cover. He expected to get a few more St. Louis from the same source as the other one came from, the old negro claiming (to him) that he got the St. Louis and a few other stamps out of an old cedar trunk which was in a garret and that the old trunk was all full of old letters and papers. He promised to bring the trunk and its contents. Up to date of writing, your correspondent has been unable to get further particulars, but expects to do so soon and give it in a future letter.

I have noticed an ad of one J. V. S. Reed, "Manager of Mutual Supply Co.," Louisville, Ky. None of the members of the Louisville Philatelic Society know of him, his name is not in the city directory nor is the name of the firm he is connected with in the directory. Has anyone had any dealings with him? The ad was in a certain western stamp paper.

What is it? That's just what I have asked several persons. The cause of the above question is a stamp which one of the younger collectors has brought to light. The stamp itself is one inch square, is in the shape of a seal, printed in red on coarse wove paper, watermarked. In the outside circle are the words "United States Internal Revenue." In the center is a coat of arms, I presume, in which is a shield having a pair of scales (the kind generally pictured with Justice) and at the bottom of the shield there is a key lying horizontally. A double line forming an angle separates the above. In between these lines were 13 stars. It was surcharged "5" in red near the bottom of the design. The stamp was on a draft drawn by Hirsch & Co. of New York on G. W. Mott of Louisville, Ky., for

\$150 dated Jan. 8, 1871. The stamp itself had written across its face "First National Bank, January 8th, 1871." It has the proper indorsements on the back.

The draft was submitted to Scott Stamp & Coin Co. for inspection as to "their opinion of the character of the stamp." They replied stating "Do not know it." Some revenue specialist ought to be able to give some information on the stamp.

E. B. S.

VERY FINE U. S. Wrapper. Scott's 58th Edition No. 1700, 1861 1c blue on buff, entire, unused and clean. The catalogue price is \$1.50; I have a few that go at 60c while they last. Better send for one. Price List Free! C. E. HUSSMAN, No. 4320 West Belle Place, St. Louis, Mo. [47]

Low Enough?

Portugal No. 1.....	Cat.	Our price
Hawaii 1862, No. 27.....	\$3.50	\$1.25
Brazil 1842, 30 reils.....	7.00	2.50
Mexico 1861 8r green on brown....	4.00	2.00
Return if not satisfied. We send sheets on approval to buyers and we don't think anyone beats our prices.	3.50	1.25

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This permanent issue was preceded by two special cards of same design with printing on the reverse for a "Happy New Year" salutation.

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10 " maroon.....	.18
15 " black.....	.15
Or the Complete Set, post paid, for.....	.65

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The Postal Card Reporter.

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Bureau Plate Numbers.

I am breaking up a fine collection of U. S. Plate Numbers, 1675 strips catalogue at over \$700.00, among other good things 168 bottom strips (watermarked) of 2c Nos. 78 to 426, also other three sides.

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W. P. TODD,
Morristown, N. J.

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Jan. 26th.

How often I have expressed the wish, and heard others, that I had availed myself of the opportunities of a few years ago to purchase for a few cents stamps now priced with three figures. Somewhere I have heard a trite and true saying about fish and the sea which I think is quite applicable to stamps. The collector who studies stamps, reads the papers and watches the advertisements carefully will find just as good opportunities as those of the days gone by.

Lay aside a few issues of the ERA today and compare prices with those in the same paper a few years from now and see if this is not so. In last week's ERA I can easily pick out 15 or 20 stamps offered at less than a dollar which if purchased now will doubtless prove a source of much congratulation a few years hence. Some collectors know a good thing when they see it, others a year or two afterwards. We are sometimes slow in learning that the best bargains are not always those offered at fifty per cent. and larger discounts.

I have seen the Hongkong 1890 20c on 30c in a decided yellow green.

I am informed that in the West Indies one party is asking £5 and another £6 for the Leeward Island sexagenary issue ½d to 5sh complete. New York dealers, the last I heard, were asking ten dollars for this set to and including the one shilling and for the five shilling stamp fifteen dollars.

There is quite a demand for the Newfoundland 3c re-issue, type A23, unused. Those that I have seen are of what might be called a violet brown shade, totally different from that of the surcharged stamp. The latter I have seen in two very distinct shades, one being the lilac gray and the other a red lilac gray.

During the past week I have, to use a slang phrase, kicked myself a dozen times, and I now tender my readers an apology for the statement I made last week as to finding two U. S. Revenues of the 1878 issue rouletted on silk paper. After writing my notes I found on closer examination each stamp showed very strong evidence of being a "made-to-order" roulette. Possibly the gentlemen who originally had the stamp was the victim of a practical joke on the part of some druggist. Anyway the laugh is on me. Ring down the curtain.

Not long ago I had the privilege of examining two fine collections made several years ago and now abandoned. The owner of one I hope at no far distant day to see

again numbered in our ranks. The other I guess is a hopeless case. The first mentioned collection is mounted in an old J. W. Scott album. I cannot recall all the good things I saw; but it contained the U. S. Departments, except the Executive and 3 high dollar value of the State, complete and nearly all unused and in fine condition. The two dollar State was used and a beauty. I particularly remember among the foreign a very fine Barbados 5sh pink, and many other fine old Colonials and early European. In an old revenue album was a goodly array of U. S. revenues including some nice match and medicine and a lot of foreign revenues. The gentlemen also has what I judge must be a very fine collection entire U. S. envelopes. For several years he was employed in the post office of a large city and lay aside and collected all kinds, values, sizes, shapes and papers of the U. S. envelopes. The charm of it all is that the entire collection probably did not cost him much over ten or fifteen dollars so he thinks. Stamps were cheap then.

Some other time I hope to tell my readers about the other collection, made probably 25 years ago.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

1000 U. S. Mixed.....	11c
1000 Foreign Mixed.....	19c
125 Varieties Foreign.....	11c

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	Cat. price.	My pr.
U. S. 1855-60 24c lilac.....	\$5.00	\$2.25
" 1861 90c blue.....	4.00	2.00
Executive Dept. 3c carmine.....	7.50	3.25
Justice Dept. 1c purple.....	2.00	1.00
Treasury Dept. complete set 1c to 90c.	8.95	3.75
Navy Dept. 15c blue.....	3.00	1.25
" 90c.....	10.00	4.50
State Dept. 1c green (unused, fine)....	3.50	1.50
" 2c green.....	6.00	2.25
" 10c.....	2.50	1.00
Agriculture 1c yellow unused and fine.	4.00	2.00
" 10c.....	6.00	2.75

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47 10c	\$1.85	P. O. 90c	.95
69 1c	.35	Interior 90c	1.10
" 2c	.06	3c Play, Card blue	.18
" 6c	.40	3c " " orange	.65
" 10c	.45	3c " " red	.40
62 5c red brown o.g.	7.50	2c Certif. orange	.60
Treas. 10c brown	.40	50c Pro. of Will	.45
" 30c y. "	.40	\$5 " "	.50
" 90c y. "	.45	\$5 Manifest	1.20
3c Due red-brown	.75	\$5 Mortgage	.50
P. O. 10c	.90		

Many other bargains. Cash with order. Postage extra with orders under 50 cents. Money cheerfully refunded if goods are returned.

I Will Buy a Good Collection of U. S. and Revenues If Price is Low.

A. W. BARRETT, MELROSE, MASS.

ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.

The 3c orange Park City Match stamp is a scarce stamp. I have a few very fine uncancelled copies, I will sell at \$1.10 each, the catalogue price is \$2.50. Your money will be promptly refunded if you are not pleased. PRICE LIST FREE. [17]

C. E. HUSSMAN, 4370 W. Bell Pl., ST. LOUIS, MO.

GEO. F. CRANE, 90 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK. (Five years at this stand.)

Dealer in Postage Stamps. 10,000 VARIETIES. In stock at from 10% to 50% Discount. SPECIAL WANTS AT 25% DISCOUNT. [18]

Stop = = = READ What an Indiana Dealer has to Offer in U. S. Revenues.

If you have a want list, send it to me; or, if you can furnish good reference, will send books for your selection at prices that will sell the stamps.

I have Revenues in pairs, strips and blocks, perf., part perf. and imperf., from the commonest to the rarest, used and unused.

Below you will find a few sample offers just to convince you I am offering at a low figure.

50c Lease, perf.....	\$0.15
50c For. Exchange, perf.....	.17
50c Probate of Will, imp.....	1.40
50c " " perf.....	.50
\$1.00 " " ".....	.80
\$1.00 Manifest, perf.....	.40
\$5.00 Conveyance, perf.....	.06

With every order of 15c I will give a Canadian ½c new issue, unused; if order is for 30c, you receive two, etc.

Orders under 50c postage extra. Any stamps not satisfactory may be returned and money refunded.

B. F. EGAN, 519 S. West St., Indianapolis, Ind.

A \$15.00 Stamp for \$1.00

Jamaica, 1880, 1sh rose No 102 in 58th Catalogue not priced; Stanley Gibbons' No. 104, Stanley Gibbons' price 60sh for new or used. I have a few which are cancelled with pen and ink, otherwise they are in fine condition.

My Price is \$1.00 Each.

Don't you consider it a good space filler for \$1.00? Have you ever seen one? If not you know how scarce they are.

If you wish stamps used postally at tempting prices I have the following:

NEW ZEALAND REVENUES USED POSTALLY.

	Cat. price.	My price.
58th Catalogue Prices.		
273-54 dark blue.....	\$4.50	\$2.00
271-34 green.....	3.50	1.60
269-24 purple.....	2.00	.80
266-14 rose.....	.85	.40
263-40sh red brown.....	.35	.15
262-95h orange.....	1.00	.50
261-85h blue.....	1.00	.50
259-65h rose.....	.50	.30
252-257, 6 varieties.....	1.43	.65
251-15h rose, not priced.....	.25	.50
249-14 lilac and red.....	.40	.40
249-65h rose and blue.....	1.00	.50
217-15h violet and green.....	1.25	.50

Numbers at left correspond with 58th Catalogue. Terms: Cash with order. Unused Stamps not accepted. Please remit by bills or P. O. Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Monday, Jan. 24th.

The first shipment of green 1c stamps was made on Thursday, Jan. 20th, of which New York City received a large share. The supply of blues was exhausted sooner than expected, owing to the extraordinary large requisitions from various sections of the country. This has been unequaled in any previous year, which should surely be a sign of increased prosperity. The color is lighter than that of the 10c, however, not sufficiently distinct for both shades to remain current and the department is now contemplating a change of color with the latter. What this will be is not yet known.

The new 5c has finally been decided upon, and is simply a change in color from brown to blue. The shade of this is slightly lighter than the current issue of 1c. At the beginning of the year the supply on hand was 5,000,000, but the unexpectedly large requisitions reduced the supply to 1,000,000 during the last week, which necessitated an additional printing on Friday. The same old plates were used, which will give us one or two sets in brown as well as blue.

No new stamp plates whatever have been made since my last report, the highest still being 337 1c (in green only). The engravers have been very busy with bank note plates.

A typographical error appeared in my notes in regard to the 1c plates on page 177, a comma being used instead of a hyphen. The sentence should read: It is probable that a few sets of the plates will be found in blue as well as green, these are 452-455, 493-496 and 526-529.

It is not known whether the Bureau will retain the contract for printing stamps or not. From a philatelic point of view, it would seem a desirable thing to do.

The publisher of the *Virginia Philatelist* called a few days ago. He claims having proposed several of the designs for the Omaha Exhibition stamps. A marked copy of his paper was sent to the department, and much to his surprise, several of his suggestions had been accepted.

All Hartford Envelopes made of manilla and amber manilla paper have now been found on wove as well as laid paper. Messrs. Howes Norris, and W. A. Gardner have kindly submitted specimens.

Collectors are particularly warned against purchasing stamps apparently unused from

which pen-cancellations have been chemically removed and fresh gum put on the backs. This fraud has repeatedly been foisted upon collectors of late and the source of these semi-counterfeits should be looked into. Among stamps thus treated which have come under our observation are the following: U. S. 1851 10c (from a western Stamp Exchange circuit), Queensland revenues, Gold Coast 2sh., South African Republic 2sh. 6p.

A good way to tell these changelings is to wet a spot on the face of the stamp and if you find that the paper absorbs the moisture, as blotting paper would do, it has surely been tampered with.

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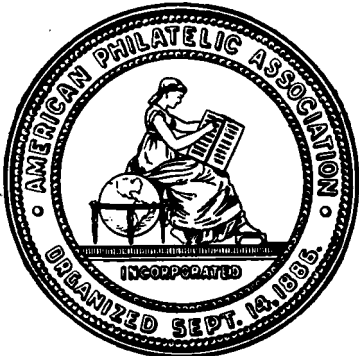
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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 22nd.

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COWLES, W. G., P. O. Box 426, Hartford, Conn.; age 40; occupation, Attorney at Law. References: W. W. Jewett, Henry A. Chapman.

Reinstated.

- 1116. New York Branch, W. F. Gregory, Sec'y.
- 1117. New York Branch, W. F. Gregory, Sec'y.
- 1118. New York Branch, W. F. Gregory, Sec'y.
- 1119. New York Branch, W. F. Gregory, Sec'y.
- 800. TAMSEN, EMIL C. C., Waterburg, S. Af. Rep.
- 680. BLAUHUTH, B., Konigsplatz 16, Leipzig, Germany.
- 835. HOCKING, DR. GEO. H., Mt. Savage, Md.

- 999. BAER, HENRY L., Hancock, Mich.
- 958. CRAIG, W. J., Augusta, Ga.
- 571. FRECHIE, S. M., 2003 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 722. HATTON, HENRY A., Newcastle, Natal, S. Africa.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	624
Reinstated since	11
Present membership	635

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 18, 1898.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

The Board of Vice-Presidents has the honor to report that they have held four meetings thus far since the annual convention. The only matters finally acted upon at these meetings have been the voting of authority to the Northwestern Adjustment Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., to amend the articles of Incorporation of the American Philatelic Society, so that they might become available for the use of the American Philatelic Association; and the direction issued to Mr. G. D. Mekeel, formerly Superintendent of Sales, to use the balance of the Insurance Fund now remaining in his hands in payment as far as possible of the claims of owners of stamps in the circuit stolen by E. A. Stigeler, of Denver, Col. The balance of these claims is to be paid by Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle, the

present Superintendent of Sales, out of the Insurance Fund collected and held by him.

The Board has had brought to its attention a number of cases of substitutions in books while on circuit. While the By-laws preclude the payment by the Association of claims of this sort, the Board wishes if possible to trace the guilty parties. We would therefore be glad to have any members who have any information which could be of assistance in this undertaking communicate with us.

JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
Secretary.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 20, 1898.

In view of certain statements published in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, No. 368, the Board of Vice-Presidents desires to call the attention of the members of the Association and others interested in the matter to the fact that the dispute between Mr. Mekeel and Mr. Wainwright was decided by our predecessors, the Board of Trustees, during the year 1895-96, so far as the circuit was concerned which was recovered from D. M. Lasker. That Board, in view of the fact that the matter had been regularly put in Mr. Wainwright's hands as Collecting Agent, and that he had endeavored to recover the missing property, and that it was recovered as a result of his efforts, held that he had the right to collect commission on the amount recovered, but suggested that he make a compromise with Mr. Mekeel as to the amount of the claim.

The later case, concerning the circuit recovered from W. S. Fraser, differed from the former only in the fact that in this case the stamps in question actually passed through Mr. Wainwright's hands. There can be no doubt that both these claims were placed in Mr. Wainwright's charge in just the same way that any other claim might have been intrusted to him. The present Board could see no satisfactory reason for ruling that the person who placed them in his hands should not pay the regular commission on the amount recovered. At the same time, seeing that the situation was one which placed upon Mr. Mekeel a considerable burden from which he would derive no personal benefit, the Board suggested again to Mr. Wainwright the possibility and desirability of a compromise. This suggestion he did not see fit to comply with. We believe that it would be impossible for any disinterested person to find otherwise than that Mr. Wainwright was within his rights, even if not within the limits of propriety, in collecting the full amount of commission in both these cases. Certainly, the action of the Board could not possibly be taken as showing any animus against Mr. Mekeel by anyone who would consider the question impartially.

For the Board of Vice-Presidents,
JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, *Superintendent*,
160 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 22nd, 1898.

769 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 15th, valued at \$29,557.97
43 books received since Jan. 15th, valued at \$1,198.07
\$30,756.04
5 books retired valued at 156.23

Total number of books in circulation 807 valued at \$30,599.81
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Jan. 25, 1898.

Things have been very quiet in this department of late. The following list is the only one sent in. Any person who can supply any of the wants should communicate with the Superintendent. Unless more interest is manifested in the department I shall recommend in my annual report this summer that the department be abolished.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE,

384 Union St. Superintendent.

Want List, No. 2.

Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal*, Vol. I. Nos. 7, 10, 12.

London *Philatelist*, Vol. I. Nos. 1, 5, 6, 10, 11.

Stamp *Chronicle and Circular*, Vol. I. Nos. 1, 2.

WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, No. 128.
Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. III. No. 3.

Philatelic Journal of America, Vol. I. Nos. 8, 9, Vol. III. Nos. 27, 29 to 32.

American Philatelist, Vol. I., Vol. III. Nos. 7, 12, Vol. IV. No. 4, Off. Cir. Dec. '94.

American Journal of Philately, Vol. IV. No. 1.

Philatelic Californian, Vol. I. No. 4.

Pennsylvania Philatelist, Vol. III. Nos. 2, 3.

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Meeting was called to order at 8.30 p. m. Jan. 18th, 1898, by President Prescott in the presence of the following members, Rev. Henry Madtes and Messrs. Bailey, Schneider, Kress, Brodie, Colwell, Humiston, A. Odell, Crawford and Cushing. Mr. G. J. Bailey was appointed Secretary pro tem. in the absence of the regular official.

The resignation of Mr. Luther A. Roby was received and laid on the table. The committee on Annual Banquet reported nothing definite and a motion was made that the Club dispense with a banquet this year on account of the great success of the social meetings which are held every month, in addition to the regular meetings. A vote being taken, the motion was carried

there being ten votes in favor and one against. Prof. Cushing will speak on the stamps of Switzerland at the next social meeting. The Club adjourned at 9.35 p. m.

G. J. BAILEY,

Sec'y pro tem.

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Official Reports January, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following are new members:

125. CHARLES D. LOWE, 2977 21st St., San Francisco, Cal.

Since sending my last report I have been unable, much to my regret, to give attention to U. S. P. A. matters as they deserved and expect that the next report will be my last in the capacity of Secretary.

The new year brings with it an election for officers and the following have been nominated:

President—C. W. Bowen, Providence, Rhode Island.

Vice President—J. M. Paine, E. Killingly, Conn.

Secretary—F. E. Newbury, Providence, Rhode Island.

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It is intended to use every endeavor to make the U. S. P. A. of benefit to the members and it is requested that they send their ballots to the undersigned before Feb. 15th, 1898, in order that the new officers may enter upon their duties as soon as possible.

ANDREW M. FINE,

1623 Sanderson Ave., Sec'y U. S. P. A.
Scranton, Pa.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Rare Confederate, Broken Bank and State Bills to exchange for desirable U. S. coins and stamps. Send list of what you have and receive offer by return mail. F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn.

Would like to exchange building lot at May's Landing, N. J., size 25x100 ft., for stamps or collection. S. E. Medford, 435 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa.

Twenty dollar Probate Will, damaged but fair specimens, also about 30 other good stamps that cat. about \$20.00, for collection unused U. S. entire envelopes. Send list. M. Wm. Hamilton, 2159 Osiris St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Any collector who will send me \$1 worth of Foreign or U. S. shall receive \$1.50 worth of stamps by return mail. I also have a large assortment of Packets to exchange for good stamps. Address, Fred J. Shoupe, Lock Box 22, New Florence, Pa.

One dollars' worth of stamps from my sheets for every die variety (clear print) of Columbian envelopes not in my collection. Wm. N. Beggs, M. D., Denison Building, Denver, Colo.

I have 15 blocks 3-cent lake 1890, mint state, also 3 blocks 3-cent 1879 yellow brown postage due, mint state, to exchange. What have you to offer? Louis Munzing, 621 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Will give 100 3c green '79, or 100 3c grilled '68 for every genuine stamp cat. 25c and \$1 respectively, or both for one cat. \$1.25 or over; any quantity taken. Hugo Kuenstler, 297 10th Ave., New York City.

Will send two covered philatelic papers for every stamp sent me, cataloguing 5c or more. One Mekeel's Blank Album, new, to exchange for stamps. O. P. Ruth, Moundridge, Kansas.

Will exchange entire U. S. Envelopes for Plate Nos., basis of exchange Bartel's catalogues. Send list of what Plate Nos. you have and your list of wants in envelopes. John W. Schaefer, 64 Walnut St., Buffalo, N. Y.

7000 varieties already in stock for exchange. We allow from 66% to 90% of cat. for your duplicates. Send a consignment and receive our sheets. Satisfaction guaranteed. Anion Stamp Exchange, Williamantic, Ct. [47*]

Pair Confederate brass buttons for unused stamps or envelopes U. S. catalogued at 50c. Two different pairs for stamps catalogued at \$1.00. Confederate money for unused stamps. R. L. Deitrick, Larraine, Va. [47]

Want unused foreign stamps cataloguing over 15 cents each. Good exchange given and 10% premium allowed if over \$1.00's worth is sent me. Member Manhattan Philatelic Society. No trash wanted. A. Herrmann, 28 E. 60th St., N. Y. City.

Want a new watch or bicycle, most any make or grade, a gun, revolver, camera, opera glasses or jewelry? If so, what U. S. stamps will you exchange for them. W. Herman Wiesman, Millbury, Mass.

Will give 300 mixed foreign for any 10 following U. S. lightly cancelled, 6, 8, 15c any issue, 3, 5, 10c Dues any issue, 10 Special Deliveries. Joo. L. Mayer, 119 Aldrich Ave., North, Minneapolis, Minn.

Will exchange Bicycle Mail Route stamp (error) for Canada Jubilee except 1, 2 and 3c, or for \$1.00 or \$3.00 Columbian. 100 U.S. (above 2c) for 50 Jubilee. Mrs. Chas. E. Norris, Box 224, Epping, N. H.

150 var. good foreign given for U. S. 1c '69 or '70, 5c '47, 7c '72, 10c '56, 12c '68, '69 or '79, 30c '61, '88, or Columbian unused, or \$1 '95. C. E. Love, Flushing, Mich.

For every stamp in good condition, or coin cataloguing 10c or over, and for every arrow head sent me, I will give 25 foreign stamps which catalogue at least 60c. I also want minerals and fossils. W. C. Shields, 30 Sarauren Ave., Toronto, Canada. [46]

I want all U. S. and Canada, current and old except very common, and will give foreign from my sheets in exchange. W. C. Boulton, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [48]

I have U. S. and Foreign, cat. 5c to \$1.50 each, to exchange for others of same grade. Send sheets of U. S. and Foreign and receive mine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn. [46]

The following for exchange this week: 6c 1870 used, \$1 Passage Ticket, Mortgage, Life Insurance, Lease, Maniest, Imp. \$10 and \$50 Conveyance, 1c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 10c, 30c, 40c, 60c, 70c, \$1.50, \$3, \$3.50 and issue. Fred S. Martin, Greene, N. Y. [46]

Will exchange a bicycle in good condition, with cyclometer and bell, for stamps from approval sheets for my collection to the catalogue value of \$35. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [421f]

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [11c*]

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UNITED STATES.

- New York 1845 5c black ⊕ on o. c. 3 80
Providence 1846 5c black O 2 50
1c red (eye type) O o. g. 2 50
1c black Horseman on o. c. ⊕ fine mar. 1 70
1c Post Office Dispatch red on blue ⊕ on o. c. 9 15
1c blue ⊕ on o. c. 4 00
Eagle Carrier ⊕ 5 50
1851-6 1c blue (type II.) shifted die ⊕ 5 55
3c red waterlined ⊕ 2 26
1865-60 5c brick red ⊕ 7 00
5c brown type II. O 2 30
10c green O o. g. 1 05
30c orange O o. g. 4 00
1861-6 3c pink ⊕ on o. c. 3 15
Reprint 1861-6 issue 1c blue O 1 55
1867 3c rose grill 13x16 points up ⊕ on o. c. 1 00
90c blue ⊕ good grill lightly can. 6 65
1875 re-issue, 2c brown O o. g. 2 50
3c blue O o. g. 9 25
6c blue O o. g. 3 10
6c blue ⊕ 1 05
10c yellow O o. g. 5 00
12c green O o. g. 4 25
24c green and purple O o. g. 6 25
30c blue and carmine O o. g. 10 25
1879 American print 90c O o. g. from corner of sheet with margins 2 10

- 1893 \$5 ⊕ 2 50
1894 \$2 deep blue O o. g. 2 10
1895 2c carmine (triangle III.) O o. g. an imperf. horizontal pair 3 30
Newspaper 25c carmine red O 4 30
Postage Due 3c red brown O o. g. 1 05
Agriculture 30c O o. g. 2 10
Interior set complete O o. g. 2 60
Navy 15c O o. g. 2 00
State 12c O no gum but fine 2 50
Treasury 24c ⊕ 2 05
War set all complete all O o. g. 2 20

- Envelopes:
1853-5 3c red on white entire env. (N. P. S. No. 16) ⊕ 1 50
3c red on buff (die 3) entire env. ⊕ 1 00
1861 3c pink on blue entire letter sheet O 1 55
24c green and red O 2 75
1884 2c brown on fawn die B entire envelope O 85
1874-80 2c vermilion die D entire wrapper O 7 00
1884 2c brown die B entire wrapper O 40
Adams & Co. Express 25c black (Scott No. 2201) ⊕ 2 00
1871 Western Union (green) 1 55
1877 Western Union (violet) 2 00

- Revenues:
1st Issue imperf. 50c Passage Ticket, fine margins 2 30
1st Issue imperf. 70c Foreign Exch. 2 30
1st Issue part perf. 1c Playing Card, unsevered pair 4 70
1st Issue perf. 2c Proprietary ultra-marine O o. g. 25
2nd Issue \$1 30, \$3 50; \$1 60 \$10 00 8 60
\$20.00, double perforation, fine 1 40
\$25.00, like condition 6 80
\$50.00, double perforation 7 95
6 80
3rd Issue \$20.00 " 6 55

(Continued next week.)

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in bold 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

U.S. 50c orange '95, 11 cts. Newfoundland (Cabat) complete set (14 var.), mint state, \$2.75; set of 6 from 1c to 6c both inclusive, only 37c. Cabot 1c and 2c only 10c each. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Confederate Stamps: 2c green \$2.00, 10c red \$2.50 o. g., ten cents blue \$2.50 o. g., 20c green, outer line, \$1.50, 2c red, 20c green in block or strip at 15c each, 5c purple Athens, o. c., magnificent, \$40.00. R. L. DEITRICK, Lorraine, Va.

Newfoundland Cabot, complete sets or single stamps, mint state, lowest prices. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Collectors! In order to obtain your address, will send you an unused stamp cataloguing 10 cents, in exchange for a self-addressed stamped envelope. HERBERT F. BUTLER, Newton Highlands, Mass.

Block of three Doolittle Match unused, very fine, \$50. '58 6 pence Canada, perf. 12, almost used, \$30. 12c '51 uncancelled, fine, \$10.75. Holstein '20 15 blue \$4.50. Baden '64 18 green, used \$2.75. 90c '68 used, \$8.50. '64 9c yellow, unused, \$2.50. H. J. DOUGLASS, Champlain, N. Y.

U. S. 30c '88, 45c post paid. Want to buy collections, low price. A. Herrmann, 18 E. 60th St., N. Y.

If you wish to sell your collection, duplicates or stock of stamps for spot cash, write JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet and Dun.

Collectors, Attention! A few rare bargains in U.S. stamps. J. E. Clapp, 13 Guilford St., Allston, Mass.

Will give cash and good Match and Medicine in exchange for any of the following Match stamps: Scott's Nos. 300, 1003, 2005, 3017, 3021 silk, 3031, 3032 pink, 3045 both papers, 3058, 3060, 3118, 3124, 3122, 3137, 3143, 3152, 3165, 3172 old, 3170, 3181. Correspondence solicited. GEORGE H. BLAKE, 12 Highland Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Philatelic papers for sale at one cent apiece. Postage extra on orders under 25c. R. D. BETTMAN, 48 E. 72nd St., New York City.

1887 2c Die A, extra letter, unused, \$1.75. 2c Justice, n. g., \$3. \$25 Mortgage, \$2.25. 30c '8, \$1.50. 15c '68, \$1. 2c Liberty blue, part perf. on check, \$1. Less than auction prices, see ERA Dec. 25 and Jan. 8th. H. J. DOUGLASS, Champlain, N. Y.

Rubber stamps 15c per line. Self-inking stamp pads, too. Send 2c stamp for catalog and get 10c worth good stamps free. Burton Osborne, Camden, New York.

Cash paid for your collection or duplicates. Tell me what you have and name lowest price. [47] C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York.

A fine photograph of John Brown's birthplace sent postpaid for 2c. Illustrated circular. Rubber Stamp Supplies, free. Burton Osborne, Camden, New York.

Honduras, 7 varieties, (new) catalogue 25 cents, my price only 10 cents. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

We shall insist hereafter that all copy for new ads and changes must reach us not later in the week than Wednesday, otherwise we cannot guarantee its appearance in the following Saturday's issue.

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

It has been customary in former special "Mid-Season" issues to devote considerable of our space in these columns to recommending the ERA to collectors and soliciting their support. This time, however, we will let our paper speak for itself and we sincerely trust it will not be in vain.

The steady growth of our subscription list has been the highest and most flattering of testimonials of our popularity, and

we wish to thank one and all for the hearty support accorded us.

GUSTAVE B. CALMAN.

Gustave B. Calman, thirty years old, died on Tuesday at his home, No. 127 West Eighty-First St., after an illness of some months. He is survived by a widow and several children. The funeral will be at the house, at 9 a. m. today. Mr. Calman was in the glue business, as No. 299 Pearl St., and with his brothers also had interests in the varnish trade.

The above clipping from the New York *Tribune*, of Jan. 27th, has been kindly sent us by Mr. Stone, and brings us the first sad news of the death of one of New York's leading philatelists. He was a brother of Mr. Henry L. Calman of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and, as is well known, has for many years conducted a large wholesale stamp business.

Our readers should bear in mind that this is a Special edition and that the ads are all current at date of receipt by them of this copy, although bearing a date a few days previous. Our current issues, instead of bearing a date of some future day like some papers, always contain everything possible up to day dated and is then issued with the quickest possible dispatch. Please bear this in mind and also allow a reasonable time for the paper to cover the distance necessary to reach you.

Among our new advertisers today is Chas. N. Robertson of Ottawa, Canada, who is beginning a contract with us. Mr. Robertson is Secretary and Treasurer of the Journal Printing Co., Limited, the publishers of the Canadian capital's leading daily. He offers Jubilees today but we are assured "there are others" to follow.

Mr. C. E. Hussman, the St. Louis, Mo., dealer, has changed his address to 4320 West Belle Place. Hereafter Mr. A. C. Townsend's Washington, D. C., address will be 1227 Connecticut Ave.

RECEIVED:

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. have issued their "Special Catalogue No. 4." It lists 1212 lots for sale at stated prices. This well known firm have recently removed from 90 Nassau St., to 127 Duane St., N. Y. City.

Mr. Wm. R. Adams, of Toronto, has issued a second edition (1898) of his Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps. Price, 10 cents per copy.

The Postal Card Society of America's "Monthly Bulletin" for January from the Secretary, Wm. C. Stone, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

The 144th auction sale catalogue of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., lists 878 lots of U. S. postage and revenue and foreign postage stamps, to be sold without reserve

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BLATCHEFORD, O., Jan. 8th, 1898.
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As our regular readers are aware the ERA always endeavors to keep the general stamp collecting public in touch with the condition of the stamp market, and we regret this week that at the last moment we find it necessary to appear with a very small installment of recent prices. We have received the following priced catalogues, through the kindness of the respective dealers, and will give a generous batch of quotations from them next week. The catalogues in hand are: Wolsieffer's January 8th sale; Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 94th sale of Jan. 15th, and B. L. Drew & Co.'s big 21st sale of Jan. 19th and 20th.

Wm. N. Beggs, M. D., of Denver, Colo., formerly of St. Louis, Mo., writes us that he has been appointed Chef de Section of the Societe Timbrophile d'Echange for the U. S., vice Emil A. Stigeler, removed.

We are still supplying Scott's 58th Catalogue (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) for 50 cents per copy—if order is sent with a remittance for a subscription or advertisement.

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CHAS. A. JOHNSON, Newport, N. H.

FEB. 19TH.

When You Read..

This ad my Jan. 29th Auction Sale will probably be an event of the past. If you missed it you certainly missed some good things.

Now then get ready for my

Feb 19th Sale,

Which will contain a fine lot of average rarities and desirable stamps. Catalogues free to all auction buyers.

Did you get a copy of Robie's Vest Pocket Catalogue of Canadian Revenues? Send 10 cents for one at once, before the first edition is exhausted.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St. Chicago.

FEB. 19TH.

Something New..

In this space each week. This Time We Offer, POST PAID: 1 and 2c Newfoundland new issue, unused, fine 6c 7 var. Natal, 2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4 and 6d used, cat. 31c 17c 3c U. S. Due, red brown, correct shade, perfect, lightly cancelled used copies, cat. \$1.50, 75c WRITE TODAY, these offers will not appear again. Hundreds of bargains equally as good on our 50% discount Approval Books.

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Table with columns: Description, Cat. val., My pr. Includes items like Providence 5c black 1846, 1851-56 1, 3, 12 and 10c, 1856 5c, Type I, 30c, 1861 5c, 1861 10c, 1861 15c, 1868 24c, 1869 24c, Navy Dept. 1, 2, 3, 6c, Agriculture Dept. 1c, Executive 1c unused, Interior, comp., 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 30c unused, Justice 30c unused, State 2c unused, Treasury 7c unused, War, complete, only 12, 15, 24, 90c used, Newspaper 1865 5c blue, white border.

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H. M. HERR, Wellington, Ohio.

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C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

FEB. 19TH.

"The hour was late

And the train failed to make connections at Lincoln for our destination. A theatrical outfit had struck the town in the morning and there was nothing left in the shape of a room for "His whiskers" but to double up with a fellow traveller for a stove house. As luck would have it, it was the 13th of the month, the room number was 13, and our brother said he counted thirteen bugs on his side of the bed in the morning.

"The next day we reached St. Louis, and the first drug store called on landed us three 10c 1878 Proprietaries and a Talcott on Pink, besides a lot of more common stamps. We then sat down and wrote to the hotels ahead of us on our route list, that no room would satisfy us, unless it had No. 13 on the door."

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JAMES A. ANDERZEN, Lock Box 15, Loomis, Nebraska.

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250 Varieties of Mexican Revenues, including many issues and a number of the special state stamps, sent post paid and registered for only \$1.50. Catalogued at nearly \$16.00.

I. B. TERRY, Third Nat. Bank, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

Friday, Jan. 28th.

The *Inter Ocean* of this city published a series of articles last Fall describing the magnificent palæontological collection of our friend Mr. W. F. E. Gurley of Danville, Illinois.

Mr. Gurley's collection was begun thirty years ago and contains over 14,000 species all properly labelled and classified.

Mr. Gurley has made extensive trips all over this continent in search of specimens for this collection and has discovered several new species some of which have been named for him. He has added to his collection both by exchange and purchase and in some cases has bought entire collections for the sake of obtaining only a few species which were new to his collection.

This collection of fossils is said to be the finest in America and is excelled by only a few in the world. Mr. Gurley served as State Geologist of Illinois during Governor Altgeld's administration and during that time compiled several geological reports of the state.

Mr. Gurley has repeatedly had offers for parts of this valuable collection but has as often declined to sell anything except as an entirety and it is very likely that in the near future this, the finest accumulation of fossils ever gotten together in the United States, will be purchased and given to one of our Museums or Colleges in this state.

The articles descriptive of the collection were published in eight successive Sunday issues of the *Inter Ocean* and were profusely illustrated. The cuts were prepared by Mr. C. E. Pettford the head artist of the *I. O.* staff and who has been an enthusiastic philatelist for many years.

Coming auctions are Wolsieffer's eighth on Jan. 29th, and his ninth on Feb. 19th. Catalogues for the latter will be out by the end of next week. He will hold two sales in March and one in April I believe.

Mr. Massoth has returned from his Indiana trip and Mr. Fritz is back from Denver. Mr. E. C. Althen of Elgin, Ills., was recently in the city.

Dr. Potts, who recently started for the Klondike, writes that he will shortly issue a set of Alaskan locals face value, ½c to \$100. They will be sold only in complete sets, total value of a set \$479.83 less 2% for cash on orders of 10 sets.

He continues: "The designs have not yet been decided, but will be chaste and striking [especially striking, I should say, B. A. C.]. The \$100 value will represent your humble servant throwing nuggets to the birds, and all values will portray scenes

characteristic of Alaska, such as grizzly bears, icicles, baked beans, etc.

"In view of the fact that the first issue will be limited, and surcharges and changes of color probably necessary I would advise all desiring sets to order at once."

Personally speaking I think that the Doctor has a bigger bonanza in this scheme than the man who gathers nuggets by the shovel-full from the river bed, for now that the great and glorious Government of the Star Spangled Banner has authorized the issuing of "Unnecessary and Speculative Issues," the Doctor's stamps will be made equally good and consequently a bona-fide issue and I've no doubt will be as eagerly sought after as the Omaha set.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 28th.

DEAR SIR:

I note in the last number of the ERA that the Jubilee stamps of Canada were good for postage for an unlimited time. While this may now be true the P. O. Department at Ottawa under date of June 24, 1897, in an official circular sent to me in reply to this and other questions states explicitly [See copy of circular kindly furnished by Mr. B. printed below.—Ed.] Certainly a stamp like the ½c, 6c and 8c which could only be bought of postmasters' wives or sisters or sons could hardly be called in circulation and so technically is not today good for postage. Moreover by refusing to redeem them (less the usual discount) the Canadian Government really repudiates their obligations—see circular.

Yours,

FRANK P. BROWN.

[COPY.]

Post Office Department, Canada,
Postage Stamp Branch.

OTTAWA, 24 June, 1897.

SIR:

I am directed to send you for your information and guidance, the following statement, which has just been given to the press:

"Enquiry having been made at the Post Office Department as to whether the Canadian Jubilee Postage Stamps would continue good as postage for a limited period only, it has been officially stated that the Jubilee stamp will remain valid for postage purposes so long as they may continue in circulation. They will not, however, be redeemed by the Department, a distinction being drawn in this respect between them and the ordinary postage stamps."

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Superintendent.

[The words given in italics above were underscored in the circular issued by the Department officials.—Ed.]

"DR. NELSON."

LANCASTER, PA., Jan. 21, 1898.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

My dear Sir: After reading the newspaper clipping in the ERA of Jan. 15, I think I can tell you who "Dr. Nelson," swindler, is. This clipping states that he was known in Chicago under the name of Charles C. Rickerson, and this is his right name I believe. He is a native of this city (Lancaster, Pa.) where his record is bad. Some years ago, I myself was the means of recovering a lot of stamps belonging to a certain dealer, and of which Rickerson was the thief. Another time I traced a lot to him, but could not get hold of them.

After that, I think about two years ago, he was arrested by the U. S. authorities for sending obscene literature through the mails and sentenced to seven months in the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia. He then came home for a short while, but soon disappeared, and I am not surprised to hear of him in another crooked light.

Rickerson comes of a good family, his mother especially being a most estimable lady. His home influences, however, were not as strong as those of the bad associations he formed, hence the result.

Hoping that this may be of interest to you and the readers of your paper, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. WELCHANS.

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COSTA RICA OFFICIAL 1889 1c, 2c, 10c,
20c, UNUSED, cat. 23c, OUR PRICE 8c

R. M. GAY & CO.,
552 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Few Bargains.

Newfoundland Cabot 1c block of 4, \$0.30

" " 2c " " 4, .30

" Prov. 1c on 3c, on entire cover..... 1.00

I make a specialty of procuring rare stamps at reasonable prices for collectors who really know what they want and are prepared to buy.

Let me hear from you.

W. W. WALSH,

162 Hollis St., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Written for the ERA.

The Catalogue and Newfoundland.

(CONTINUED.)

A variety of pence Newfoundland namely the sixpence half penny in orange has been catalogued within the past few years. I have tried hard to figure out where this comes in but have not been successful so far. We know from the statement of the engravers already referred to, that three lots of the 6½d denomination were sent over, one in the first shipment of stamps to the colony and the others in the last two. The first lot consisting of only 2000 was undoubtedly the scarlet vermilion and was in use from October 1856 to July 1861. In the latter month 5000 6½d were sent and in November of the same year 10,000. If either of these were in the orange color, the stamp in question would be much more common than that in scarlet vermilion, whereas I have never heard of more than one copy. That the two shipments last referred to were lake there can be no doubt because with the November parcel came 15,000 shillings, and 14,076 shillings (all lake) were on hand in 1889, notwithstanding the comparatively large number used and the heavy drafts made on the stock both by dealers and collectors, clearly showing that the shillings sent in July were also lake. I make use of the shilling for the purpose of proving this as the quantity of 6½d on hand in the St. Johns Post Office in 1889 will not help me, there being only 4776. With the shipment of 1860 conceded to be of the orange color there were no 6½d. Taking everything into consideration I believe the 6½d in orange to be nothing more than a proof.

No country furnishes a better proof than Newfoundland of the fact that stamps do not always command prices commensurate with their rarity. Many of the lake varieties, one would think, ought to bring far better prices than they do and probably they will when collectors wake up to the fact that there are not as many of them in existence as they imagine.

The following comparative statement with some of the Department stamps of the United States may be interesting. I take the quantities of the Departments from the list published by the Post Office authorities in 1896, and use the figures of Mr. Bacon from the books of Perkins, Bacon & Co.

	Price		Quantity.
	Unused.	Used.	
Executive 3c	\$7.50	\$7.50	23,500
State 3c	2.50	2.50	109,200
Treasury 7c	2.50	1.50	220,000
" 90c	2.00	1.00	312,500
War 7c	2.50	2.50	55,728
Navy 1c	1.50	1.50	106,800
Newfound'd 2d	10.00	15.00	10,000
" 4d	.85	4.00	35,000
" 6d	.75	4.00	70,000
" 6½d	2.50	12.00	15,000
" 8d	2.50	50.00	10,000
" 1sh	1.50	15.00	25,000

What is true of the lake pence is equally true of some of the cents. The 10c and 12c 1866 on thin yellow paper are very scarce in an unused condition. I have seen with original gum only three of the 10c and one 12c. The latter changed hands about three years ago at something over \$12.00. The 1c lilac of 1867, printed by the National Bank Note Company, is also very much scarcer than is generally supposed. There is only one record to be found of a shipment of stamps from the National Co. and that is of an amount remitted "for engraving one cent stamp plate and printing 1000 impressions from same \$175.00." This would mean not more than 11,000 stamps as the American Bank Note Co. printed the 1c stamps of the same design in violet-brown color in sheets of 110.

HALIGONIAN.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Winnipeg (Canada) Items.

Just before the holidays your correspondent found himself for the first time in a long traveling career in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and altho' occupied at the Opera House with professional work, found a few moments to look around among Philatelists and was surprised to find so many collectors and such a widespread interest in stamps among the people of this distant northwestern city. A fortunate business connection gave me the privilege of displaying my entire collection of covers and albums, etc., in the commodious show windows of Baine Bros., the leading jewelers of Winnipeg, situated prominently on the main thoroughfare, and this display, which was probably the largest ever made in a window in Canada, the catalogue value of which ran over \$25,000, attracted considerable attention and comment and proved a great advertisement for Opera House and your correspondent soon became acquainted with a pleasant little group of ardent Philatelists.

Mr. I. Pittblado, a young attorney and member of the champion curling club, who recently wrested the laurels from their contemporaries in the States, has the best collection in Manitoba. I had the pleasure of inspecting his treasures at his charming little home a couple of hours one afternoon and noticed he was particularly strong in Newfoundland, although the average collector is usually decidedly weak in this grand old colony especially in the older issues of which are, in many cases, underrated in catalogues. I also noticed superb specimens of Canada 7½d and U. S. 5c 1851, both with large margins, in which condition they are decidedly scarce and stamps everybody seems to want.

Mr. Pittblado is gradually improving and remounting his collection during such leisure time as he can spare from his active professional work.

He is the style of collector who is in

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- 15c " pair..... 1.00
- Envelopes Entire Unused.
- 3c brown on amber 1870..... .38
- 1c blue on orange, die A, 1874..... .25
- Tobago ½ on ¼ blue, pair, unused o. g..... .50

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I am constantly picking up bargains in U. S. stamps and would like to have your name on my list of purchasers.

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Philately for pleasure and recreation and whom it does one good to meet.

I must also mention Mr. Geo. Young, a night reporter on the leading daily paper, who is a most ardent seeker after the rare old pence issues of British North America. Although I did not see his collection I understand it contains some very nice things. Mr. Young however showed me the dollar set of the Jubilee issue of Canada in used condition and explained to me how they were actually utilized for postage on newspapers in a much similar way as our U. S. Periodicals.

It seems a publisher may produce, on mailing a large quantity of papers at the newspaper rate, the regular stamps of any value which are then cancelled to amount of postage due but at the end of the quarter they must be returned to the Government. George gazes sadly at his lightly cancelled \$4.00 and \$5.00 gems and realizes they must soon go back to the postal archives of the Dominion Government.

The Jubilee enthusiasm and interest has about died out. The 6c is going to be the best with the \$1.00 next and half and 8c, the other values which will bring a little over face. The colors as well as engraving of many are very fine in this issue, the soft Oriental or Ceribean blue in the 50c value being a remarkably fine shade and a great contrast to the dark blue 5c value.

RAMBLER.

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 mittee.

Twenty-first meeting of the Board of Gov-
 ernors held at the Club House January 11,
 1898. President Thorne in the chair.

Called to order at 8.25 p. m., the follow-
 ing members being present: Bruner, Cal-
 man, Luff, Stebbins, Scott and the Sec-
 retary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
 read and approved.

The Secretary reported having issued a
 two weeks visitor's ticket in favor of Dr.
 Dahlberg, of Chicago, at the request of Mr.
 J. C. Morgenthau

The Secretary read the resignation of
 Mr. John Luther Kilbon, and the same was
 accepted with regret.

The Treasurer's report was then received,
 showing a balance of \$488.35 cash in bank,
 after deducting the cost of U. S. Bonds
 bought.

The lease of Club House was ordered to
 be renewed for one year, and the President
 and Treasurer were authorized to sign it in
 behalf of the Club.

The Chairman of House, Amusement
 and Membership Committees then made
 their reports, which were received.

Adjourned at 9 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

Newspaper Clippings.

SOME RARE STAMPS.

A VALUABLE COLLECTION ON EXHIBITION IN THE CITY.

Stamp collectors there have been—stamp
 collectors there are. The have-beens do
 not number many, for few people ever give
 the interesting pastime up entirely when
 once interested. The number at present
 collecting has been estimated at nearly a
 million in North America alone. Of course
 there exists as vast a difference in the
 amount of enthusiasm displayed by collec-
 tors as there is in the size of their collec-
 tions. Some of the members of what might

be called the Philatelic fraternity are con-
 tent to merely gather anything in the shape
 of a postal or revenue label, while others
 who have learned to regard their hobby as
 a science have their stamps classified into
 sets, issues, imprints, countries, whether
 perforated, or cancelled, and so forth.
 Members of this class, of whom many re-
 side in the city, although they have no
 thriving local society, as is usual in most
 cities, will be interested to hear of an ex-
 ceptionally fine collection of British North
 American stamps, which is here in the pos-
 session of Mr. Edgar Nelton, of the Zera
 Semon company, now performing in the
 Grand opera house. Mr. Nelton showed
 his collection recently to a reporter, who is
 also an ardent philatelist himself, and who
 could appreciate the value of these treas-
 ures.

The collection is complete as far as Can-
 ada and the provinces are concerned, and
 was nicknamed "The Solid Front" at the
 World's Fair. The coveted 12 pence Can-
 ada, New Brunswick Connell, Newfound-
 land, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick
 shillings, all of which bring \$150 to \$250
 each, peacefully repose in the spaces lined
 up with all the other "members," which
 compose their "sets." Surely no 400 could
 be more exclusive! But it is not these
 rarities which Mr. Nelton is most proud
 of; but his four albums of "original cov-
 ers" is what he proudly exhibits to the be-
 wildered sight-seer. These contain scores
 of the early issues of Canada, France and
 the United States, which extend in stripes
 and blocks over the original envelopes,
 sometimes with a piece lopped off diagon-
 ally, to ingeniously make up the exhorbit-
 ant rates of postage which existed back in
 the early '50's. It will do any stamp col-
 lector's eyes good to pay a visit to the gen-
 eral specialist, if only to carry away a vision
 of the "little bits of paper" which are want-
 ing in the spaces he so often turns to in
 his album.—Winnipeg, Canada, *Free
 Press.*

WEDDING TRIP TO AUBURN.

GROOM WAS UNDER SENTENCE AND THE BRIDE HAD NARROWLY ESCAPED.

Charles C. Rickerson of Lancaster, Pa.,
 who came to this city some time ago with
 Miss Edna Marsh of Waukesha, Wis., who
 posed as his wife, the couple going under
 the name of Nelson, is now in Auburn pris-
 on.

While here the couple were arrested on
 the charge of using the mails for fraudu-
 lent purposes. The "doctor" was accus-
 tomed to write to stamp dealers and get
 them to forward stamps to him for approval.
 When he received the stamps he disposed
 of them, but did not pay the parties from
 whom he received them. The young wom-
 an who claimed to be his wife was arrested
 for complicity in his crimes.

The couple were taken to Albany and
 indicted. Rickerson pleaded guilty to the

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They are fine.	
6 varieties Canada 1st issue Bill.....	.10
6 " " 2nd " ".....	.09
7 " " 3rd " ".....	.05
10 " " Law stamps, 3 issues.....	.15
3 " " Quebec Registration.....	.25
10 " " Weights and Measure stamps, cat. \$1.50, for.....	.25
Red Weights and Measure stamps only.....	1.10

LOOK UP our other ad in this number.

Newfoundland Cabot Issue

Complete, 14 var., 1c to 60c..... 2.65

charge against him and was sentenced to
 serve one year and a day in Auburn state
 prison and to pay a fine of \$25 or serve
 twenty-five days additional. The young
 woman's mother came to this city some
 time ago with the intention of carrying her
 daughter back home with her. The latter
 promised to go, and on this condition the
 indictment against her was quashed and
 she was given her liberty last Friday after-
 noon.

An hour later she had secured the ser-
 vices of a minister, who married her and
 Rickerson at the jail, where the latter was
 confined. When Deputy Scholl left Albany
 for Auburn with Rickerson and four other
 prisoners, Mrs. Rickerson accompanied
 him. Her husband, who was handcuffed
 to a forger, sat in the smoking car during
 the ride from Albany to Syracuse. His
 wife sat beside him all of this time. Most
 of the time she sat on his knee with her
 arms around his neck. Rickerson was
 taken to Auburn and the young woman
 came on to this city, where her mother
 was waiting for her. Unless the young
 woman keeps her promise to return home,
 she may be arrested.—*Union and Adver-
 tiser*, Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 25.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Jan. 26th.

I have been shown today the current U. S. 1c, printed in green. It was received from a post office in the western part of this state. This shows that the 1c green has already been put on sale at some offices.

The second evening of B. L. Drew & Co.'s auction sale was very stormy. A stormy evening for an auction sale in Boston is something that has not occurred for several seasons. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was a very small attendance. With a few exceptions, the prices realized were low. This same firm is to hold another auction sale next Monday evening.

Two of Boston's well known collectors are preparing an article for one of the leading stamp journals, of a comic nature, and as one of them is quite an artist, the article is to be illustrated with cuts. I have seen one of the illustrations, relating to the postage stamps of the Omaha Exposition. To use a slang expression, "it takes the cake."

I hear that Mr. G. R. Kennedy intends to open a stamp office in Worcester, Mass.

A new set of stamps of Peru was received in Boston today, of three denominations, 1, 2 and 5c. The 1 and 2c were of the shape of our Columbian stamps and the stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Co., of New York. It is said that these three stamps comprise the set, and were intended to be a commemorative set, but it is stated that they are now to be used for an indefinite period.

I see by the associated press dispatches that the philatelists of Boston have sent a letter of protest to the officials at Washington, in regard to the Omaha Exposition stamps. I have no doubt but what the majority of the stamp collectors here are in favor of the new issue of stamps. The only objection that I hear in regard to the set is in having dollar values. It is evident that this issue of stamps will be a great thing for Philately. It is amusing to read the various letters condemning this issue, especially from some of the prominent New York collectors, also Boston and New York stamp dealers, and then to see them dealing in and trying to boom such trash as "souvenir cards." It is easy to understand how a collector would wish to collect postal cards, but these "souvenir cards" are not postal cards at all, but simply a piece of cardboard with a lithograph picture, and poor at that. If one wishes to send them through the mail, a 2c stamp is required. If this is not a bunco game on the poor collector, I do not know what is.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

Monday, Jan. 24th.

The regular meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association was held in their rooms in the Cawie Building, Monday evening, the 17th. Mr. Kay entertained the members for an hour, and a very pleasant one it was, with an exhibition of unused English stamps from his collection. The collection is an exceptionally fine one and is replete in the scarcer shades and plates. While the V. R. black was conspicuous by its absence, Mr. Kay promises to bring one back with him this summer from old England. A very lively little sale was in progress after adjournment and while no unusual rarities changed hands, some very desirable stamps were disposed of and prices realized were very fair on the average.

All Detroiters interested in our hobby are looking forward to the visit of our Boston friend, Mr. Batchelder of the New England Co. If we are to believe reports he is to be with us the early part of February, and will bring something out of the "common" with him.

Mr. I. E. Patterson has severed his connection with the Detroit Stamp Co., and will serve Mr. Robie's customers in Chicago. Good luck to you "Pat."

The market in Detroit is not very active but seems on the mend.

Document Revenues seem to have had their day. Interest in Match and Medicine stamps continues unabated.

There is a good demand for Scandinavian and old German and States, and Africans still rule strong.

The new Canadian issue Postal Card 1c has appeared. It is printed in green and can hardly be called attractive. I have as yet seen none of the 20c and 50c of the new issue, but have within a week seen the 8c orange which completes the set up to 10c. It has been rumored that the colors of the 2c purple, 3c rose red, and 5c blue are to be changed and if such is the case, the printings in the first colors will doubtless be withdrawn.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Brooklyn Notes.

The Philatelic Society of Long Island begins the year with about fifty members, on its roll, and is very fortunate in having a centrally located and well equipped room for a meeting place. The Society meets every Saturday evening and all Brooklyn collectors are invited to join. The officers are as follows: Chas. R. Braine, president; Chas. R. Gay, vice president; P. E. Nostrand, secretary; Geo. H. Ring, treasurer; Geo. J. Carter, auction manager; J. D. Carberry, librarian.

Raymond Lee Perry a member of the above Society will sell at auction at the Collectors Club, New York, a very fine collection of stamps. Among those to be sold are 5c red brown unused, 1851 issue, 90c blue used, 1855-60 issue, five dollar State Dept. unused, ten and twenty dollar State pen cancelled. The collection is very strong, also, in unused British Colonies.

The J. Dunbar Wright collection of U. S. Adhesives, Revenues, Match and Medicine stamps will also be sold. The description of this valuable collection ends with the interesting statement that "no bids of less than one thousand dollars will be considered."

A well known Brooklyn collector is making a specialty of the stamps of Baden and his endeavor is to secure those showing the dividing line on all four sides. He has looked over the stocks of a number of dealers and has not found one, although a number with the lines on three sides have come to light. This difficulty in securing the stamps, of course adds greater interest to his search than if the stamps were of more common occurrence. Nearly all stamps of this country are cheap, and the hobby, while interesting, is inexpensive.

The writer has seen the very common Italy newspaper 1890-91 2c on 50c claret, used, with inverted surcharge. This variety is not catalogued.

A prominent dealer complains bitterly of the large number of irresponsible dealers who advertise stamps at prices at which they cannot furnish them. The prevailing method seems to be to retain the money sent by the customer, and write a very polite letter stating that "most unfortunately the last one is gone," and that the "money is subject to order." Of course the dealer encloses a list of bargains or perhaps forwards stamps in place of the one wanted. But the harm, unfortunately, does not stop there. A collector seeing the stamp advertised at such a low price goes to his dealer and asks for one at the same figure. When it is not forthcoming he naturally

feels that he is not well treated. This matter is not exaggerated, and is of extreme importance to the future welfare of both collector and dealer.

BROOK LYNNE.

Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

- Herald Exchange*, January, Vol. III. No. 5, Whole Number 17.
- Home Worker*, January, Vol. V. No. 1.
- Philatelic Advocate*, January, Vol. IV. No. 1, Whole Number 17.
- Philatelic Facts*, December, Vol. I. No. 7.
- Philatelic Messenger*, December, Vol. II. No. 3, Whole Number 7.
- Philatelic Monthly and World*, January, Vol. XXIV. No. 1, Whole Number 227.
- Post Office*, December, Vol. VII. No. 81.

The *Herald Exchange* has commenced "A History of the U. S. Revenue Stamps after the First Issue" which will be of much interest to collectors. The subject was fully covered some years ago in the *American Philatelist* and reprinted with the consent of the owners of the copyright in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* not long since. It is, however, a subject that will bear repetition and I await with much interest the succeeding chapters. The first installment concludes with the amount of the first issue sold during the first week of issue.

The *Philatelic Messenger* easily bears off the palm as Canada's best journal, not only in respect to its literary matter but its typography as well. The catalogue of Canadian stamps continues to be of interest although the authorities have forbidden the use of illustrations. Some facts of interest are given about the recently issued Newfoundland provisional and there are news items from Detroit, Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and Massachusetts.

From the *Philatelic Monthly* I learn that the U. S. stamps are now all printed on watermarked paper. The last three to appear are the following: \$2 periodical Jan. 23, 1897, \$50 periodical July 31, 1897, 30 cent postage due, August 21, 1897.

\$10, \$20 and \$30

- Quebec Laws, 1893, set of 3, cat. \$60 by Ketcheson and \$20 net by Hall, rare, only \$10.00
- 40 varieties Canada Revenues, only..... .85
- Set 3rd issue Bill, 1 to 50c, 14 var., unused, only..... .50
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of Canadian Revenues, cat. over \$200.00 by Ketcheson and \$60.00 net, by me, fine lot, only..... 17.50

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15c orange 1872.....	9c
5c blue 1875.....	2c
*4c green 1882 o. g.....	7c
*10c Special 1885 o. g.....	15c
*6c red 1890 o. g.....	9c
*Columbian 1c to 10c, 8 var., o. g.....	50c
*1c light ultramarine, o. g.....	5c
*War 6c red, o. g.....	2c
" Env. 3c red.....	1c
*1c black 1885 Newspaper, o. g.....	10c
*2c " 1875 " " cat. 75c 25c	
10c brown Due.....	5c
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

It appears to be impossible to stem the tide of adverse criticism that the Jubilee issue of Canadian stamps have been subjected to. If I may once more be allowed to refer to a subject which has already been very thoroughly discussed. In finally abandoning this subject I cannot help reiterating what I have already said before, that if Canada is to blame in this particular she is doing nothing more than following the precedents of other countries, notably that of the United States in the Columbian and Centennial issues. In view of these facts it is rather unfair that the collectors of the United States should be foremost in impeaching this issue.

It is asserted in some stamp papers that the \$4.00 and \$5.00 Jubilee stamps were uncalled for and unnecessary and could not be used as postage. This idea is fallacious however, as it is quite possible that \$10 and \$20 could be used in prepaying postage on a large number of sample copies of magazines or periodicals.

Mr. W. H. Brouse, the well known barister and president of the Toronto Philatelic Club, has resigned his position in the firm of Beatty, Blackstock, Nesbitt, Chadwick and Riddel, and has opened an office on King St., West, Toronto, as an investment broker. Mr. Brouse has had large business experience and should do well in this business.

The second number of the new series *Dominion Philatelist* has appeared from Belleville, Ont. Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, who is, as formerly, its publisher, has not quite as good a paper as he had under the old regime. Second class rates have not as yet been re-granted but as soon as these are obtained we may look for something good.

Mr. C. H. Meahom of Hamilton and Mr. E. Y. Parker of Toronto, it is rumored, will shortly issue an album for Canadian revenues. Although this is not entirely indispensable, still it is an innovation which will be greatly welcomed by many collectors of these beautiful stamps.

And now comes the announcement that Mr. Lewis Robie of Chicago will shortly publish a catalogue of Canadian revenues. This is considered somewhat surprising by Canadian collectors on account of the several catalogues that are already issued by Canadians. However if Mr. Robie can make his catalogue as unique as some of his advertisements it will undoubtedly be a success, if not as a catalogue at least as an example of American humor of which Mark Twain might well be the author.

It is said that John Shaw, Mayor-elect of Toronto, will shortly petition the Canadian government to issue a special set of stamps to commemorate his election to the mayorality. He says that as Omaha has been licensed by the American government to issue a new stamp to commemorate its fair he should have an opportunity of celebrating his victory in a manner pleasing to himself and his fellow citizens (?) as well as lucrative to the government.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Providence Notes.

The last three or four weeks have been rather quiet in philatelic circles. Mr. B. L. Drew exhibited the lots for his "big" sale at the headquarters of the Republican City Committee on Weybosset Street, on the Friday evening previous to the sale, and several local collectors took the opportunity of looking over the stamps. Most of these gentlemen, I believe, afterward attended the auction in Boston.

At the January meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, the principal business was in regard to the annual meeting, which occurs on February 9. The banquet will be held at McKenzie's parlors, on Dorrance Street, the same place as last year. There will be no "dead head" invitations to outsiders this year, but tickets will be the same to all, one dollar. Mr. John B. Calder kindly offered to contribute the menu cards and banquet tickets. Following the example of the Boston Society, it was decided to have no regular auction this year, that is, there will be no printed catalogue, etc., but in all probability there will be an informal sale of such lots as the members wish to contribute.

The annual election of officers is also to be held at the annual meeting and a nominating committee has been appointed, consisting of Messrs. Richard M. Bowen, Frank P. Olney and Dr. W. P. Risk, who will present the list of nominees in the usual fashion.

The exchange department, which started in to do business with such a rush about a year ago, seems to be sweetly sleeping. In justice, however, to both gentlemen who have had charge of the department, it should be said that this state of affairs is not due to any lack of effort on their part. The whole root of the matter, as has not seldom been remarked, lies in the fact that most of the participating members do not care to take anything from a circuit unless it is marked at about a fourth of catalogue, but when it comes to marking their own stamps at low rates—that is a different story!

No action was taken at the January meeting of the Society toward formulating a protest against the issue of the Omaha plasters, as the matter was not fully understood at the time, but something may be done at the February meeting, although it is pretty well understood now that protests are not likely to have much weight against political pull. Wise collectors will let these things severely alone. If the leading dealers of the country would agree not to handle these stamps and if, as they

must be catalogued, they might be catalogued as mere locals, even although a point be stretched to do it, there might be avoided considerable of the danger of a repetition of the inflation and re-action which followed the Columbians.

The Providence, R. I., correspondent of the ERA has it that none of the Providence Locals were ever used from the local office. How about the copies offered on the original cover?—*International Stamp*.

As to the last question, a good many people would be interested in the correct explanation. But the ERA's Providence correspondent never made any such broad assertion as the *International Stamp* would have him. He did state, and he states now, that in this city, where more is probably known about the Providence stamps than anywhere else—more than will, in all probability, ever be published until some stamp journal gets rich enough to defend libel suits—some of the best posted philatelists claim that none of the Providence stamps were ever used. And it is a significant fact that Providence collectors, although we have some of the finest collections in the country, whose owners do not hesitate at other locals, do not buy used Providence stamps, even on the "original cover."

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A Talk About Stamp Albums.

BY EDMUND L. SMILEY.

Whatever may be said about the advantages of the blank album, collectors as a whole do not favor it. It means too much fuss and bother and loss of time, and very often the results obtained are far from congratulatory and sometimes absolutely disappointing. It is as hard to make a collection of stamps presentable in a blank album as it is to decorate a room artistically or to arrange the window display of a department store. Peculiar talent, I would almost say artistic genius, is necessary to a high degree of success in the mounting of a collection in a blank album. This natural eye for shape and color does not belong to all of us, and failure is the natural consequence, in the majority of cases.

But there is still another reason why the blank album at its best is not the best album for the average or even the advanced collector. The primary purpose of a collection of stamps is not artistic effect. If that were so we would be obliged to confine ourselves to the emissions of Mr. Seebeck and other enterprising stamp manufacturing artisans who cater particularly to that instinct of the collector. We collect for the interest—historical, biographical, zoological (see the cover page of *Stamps* for the other adjectives) and postal interest attaching to stamps,—the element of rarity playing a very considerable part, as well. We aim to classify stamps by issues and minor differences and any attempt at shape and color arrangement is very sure to hurt our conceptions of these classifications and to give us a slipshod and superficial idea of stamp collection. In consequence of this fact advanced collectors who use blank albums usually discard all thoughts of artistic arrangement in the interest of chronological exactness. And the only reason for their use of a blank album at all is the fact of the crowded make up of the printed albums, which precludes the possibility of alixing shades and oddities, and the inky appearance of the average printed album, almost always printed in black with the blackest kind of caricature illustrations and with borders showing around the stamps in the same sombre hue.

Some albums have been made with separate squares for every stamp slightly smaller than the stamp itself to give the

appearance of the blank album page *when all the squares are covered with stamps*. But these albums have not been received with universal favor owing to the fact of the disproportion in the size of the unfilled squares and that of the stamps filled in beside them, and the fact that most collectors fancy a visible border line about their stamps.

A happy medium was struck long, long ago in the English albums which had enclosing squares for stamps on the right hand page and description data on the opposite, i. e., the back of the preceding. A sheet of tissue or waxed silk paper would protect the stamps from any possible danger of crocking.

Now it seems to me that an album could be made this way at the present time; printed in some neutral shade as gray or pale blue with ample *unruled* spaces for varieties, and with some attempt at attractive arrangement. Such a book ought to be a pronounced success as the demand for it is quite strenuous among collectors everywhere, who, dissatisfied with the regular printed album are yet quite unable to make their collections presentable in the best of the blank albums.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

Anent the Standard Catalogue.

I have just read with a great deal of interest the article by Mr. Smiley on the Catalogue, and while he uses many forcible arguments to shew the effect of that book for good or evil upon the stamp market of America, I must take exception to his laying the entire blame for the existing state of affairs at the door of that much abused work.

If the authors err in over-pricing they also err in under-pricing in many instances. I myself would gladly join their "enthusiastic circle of clients at 10% discount" if they could furnish certain stamps at catalogue prices. I think the trouble is to be very largely attributed to another cause. Mr. Smiley says: "The people who collect stamps in Great Britain, for example, are philatelists for the most part, while the majority of those who collect in America are merely 'stamp collectors' who do not study stamps, etc., etc."

He should rather say that the majority of collectors in America are in the game

purely and simply for what they can make out of it.

There lies the root of the evil and the danger to the very existence of the pursuit. We must remember that used specimens, at all events, have no intrinsic value and unless a large proportion collect stamps solely for the love of the thing, the science descends to the level of gambling. Have the great Continental collectors been gamblers? No. Their treasures in many instances have found their way to museums. When has the like occurred over here? Were they slaves of the catalogue? No. They used their own little heads, formed their own conclusions as to the real value of the stamps they desired, and—plunged. Even many of the great dealers in Europe have large private collections which they would not part with. I might give here a little incident which will illustrate the difference between the true collector and the speculating kind. One evening a friend who has a fine collection, carried his book of duplicates to the house of an Englishman who wished to fill some of the empty spaces in his album. Both produced their duplicates. My friend asked the other whether he wished to exchange on the basis of Scott or Gibbons. "Hang the catalogues," was the reply, "we are not dealers, you help yourself I will do the same." This was agreed to and a mutual promise passed that neither would catalogue his exchanges to find out which had the better end of it.

I do think it is a great pity that any price list (because after all that is really what it is) should influence intelligent collectors. If Scott & Co. can get these prices, why blame them for asking them? If other dealers can afford to sell more cheaply what is to hinder them from doing so? I am afraid our enmity to the Catalogue is very often actuated by the fact that it prevents us from buying as cheaply as in the good old days when rarities were left unpriced. How often do we have hurled at us by some unsympathetic outsider who has made a find, "Do you think I am green enough to let you have that shilling for \$25.00 when it is catalogued at \$140.00? No sir, I want \$140.00 for it."

The science is yet in its infancy. Let us not worry ourselves about the Catalogue, let us rather join all our forces against the greatest enemy of Philately—the speculative issue. There is an old saw "competition is the life of trade," but we do not want as a competitor the needy or greedy

Government. We can keep the governments out of the business and no one can help us better than the Catalogue by refusing to list their art galleries.

W. W. WALSH.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.

Mr. W. O. Wylie, the well known Boston correspondent for several stamp papers, is acting as business manager for the Boston Stamp Book.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s twenty-second auction sale was held on Monday evening, Jan. 31. It seemed to be the general opinion that, owing to the stormy weather, there would be a small attendance. Possibly many attended, figuring on this basis, thinking some unusually low bargains could be obtained. There were thirty-five present, and the prices the lots brought, on the whole, were low. \$1.00 Columbian, unused o. g., fine, sold for \$2.40; a complete set, same condition, sold for \$16.48; Post Office, complete, unused, fine, sold for \$4.00; same set, used, sold for \$2.10; 1c State, unused, o. g., sold for \$1.50; 15c State perfectly centered, unused, sold for \$2.10; 24c Treasury, used, sold for \$1.90; Revenue, Second Issue, \$1 30, fine, sold for \$3.10; Antigua 1sh, very fine, used, sold for \$2.70; Azore Islands, 1868, 100 reis, fine copy, sold for \$1.15; Canada Jubilee, 3/4c to \$1.00, sold for \$3.00; Grenada, 1883, 1d, unused, o. g., sold for 85 cents, and this stamp was a bargain at that price. Zululand 1894, 4sh, unused, sold for \$1.75; Newfoundland Surcharge, sold for 75 cents; a barrel and a mail-sack, said to contain one million stamps, sold for \$20.

I have seen a copy of a new stamp paper hailing from East Boston, Mass., called the Philatelic Review. It contains eight pages and cover.

I have seen Plate Numbers 493, 494 and 527 in the new 1c green. I have been told that 493 and 494 were also used for the 1c blue. If this is so, these ought to be desirable plate numbers. I understand that the 1c green will be on sale in Boston about the 7th of this month.

Very few of the stamp dealers put in an appearance in Boston, yesterday, owing to the worst snow storm that Boston has experienced for a great many years. My friend Brown is called something of a hustler, and he walked several miles to get in town; by hustling right along he reached the city about noon.

S. E. L.

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The Bridge of Sighs
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COE, GEO. E., 579 Albion Ave., Oakland, Cal.; age 36; occupation, Employee U. S. Customs. References: R. H. Willcox, W. Sellschopp.

DAVIS, CHAS. K., 209-19 E. 3rd St., Cincinnati, Ohio; age 44; occupation, Manufacturer.

Membership Summary.

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JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 29th, 1898.
807 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 22nd, valued at \$30,599.81
31 books received since Jan. 22nd, valued at \$1,345.37
Total number of books in circulation 838 valued at..... \$31,945.18
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Feb. 1, 1898.
The following list of English periodicals has been put in the hands of the Superintendent for disposal. Information as to prices will be furnished intending purchasers.
Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE,
384 Union St. Superintendent.
English Specialists' Journal: Vol. I. Nos. 1, 2, 4.
Stamp Collectors Magazine (later *Monthly*): Vol. I. cloth.
Foreign Stamp Collectors News: Vols. I. and II. bound or in numbers.
London Philatelist: Vol. I. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12; Vol. II. all except No. 16; Vol. III. No 25; Vol. IV. Nos. 48, 49; Vol. V. complete.
Stamp Collectors Fortnightly: All.
Vindin's Stamp Trade Journal: Complete, 4 numbers.
Stamp Advertiser and Auction Record: Complete.

Omaha Protests.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 27, 1898.
 HON. JAMES A. GARY,
 Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: Whereas, the Special Commemorative stamps for the Omaha Exposition are regarded here by all fair minded stamp collectors and dealers as being speculative and unnecessary in character, and that many small countries are issuing and preparing fancy designs of stamps for the sole purpose of selling them to stamp collectors for revenue only; and

Whereas, these, to a large extent are unnecessary abortions, coming as they do of late in such vast numbers to drive many enthusiastic philatelists from our ranks in disgust, and as it also seriously threatens philately's future

Resolved, that we, the Stamp Dealers Protective Association, this 27th day of January, 1898, have assembled herewith to enter a protest against the issuance of these so-called Exposition stamps

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. James A. Gary, Postmaster General at Washington, D. C., in the hopes that he will give this matter his kind consideration, and that the passage of these stamps be re-considered by him.

W. SELLSCHOPF, President,
 JAS. N. MAKINS, Secretary,
 E. F. GAMBS, Treasurer.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JAN. 31, 1898.
 HON. JAMES A. GARY,
 Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Springfield Stamp Club held on January 28th, the accompanying protest was unanimously passed and directed to be brought to the notice of the Post Office Department, with an earnest request for its consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

GORDON IRELAND,
 Secretary.

Whereas, a new and special issue of postage stamps is being contemplated by the Post Office Department to commemorate the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to be held at Omaha in the summer of the present year, and

Whereas, this issue is not called for by strictly postal needs,

Therefore we, the members of the Springfield Stamp Club of Springfield, Massachusetts, would respectfully protest against the issuance of this set of stamps, as an act beneath the dignity of the Post Office Department of the United States of America; and

If this issue is irrevocably decided upon, we would represent that the issuing of stamps above the face value of fifty cents is unnecessary; and that the issue would be given a more creditable standing if it were to entirely supplant the current series of stamps for a definite time, and not be used in conjunction with them as has been suggested.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. O means unused, ⊕ used.

ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Baltimore Philatelic Society's 7th Sale.

Saturday Evening, Jan. 15th.

UNITED STATES.

(Continued from page 207.)

Cardboard Proofs:

1855-56 set complete (8)	1 36
1869 set complete (10)	2 20
1872 set complete (11)	1 21
1890-93 set complete (11)	1 76
1893 Columbian Issue complete (16)	2 88
1865 Newspaper set of three	78
1875 1c to \$60 00 (25)	4 00
Agriculture set complete (9)	90
Executive set complete (5)	1 05
Interior set complete (10)	1 00
Justice set complete (10)	1 30
Navy set complete (11)	1 21
State 1c to 90c (10)	1 43
State, dollar values complete (4)	4 00
Treasury set complete (11)	88
War set complete (11)	77

Confederate States:

Mobile, Ala., 2c black ⊕ showing postmark	15 10
New Orleans, La. 5c blue ⊕ on o. c.	1 35
1862 10c carmine rose rare shade ⊕ on o. c.	1 85
1863 TEN CENTS blue ⊕	2 50
10c greenish blue rouletted ⊕ on part of cover postmarked	1 35
Official envelope surch P. O. Dept. on 3c red on white 1857-61 U. S. entire envelope	1 55
another on buff	1 65

FOREIGN.

Antigua 1862 unwmk. 6p green :: O	10 05
Argentina 1891 20p green ⊕	18 25
Bahamas 1861 no wmk. 6p violet ⊕	3 60
1861 6p violet no wmk. perf. 12 ⊕	4 00
Barbados 1871 large Star Wmkd. 1sh black O o. g.	3 10
1882-5 5sh O o. g.	4 00
Bavaria 1849 1kr black O	2 15
1870 12kr lilac laid paper O	4 60
Bolivia 1867 5c violet ⊕	2 15
Brazil 1843 60r grayish paper O o. g. large margins	2 55
British Guiana 1876 CC 4c ultramarine O	70
British South Africa, 1891 2p on 6p pale blue O o. g. (2) each	4 25
Canada 6p violet very thick wove p. ⊕	3 55
1858 3p red ribbed p ⊕	3 55
Columbian Republic 1859 20c blue ⊕	1 75
1863 50c green on blue O	2 50
Tolima 1887 20c yellow O o. g.	6 00
Cyprus 1880 1sh green O o. g.	4 75
Denmark 1858 8s green O o. g.	3 55
Dominica 1879 CC perf. 14 2½p brown O o. g.	1 30
France 1856-60 1fr lake ⊕	2 00
1870 20c blue <i>perce en arc</i> O	65
1876 20c blue reprint O o. g.	1 10
Gambia 1880 CC 6p blue ⊕	1 80

Great Britain 1848 10p brown without die number ⊕ lightly cancelled	4 10
1883-4 anchor 5sh rose on bluish ⊕	3 50
British offices in the Levant 40 paras vermilion ⊕ part of cover	5 10
Grenada 1886 1p on 4p orange ⊕	1 00
India 1855-64 blued p 4a black O	2 75
1855-64 2a green O	9 60
1867 2a lilac (Scott No. 218) ⊕	7 00
Japan 1876-7 45s carmine O o. g.	3 00
Labuan 1880-2 12c red O o. g.	3 10
1880-2 16c blue O o. g.	1 15
Madeira 1876 150 blue O	2 00
Mecklenburg-Streitz 1864 1st mauve O	90
Netherlands 1852 5c blue O	25
New Brunswick 1864 half of 6p yellow used as 3p on o. c. postmarked	7 00
1861 5c brown (Connell) proof on thin India paper	4 60
Newfoundland 1863 8p lake O	1 00
Niger Coast 1894 ½p on 2p violet sur. type A21 O	9 00
1894 ½p on 2½p vermilion sur. type A21 O	5 00
1894 ½p on 2½p blue green sur. type A21 O	7 00
1894 ½p on 2p violet surcharge type A22 O	7 75
1894 ½p on 2½p vermilion sur. type A22 O	8 50
1894 ½p on 2½p green surch. type A22 O	11 00
1894 ½p on 2½p blue surcharge type A23 O	6 75
1894 ½p on 2½p vermilion sur. type A23 ⊕	6 75
1894 ½p on 2½p carmine surch. type A23 O	6 75
1894 ½p on 2½p green surcharge type A23 O	7 00
1894 ½p on 2p violet surcharge type A23 O	6 75
1894 ½p on 2p green surcharge type A24 O	10 05
1894 1sh on 2p violet surcharge type A24 O	7 50
1894 1sh on 2p vermilion surch. type A24 O	12 50
1894 5sh on 2p violet surch O	17 00
1894 10sh on 5p vermilion sur. O	19 00
Oldenburg 1860 ¼g orange O	3 00
Queensland 1860 1p carmine imperf. ⊕ good margins	8 00
Russia Russian Offices in the Levant 1864 6k dark blue O	5 30
St. Christopher 1870-79 CC perf. 14 1p lilac rose O	2 25
1887-90 1sh lilac O o. g.	2 75
1887-80 1p red Antigua ⊕ in St. Kitt's postmarked Apr. 2nd '90 on o. c.	1 00
St. Helena 1856 6p blue ⊕	1 55
1863-74 CC 14x12½ 6p gray blue ⊕	1 75
1863-74 CC perf. 14, 6p gray blue ⊕	3 05
1863 CC 1p red imperf. (Scott No. 12) O	2 25
1871 CC perf. 12½ 1sh yellow green ⊕	85
St. Lucia 1860 Star Wmk. 1p lake O	2 85
1885 ½p emerald green and black ⊕ on part of cover	1 00
St. Vincent 1883 CC perf. 12 4p dull blue ⊕	2 15
Schleswig-Holstein 1850 1s blue and greenish blue O (2) 2 60;	1 80
Sierra Leone 1883 CA ½p bistre O	1 80

Spain 1860 thick paper 6r blue ⊕	3 10
1851 6r blue ⊕	6 80
1852 6r pale blue ⊕	3 50
1874 10p black ○	2 35
Tobago 1896 1sh bro'n orange (error) ○	2 55
1896 ½p on 4p lilac and red ⊕	1 40
on o. c.	
Trinidad 1851 1p deep blue ○ o. g.	75
1858 badly lithographed 1p red	
○ o. g.	1 35
1869-72 CC perf. 12½ 5sh dull	
lake ○ o. g.	8 05
1894 CC perf. 14 5sh carmine	
lake ○ o. g.	1 50
Turks Island 1881 CC 1sh green ○	5 65
1881 4p blue ⊕ lightly cancelled	2 05
1893 ½ on 4p gray ○ o. g.	9 05
Victoria 1853-61 2p yellow brown	
(Scott No. 7a) ⊕	1 50
1861 perf. 12 1sh blue ○	2 10
Virgin Islands 1867-8 4p brown red ○	1 90
1867-8 1sh carmine and black	
colored border ○ o. g.	4 25
1887 4p on 1sh carmine and black	
○ o. g.	6 95
Wurtemberg 1857 1kr red violet rare	
shade ○ o. g.	5 05
1866 18kr orange ⊕	4 85
Total for 519 lots sold	\$1,506.47

Written for the ERA.

Canada's New Stamps and Envelopes.

The present stamped envelopes in Canada are soon to be superceded with a new issue, and I have been favored with an inspection of the samples of the new issue. The 3c will be the only one issued to start on. The envelope is the ordinary No. 8 but of much superior quality to the one now in use, and in fact is stated to be better than the ordinary plain white issued by the U. S. It will have a "Return in ten days" printed in the corner free for those who desire to purchase them that way.

The die for the 3c is much of the same size as that at present in use, but the medallion in the center is larger and not of the conventional type, but of the queen as she appears today, much like that in the center of the new issue of stamps. The 1c and 2c will be issued later. As you are probably aware the new issue postal cards are now in use, and they have been followed by the letter cards. They are both a reproduction of the die in use for the stamps, and look very plain and much unlike the die for the stamped envelopes, which is a rather elaborate affair, but of which I will say no more but leave it to other Philatelists to judge for themselves when they see it, for I think there will be a judgment passed upon it when it does come.

As for the new series of stamps, they are now all on sale up to the 10c. Up to the present the 15c, 20c and 50c have not been issued, and I may surprise Philatelists by informing them that there is a probability of the dollar values up to \$5.00 being added

to the present set. I have this information direct, by word of mouth, from the Postmaster General, although the contract does not call for them. Nothing has been done about them, as I understand, as yet, and it is possible that they may be left out, but it is more than likely that if a certain bill which the P. M. G. has in his mind, goes through Parliament this session, they will be required. This bill is stated to have to do with postage on newspapers. At present all newspapers and periodicals coming under the head of second class are carried in the Canadian mails free, but it is stated that the Postmaster General intends to impose a rate of postage at so much per pound, bulk, on newspapers in future. In this event it will be seen that as we have no periodical stamps, these high value stamps may be required. It is to be hoped that if this is the case, nothing more than the \$1, \$2 and \$5 will be issued.

OTTAWAN.

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For Exchange. Stevens' 22 calibre target pistol, also pocket kodak. Want best offers United States or Department stamps. A. C. Ketcham, Yonkers, N. Y.

Small 2½x2½ mag. camera snap or time with 3 Double Plate Holders and plates, chemicals, etc., to send for 4c Playing Card in good condition. Address, J. Leland, Care Sac. Athletic Club, Sacramento, Calif. [49]

Trading House: Stamps, stamp papers, old catalogues, etc., for stamps; 30 and 50c Columbians wanted. Covered stamp paper for every 3c worth of stamps from sheets, my selection. Write, G. C. Andrews, 316 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Have several unused entire Env. No. 1215 to exchange for good foreign, also have 7 var. stamped checks. Fred S. Martin, Greene, N. Y.

I have some back numbers of the "Century" to exchange for U. S. stamps and revenues. C. A. Gurney, Rhodes Block, Hart, Mich.

7000 varieties already in stock for exchange. We allow from 66½ to 90% of cat. for your duplicates. Send a consignment and receive our sheets. Satisfaction guaranteed. Anion Stamp Exchange, William, Ct. [47*

Pair Confederate brass buttons for unused stamps or envelopes U. S. catalogued at 50c. Two different pairs for stamps catalogued at \$1.00. Confederate money for unused stamps. R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va. [47

I want all U. S. and Canada, current and old except very common, and will give foreign from my sheets in exchange. W. C. Boult, Box 222, Altona, Pa. [48

Will exchange a bicycle in good condition, with cyclometer and bell, for stamps from approval sheets for my collection to the catalogue value of \$35. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [241ff

Unused 3c claret Dues 1891 issue to exchange for other stamps. Let me know what you have to exchange. I exchange anything "under the sun." H. F. Bartels, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon. [1fc*

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

DO YOU USE } Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? }
 } Left Page Stock Books? }
 } Wolsieffer's Blank Album? }

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Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

1891 3c Postage Due, block of 4, new o. g. \$0.32
 1866 24c gray lilac, new o. g. 1.75
 Post Office 3c block of 4, new o. g. .12
 Treasury 90c unused o. g. 1.00
 War Dept 10 or 25c, each new o. g. .17
 Star 7c used, not centered 1.10
 A. C. GOODRICH (P. S. of A. 622), Manitou, Colo.

U. S. 50c orange '95, only 11c. To dealers, 1 doz. \$7.10. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Stamps given away with Corn Balm. Sample box with stamp or packet of hinges for 5c. THE BALM CO., 123 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

100 Revs, Columbians, Foreign and U. S. stamps. No 2 alike. 22c per pkt. Mary A. Stanley, Manset, Me.

Match and Medicine, fine, 50% off. CHARLES KING, 105 East 10th St., New York City.

Cash paid for your collection or duplicates. Tell me what you have and name lowest price. 147 C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York.

U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS IN PACKETS.

Packet XX., 25 varieties..... \$0.28
 " XXI., 25 different from above..... .30
 The two packets, 50 varieties..... .35

Issues of 1871-82, Classified.
 Mounted on sheet, each variety marked.
 1c Nat. '71, Cont. '73, Amer. '79, Re-engr. '82, (4) 15c
 2c Nat. Cont. (2) 4c
 3c Nat. Cont. Amer. Re-engr. (4) 4c
 6c Nat. Cont. Amer. Re-engr. (4) 30c
 10c Nat. Cont. Amer. Re-engr. (4) 20c
 The five Sets..... 60c
 Other values classified at proportionate rate.

M. C. BERLEPSCH,

Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.
 Wanted—A really fine collection of Match and Medicine.

Something for Nothing.

In order to induce collectors to send for my 1898 price list I offer an unused Confederate State stamp 1863 issue, 10c blue. Many bargains are found in my list. Don't you think it will pay you to send for a copy? Say you saw my ad in the WEEKLY ERA if you want stamp. [47*

C. B. HUSSMAN,
 4320 W. Belle Pl., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Entire Envelopes

are what every up-to-date philatelist is collecting. I have a very large stock of this class in unused and used condition. My prices are 40% to 70% off of Bartels' catalogue prices. Send me your want list and see what I can do for you; or send for an approval lot. In case unknown to me include references.

EDW. BROOKS, Stamp Broker,
 228 East Market St., Louisville, Ky.
 "My Specialty": Selling rare stamps on commission.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

* POSTAGE + STAMPS. *

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [1ff

Several Collections

Are now in stock. Perfect Stamps at 50 TO 60% DISCOUNT.
 H. A. SMEDBERG, Kingsbridge, N. Y. City. [48*

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PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICES.

RETURN POSTAGE should be inclosed in all letters inquiring for information other than of general interest and requiring a personal reply. This will insure our attention and a cheerful reply.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address.

REMITTANCES may be made by Express, or Money Order, check, currency via registered mail or unused low value United States postage stamps. Foreign patrons are requested to send small amounts in current issue low value stamps of their country, or as many different denominations as convenient.

X EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTION. A cross on the margin of this page opposite this notice signifies that your subscription has expired, and we would greatly appreciate a prompt renewal.

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS.

One of the most unpleasant yet necessary duties of a publisher is to remind his friends and patrons that their subscriptions are in arrears and ask for early attention and consideration of the same. We find that we have some two or three hundred names now on our list who have failed to renew or order the paper stopped although some of their subscriptions expired several months ago. If this paragraph is marked it is a gentle reminder that YOU are one of these persons and we shall be greatly pleased to receive an early remittance from you.

Nearly our whole mailing list is in type and we use printed address labels in mail-

ing our paper. If your paper comes with a printed address, by referring to the right hand end of label you will discover the "Whole No." with which your subscription expired (the "whole number" of each issue appears at the right end of the date line on the first page).

If your subscription has expired and you no longer wish the ERA to continue its weekly visits to you we shall be pleased to receive an order to discontinue same together with the amount of your arrearages, if any.

This notice is made as a preliminary to regular bills which we shall mail each and every expired subscriber at an early date.

Specimens of the new 1c green stamp and new 1c postal card arrived with our mail of the 29th and 30th ult. respectfully. Two correspondents, Mr. M. F. Billings from Volga, Iowa, and Mr. Gustav Muller from Richmond, Ill., report having seen Plate numbers 493, 494, 495 and 496 of the 1c in green. Mr. Billings kindly sent us plate strip unused, and Mr. Muller the amusing newspaper clipping given elsewhere in this number

The stock of the late Henry Gremmel together with the Post Office has been purchased by Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co. of New York City.

We are still supplying Scott's 58th Catalogue (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) for 50 cents per copy—if order is sent with a remittance for a subscription or advertisement.

RECEIVED:

"Robie's Vest Pocket Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps" has appeared and Mr. Robie has our thanks for a copy. It is a compact list arranged in a very neat and convenient size, measuring 2 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches. It is printed only on one side of the leaf, leaving the reverse side for memo purposes. The work was compiled by Mr. Robie and published by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer. Price 10 cents per copy.

Price List No. 4 of U. S. Entire Stamped Envelopes from Mr. Joe F. Beard.

Mr. M. C. Berlepsch has favored us with a neat advertising calendar for 1898.

"Edwards' Philatelic Press List" for February has appeared.

Catalogue of 497 lots of stamps to be sold at auction by the Bogert & Durbin Co. on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 19th, at their Philadelphia offices.

Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co.'s 23rd auction sale catalogue. The sale will occur on Thursday evening, the 24th inst., and is comprised chiefly of the collection of Mr. F. H. Pinkham, publisher of the Eastern Philatelist.

11,034 Collection of Stamps For Sale

Put Up In \$5, \$10, \$20, \$100 Packets, by taking leaves from Album as far as possible, a stamp can be located at sight. A fine chance to fill up your envelopes. This week packets are from U. S. at 25% off list price. Satisfaction guaranteed. Bank reference given. A. P. A. 1233. Give me a trial order. Send by Money Order. Address: G. G. GLEASON, 8 Frank St., Rochester, N. Y.

MY "KLONDIKE" Packet is taking well; 50 choice specimens of U. S. Document Revenues all different, cataloging over \$5. for \$1.00. BLATCHFORD, O., Jan. 8th, 1898. "MR. CROWELL, "Dear Sir: I want to say that the 'Klondike' packet is the greatest surprise I have ever received in the way of packets. The stamps are all in good condition and exceeded my expectations in every particular. Please accept my heartiest thanks. "I remain, Yours respectfully, (signed) "CHARLES A. ENGLE." It will be about the best dollar you ever invested. \$1.00 POST FREE: H. C. CROWELL, 502 Mohawk Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

NEWFOUNDLAND 1897 ONE ON THREE \$1.00 EACH. P. O. STATE. Reliable Offer by a Reliable Firm. B. L. DREW & Co., 23 Court St., (Room 219) BOSTON, MASS.

A STAMP THAT'S SELDOM SEEN, Is the 50c Proprietary "green," It's catalogued too low, You probably have found this so; And I think you'll agree with me, That a perfect copy, you seldom see. I have one, a choice copy, price \$20.00. Guaranteed to please or no sale.

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YOUR THOUGHTS FOR A MOMENT (OR MORE). Beginning about March 1st I shall issue every month or two a special bargain list of FINE STAMPS IN FINE CONDITION. Single stamps, pairs, blocks and strips used and unused, stamps on the cover, new issues, fresh imitations, oddities, etc. In fact something to interest the specialist, the advanced and the average collector. I already have a good sized mailing of discriminating collectors who study their stamps, collect for the pleasure it brings and appreciate stamps fine in quality and condition at reasonable prices. If you would like to receive these special sales lists regular y just drop me a line and I will place your name on my mailing list. LIST NO. 1 Will be issued on or about March 1st. Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Era Popular Subscription

TO THE
DEFENSE FUND OF THE NEWS-
PAPER STAMP CASE.

F. O. Conant, Portland, Me.....	\$5.00
Herbert Armstrong, Iron Moun- tain, Mich.....	.50
W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.....	2.00
F. W. Rothery, Omaha, Nebr.....	.30
E. C. Farnsworth, Portland, Me.....	.50
H. H. Elliott, Taunton, Mass.....	.75
A. P. Chandler, Fargo, N. Dak....	3.00
Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, Ohio..	.10
Chas. A. Jenkins, Cleveland, O.....	.50
Sig. Dormitzer, Bridgeport, Ct.....	.50

Mr. Dormitzer states that the above 50 cents may be added as his "mite" and trusts others will come forward and do likewise. Our fund is surely growing and will not be a despicable amount in the end, and represents particularly the contributions of the ordinary collector and his "widow's mite" offering.

Newspaper Clippings.

BELIEVED IT A BOGUS STAMP.

POSTMASTER GORDON'S MEN HAD NOT HEARD OF THE NEW ISSUE.

A green 1-cent stamp on one of the hundreds of thousands of envelopes that are handled daily in the Chicago post office was discovered Thursday by one of the clerks in the mailing division, and announcement was immediately made that a counterfeit had been intercepted.

The only way the stamp differed from the regular issue, which is printed in blue, was in its color, but it was taken to Superintendent Montgomery's office and from there hurried to Postmaster Gordon.

News of the discovery of the supposed counterfeit was telegraphed to the post office department at Washington and the clerk was complimented in his watchfulness. Yesterday the officials were somewhat chagrined when they received a telegram from Washington notifying the Chicago post office that the green 1-cent stamp was perfectly regular and was one of the large issue recently put out by the department—*Times-Herald*, Chicago, January 29th.

This notice was in the Washington news in Feb. 4th papers:

FOR REGULATION OF POSTAGE RATES.

Senator Penrose today introduced two bills for the regulation of rates of postage. One of them provides a uniform rate of one cent an ounce on all letters, with a minimum postage of two cents on letters. The other provides for one cent postage on letters not to be delivered by carriers in the city to which directed. These one-cent stamps are to be tri-colored, red, white and blue. Both bills were introduced by request.

MEDICINE MATCH

MY MARCH SALE

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From the *Eastern Philatelist*.

Where to Advertise.

"Where to advertise" is one of the most vexatious problems confronting the advertiser in any line to-day. Publications of all kinds are nowadays so extremely numerous and publishers' claims regarding the merits of their journals as advertising mediums so invariably plausible, that he is a wise man who can pick the wheat from the chaff and place his advertising in just those journals which will bring the best returns. There is no portion of the work of advertising a large business which causes the man in charge so much worry, anxiety, and study as the task of selecting the best possible mediums for the public exploitation of his wares. This, in the general field, is the first and supreme test of an advertising manager's ability. No man can conduct an advertising campaign successfully who does not choose the journals in which he shall advertise with wisdom and discretion; and no advertising campaign in which the mediums are not thus chosen is ever wholly successful.

Stamp dealers have, in some respects, less to contend against in placing their advertising than many other classes of business men. Their field for selection is definite and limited. They are not constrained to consider the endless sea of publications that lie outside their special fields. They do not have to deal with glib-tongued ad solicitors, whose honeyed words of persuasion gather in many a fat contract that the advertiser regrets when he thinks it over in cold blood. Nevertheless, it is no easy thing for the stamp vendor to decide where his advertising appropriation shall be spent. The number of philatelic papers published in this country is something remarkable. There must be thirty or forty of them, such as they are; and all receive some advertising patronage. Out of these, two-thirds may be set down as practically worthless for advertising purposes, while not more than five or six are really to be classed as excellent mediums.

This sweeping condemnation of "the small fry" in stamp journalism may seem a harsh verdict, but it is the one which every reasonable man must arrive at after duly considering the facts of the case. There are three things to be considered in determining a journal's value as an advertising medium: first, how large is its regular paid circulation? second, what is the quality of its circulation? third, what is the character of the paper itself? Let us take, first, the matter of circulation. The stamp dealer, like every other business man wishes to get as much as he can for his money. It is therefore obvious that his first aim is to have his ad circulated as widely as possible. In order to do this he must use papers of large circulation. What the average circulation of the mushroom stamp journal is it would be difficult to

state, since there are very few of this class that do not claim three or four times the circulation they really have. Probably very few of the minor stamp journals print an edition of more than 1000 copies a month and there are many who do not even reach that figure. Now where do those papers go? How many of the ephemeral, fly-by-night class of stamp papers have a bona-fide, paid subscription list of even 300 names? As a matter of fact, the larger part of their circulation consists of a hap-hazard distribution of sample copies to names taken from old address books and similar obsolete sources, a kind of circulation from which the advertiser is unlikely to reap any very substantial benefit. The stamp journal in which it will pay the dealers to advertise is the one that has a large list of bona-fide subscribers, who read it regularly every month and think enough of its merits to pay for having it sent to them. A paper with a sample copy circulation of 5000 is not as good a medium as one which circulates only 2000 copies, but sends all of these to paid subscribers. It has taken our leading stamp journals, those that are really the representative organs of the pursuit, years to build up their circulation to the present proportions. No new or small stamp paper of the mushroom class can gain a large enough circulation to make it worth the dealer's while to advertise in it at any rate, however low, before it has been in existence at least a year; and the probabilities are that it will be the work of several years instead of one.

There is about a half dozen stamp publications in America to-day, to at least some one or the other of which every philatelist who deserves the name is a regular subscriber. What possible reason or excuse can the dealer offer for using any other mediums except these in his efforts to reach the real buying class, the only class worth catering to? Undoubtedly many dealers are led to use the smaller papers to some extent because of the lowness of their rates compared with those charged by the more important and influential journals. This is, in nine cases out of ten, false economy. There are a great many papers (in other fields besides philately, too) whose advertising space is dear at any price, simply because they are little circulated, and, even by the few who do receive them, seldom or never read. Here is a good test to apply to any stamp journal of whose advertising merits you are doubtful. Is it the kind of paper to be carefully read and preserved by such philatelists as it reaches? The only stamp papers which it is wise or safe to advertise in are the ones that regularly contain a bright, fresh, liberal supply of such reading matter as is sure to prove of interest and value to the collecting public. The paper lacking in interesting reading matter, the paper whose reading pages are filled with stale and hackneyed news items, old articles reprinted from other journals, and so-called original essays dealing with ques-

tions that have been worn threadbare by years of discussion, are not good advertising mediums, because, if examined at all, they receive only the most cursory attention. The collector may skim hastily over the contents of such a paper, in the hope of finding something of interest, but, his search unrewarded, the merciless waste basket is likely to prove its final resting place.

Advertising in papers of this character is a sad waste of good money. There are in almost every special trade some few organs that occupy a really authoritative position; that are read religiously by almost all those thoroughly interested in that trade; and whose admittance of an advertiser to their columns is in itself a weighty recommendation of that advertiser's business methods. Philately possesses several organs of this class that are eminently worthy of the philatelic advertiser's confidence and patronage. And not only does their age and standing deserve this patronage, but they are in a position to insure to the advertiser the best possible return for his money.

If I were handling the advertising of any American stamp business, no matter how large a sum of money I expected to use, I should confine my advertising to about six or eight papers. I should use space in *Meeke's Weekly Stamp News*, the *WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA*, the *Eastern Philatelist*, the *Boston Stamp Book* and the *Post Office* regularly and liberally. To supplement this, I should use fairly large space in one Canadian paper, one Pacific Coast paper, and one paper in the far South, provided there were published in these different sections any papers that seemed to have any kind of a circulation in their respective territories. By concentrating all my advertising in these few journals, instead of scattering it in a sporadic way through high and low alike, I should be able to use larger space.

Here is an important point that stamp dealers generally do not seem to recognize: one-half column or column ad in one first-class paper will bring five times more returns and be five times more beneficial than a dozen inch or two-inch ads scattered through a dozen different papers, good, bad and indifferent. If dealers would but cease to waste money on the mushroom class of stamp journals and devote the amount saved to increasing their space in the older and more stable papers, they would soon perceive a vast difference in the returns, always provided that the goods advertised are of a desirable class and are described in an attractive way.

In the case of the small dealer who can afford to spend only a small sum on his advertising I would not advise him even to use all the five papers I have mentioned above, as being in my opinion the leading mediums in this field, but would counsel him instead to use only one, or at most two, of them, taking just as large a space as he possibly can in that one or two, rath-

er than a small space in each of the five. An inch ad is a good thing in its way; but, other things being equal, a five-inch one is a much better thing. The larger your ad is, within reasonable bounds, the surer you are of securing an audience for what you have to say.

I would hardly undertake to decide which of the five periodicals to select in case it narrows down to the choice of one only. But the stamp dealer has a great advantage over some classes of advertisers in that it is an easy matter for him to so "key" his ads that he can directly trace the results derived from any particular publication. For instance, suppose the dealer has a stamp or set of stamps which he wishes to offer to buyers at an attractive price. If he advertises in a dozen papers at the same time, he has, of course, no means of knowing which ad brought him the most orders. But if he advertises in only one paper at a time he can tell to a certainty just how many answers his ad has brought him; since, the ad appearing nowhere else, each order is, of course, to be traced to the one publication. I advise the dealer who is at any time in doubt as to the relative value of different mediums to use this expedient, though he should, of course, be sure that it is a fair test. A dealer might advertise in one paper something that was in great demand and receive hundreds of orders. He might advertise something unsalable and undesirable in another paper and receive no orders at all. This would be by no means a conclusive test. What I would do in such a case would be to advertise the special thing selected in one paper one month and the other the next, then comparing the number of answers.

No really astute stamp dealer, however, needs to resort to any such method as this. It ought not to be hard for anyone thoroughly acquainted with the philatelic press to pick out its best exponents. It may be that some will not be inclined to agree with my selection. There may be other philatelic journals which are equally good mediums for the dealer to use. But whether this be so or not, the truth remains that one of the first things for stamp dealers to learn is that their advertising will be more profitable when concentrated into a few channels than when scattered through many. When this is once thoroughly fixed in the dealer's mind, the selection of a few will be a matter of comparative ease.

LOUIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

A VOICE FROM OMAHA.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE QUESTION.

In your issue of January 8th there is an article entitled "An Unnecessary Issue" in which you proceed to show stamp collectors how they are to be imposed upon and incidentally to get the government not to issue them. Pray tell what is a "Necessary" issue. On the first of March the present 1c and 5c will change colors. Why not call them unnecessary?

I think there is not a dealer in the whole country but what will agree with me when I state that never did stamp collecting become so universal or was trade so good as when the Columbian issue was put out. That issue started thousands collecting. Hard times forced thousands to stop and now as the hard times are about over the dealers, blind as to their own interests, try to stop an issue commemorative of the industry and resources of about half of the Union. Stamp collecting taken as a science is the studying not only of the stamps but of the reasons of the change and their mark in history. The change of the 1c and 5c of present issue is more of a speculative issue than those of the Trans-Mississippi stamps, for they mark no event or is there any reason for the issue. On the other hand there is reason for this issue and none for the protest of certain dealers. Let us take first: Why they are necessary. They are a necessary issue because they record some change or event of national importance to this country. They record the fact that these Trans-Mississippi states are not a wilderness inhabited by Indians and Cowboys whose chief delight is in shooting each other, but that they have become of some importance, both in commerce and politics. In making the fight against unnecessary issues the collectors intend to fight shy of impecunious nations seeking to replete their treasury out of the pockets of collectors by issuing stamps for that purpose and not of any political, historical or other—from a collector's standpoint—scientific importance.

The United States do not issue these stamps for any reasons of money but to mark an event in the development of the country. If you and the dealers cannot see that it is to your advantage to have these stamps issued, surely you are blind to the teachings of that wise but hard teacher, Experience. This issue will undoubtedly start thousands of new collectors and awaken the dormant interests of hundreds of old collectors who have laid aside their collections. Of course you collectors in the East

want us western collectors to stop collecting and sell our collections to you for little or nothing and do not care to start any new collectors in the West—it might hurt your trade by having new dealers start up out here.

E. L. PLATZ.

Omaha, Jan. 15, 1898.

It is hardly necessary for us to take up any of our space with a reply to all of the several remarkable assertions made by Mr. Platz, but we cannot refrain from explaining that, from a philatelist's point of view, a commemorative series of stamps if issued and sold by a government in addition to and at the same time as a regular series, is positively "unnecessary." Of course if the regular stamps are recalled from use and their place filled by a second or supplementary series then such secondary issues could not in the fullest sense be termed "unnecessary."—Ed.

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance

to us.

VERY FINE U. S. Wrapper, Scott's 58th Edition No. 1700, 1861 to blue on buff, entire, unused and clean. The catalogue price is \$1.50; I have a few that go at 60c while they last. Better send for one. Price List Free! C. E. HUSSMAN, No. 4320 West Belle Place, St. Louis, Mo. (47)

L. E. WELDON,
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To all those sending for some of my approval sheets at 40 and 50¢ and promising to purchase at least 25 cents worth, net, a nice packet of stamps containing Barbados, Brazil, Cape, Ceylon, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Finland, French Colonies, India, Japan, Mexico, South Australia, New Zealand, Trinidad, Canada Law and Bill, etc. I only do this to get acquainted with you, but if you do not want to buy stamps (at lowest prices) don't answer. (1fc)

Scott's Standard Catalogue 58TH EDITION.

Appeared on November 24th.

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No Collector can afford to be without it, as it contains many new features and most of the prices have been re-arranged, many going down and others being advanced.

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Beginning in January, we shall, during the coming season, sell a magnificent lot of stamps at auction, comprising collections and parts of collections, and including many of the rarest United States revenue stamps.

Catalogues of all our sales will be sent free to all who will send us their names and addresses to be added to our present mailing list.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.,
LIMITED.

18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

If a House Fell on Us

We should not kick because it wasn't a cathedral, yet a few dyspeptics persist in weeping because we don't include New Brunswick, 6p, and the latest new issues from Kerchuland on our 60¢ approval sheets. We get these things, of course, in collections and they go right out with the rest, but we are not gunning for the specialist. Let the 25¢ dealer have him. General collectors who want to buy CHEAP, CHEAP, CHEAP, can generally find something among our 5000 varieties, arranged according to price. References, please.

F. Putney, Jr., Box 944, Providence, R. I.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

I have seen no comprehensive list of the new Canadian stamps issued to date. Perhaps it will be of interest to your readers to give a full list, with some notes on the various values. Nothing above the 10 cent value has yet been printed, and I am not sure that even the colours have yet been decided upon. The supply of old stamps of the higher values is, I understand, sufficient for two or three months' consumption at least. The new stamps are all printed in sheets of 100, with the imprint "Ottawa," and the plate number, in the middle of the top of the sheet only. Each value begins with Plate 1, instead of the plates being numbered consecutively as in the Jubilee issue. I have seen Plate 2 only in the 2 cent value, but probably more than one plate has been used in the 3 cent value.

In a previous letter I told you of the issue of 500 sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ c with 200 in the sheet, cut in two through the middle. Those of our local philatelists who secured whole sheets of 200 in this form are keeping them jealously. Both these and the later issue in sheets of 100 are Plate 1.

I have seen a statement that some of the new issue are printed on a thinner paper than others, but can find no ground for this except that the 5 cent is on blue paper

somewhat thinner and closer grained than the white of the other values. It is the first Canadian stamp issued on a designedly tinted paper. The other values of the issue are on a medium thick, rather coarse grained and somewhat brittle machine-wove yellowish white paper, similar to that used for the Jubilee issue.

The values and colours are as follows:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent, intense black.

1 cent, blue green, about a Prussian green.

I have seen this described as a pale green, but such it certainly is not.

2 cents, rich violet; looks like an aniline colour. I can find no official ground for the rumored change of colour of this stamp.

3 cents, rose lake, a much deeper and richer red than any of our previous 3c stamps.

5 cents, deep blue on blue. The blue of this stamp is a pure unmixed blue.

6 cents, brown. This is the same rich colour as the 6c of the Jubilee issue.

8 cents, deep orange, appreciably darker than the 1c Jubilee.

10 cents, practically the same colour as the same value of the Jubilee issue.

One cent post card, card buff, 141 x 86 mm., stamp 23 x 19 mm. Similar in design to the adhesives but more coarsely engraved for typographing, and printed in a green bluer than that of the one cent adhesive. Lettering in black. This is the first Canadian post card that has had inscription and stamp in different colours.

Two cent I. P. U. card, red on buff, already described.

W. P. A.

AUCTION SALES.

We are now arranging our sales for the season of 1897-98. By the first of September we shall have all our sales arranged for October, November and December.

IF YOU WANT TO SELL

let us know what you have to dispose of. We will take anything provided it is in good condition and worth at least \$25. Lots of less value than this we do not care for. An auction is the best way to dispose of your duplicates. They will bring much more than any dealer would give, as both dealers and collectors are present at the sales and compete against each other.

We expect to begin next season about October 1st. Stamps to be included should be sent at once so they can be prepared during the dull season.

We have the best facilities for selling, distribute the greatest number of catalogues, and have a larger number of people in attendance at our sales than any other auctioneers of stamps. Considering the service we render, our charges are the lowest. We don't do 10 per cent, and 15 per cent. business. It does not pay, but we give you good, reliable service, and charge a fair price for it. If you want to sell bring or send us your collection, and let us look it over, perhaps we can make some good suggestions.

Our sales take place every other Saturday afternoon during the season.

The following letters speak for themselves.

Cazenovia, N. Y., March 31, 1897.

Bogert & Durbin Co.

Dear Sirs:—Mr. — has forwarded to me your letter of March 29th with check for \$121.00 enclosed. I am well pleased that the auction went so well and thank you for your kindness in the matter. Believe me,

Truly yours,

Mrs. L. K.

Akron, Ohio, March 24th, 1897.

Bogert & Durbin Co.

Gentlemen:—Please accept thanks for your check of \$109.82 in payment of auction sale. As my collection cost me net less than \$70.00 you see I am not a loser. Once more Sirs I thank you for selling my collection and had I another one to be disposed of the same way I think it would go to Bogert & Durbin.

Very Respectfully,
C. A. T.

BOGERT & DURBIN CO.,

722 Chestnut St.,

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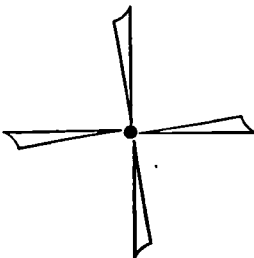
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... 5000 COPIES TO 5000 COLLECTORS

The ERA of February 26th will be our "Special" for this month and will equal our Annual "Mid-Season" number

in many respects.



This is THE season for Dealers to advertise to get business, for us to obtain new subscribers; and we intend to make another big effort to increase our list. We will share the benefits of the big circulation with dealers, and give them the double circulation at regular rates. The number will be bound and trimmed same as the Jan. 29th issue.

COPY MUST BE IN ON OR BEFORE THE 23rd INST.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Feb 2nd.

Plate number collecting has a large number of faithful and enthusiastic devotees. In my opinion no field along this line is more fascinating and worthy of attention than the stamps of Great Britain. It has many things in its favor: The numbers are on the stamps, it is, to a large extent, unworked in this country and because of this a nice collection can be made at a moderate expense. A great many dealers pay no attention to the plate numbers in marking early Great Britains on their approval books. Not long ago I picked off a plate number which catalogued 50 cents and was marked 15 cents on a 50% book of a well known dealer; and many approval sheets and books hold forth just such bargains. Not only are early Great Britains a pretty safe investment, but the collector who considers the element of profit will, I think, have no future occasion to regret a little specializing in this field. I have been devoting a few spare minutes to starting a collection for myself and have had a real jolly time. I particularly enjoyed looking over a small lot of about 100 of the 2½d claret 1875-76, from which I secured a complete set of the plate numbers from 1 to 17 inclusive, with both watermarks of plate 3. The set catalogues a little over \$4.00 and 40 cents would probably be a very high estimate of what they originally cost me.

U. S. Revenues seem to be regaining to some extent the favor lost through pernicious and in many cases unwarranted booming and inflation in prices. The uncertainty produced by numerous large finds is still felt to some extent, but there is healthy demand for them at reasonable prices. There is of course, as there always will be, a class of collectors who kick because they can't buy extra fine absolutely perfect stamps of the best grade at 60 to 80 per cent. discount, but many thoughtful collectors are quietly filling up gaps with fine specimens secured at very safe and reasonable prices. Unused and uncanceled specimens are receiving no little attention and may prove a very good investment, particularly when secured at regular discounts on cancelled specimens. I can think of no handsomer album page than one made up of U. S. Revenues unmarred by a cancellation mark. There is an increasing demand for pairs, blocks and strips, and they find a ready sale, holding good prices. This only reflects the growing demand and hot chase in every sphere of life, thought and action, for something new, something outside the already well-trod paths.

Whatever one's sentiments toward the Jubilee issues of Canada and Newfound-

land, there is no gainsaying the fact that they have awakened a greater interest in the stamps of these countries, bringing many new collectors to our ranks and many backsliders into the field again. It has recently been reported that several denominations of the old issue of Newfoundland have been reprinted to complete sets. Speaking of this, under date of June 22, a correspondent in St. Johns writes that the only value recently reprinted is the 1c green, which, he adds, was done for the purpose of supplying collectors with sets complete, consisting of the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 12c and 24c of the old types, which can be purchased in sets only, and are receivable for postage. When the Cabot issue came into use last June all the stamps of the old types left in the General Post Office and those in all the smaller offices of the island, which were called in, were counted, sealed up and put away, not to be used again. But in November, when a change of government took place, these stamps were placed on sale in sets, their face value being 64 cents. The supply of the one cent evidently being smaller than of the other values, it ran out and was reprinted as mentioned above. The excuse which the government offers for this is, that the new one cent stamps were so long coming that all the surcharges were exhausted and the government had to telegraph for these reprints of the 1c green, which arrived a little before the present one cent claret and were in use but a few days. I understand that an agitation is being gotten up to have all the old stamps destroyed.

The placing on sale of these sets of the old issue seems to me more creditable than otherwise, as it gives an opportunity to collectors to secure them at moderate cost. I hardly think they would offer a very tempting bait for a syndicate to purchase in bulk, as I understand a great part of them are badly off center.

A well known stamp man who is traveling in Canada, writes me that prices on Jubilees seem to be dropping.

The new Canada post card is out. It is printed in dark green and the stamp is the same design as the adhesives of the series.

Our own new one cent stamps are out and are being received on mail matter. It is quite a handsome stamp.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

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From an Occasional Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

I have seen no comprehensive list of the new Canadian stamps issued to date. Perhaps it will be of interest to your readers to give a full list, with some notes on the various values. Nothing above the 10 cent value has yet been printed, and I am not sure that even the colours have yet been decided upon. The supply of old stamps of the higher values is, I understand, sufficient for two or three months' consumption at least. The new stamps are all printed in sheets of 100, with the imprint "Ottawa," and the plate number, in the middle of the top of the sheet only. Each value begins with Plate 1, instead of the plates being numbered consecutively as in the Jubilee issue. I have seen Plate 2 only in the 2 cent value, but probably more than one plate has been used in the 3 cent value.

In a previous letter I told you of the issue of 500 sheets of ½c with 200 in the sheet, cut in two through the middle. Those of our local philatelists who secured whole sheets of 200 in this form are keeping them jealously. Both these and the later issue in sheets of 100 are Plate 1.

I have seen a statement that some of the new issue are printed on a thinner paper than others, but can find no ground for this except that the 5 cent is on blue paper

somewhat thinner and closer grained than the white of the other values. It is the first Canadian stamp issued on a designedly tinted paper. The other values of the issue are on a medium thick, rather coarse grained and somewhat brittle machine-wove yellowish white paper, similar to that used for the Jubilee issue.

The values and colours are as follows:
½ cent, intense black.

1 cent, blue green, about a Prussian green. I have seen this described as a pale green, but such it certainly is not.

2 cents, rich violet; looks like an aniline colour. I can find no official ground for the rumored change of colour of this stamp.

3 cents, rose lake, a much deeper and richer red than any of our previous 3c stamps.

5 cents, deep blue on blue. The blue of this stamp is a pure unmixed blue.

6 cents, brown. This is the same rich colour as the 6c of the Jubilee issue.

8 cents, deep orange, appreciably darker than the 1c Jubilee.

10 cents, practically the same colour as the same value of the Jubilee issue.

One cent post card, card buff, 141 x 86 mm., stamp 23 x 19 mm. Similar in design to the adhesives but more coarsely engraved for typographing, and printed in a green bluer than that of the one cent adhesive. Lettering in black. This is the first Canadian post card that has had inscription and stamp in different colours.

Two cent I. P. U. card, red on buff, already described.

W. P. A.

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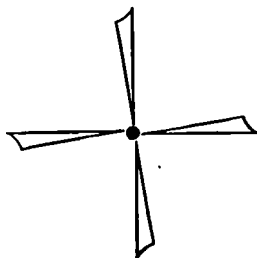
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Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Feb 2nd.

Plate number collecting has a large number of faithful and enthusiastic devotees. In my opinion no field along this line is more fascinating and worthy of attention than the stamps of Great Britain. It has many things in its favor: The numbers are on the stamps, it is, to a large extent, unworked in this country and because of this a nice collection can be made at a moderate expense. A great many dealers pay no attention to the plate numbers in marking early Great Britains on their approval books. Not long ago I picked off a plate number which catalogued 50 cents and was marked 15 cents on a 50% book of a well known dealer; and many approval sheets and books hold forth just such bargains. Not only are early Great Britains a pretty safe investment, but the collector who considers the element of profit will, I think, have no future occasion to regret a little specializing in this field. I have been devoting a few spare minutes to starting a collection for myself and have had a real jolly time. I particularly enjoyed looking over a small lot of about 100 of the 2½d claret 1875-76, from which I secured a complete set of the plate numbers from 1 to 17 inclusive, with both watermarks of plate 3. The set catalogues a little over \$4.00 and 40 cents would probably be a very high estimate of what they originally cost me.

U. S. Revenues seem to be regaining to some extent the favor lost through pernicious and in many cases unwarranted booming and inflation in prices. The uncertainty produced by numerous large finds is still felt to some extent, but there is healthy demand for them at reasonable prices. There is of course, as there always will be, a class of collectors who kick because they can't buy extra fine absolutely perfect stamps of the best grade at 60 to 80 per cent. discount, but many thoughtful collectors are quietly filling up gaps with fine specimens secured at very safe and reasonable prices. Unused and uncancelled specimens are receiving no little attention and may prove a very good investment, particularly when secured at regular discounts on cancelled specimens. I can think of no handsomer album page than one made up of U. S. Revenues unmarred by a cancellation mark. There is an increasing demand for pairs, blocks and strips, and they find a ready sale, holding good prices. This only reflects the growing demand and hot chase in every sphere of life, thought and action, for something new, something outside the already well-trod paths.

Whatever one's sentiments toward the Jubilee issues of Canada and Newfound-

land, there is no gainsaying the fact that they have awakened a greater interest in the stamps of these countries, bringing many new collectors to our ranks and many backsliders into the field again. It has recently been reported that several denominations of the old issue of Newfoundland have been reprinted to complete sets. Speaking of this, under date of June 22, a correspondent in St. Johns writes that the only value recently reprinted is the 1c green, which, he adds, was done for the purpose of supplying collectors with sets complete, consisting of the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 12c and 24c of the old types, which can be purchased in sets only, and are receivable for postage. When the Cabot issue came into use last June all the stamps of the old types left in the General Post Office and those in all the smaller offices of the island, which were called in, were counted, sealed up and put away, not to be used again. But in November, when a change of government took place, these stamps were placed on sale in sets, their face value being 64 cents. The supply of the one cent evidently being smaller than of the other values, it ran out and was reprinted as mentioned above. The excuse which the government offers for this is, that the new one cent stamps were so long coming that all the surcharges were exhausted and the government had to telegraph for these reprints of the 1c green, which arrived a little before the present one cent claret and were in use but a few days. I understand that an agitation is being gotten up to have all the old stamps destroyed.

The placing on sale of these sets of the old issue seems to me more creditable than otherwise, as it gives an opportunity to collectors to secure them at moderate cost. I hardly think they would offer a very tempting bait for a syndicate to purchase in bulk, as I understand a great part of them are badly off center.

A well known stamp man who is traveling in Canada, writes me that prices on Jubilees seem to be dropping.

The new Canada post card is out. It is printed in dark green and the stamp is the same design as the adhesives of the series.

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Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Feb. 1st.

The 1c greens are rapidly spreading over the country, and it appears that no 1c plate numbers will be printed in two colors. From 493 up they seem to exist in green only, and it would be interesting to hear from anyone who has any plates above this number in blue.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

Notices are out for the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, which occurs next Tuesday evening, Feb. 15th. As the annual banquet will be held on this occasion, and as those present are to be entertained by Mr. John N. Luff, of New York, and Mr. Francis C. Foster, of Boston, it goes without saying that there will be a goodly number present.

The Postmaster-General of Chile states that the unpaid letter stamps, above the denomination of 6 cents, have been discontinued.

This is authentic, and some of your esteemed contemporaries might use this as a new issue item, kindly giving credit to the ERA for it.

The stamp business here is unusually good. Most of the dealers seem to be having a good trade, especially those who keep up with the times. The stamps that are in great demand are African's, such as Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, British, East and Central Africa, Rhodesia and Zululand. Another set of stamps that is much sought after, and bringing good prices, is the surcharged Revenue stamps of Sierra Leone. As these are listed in the catalogue, but not priced, they seem to be attractive stamps for the speculators. And as the largest quantity surcharged of any one value, which was the 1d, was only twenty-eight thousand eight hundred, the speculator may not be far out of the way in buying them, as this stamp is selling for 25 cents.

I hear many expressions of regret for the death of the late G. B. Calman, who was well and favorably known among the stamp trade in Boston.

There is still an active demand here for the Newfoundland surcharge. I notice that some of your correspondents have had more or less to say about these stamps, and it would seem that no one knows very much about them, although a few may think they do. The *American Journal of Philately* states: "The Rev. K. Wiegmann informs us that he has a letter from the Postmaster General of Newfoundland in-

forming him that only a very small number of provisional 1 on 3c stamps were used, and that dealers had practically bought up the lot." The *Philatelic Record*, one of the leading journals of Great Britain states: "For local purposes a hand-ink stamp was improvised; but the foreign mail matter could not be dealt with in that way, so a stamp had to be provided, and recourse was had to the stock of current 3 cent stamps, some 400 sheets of which were at once surcharged.

"When the stamps were first issued the sale was restricted to five to each applicant, but the applications became so numerous, and were repeated so often, that it was feared the issue would be exhausted before the 1 cent stamps arrived. The sale was, therefore, stopped altogether, and people having circulars or newspapers for abroad had to pay the postage in cash, and the stamps were affixed by the postal officials. Inland circulars and newspapers were franked with the hand-stamp only, to prevent anyone posting large quantities of circulars, or open envelopes, to himself with the sole object of getting the used stamps."

And the *Record* also states: "For most of the information contained in this article we are indebted to Mr. Ohman and Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co." Now what I would like to know is, will some of these wise-acres kindly inform the Philatelic public how these entire sheets they have been selling were obtained?

Mr. Nankivell, the well known London Philatelic writer, states: "None of the Newfoundland provisionals has been offered generally here as yet. Those who got a few have disposed of them to their regular customers who have a standing order for all new issues, and, even so, have not, I believe, had enough to go around. Therefore, I have not even heard of a quotation for the stamp at any price. This scarcity should indicate a rarity, provided there is no jobbery in the business."

Another thing that will come up in the future in regard to Newfoundland stamps, is what to call the stamps recently issued, of the 1, 2 and 3c denominations. I understand that Mr. Calman says they are not re-issues. I think I can prove, by official correspondence, which I have seen, that they are re-issues.

The publishers of the *Philatelic Monthly* report having recently been shown a Jenkins Camden Dispatch black on yellow adhesive used on original letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

As yet no 1c plates are known to exist in blue as well as green. From 493 up they seem to be in green only. [We have authentic information that 493, 494, 495 and 496 exist in both colors, see editorial page.—Ed.] If the blue exist they will certainly become rarities in a short time. All 12 plates (3 sets) beginning with 493 of the 1c are now obtainable.

One plate which was found over a year ago is still very hard to obtain, probably on account of the limited use of the stamps. It is 3c Postage Due No. 254, possibly less than half a dozen collectors have been able to obtain a strip of it.

We have just seen some U. S. "Specimens," which are very unusual if not rare. The surcharge is in small Gothic letters instead of the regular size. The sets of 1869 and 1871 came originally out of the Department, and are still complete. Strange to say, the surcharge appears only on certain values, as follows: 1869 1c, 2c, 10c, 12c, 15c and 30c; 1871 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 15c and 90c. Some of these and the unsurcharged values are cancelled with a small pen cross. The year of their issue has been given as 1873.

Much as has been said and written about hinging stamps, too little importance is still placed upon this work by many philatelists. Auctioneers and even advanced collectors, are often sinners in this respect. Especially in the case of unused stamps, great care should be exercised only to cover sufficient space on the back of the stamp that is necessary to hold it in place. We recently saw complete sets of Columbians and other good material with large hinges covering half of the back of the stamps, when one twentieth would have been sufficient. Stamps once handled in this way will forever show the effects of it. Why not be careful?

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Saturday, Feb. 5th.

The new one cent green was first seen in philatelic circles on a letter received by Mr. Wolsieffer, from Joe Beard, on the 27th ult. I believe.

It seems a little strange to be having green one-centers for while we have had the two-cent in a variety of colors, the one has steadily held to blue for forty-seven years with the exception of a few months in '69.

The new postal made its appearance on the 31st ult. and is a very pleasing design with its white letters in relief on a black ground.

Regarding the one cent green several of the city dailies had stories to the effect that the P. O. clerks at first thought them counterfeits and had the head of the division wire to Washington, but soon received the assurance from headquarters that the green fellows were O. K.

Another new issue is "Robie's Vest Pocket Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps." It is a neat little price list and reference book with plenty of blank pages for notes, being printed on one page only. It is quite complete and cannot help but aid the collector and student of these interesting stamps

It is published by P. M. Wolsieffer and is sold at ten cents.

Mr. W. H. Suydam of San Francisco, was in town Thursday.

Wolsieffer's ninth sale catalogue is out today, sale to be held February 19th at the usual place. It contains a generally fine lot of stamps, 530 lots in all, among them \$20 P. of W., \$1 Proprietary, good lot of Departments, Brunswick No. 8, and many other scarce things.

He will hold his tenth sale in March, following in April with the eleventh and twelfth.

Peterson's Magazine for February has an interesting little story called "The Blue Mauritius" which tells of a small boy who has the rare 2d second issue, unused, and gives it to a rich old gentleman who is a collector and who turns out to be the boy's great-uncle and thus helps the family out of poverty "and all live happily ever afterward."

Mr. Batchelder, of the New England Stamp Company of Boston, spent Thursday at the Auditorium, bringing with him the most magnificent stock of stamps that has been seen here for some time. He had a beautiful lot of rarities as well as a very

complete line of scarcer and common stamps, about \$75,000 worth in all.

I can mention but a few of his gems among which were in U. S. Postmasters' provisionals, the Brattleboro, 5c Buchanan, four of the 5c St. Louis including the rare one on pelure paper worth \$2000, two of the 10c value, in regular issues he had a used and an unused 24c '51, a magnificent 3c pink unused, high value States as well as the other Departments complete unused, reprints of '57, '61 and '69 unused, the excessively rare 5c 1868 grilled all over, also the 15c and 30c unused, 1869, with inverted medallions; in Confederate provisionals he had the Marion unused and used, Salem, Macon, Mobile 2c, Jonesboro, Lynchburg and Lenoir.

In foreigners he showed an equally fine line of rarities with the Moldavia 1st issue 27, 54 and 108, Zurich two copies of the 4r, and other rare Cantonals; unused N. B. shilling, and one half of same on o. c. used as 6d, Newfoundland 1s scarlet vermilion, two N. S. 1s, 2 Barbados 1d provisionals on 1/2 of 5s, the rare Cauca unused, and Natal first issue complete. It was a rare sight to see so many fine things and made the poor collector long for the "where-with" that he might scoop up the whole lot.

Mr. Batchelder continued his travels Thursday night, going to Muscatine, and before returning will go to the Coast, having visited all the principal cities of the country en route.

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1.00 " 15% " " "
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	Officially Sealed, brown.....	.50
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44	Chili 1892 1p brown and black.....	.22
4	China 1875 3c red.....	.15
5	" " 5c yellow.....	.15
13	" " 1885 1c green, perf. 12.....	.10
9	" " 3c red, lilac, perf. 12 1/2.....	.15
10	" " 5c yellow.....	.35
11	" " 5c buff.....	.35
144	Colombian Republic 1881 20c black.....	.10
105	" " 1883 50c brown.....	.20
106	" " 1p claret.....	.35
181	" " 1888 50c brown.....	.15
182	" " 1p claret.....	.35
12	Panama 1887 20c lilac.....	.12
14	" " 1891 50c brown.....	.20
20	Costa Rica 1883 40c blue.....	.10
101	" " 1884-89 1c red.....	.10
102	" " 2c blue.....	.20
103	" " 5c brown.....	.10
18	Curacao 1873 50c violet.....	.10
20	" " 1889 1 1/2c yellow.....	.10
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23	" " 4pia olive green.....	.15
	Denmark 1878, Officially Sealed, imperf..	.20
	" " 1890 " brown.....	.15
57	Dutch Indies 20c green, unpaid.....	.12
17	Ecuador 1881 50c green.....	.10
416	" " 1894 10c green.....	.25
502	" " 1893 10c orange.....	.10
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48	" " 6d carmine.....	.17
49	" " 1sh brown.....	.20
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87	" " 1882 50c ultramarine, perf. 12 1/2.....	.10

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25	Baden 1864 30kr orange.....	.10
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49	British Honduras 10c on 4d violet.....	.12
49	" " 1891 24c yellow.....	.10
9	Cape Verde 1877 300r chocolate.....	.10
13	China 1885 1c green, perf. 12.....	.15
12	" " 5c greenish yellow.....	.35
79	Antioquia 1890 50c violet brown.....	.40
68	Tolima 1887 5c brown.....	.25
68a	" " 5c and 20c brown, pair.....	2.50
5	Costa Rica 1863 4r green.....	.15
6	" " 1p orange.....	.50
20	" " 1883 40c blue.....	.15
22	" " 1887 30c orange.....	.10
233	" " 1892 20c green, official.....	.10
234	" " 50c red.....	.20
235	" " 50c blue.....	.40
	Denmark 1878 Officially Sealed, imperf..	.25
	" " 1890 " brown.....	.17
22	Ecuador 1887 80c gray.....	.10

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170. MacLAREN, W. W., from New York City to 682-84 Bank of Minneapolis Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

275. NESSNER, JOHN, JR., 317 North Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

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Total membership last report	635
New members	2
Reinstated	4
	6
Present membership	641

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

MONTHLY STATEMENT, FEB. 1, 1898.

Stock Fund.

Balance Jan. 1, 1898,	\$248.76
From C.W Bowen, chair'n	1231.24
	\$1480 00

Entertainment Fund.

Balance January 1, 1898,	125.89
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General Fund.

Balance Jan. 1, 1898,	\$254.90
From C. W Bowen, chair'n	4 20
Dues for January	26 40
	285.50
	\$1891.39

Disbursements.

Joe F. Beard, Sec., sundries,	\$40.77
C.W. Bowen, chair'n "	4.92
Cash on hand Feb. 1, '98,	1845.70
	\$1891.39

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
160 Nassau St.

New York City, Feb. 5th, 1898.

838 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 29th, valued at \$31,945.18

48 books received since Jan. 29th, valued at \$1,421.17
Total number of books in circulation 886 valued at..... \$33,366.35
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

CONCERNING SOME SO-CALLED FALSE REPORTS.

BY GEO. L. TOPPAN.

In the number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* bearing date of Jan. 13, 1898, pages 19 and 20, Mr. C. H. Mekeel as "President and Manager of the Stamp Exchange," publishes an article entitled "CONCERNING FALSE REPORTS."

As my name is the only one mentioned therein I feel it incumbent upon me to reply thereto, and to show *just how far*, and *where*, the falsity lies; this I propose to do in as concise a manner as is possible and, at the same time, effectually.

It is perfectly true that I have made *some* of the statements therein attributed to me, though not all of them, and, further, what I *did* say I said openly and without requesting that my name should not be used in connection therewith. So the gentleman (?) who has so carefully concealed his own identity behind mine had no reason for so doing, unless, indeed, he it was who has somewhat elaborated my statements to him.

However that may be, it is a well known fact that a story never loses anything by repetition, as was probably the case in this instance.

Taking up Mr. Mekeel's charges *seriatim* I will say, first: I never heard that a "deficit existed in the American Philatelic Association Purchasing and Sales Department," and consequently made no statement to that effect. I *have* heard, though, that the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., were indebted to the Sales and Purchasing Dept., of the Association, for a comparatively large amount at the time of their assignment last Spring

This matter was duly presented, by one of the Directors of the Association, to the Board of Vice-Presidents for their consideration at that time, but it was decided that, as the Superintendent of the Department, had full control of the funds in his hands during his term of office, nothing should be done about the matter unless he failed to settle when the time came.

As this information came to me in my capacity as one of the Vice-Presidents I think it desirable to say no more about it, though if Mr. Mekeel desires it, I will publish the letter in question upon receipt of his request to do so.

Second: Mr. Mekeel says that this deficit was alleged to have been "concealed by the transfer of the books to the Stamp Exchange."

This I know absolutely nothing about and therefore, made no such statement.

Third: He also states that this was "accomplished by a circular sent out by the

Exchange to the American Philatelic Association creditors, informing them that they would receive an immediate credit in the Exchange for a certain amount, but without informing them that there was a cash credit due them for this same amount."

This charge is so senseless as to hardly deserve mention. No sensible man would, for an instant, think of sending out a circular to this effect. Personal letters would be the only thing at all adapted to this course.

What I did state in this connection was that, I knew of at least one case in which Mr. C. H. Mekeel wrote a personal letter to a creditor of the Department in order to induce him to transfer his books from the Association to the Stamp Exchange and offering him a large preliminary credit therein as an inducement to make the said transfer.

I think it very likely that I may have added, that, as this had happened in one instance, it was probable that it had in others, or words to that effect.

As to the statement about "not informing them that there was a cash credit due them for this same amount," I can only state that its publication is the first I have heard of it, though I think that from a careful perusal of the correspondence which I append hereto, most persons will agree with me in the statement that I might, with perfect truth, have so stated, except "that the credit, in this instance, would most probably have been larger than the cash credit due."

Fourth: To quote Mr. Mekeel again: "There was never one cent of credit transferred from the Purchasing and Sales Department of the American Philatelic Association, neither was there ever a single book transferred, nor was there ever a circular of the character mentioned sent out."

I have already disposed of the "circular" question. The balance of the statement quoted above I know nothing about, and care less; but I am free to say that, allowing it to be so, it was most certainly not due to any lack of effort upon the part of Mr. C. H. Mekeel in the case I refer to, but was, most probably, due to the inefficiency of his blandishments.

I will now proceed to adduce the evidence of the truth of my statements: all of which is in the shape of copies of letters, the truthfulness of said copies being duly attested by a notary public, the originals of which I have in my possession.

They are, first: A letter from Mr. C. H. Mekeel to the late Mr. Cleo. C. Morency, Quebec, Canada.

Second: A letter from Mr. Morency to Mr. Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.

Third: A postal card from Mr. Morency to Mr. Joe F. Beard.

I also have Mr. Beard's letter in reply to that of Mr. Morency, and, if Mr. Mekeel thinks best, I stand ready to publish that.

The only link which is missing in the chain, and that is of no importance, is Mr.

Morency's reply to Mr. Mekeel's letter. This I have no doubt, Mr. Mekeel has, and I shall be pleased to have him publish the same. The letters follow:

St. Louis, Mo., June 21, '97.

MR. C. C. MORENCY,
Quebec, Canada.

Dear Sir: I have been interested in organizing a Stamp Exchange for such collectors as wish to increase their collections, rather than for those who wish to sell stamps for cash, and it has been very successful, over \$5,000.00 worth of stamps having been added to the collections of members within the last ninety days.

The Sales Department has been running very slow for some time because collectors are not willing to spend money for stamps, as that is collected on a cash basis. I should like to have you transfer your stamps in the Sales Department to the Stamp Exchange. If satisfactory to you, will remount them free of expense and give you a large preliminary credit if you desire to secure stamps for your own collection. Or I would be willing, if you sell them cheap enough, to buy for cash your book, exclusive however of the damaged copies which are quite numerous. If you will advise me by return mail your lowest price for the book, I will give it consideration. Or, as indicated above, I will remount it and put it in the Stamp Exchange and give you a very large preliminary credit and guarantee you that I can send you some very desirable stamps for your collection, as I have a fine stock to secure from. In case you take this course I should be pleased to know what you are particularly interested in.

In making your price on the book please exclude the defective copies as well as the specimens surcharged "Specimen" and the 5 and 24c 1851, which are trimmed copies. The stamps thus indicated are priced \$111.00 leaving the net value of the stamps under consideration \$254.81.

Hoping that I may have an answer by return mail, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,
C. H. MEKEEL.

State of Iowa } ss.
Muscatine County }

I, Joe F. Beard, being first duly sworn depose and say; that the above is a true copy of a letter written by C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo., on June 21, 1897, to Mr. C. C. Morency of Quebec, Canada; that the original letter was forwarded to me by Mr. C. C. Morency for the purpose of securing the return of his stamps from St. Louis; that I am acquainted with the signature of C. H. Mekeel, and I know the signature on the letter to be genuine

JOE F. BEARD.

Subscribed and sworn to by Joe F. Beard this 20th day of January 1898.

CHAS. W. KEMBLE,
Notary Public in and for Muscatine Co., Ia.
[SEAL.]

C. C. MORENCY,
P. O. Box 188, Quebec. 30 June '97.

MR. JOE F. BEARD,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the 24th ins. which has my attention and accept thanks for same.

In answer I wish to say that when writing to Bogert, I gave him explanations at length respecting my claim against the Supt. of Sales Dept. of the A. P. A.

Since writing you last, I rec'd a letter from C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis making me an offer to transfer my stps. to the St. Exchange.

I have just answered him that I want my stps. back, with a remittance in cash for whatever part sold, less the usual charges.

I enclose you his letter for perusal and return to me when you have done with it.

The book of stamps, value \$365.81 (all U. S. stps. from my collection), was forwarded on 10th, Sept. '96, acknowledged for on 19 Sept. and placed in circulation as No. 4063.

I wrote for information in Jan'y and Mch. last and each time promise given to return it soon.

I would be much obliged to you if you could see your way to effect a settlement for me soon. I hope that with these informations, you will succeed in the good direction.

Wishing you good success in your efforts to promote the interests of the Asso. I remain

Yours truly
(Signed) CLEO. C. MORENCY.

A true copy—Attest
W. C. VAN DERLIP
[SEAL.] Notary Public.

C. C. MORENCY,
P. O. Box 188, Quebec. 16 July '97.

MR. JOE F. BEARD,
Muscatine Iowa U. S.

Dear Sir: I duly received yours of the 6th ins. and since then I had the pleasure to hear from G. D. Mekeel, with a return of my book of stps. and cash remittance of part sold \$31.62 nett proceeds.

I therefore consider my claim as settled, so please note accordingly.

With best thanks for all trouble given you in this matter I remain

Yours truly
(Signed) CLEO. C. MORENCY.

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From Our Special Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

The 68th regular meeting of the Louisville Philatelic Society was marked by its small attendance. The bad weather, being of the cyclonic style, was possibly the cause. The President and Vice President both being absent, Mr. Hahn was appointed President pro tem. After the regular routine of business the members were entertained by Messrs. Wagner and Everbach, who each gave us several renditions of classic and other music on the piano which is in our meeting room. Mr. Everbach is also artistically inclined, and after the meeting adjourned, gave us enlarged drawings on a black-board of St. Louis and other rare stamps.

Mr. O. G. Everbach, who is at present studying law, does not lose sight of philately even while in a law office. He picked up a strip of four \$20 3rd issue from an old deed which passed through his office.

An oddity in envelopes was found in a box of present issue one cent envelopes. It was an albino clearly printed on white paper. But the bottom was cut away obliquely. It was cut in such a shape as to leave 4 1/2 inches on the west side of the envelope to 3 1/2 inches on the east side.

Something very seldom seen and very unique was picked up by Mr. N. Adler. It is a Brown & McGill, blue, on the original envelope. It is quoted in Scott's 58th under the heading of "Semi-Official Issues" and priced at \$20. To show the rarity of this stamp on the cover, it is only necessary to state that there are only five others like the above in Louisville. These five are all blue, and in Mr. Hahn's magnificent collection. Considering that they were used in Louisville and only six being here, I think it conclusive proof that these stamps are worth more than catalogue value. I advise all collectors to keep their locals (on original covers). To use a slang expression "Every dog has his day," and it will not be long before locals on the original envelopes will be in popular demand.

Among the visitors to the city the past week was Mr. H. T. Buck of New York City and Mr. Howard Burba of Hodgenville, Ky.

The 5c St. Louis on the entire original cover, which I referred to in my last notes, has been sold. I am now at liberty to give names. The gentleman who bought the stamp from the old negro is Mr. Vic Vander Espt. It has been sold to Mr. C. Z. Merrell of New York City, for \$250.00. The sale was made by a friend of Mr. Vander Espt, a Geo. Walker of N. Y. City.

The Colman & Law stamps of Gonzales, Texas, a mention of which was made in this column a few weeks ago, has been recognized by a St. Louis party. The three envelopes were reproduced in *Mekeel's Weekly* of a few weeks ago and negotiations for their sale is pending.

E. B. S.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Duplicates for exchange on even catalogue value basis. Also wish to hear from those interested in collecting post-marks. References exchanged. W. G. Robb, Rock Falls, Ills.

3c claret Dues 1890-91, unused o. g., superfine, perf. 4 sides, to exchange for anything under the sun in the stamp line. Send along what you have for I must see them. I have the stock in petto. I have others to exchange so let me hear from you. H. F. Bartels, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [248tc]

Entires, unused, National No. 1253, Bartel's No. 1102, listed at \$7.50 each, to exchange for others at \$1.00, any number taken. Send list. H. W. Rehbein, Box 577, Honesdale, Pa.

To Exchange: 15c 1870, unused, fine grill, almost full gum, unperforated at left, for \$20 worth of stamps cataloguing \$2 each or over. Will take anything I can use. B. A. Cottlow, 4701 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago.

Exchange wanted in Plate Numbers, basis Bartel's catalogue. Send for my list of duplicates. Dr. E. F. Sickenberger, Carlstadt, N. J. Member International Philatelic Association Dresden 1044. [49]

You don't have to subscribe to a paper or send 5c for a blank book in order to obtain the benefit of our Exchange, 60% to 90% allowed. Send your duplicates and receive our sheets. Union Stamp Exchange, Willimantic, Conn.

We will retain a large proportion of your stamps and not bother you with tedious circuits, we endeavor to give grade for grade. State size of collection and don't be afraid to send good stamps. Union Stamp Exchange, Willimantic, Conn.

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We will trade catalogue value any stamps we have in a cck for better grade of Match stamps. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [50]

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Small 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 mag. camera snap or time with 3 Double Plate Holders and plates, chemicals, etc., to trade for 4c Playing Card in good condition. Address, I. Leland, Care Sac. Athletic Club, Sacramento, Calif. [49]

I want all U. S. and Canada, current and old except very common, and will give foreign from my sheets in exchange. W. C. Boul, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [48]

Will exchange a bicycle in good condition, with cyclometer and bell, for stamps from approval sheets for my collection to the catalogue value of \$35. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass. [2411f]

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

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493, 494, 495, 496 in Blue, Band L only
10c per Plate.

1893 Columbians 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, 10c
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HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.

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Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Honduras, 7 varieties, (new) catalogue 25 cents, my price only 10 cents. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

1870 90c carmines, unused and o. g. complete, beauties, strip of 10 Plate No. attached for \$35.00; Plate No. and 5 adjoining only \$22.50; block of 4, \$11.00; 3 single ones at \$2.60 each. Must have the cash and so first orders will be snapp. S. J. McMICHAEL, 2110 K St., Wash., D. C. [49]

U. S. Spec. Del. 1st issue, 10 cts.; 2c Int., 8 cts. Confederates, 2c '63, 20 cts.; 20c '63, 10 cts. Post free. Independent Phil. Soc., 3110 5th Ave., Chicago.

Canada New Issue 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6c unused for 20c. N. B. 3 pence used, fine, for \$1.75. 100 Canada postage, 35 varieties, only 2c; a block of 6 new 1/2c stamps used in postage. C. H. W. Newton, Paris, Ont.

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To Dealers. Newfoundland Cabot (new) 1c and 2c, 6 copies 50c; single copies 10c. H. K. Moyer, Easton, Pa.

110 Different Stamp Papers \$1 Prepaid. C. E. BOSTWICK, Elkhart, Ind.

Plate Nos. 2c Columbian strips JJ 134, JJ 135, JJ 136, JJ 137, JJ 138, \$1.25 per strip. Sheets 50 stamps and Plate Number \$2.75 each. John V. Yegge, DeWitt, Iowa.

My mamma told me to keep quiet for a while in extensive advertising and so I have, but having accumulated a large stock of the better class of both U. S. and Foreign stamps, I bellow forth again with renewed vigor. I offer you anything under the sun in the stamp line at 50% discount from Scott's 58th. Send for a selection of your Wants on Approval and be convinced of the quality. Over 5000 varieties in stock. The Trade Column is good enough for me, I used to be in with the other fellows but circumstances have altered the situation. I shall be with you from now on every week and offer you bargains that will be heart-breaking and record breakers. Send along references with want-lists which will be promptly attended to. If you have anything to sell correspond with me and I'll go you, if you have anything to exchange, I'll go you, if you want to buy, I'll go you. Will you? H. F. BARTELS, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [248tc]

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

American Collector, January, Vol. III. No. 2.

Eastern Philatelist, January, Vol. XX. No. 5.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, December, Vol. VI. No. 3.

International Philatelist, January, Vol. VI. No. 3.

Omaha Philatelist, January, Vol. V. No. 1.

Perforator, February, Vol. I. No. 12.

Philatelic Bulletin, January, Vol. I. No. 5.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. VIII. No. 1.

Philatelic West, January, Vol. V. No. 1.

Stamp Collector's Figaro, December, Vol. I. No. 2.

Virginia Philatelist, February, Vol. I. No. 6.

The *American Collector* has two first-class leading articles on subjects that are of interest to all. Chas. E. Jenney pleads for a common sense catalogue which shall really be a "standard" and not like our present list which in these days is used largely as a basis to figure discounts from. Amy L. Swift defends the "unscientific" article in our papers and relates how when a beginner she had an experience in being bewildered by the abstruse scientific articles in papers which cater almost exclusively to advanced collectors. The unscientific philatelic article is all right but preserve us from that rot called the philatelic novel.

The *Eastern Philatelist* through the able pen of L. G. Quackenbush tells us "Where to Advertise" and even goes so far as to mention the papers to use. Pretty good ad for the papers mentioned. Franklin E. Smith gives another installment of his European travels which are of interest if not entirely about stamps.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies contains but little of interest and its most interesting article is one giving an account of experiences in country post offices in search of periodical stamps.

The Omaha stamps form the subject of discussion in the *International Philatelist* and letters are published from prominent collectors among whom Messrs. Andreini, Doebelin, Clotz, Gregory and others condemn the stamps and E. R. Aldrich and J. A. Wainwright stand up for them.

L. T. Brodstone beams upon us from the front cover of the *Perforator* and Mrs. E. R. Aldrich on the first page is smiling at the advertisement of the Scott catalogue on

the advertising page opposite. From the New York correspondence I note that the Dominion of Canada is soon to issue a series of postal notes with fixed values ranging from 20 cents to \$5.00 which will take the place of money orders for small remittances. This is similar to the English system and is far superior to our now extinct notes which required so much punching, cutting, etc. The fee will range from one to three cents. Like the English notes they are to be about the size of one of our bank notes and will be on thin linen paper. The English notes were, and probably still are, watermarked with the value of the note so that there could be no raising it. It would be a great convenience if Uncle Sam would follow suit. A half tone of an envelope bearing a copy of the Millbury stamp is another feature of the paper, which by the way has just completed its first volume. And that means twelve numbers, and not three, four, or six, as is the case with many of our magazines. A new and welcome feature is a review department by Amy L. Swift.

The *Omaha Philatelist* is booming a secession from the now existing national societies and the formation of a new organization which shall be a strictly Trans-Mississippi affair. Joe F. Beard, the Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, has been placed in nomination for President and has accepted the honor, provided that the society is made a success before August, when he proposes to decline further service in his present situation. The idea of a strictly western society has been tried before and proved a failure, and we advise Joe to hang on to what he has a cinch on as long as he is willing to accept the office and behave himself. So long as the Association does not take a sea voyage we guess there would be no trouble about that. There is lots of work in the office and small thanks for what one does, but Joe has given general satisfaction and we should be very sorry to have him decline further service.

The *Philatelic Bulletin* has a short article devoted to the "High Value U. S. Envelopes" in which it is stated that envelopes of the value of 10, 30 and 90 cents can be ordered by anybody desiring them in quantities of not less than 1,000. The writer is considerably behind the times if he thinks that rule is still in force. It was so at one time but now the only values issued are the 1, 2, 4 and 5 cents.

Geo. B. Duerst commences another of his valuable articles in the current number of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. The subject is Schleswig-Holstein and the first article is devoted to a resume of the history of the duchies and a division of the stamp issuing periods of these governmental bones of contention. The periods are as follows:

- A. Schleswig-Holstein. (Provisional Government.) 15 Nov. 1850 to 1 Feb. 1851.
- B. Schleswig-Holstein. (Danish Government.) 1 Feb. 1851 to 1 March 1864.
- C. Schleswig. (Under Commissioners appointed by Prussia and Austria.) 20 Feb. 1864 to 24 Jan. 1865.
- D. Holstein. (Under Commissioners appointed by Prussia and Austria.) 1 March 1864 to 24 Jan. 1865.
- E. Schleswig and Holstein. (Under joint rule of Prussia and Austria.) 24 Jan. 1865 to 31 Oct. 1865.
- F. Schleswig. (Under Prussia.) 1 Nov. 1865 to 1 Nov. 1866.
- G. Holstein. (Under Austria.) 1 Nov. 1865 to 1 Nov. 1866.
- H. Schleswig and Holstein annexed to Prussia 1 Nov. 1866.

The *Philatelic West* presents its readers with a bird's-eye view of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition which is to be held at Omaha this summer. The editor's salutatory states that "We are going to try to do two things, tell you something about stamps and make our paper a success. We do not intend to pay much attention to personal, society or local matters." Good for you. Trust you will be able to live up to it.

The *Stamp Collector's Figaro* hardly comes up to the standard set by its first number. Most of the articles are copied from other papers. The leading article is entitled "Philately in Ohio" and one would be led to expect a general sketch of the growth of our hobby in the Buckeye state but upon perusal the article only goes back to 1896 and is a very superficial review of the field.

Last on the list but by no means least comes the *Virginia Philatelist*, which is running a neck and neck race with the *Perforator* to see which can turn out the best appearing magazine.

The current number contains a sketch of the recently discovered C. S. A. local hailing from Emory, Virginia. The stamps are on the original letter and were found among the correspondence of Lieutenant Ambrose W. Winston, C. S. A. The design consists of a heavy figure 5 in a small circle with PAID in capital letters above. This is struck on the blank margins of stamps of the U. S. 1857 issue, one of the stamps showing the plate number 8.

Only a small installment is given of the article on the regular issues of the Confederacy but there are several other good readable articles. Under the heading of "Points for the Young Collector" are shown cuts of the three types 1851-6 one cent, the Turkish numerals and the Afghan values. We hardly think the young collector will be troubled with many of the latter stamps.

U. S. Env's, Cut Square

I have an almost complete collection that is being broken up and submitted at

50 PER CENT. DISCOUNT
to responsible parties. It is a good time to fill in the scarce varieties.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

WARNING.

The undersigned desires to warn all persons against dealing with one A. A. Thompson of Laconia, N. H., known to me to be a stamp fraud and against whom the United States Court brought an indictment in 1896.

Mr. Thompson is also Secretary and Treasurer of the "American Stamp and Publishing Company." This Company is advertising in sundry Philatelic Journals and I personally know that they do not carry out the terms of their advertisements.

FRED P. HOLT,
Hartford, Conn.

THE "OMAHA'S" CHAMPIONED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2nd, 1898.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir: I see ever so many letters published from philatelic writers all decrying the stamps that are to be issued in recognition of the great Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, and I beg to take a different view from what they do on the following grounds.

I suppose nine tenths of them think it is going to be a one horse affair, instead of which it is going to be one of the grandest expositions ever held in this country, in fact, way ahead of the Centennial and as large as the Atlanta, Nashville and California Expositions put together, but not as large as the Columbian Exposition.

It has been my pleasure lately to drive around the extensive buildings that are now nearly completed, and I was astonished at not only the beauty but the symmetry of the whole plan, for which great credit is due the chief architect, who was at one time a stamp collector, and in my own estimation and from what I have heard others say it will exceed the World's Columbian Exposition in the general attractiveness.

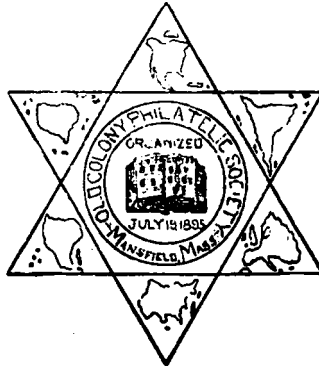
The United States Government building seemed to me larger than the one at the Columbian Exposition. The buildings and surrounding walks etc., take in two hundred acres, and it is expected that at least five million paid admissions will be taken in, and certainly if a government whose interests are allied with progress, desires to celebrate such an undertaking by an issue of stamps, that will bring to the notice of the world what an immense country we have when the Western States alone can erect such a tremendous and magnificent exposition, the government ought to be entitled to do so without the criticism of any, and the Postmaster General should receive the approval of all, as he deserves it for being so willing to issue them, as he is looking after the interests of the country and its prosperity.

We know these stamps are not issued for revenue and I think we should judge people by their intent and not by what a lot of collectors think who rush into print without knowing anything whatever of the nature of this grand exposition, which they are issued to commemorate.

We all know how many thousands and hundreds of thousands of collections were started by the Columbian stamps, and I believe this issue of stamps, which will be a very beautiful set, even more so than the Columbian, will bring to our ranks tens of thousands of new collectors, to say nothing of reviving those whose collections have

lain dormant especially since the great slump in prices caused by the hard times, and there certainly has been no time in the history of philately when she needs to extend her arms and receive as many new recruits as possible, as now if for no other reason than the commercial interest which effects almost every collector in some way.

Yours respectfully,
A. R. ROGERS.



Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M.

Entrance Fee 25c, Dues \$1 per year payable quarterly.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 56th regular meeting was held Wednesday evening, Jan. 10th, 1898, at 8.25 p. m. In the absence of the President and Vice President Mr. H. H. Elliott officiated. Reports of the officers read and accepted.

New Membership List No. 10.
115. A. F. Monroe, East Providence, Rhode Island.

HOWARD PAINE, Sec'y.

No meeting held Feb. 1st, 1898, on account of the weather.

Chicago Philatelic Society.

651 Marquette Building.

L. H. MILLER, President.
C. E. SEVERN, Vice-President.
B. A. COTTLAW, Secretary.
F. J. LEFEVER, Treasurer.
B. A. COTTLAW, Supt. Sales and Auction Department.
F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 266th regular meeting held Jan. 20th, 1898, was called to order by President Miller. The following members were present: Messrs. Lefever, Michael, Massoth, W. F. Miller, L. H. Miller, Severn, Stephens and Wolsieffer

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The resignation of F. J. Lefever as Treasurer was received and referred to the Governing Board; later, the Board ordered that the resignation be laid on the table.

The routine business of the evening was transacted and the meeting adjourned at 9.15 p. m.

C. E. SEVERN,
Sec'y pro tem.

The 267th regular meeting was called to order Feb 3d, 1898, by President Miller in the presence of the following members: Messrs. Pierce, Wolsieffer, Michael, Massoth, Lefever, Severn and Cottlow.

The minutes of the 266th meeting were read and adopted.

A communication from Mrs. Henrietta C. W. Hesing thanking the Society for resolutions was read.

Letters from Mr. C. Witt of New York, tendering his resignation, and from Mr. W. E. Burton of Lake Geneva, Wis., with his application for membership were read and referred.

Mr. Wolsieffer reported that the set of Executive Specimens, the property of the Society, had been sold in his recent sale for \$4.35 and that he would charge no commission. The thanks of the Society were voted him.

After recess the Governing Board reported accepting Mr. Witt's resignation with regrets, and ordered posted the application for corresponding membership of Mr. Warren E. Burton of Lake Geneva, Wis., age 26; occupation, Stamp Dealer, proposed by B. A. Cottlow.

The Librarian reported that four volumes had been bound since his last report and two more were now in the binder's hands.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.

B. A. COTTLAW, Secretary.

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

One often reads and hears of valuable "stamp finds" picked up for little more than a mere song. What perhaps deserves to be ranked at the banner find of the season was unearthed about a month ago in this vicinity. A wide-awake gentleman, always on the lookout, whose business takes him to various large and small places of this corner of the state, while in a little village not over a hundred miles from Albany learned that the former postmaster, recently deceased, left a large collection and accumulation of stamps of all kinds. A little inquiry, a sight of the stamps and purchase of the entire lot at a *very* moderate price followed. It proved a "haul" such as we sometimes dream of but seldom hear of. Tobagos, St. Vincents, Antiguas and other British West Indies by the cartload as one might say. Handfuls of single copies, blocks, pairs, strips and in some cases full sheets of stamps cataloguing from 25 cents to \$10 or more. The lucky purchaser sold two stamps; one of them a magnificent St. Vincent, 5 shilling (No. 31) catalogued at \$125, for a sum which paid him for the entire lot with a good margin to spare, and the balance he disposed of in one lot for a sum, which while being quite a bargain for the party to whom he sold, left him a net profit on the deal of over \$400.

The old postmaster had made quite a business of collecting and importing from certain of the British West Indies and hence the richness of the accumulation in these colonies.

"Only think," mournfully remarked a friend of mine, a collector and well known physician of Troy, "I spent part of my vacation last summer at ———. Those treasures might just as well have been mine." Can you see the point?

The people of Cambridge, a small village of Washington Co., New York, are very indignant and justly so. For three whole days of twenty-four hours in each and every year the Cambridge Fair, famous through two counties for its horse races and balloon ascensions, mammoth swine, fat and fancy poultry, sleek cattle, fine sheep and thorough-bred horses and agricultural displays of all kinds, draws thousands of people and hundreds of fakirs to the pretty little village, and yet, in spite of all this fame, our great government has never in honor of the Cambridge Fair issued a set of yeast cake labels or gumpaps of any kind licensed to do postal duty. No wonder the people of Cambridge are indignant and talk of framing a protest, that the West should be so honored and they so slighted.

Now it will be a very easy matter to appease their wrath and at the same time double the government business in gummed labels. Why not print several billion of

each value of these Omaha stickers and then next September send to the Postmaster at Cambridge a few thousand sets surcharged "Cambridge Fair, Sept. 1898." They could be made receiveable for postage at all times at the Cambridge office or all Washington County offices, which would remove all speculative taint, and thus would sell like hot cakes among the fair visitors. Then again think of the hundreds of collectors they would add to our ranks in Washington County alone. This same plan could be pursued with the various county, town and church fairs held all over our country, and would not only be a source of great profit to the postal department but add wonderfully to the popular interest in philately. A few sets might be printed with inverted surcharge which would add fuel to the wave of popular enthusiasm aroused in stamp collecting. Some enterprising dealer could also make a fortune by issuing an album for Omaha Exposition and County Fair Labels. My readers may think I am indulging in levity but I really am not. I am soberly in earnest and think the suggestion worth consideration.

Collectors who can secure one of the Newfoundland 3c type A23 in the violet (or lilac) brown shade unused, will, I think, make no mistake in buying, even at several times face value. In a lot of six hundred used copies of the 3c type A23 I saw only 5 or 6 of this color and they are quite scarce with New York dealers. How well Boston is supplied I do not know but I imagine the entire supply there would not fill up very many pages of a small stock book.

The 1c yellow green and 3c lilac gray, Scott's Nos. 65 and 69, I also consider two very good stamps to buy unused.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

100 Varieties 5 Cents.

Including stamps from Portugal, Sweden, Venezuela, Great Britain, etc. This Packet guaranteed to catalogue over \$1.00 by 58th Catalogue. Postage 2 cents extra. [19c] CHAS. A. JOHNSON, Newport, N. H.

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Offers and price lists of scarce stamps requested.

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1	Horseman Carrier 1c black, unused, somewhat cut into design at two sides, otherwise good copy	1	\$7.00
2	1847 5c brown, one on cover.....	3	2.25
3	1851 1c blue, Type II., 1 unused; 3 used, 1 on cover	4	3.90
4	3c on covers.....	300	
5	3c used.....	475	
6	3c unused, gum.....	3	6.00
7	1857-60 1c blue, Type II.....	6	9.00
8	1c blue, Type III., 30 good, 20 damaged	50	5.00
9	1c blue, Type III., on covers.....	23	3.45
10	3c unused, in blocks, etc.....	27	2.70
11	3c used, all shades.....	1450	
12	3c used on covers, 35 covers cut.....	335	
13	3c used, outer line, 17 good, 10 damaged, 13 on covers.....	40	10 50
14	10c used on covers.....	4	2.00
15	10c used.....	5	2.50
16	1861 1c blue.....	130	
17	3c on covers.....	600	
18	3c used, all shades, a fine lot.....	1900	
19	10c used; 4 good, 8 damaged.....	12	1.80
20	1862-66 2c black, unused fair.....	7	3.50
21	2c black, used.....	500	
22	24c lilac shades.....	7	2.80
23	1867 2c black, 11x14.....	5	1.50
24	3c rose, 11x14, 1 unused poorly centered	6	
25	2c black, grided 11x13 and 9x13, 1 unused	25	3.75
26	3c rose, grided 11x13 and 9x13.....	1100	
27	1c blue, grided, 2 good, 6 damaged.....	8	3.50
28	10c green, grided.....	4	3.00
29	1869 1c used (3); 2c used (55), 40 good, 15 damaged.....	58	8.50
30	3c on covers.....	40	
31	3c used.....	505	
32	1870-71 1c blue, grided (4); 2c brown (1).....	5	2.15
33	3c green, grided.....	80	2.40
34	1873 3c green, unused, part with no gum.....	6	4.50

Lots Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 contain stamps of the issues of 1870, 71, 73, 75, 76 and 79 and many have the original gum showing, making them very desirable lots to look over for varieties, and shades, and are fine lots in every way.

35	1c blue, ultramarine, etc.....	1400	
36	1c same as last.....	750	
37	2c brown.....	600	
38	3c green.....	1400	
39	3c green, same.....	2000	
40	3c green, same.....	1000	
41	6c pink, etc.....	120	
42	10c brown.....	1075	
43	12c violet 1872 (4); 1873 (6).....	10	5.00
44	15c orange (9); 90c carmine (11).....	20	
45	24c lilac (1), 7c 1873 (1), 30c black (5).....	7	4.60
46	Part Albino: 1c blue on manilla (3), 2c green on white (3), a very fine lot of these oddities	6	
47	Lot of unused: 1c blue 1882, no gum (86); 2c brown 1883 (7); 2c green 1887 (3); Special Delivery 1st issue (2).....	98	10.00
48	1875 2c brown, ribbed paper; 15 good, 17 dam'g'd	32	8.00
49	3c green, ribbed paper.....	23	23.00
50	1887 3c vermilion; 13 unused, 100 used.....	113	13.95
51	1888 4c carmine.....	200	
52	5c indigo blue, unused.....	25	12.50
53	30c orange brown, unused.....	6	5.10
54	5c indigo blue, used.....	220	
55	30c orange brown (2), 90c purple (2).....	4	3.50
56	1875-79 2c vermilion, fine lot of shades.....	1435	
57	2c vermilion, same as last.....	285	
58	1875 5c blue, Taylor.....	125	
59	1890 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30 and 90c.....	300	
60	5c used, most of them tied in pkgs. of 100, 4000	4000	
61	1893 1c Columbian, used.....	600	
62	Lot containing stamps of following dates, and mostly tied up in pkgs. of 100: 1882, 1887, 1890, 1893, 1883, 1875, 1879, 1871-9.....	4725	

63	5c brown Garfield (25); 2c carmine 1890 left 2 capped (5).....	30	
64	Unused lot: 1879 15c orange (2), 15c red orange (1), 10c brown (2) no gum, 3c green (3).....	8	11.70
65	Unused lot: 1c 1894 shades (40), 2c 1890 (22), 2c 1894-97 pink, etc. (42); face \$1.68.....	104	6.00
66	1882 3c green, unused and in mint shape.....	40	
67	Unused lot: 1882 6c brown red (1), 10c brown (8), 3c green (2), 1894 15c (4), 4c (3), 6c (2); face \$1.76.....	20	
68	1893 Columbians on covers: 15c (24), 30c (10), 50c (1); a fine lot.....	35	9.45
69	Unused Columbians: 1c (17), 2c (6), 3c (17), 4c (25), 5c (12), 6c (10), 8c (8), 10c (17), 15c (1), 30c (1), 50c (1).....	115	12.85
70	U. S. used in blocks and pairs.....	128	
71	Special Delivery first issue (25), at any office (25), orange (15).....	65	
72	A manilla envelope 1887 wmk., with no imprint; a 1c blue on manilla, stamp is almost solid color, only head showing white; a fine lot..	2	
73	Dues unused: 1c brown and yellow brown (26), 1c claret (8), 2c brown and yellow brown (12), 3c yellow brown (6).....	52	
74	Dues used: 1c (325), 2c (620), 3c (67), 5c (11), 10c (8), none after 1893 issue.....	1031	
75	Newspaper unused: 6c (1), 10c (1), 12c (1), 1894 1c (24), 2c (3).....	30	18.00
76	Agriculture 3c (10), Navy 1c blue Specimen (1)	11	4.00
77	Interior Dept. unused: 1c (1), 2c (82) 3c (23), 6c (5), 10c (1).....	112	11.00
78	Interior Dept. used: 1c Specimen (1), 2c (11), 3c (17), 6c (6), 12c (2), 15c (1), 24c dam'g'd (1)	39	
79	War Dept. unused: 1c (10), 2c (3), 3c (1), 6c (1), 10c (2), 12c, 15c, 30c (2).....	21	
80	War Dept. used: 1c (20), 2c (28), 10c (2), 12c (6), 15c (2), 30c, 90c damaged.....	62	
81	Treasury used: 1c, 2c (5), 3c (8), 6c (6), 7c, 10c, 12c (2), 15c, 30c (4), 90c damaged ...	30	10.00
82	Post Office unused: 2c (6), 3c (22), 6c (18), 12c (3)	49	11.00
83	Post Office used: 2c (2), 3c (30), 6c (3), 15c, 30c	37	
84	Agriculture 3c (2), 6c (1), 10c; Executive 2c Specimen; Navy 2c (2), 3c, 6c; Justice 3c, 6c; State 6c, 10c, 1c Spec; Treasury 2c, 3c (2), 10c; four stamps damaged.....	17	29.70
85	War 3c used.....	400	
86	6c used.....	100	
87	3c used.....	500	
88	Dues 1894, used: 1c (35), 2c (305), 5c, 50c, a fine lot of early shades.....	342	
89	Good lot of mixed U.S., no Revenues, some unused	100	
90	Confederate States: 1861 5c green (9), 10c blue (1); 1862 5c blue (1); 1863 2c red (4), 10c milky blue (20), 10c blue (7), 20c green (2); mostly unused.....	44	

PLATE NUMBERS.

91	1888 30c orange brown, No. 405, strip of five stamps, unused.....	5	
92	1893 Columbian, Nos. 104, 18, 103; face value of stamps 80c.....	12	
93	1894 No. 32, 99 (2), 101, 119 (2), 146, 160, 168 (2), 169, 176, 182, 185, 204, 210, 211, 294, 295, 296, 297 (2), 323, 324, 325 (2), 326 (2), 329; face value \$1.38.....	87	
94	1869 3c on covers.....	40	
95	1868 3c grided on covers.....	70	
96	Lot of 3c green 1871-79, none later; a fine lot to look over: weight 2 1/4 lbs.....	1	
97	Lot of 2c 1890; 3 pounds weight.....	1	
98	Envelope 10c green 1853, Die II., with 10c green 1857 used entire, torn but mended.....	1	3.50

CUT SQUARE ENVELOPES.

100	Lot containing 20 unused, 30 used, some duplicates	50	
101	1884 2c red on fawn; 6 unused, 2 used.....	8	
102	Lot of unused, cata. \$19.00, duplicates, sold as	1	
103	1884 June 2c brown on blue, unused.....	25	37.50
104	Lot cata. at from 3c to \$2.00 each, some duplicates	173	31.00
105	1884 July, lot of used on various papers, no white	275	
106	1870 Reay, 3c green on all papers.....	135	
107	Lot of 39 used, 19 unused.....	58	
108	Lot of used 2c July 1884 (300), 3c 1874 (378), 3c 1874 on cream (136).....	814	
109	Departments, 88 unused, 29 used.....	117	
110	40c 1861 red and black, cut square but pieced into entire envelope, slightly dam'g'd, cat. \$10	1	

ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

All numbers are taken from Bartels' list.			
111	1853 3c red on white, Die II., used.....	1	
112	3c red on white, Die V., 1 stamp uncanceled	4	
113	3c red on buff, Die V., No. 15, 10 uncanceled (115); 3c red on white, Die V., No. 14 (15)	130	
114	10c green on buff, Die IV.....	1	

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115	1857 3c red on buff, damaged (3); 1861: 3c pink on buff No. 70 (1), 3c pink on white No. 72 (3), 3c pink on buff No. 73 (15), 3c pink on white No. 76 (1), 3c pink on buff No. 77 (2)	25	6.65	172	2c Bank Check blue, part perf. (9); 1c Tel. (1); 2c Certif. orange, dam'g'd (5); 2c Play. Card orange, dam'g'd (3); 2c Bank C'k dark blue (8)	26	
116	1864 2c black on orange (2), 3c No. 113 (9), No. 115 (45), No. 117 (80), No. 118 (12), No. 119 (16), No. 120 (4), No. 121 (9)	175	20.10	173	2c Express blue	70	
117	1864 3c pink on white No. 116, no wmk., a fine specimen	1	4.00	174	2c Express orange	175	
118	1870-4 unused lot: 2c brown on white No. 147 (2), 2c brown on orange No. 155 (4)	6	2.20	175	2c Play Card blue (25); 2c Certificate blue, imperf. (20); perf. (3)	48	
119	Lot containing mostly 3c green on white & cream In the following lots ALL are UNUSED unless otherwise mentioned.	150		176	2c Proprietary blue, part perf. (1); perf. (39)	40	
120	1870 6c red on cream No. 349 (2), 3c green on white, Die A (3)	5		177	3c Telegraph (8), Prop. (12), For. Exch. (1); 4c Prop. (4), Inl. Exch. (1)	26	
121	1876 3c green on white	5		178	5c Agreement part on silk paper	135	
122	Used: 3c green on cream No. 428 (2), 3c green on white No. 399 (1)	3	2.25	179	5c Certificate	1526	
123	1879 1c blue on orange No. 482 (6), 3c green on fawn No. 522 (15)	21	9.60	180	5c For. Exch. (47); 5c Express imperf. (1), part perf. (2), perf. (6)	56	
124	3c green on fawn No. 522, at 50c	100		181	5c Inl. Exch. imperf. (2), p. p. (9), perf. (190)	201	
125	3c green on fawn No. 522	25		182	5c Playing Cards, 12 in strips of 3	14	
126	5c blue on amber No. 533 (3), 5c blue on amber No. 536 (5); 1882 1c blue on fawn No. 567 (5), 3c gr'n on cream No. 582 (5)	18	5.70	183	5c Certificate on silk	200	
127	1882 1c blue on orange No. 570 (14), 1c blue on orange No. 563 (20)	34	6.50	184	10c Power of Atty. (100); 10c Certificate, thick white paper (87)	187	
128	1c blue on orange No. 563	150		The above are a fine lot of the thick paper variety.			
129	5c brown on white No. 599	45	6.75	185	10c Contract: 250 old p., 80 silk, 15 ultramarine	345	
130	2c brown on amber No. 600 (4); 2c red on white No. 639 (10), on fawn No. 657 (8), 2c brown on blue (5)	27	6.80	186	10c Certificate: 121 old, 175 silk and thick paper	296	
131	4c green on white No. 673	20	5.00	187	10c Inl. Exch.: part perf. (10), perf. (89), thick, white and silk paper (175)	274	
132	2c red on fawn No. 750	8	12.00	188	10c Bill of Lading (56), 10c For. Exch. (4)	60	
133	July 1884 2c brown on white No. 743 (20), on amber No. 754 (20), on fawn No. 757 (3), on blue No. 767 (20), on fawn No. 768 (20)	83	10.45	189	25c Certificate tied up	1650	
134	July 1884 1c blue on white No. 787	20		190	25c Certificate, thick, white and silk paper	747	
135	1886 2c brown on o. b. No. 800 (3), 4c green on amber No. 844 (2), 5c brown on amber No. 850 (4)	9	2.10	191	25c Insurance: imperf., damaged (2); p. p. (2); perf., old paper (167); silk paper (200)	371	
136	4c green on manilla amber No. 839	45	22.50	192	25c Power of Atty. tied up	1100	
137	2c brown on white No. 802	40		193	25c Power of Atty. (118), pink shade (30); 25c Insurance, brown shade (10); 25c Protest, damaged (3)	161	
138	1887 1c blue on manilla amber No. 928	200		194	25c Certificate part perf. (30); Warehouse Receipt (3); Entry of Goods p. p. (1), perf. (15); Bond p. p. (5), perf. (14)	108	17.25
139	1c same	200		195	25c Certificate part perf. pair	2	
140	1c same	75		196	50c Conveyance: part perf. (7), old (70), silk and thick (35), ultramarine (30)	142	
141	1890 2c green on amber No. 1057 (25), 2c green on manilla amber No. 1058 (65)	90		197	50c Conveyance tied up	600	
142	2c green on manilla amber No. 1058	100		198	50c Entry of Goods, mostly thick paper (75); Life Ins. (20); Mortgage, p. p. (2), perf. (47)	145	
143	2c green on blue No. 1059 (40), 2c green on o. buff No. 1060 (80)	120		199	50c Passage Ticket (10), Orig. Process, silk (45)	55	
144	2c green on amber No. 942 die A	1	5.00	200	50c Orig. Process (37); Surety Bond, p. p. (6), perf. (40), ultramarine (2)	85	
145	4c rose on white No. 1114	40	6.00	201	Inland Exch., 15c (2), 20c (11), 30c part perf. (3), perf. (4), 40c p. p. (6), 60c p. p. (8), 70c (1)	35	
146	4c rose on amber No. 1118	20	3.00	202	\$1.00 Inl. Exch.: imp. (20), perf. (23), silk (165)	208	
147	4c carmine on blue No. 1126	75	18.75	203	\$1.00 Lease (18); Entry of Goods, silk (10); Conveyance (2); Power of Atty. (3); For. Exch., imp. (1), perf. (18)	52	
148	4c carmine on o. buff No. 1127	75	18.75	204	\$1.50 imperf (1), perf. (18)	19	
149	5c blue on white	20		205	\$2.00 Conveyance (12), silk (10); Mortgage (6), silk (12), dark carmine (7); Probate of Will, damaged (2)	49	
150	5c blue on blue	75	18.75	206	\$2.50 shades	5	
151	5c blue on o. buff	75	18.75	207	\$3.00 Charter Party, very thick paper (4); \$3.00 Manifest (1); \$5.00 Mortgage; \$10.00 Charter Party, damaged	7	
152	1893 1c Columbian No. 1147	72		208	2c 2nd Issue	112	
153	1c Columbian No. 1149 (23), No. 1155 (17), No. 1168 (5), face 67c	45		209	5c (25), 10c (50), 20c (1), 25c (45), 50c (50), 25c uncanceled (22)	193	
154	5c Columbian No. 1170 (3), No. 1176 (25)	28		210	3rd issue 2c tied up	2000	
155	10c Columbian No. 1179	25		211	2c loose	1800	
156	Oct. 1883 2c red on white No. 625	50		212	5c (25); \$1.00, 20 good, 25 damaged	70	
157	2c same	75		213	4th Issue 2c tied up	1500	
158	Lot containing 157 size varieties: 99 unused and 58 used, catalog \$30.37; or 78 varieties of stamps, 56 unused, 22 used	157		214	2c loose	1650	
159	Lot of 16 varieties different from those in lot 158, 13 unused, 3 used, catalogue \$14.10	16	14.10	215	5th Issue 2c Head of Liberty	1250	
160	Lot of unused, some duplicates, cat. about \$10.00	66	10.00	216	2c Head of Liberty, rouletted (8); 2c Play Card lake (15)	23	
161	Lot of 30 used and 5 unused, very good at \$2.00	35		217	Prop. 1871-5: 1c (47), 2c (4), 3c (1), 4c (9)	61	
162	Lot of unused 1c and 2c envelopes, most of them printed on, face \$1.36	83		218	Prop. 1878: 1c (35), 2c (36), 3c (4), 4c brown (6), 4c red (4), 6c	86	
163	Departments: Postal service, black on white, unused, No. 1615 (6); No. 1630 (3); No. 1614 (3); 3c Post Office used (57)	69		219	2c U. S. Int. Rev. tied up	6000	
164	Departments: 6c Post Office "Specimen", unused (9); 2c Post Office used; 3c War on blue, unused (15)	25		220	2c same, loose	6000	
165	Lot of 10 unused, 6 var. cat. \$1.75	10		221	2c Revenues, mixed lot all issues	2125	
166	Lot of Albinos: 1c on manilla (2), 2c on white (3), 2c on amber (1)	6		222	Lot of Match, some duplicates, cat. \$6.56	34	
REVENUES.							
167	1c Express: 1 imperf., 1 p. p., 50 perf.	52		223	W. Gates Sons (10), W. Gates (17), Stanton (32), Eaton (18), Powell's (13), Baltimore, dam'g'd (3)	93	
168	1c Prop., a fine lot, about 1/2 being on silk paper	200		224	Byam Carlton Wrappers, unused and entire on white and buff, cat. \$3.00	8	
169	2c Bank Check blue, imperf.	500		225	I. S. Johnson	148	
170	2c Bank Check blue, perf.	2150		226	Brandeth's (16), Herrick's (3), J. F. Henry (25)	44	
171	2c Bank Check orange, perf., tied in bundles of 100 (2000); loose (1225)	3225		227	Lot of Medicine, some duplicates, catalogue \$20	78	
				228	Lot of uncanceled Revenues, some duplicates, no 2c Bank Check or U.S. Int. Rev., a fine lot	190	
				229	Lot on silk paper	60	
				230	Double perforated	10	
				231	Lot uncanceled 2c Bank Check blue and orange; 2c U. S. Int. Rev. orange; 2c 3rd and 4th Issues	332	
				232	Russell Morgan & Co 5c black	2	
				233	W. Bendell doing business as B. Bendel & Co.	1	15.00

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Thursday, Feb. 17th.

At the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society held last Tuesday evening there was a very large attendance, and those present were pleasantly entertained by an informal talk by Mr. Foster of Boston, and a lecture on Swiss stamps, accompanied by stereoptical views, by Mr. Luff, of New York. The entertainment was followed by a liberal supply of refreshments. It may be of interest to some of your readers to mention a few remarks made by Mr. Foster on old-time stamp collecting. In those days, a catalogue or a stamp paper was an unheard-of thing. He stated that in the early 60's he used to send many stamps abroad, to be exchanged through a friend of his stationed at Havre, and the following are the prices he paid here for stamps: 5c, 1847, at 5c and 6c each; 10c, 1847, at 10 and 12c each; and they readily sold in Europe at that time for several francs.

Mr. Foster, having become known as a purchaser of stamps, was one day accosted on the street by a young man, who wished to sell him a stamp for 75 cents. It was a stamp that Mr. Foster had never seen before, but, finally, as the young man seemed anxious to sell the stamp, and at last offered to sell it for 60 cents, Mr. Foster bought it, thinking that the 60 cents might benefit the young man, and if the stamp should prove to be worthless, it would not injure him much. Mr. Foster found, on making inquiries among the dealers of that time, that no one had ever seen a stamp of this kind. Later on it turned out to be a Brattleboro. A friend of his, while on a visit to the South, discovered a pair of Livingston, Alabama, locals on the original cover. Later on, Mr. Foster purchased one of these stamps for \$6.50, and still later, paid \$20 for the other stamp. He said where he made his mistake was in not having bonded the first stamp, and left it on the cover, until his friend had decided to sell the second stamp. Then he would have had something unique. He also mentioned purchasing a Newfoundland 1sh scarlet-vermillion of Mr. Holton for \$30, also, he stated that he could not find any dealer who had a 5c Connell of New Brunswick and he therefore wrote Mr. Connell a letter stating that he would like to obtain one for his collection, and enclosed a 5c New Brunswick for return postage. In

course of time he received a letter from Mr. Connell saying that he had received hundreds and hundreds of requests for his postage stamp, but as Mr. Foster's letter was such a courteous one, and as he was the only one who had enclosed a stamp for a reply, Mr. C. could not refuse him, and so enclosed the desired stamp.

Mr. Foster kindly brought the Brattleboro, Connell, Livingston, etc., with him to the meeting, and all had a chance to view these stamps, which are considered great rarities.

Mr. Stone, of Concord, N. H., is in Boston this week, and is showing the plate numbers, right and left, top and bottom, in blue, and also in green, Nos. 493, 494, 495 and 496, also several numbers in green, up to 537. It is thought by a great many that the numbers that come in both blue and green are liable to be desirable plate numbers. Which will be the scarcer of the same number, the blue or the green, time alone can tell.

The stamp business here still continues good. Many sales are reported of Africans, with occasionally here and there a customer who wants something different United States and Revenues are rather slow.

Among the fraudulent issue of stamps, your readers will notice an issue of the Principality of Trinidad, South America. Baron Harden Hickey, better known as "The Prince of Trinidad," committed suicide at the Pierson Hotel in El Paso, Texas, Feb. 10th. Baron Hickey attained notoriety some time ago when he took possession of Trinidad Island, and proclaimed himself military dictator.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

We believe that the most effective protest that could have been made to the Postmaster General regarding the issuing of the Omaha Exposition series of stamps, would have been a series of petitions from the various local societies. As it is nothing can be done now and our Canadian cousins will have a chance to get back at us for the many attacks on their Jubilee issue.

Philatelic papers in Michigan are not a howling success. The last two are both defunct and Michigan is now without a paper. It is rumored that one will be started in the spring to be devoted partially to the interests of the Detroit Philatelic Association.

The Detroit Philatelic Association drew up a set of resolutions protesting against the Omaha series of labels and copies of the resolution were sent to Senators McMillan and Burrows and Congressman Corliss.

The resolutions, after condemning the issue went on to request in case the issue had gone too far to recall: 1st, that the \$2 value be abandoned as there was no necessity for its issue and, 2nd, that all requisitions during the period the stamps were in use be filled only with the special series, to give them as wide a circulation as possible and prevent speculation in them.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder, of the New England Stamp Co., was to have been in Detroit on the 2nd from 4 to 10 p. m. Mr. B., however, started from Boston during the big storm and reached Detroit eight hours late so went right on to Chicago, much to the regret of Detroit collectors, about a dozen of whom waited two or three hours to see him.

Detroit has been all stirred up of late over the proposed street railway mail service. Postmaster Dickerson, the new Republican incumbent, wished to better the many reforms made by his predecessor, John J. Enright, so started a movement for street railway mail cars. Gov. Pingree, "the friend of the people," immediately came out in opposition to the scheme as did the labor unions, while Mayor Maybury favored the plan.

Business firms of Detroit were asked their opinion of the scheme and a large majority of them favored it.

The labor unions based their opposition on the point that if the government ran their mail cars, in times of strikes interfering with the street railways would be a serious matter.

However, after much argument it was discovered that the appropriation with which these innovations could be introduced was exhausted, thus putting a temporary quietus on the matter.

DETROITER.

All Very Fine.. ..and CHEAP.

Numbers and dates according to 58th edition Catalogue.

LABUAN		Price.	My price
*1892, No.	39, 40c orange.....	\$2.00	\$1.20
1894	" 42, 2c rose.....	.05	.03
"	" 43, 6c yellow green.....	.08	.04
"	" 44, 8c ultramarine.....	.10	.05
"	" 45, 20c brown.....	.12	.06
"	" 46, 2c ultramarine.....	.15	.08
"	" 47, 16c gray.....	.20	.10
"	" 48, 40c orange.....	.40	.20
"	" 49, 1c lilac and black.....	.02	.01
"	" 50, 2c blue.....	.04	.02
"	" 51, 3c bistre ".....	.05	.03
"	" 52, 5c green ".....	.08	.04
"	" 53, 6c red ".....	.10	.05
"	" 54, 8c rose ".....	.10	.05
*1895	" 58, 4c on rd rose.....	.08	.05
"	" 59, 10c " id.....	.18	.10
"	" 60, 20c " id.....	.25	.15
"	" 61, 30c " id.....	.40	.25
"	" 62, 40c " id.....	.50	.35
LAGOS			
*1875, No.	4, 1p lilac.....	1.25	.75
*1891,	" 31, 1sh green and black...	.45	.35
"	" 33, 5sh ".....	2.00	1.50
LEEWARD ISLANDS			
1890, No.	8, 5sh green and blue.....	2.00	1.25
LIBERIA			
1860, No.	6, 24c green.....	2.00	1.00
*1887	" 16, 1c blue.....	.06	.03
"	" 17, 3c lake.....	.08	.04
"	" 18, 6c violet.....	.12	.06
"	" 19, 24c yellow.....	.25	.13
"	" 20, 24c carmine.....	.50	.26
*1892	" 43, 1c vermilion.....	.03	.02
"	" 165, 1c Official.....	.03	.02

* Indicates unused, all others used. Postage extra on orders less than 25c. Your money will be promptly refunded if you are not pleased.

Want Lists.

I make a specialty of want lists, and always mark stamps as low as genuine stamps can be sold. I have over 15,000 varieties in stock at present. Why not send a trial list? and let me convince you that my stamps are fine and prices low.

I Buy Stamps.

I Buy Single Stamps and Collections for spot cash. Send what you have on approval, naming the very lowest price at which you will sell for cash.

Confederate Provisionals WANTED.

- Baton Rouge, 5c green and carmine.
- Charleston, envelopes on either color paper.
- Columbia 5c blue on white or manilla.
- Danville Envelope on white or buff.
- Fredericksburg 10c red.
- Lynchburg 5c blue.
- Macon 5c blue.
 - 5c green.
 - 5c buff.
- Marion 2c black.
- Nashville 3c carmine.
 - 10c green.
- Petersburg 5c red.

I am in the market for any or all of above, when prices and condition are satisfactory. Send what you have on approval at your rock bottom prices for cash. Any of above may be sent by express, C. O. D., I to have privilege of examination.

What have you to offer?

C. E. Hussman,

4320 West Belle Pl., ST. LOUIS, MO.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Rambler's Notes.

BERLIN, ONT., CAN.

Your correspondent found himself in this little Canadian town one February morning with considerable leisure time on his hands for a couple of days and altho' the weather was unusually cold and stormy took a good look around for items of interest from a philatelic standpoint.

Berlin contains a large German element in its population, and as might be supposed, boasts quite a large number of collectors for a town of about 9200 population.

Mr. F. H. Illing is an enthusiastic philatelist who has been interested in stamps for several years, having begun when a mere youngster and kept it up ever since. He confines himself to British N. A. both on and off covers and has a splendid showing in this line beautifully mounted in an album made especially for it. He is almost complete in this group, which is strong in Newfoundland and British Columbia which, I believe, are not only exceedingly difficult countries to complete but somewhat underrated in catalogues. (If you don't believe it try to get the rare perforation of 10c or \$1.00 British Columbia or even 10c pink violet, perf. 14, Br. Columbia at full catalogue. Newfoundland, 6d scarlet and 1sh orange, are also a couple of stamps which seldom appear except in stamp catalogues and are conspicuous by their absence in most collections.)

Mr. W. H. Schmalz, whom I found to be also a very agreeable gentleman and thorough philatelist, probably has the best general collection in Berlin, altho' Mr. Paul Pequegnat also has a splendid general collection including some Br. N. A. and Swiss rarities.

He had just received a post card from his cousin in Brantford containing over (4200) four thousand two hundred words which were neatly written in French and actually legible to the naked eye as I found on careful personal inspection and altho' I am unable to read French could spell out the words.

This really wonderful piece of penmanship is on an ordinary Canadian post card of the issue now being superseded by new one in green. The Canadian press is writing up the matter but as usual giving a somewhat garbled account of same.

ERA readers may rest assured this account is correct and the number 4280 is not over-drawn altho' I should hardly believe it could be done had I not inspected it personally.

Mr. Pequegnat is a leading jeweler of this section and inveigled your correspondent into securing such a number of souvenirs and pretty knick knacks for friends in the States. as to give him quite a serious ap-

prehension of meeting the custom officers in crossing the line again.

The Starnaman Bros., who publish the *Philatelic Advocate*, I found to be a couple of well grown youths, who, altho' without previous experience in printing, are managing to publish their own paper which is improving with each issue and illustrates the old saying "Where there is a will there is a way" and if intelligence, perseverance and industry count for anything they are going right ahead and make a success of what was naturally at first a crude and small beginning and fraught with difficulties. I found the ERA and other philatelic publications on file at their office.

All in all, Berlin is quite a little center of philatelic activity, and there are also others who made this brief visit one of interest to

PHILATELIC RAMBLER.

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FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [17c]

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A U. S. Dept. stamp, catalogued 10c, free to each applicant for sheets who gives good reference and encloses 2c stamp. Quality equal to any. Good variety (1000 var. in stock) and at prices in accordance with the times. Give them a trial. [17c] PRICE LIST FREE.

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Plate Numbers

493, 494, 495, 496 in Blue, Band L only
10c per Plate.

1893 Columbians 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, 10c per Plate over face. [17c]

HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.

NOTICE TO Dealers - and - Collectors

The International Stamp Exchange affords a splendid means for selling and exchanging better class stamps, on the most advantageous terms. Write for particulars, they will interest you. We want the name of every active dealer and collector, to place on our mailing list. Offers and price lists of scarce stamps requested. WILLIAMS & CO., Publishers Peruvian Specialists' Album & Catalogue, Headquarters for Peruvian Stamps, [17c] Casilla 989, - - Lima, Peru.

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FRANK F. OLNEY, President.
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[SEAL.]

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I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed for record in this office on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1897, at two and a half o'clock P. M., and was duly recorded on Book S 2 of Incorporations on page 475.

ALBERT BERG,
Secretary of State.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 12th, 1898.

886 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Feb. 5th, valued at \$33,366.35
30 books received since Feb. 5th, valued at \$1,922.69
Total number of books in circulation 916 valued at..... \$35,289.04

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.



Av. B. to St. Luke's Hospital 113th St. and Amsterdam Av., N. Y. City.

Deceased.

1035. **BUTTON**, B. G., Aurora, Ills.; died Jan. 31st.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	641
New members	2
Reinstated	2
	4
Deceased	645
	1
Present membership	644

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, Frank F. Olney, President, and Joe F. Beard, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the annual convention of this Society held in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, on the 24, 25, and 26th days of August 1897, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried amending the articles of incorporation filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota on the 30th day June 1897 so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of this corporation shall be the American Philatelic Association. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota. In testimony

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Left Page Stock Books?
Wolsieffer's Blank Album? *

Nelton's Bargain Counter.

They say my prices are high but it's only on gilt-edged Colonials.

How do These Figures Strike You?

U. S. REVENUES 1st Issue Catalogue. My price	\$1.10	\$0.60
\$1.50 orange.....	2.50	1.20
\$1.50 green.....	.20	.08
\$1.50 blue.....	.20	.08
\$1.50 mauve.....	1.25	.60
Set of above (4).....		2.25
1c Telegraph.....	.20	.08
3c .....	.35	.15
6c Inland Exchange orange..	.25	.08
6c .....	.15	.05
70c Foreign Exchange green..	.12	.06
\$1.00 Life Insurance.....	.25	.10
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	.20	.09
\$2.00 Mortgage.....	.20	.09
\$3.00 Charter Party.....	.25	.10

66 2/3 % Discount on other Perf. Revenues
Listed Below 20 Cents Each.

U. S. 1894 1c pale ultramarine, o. g.....	\$0.07
" " 2c " pink.....	.05
" " 5c chocolate, scarce.....	.30
CANADA 2c scarlet Register.....	.09
5c beaver.....	.03
1c pink 1859.....	.05

Large stock B. N. A. and U. S., etc., at Right Prices.
Postage extra on orders below \$1.00.

DID YOU NOTICE how many dealers are advertising only Money Order accepted, no checks or stamps? I always took unused U. S. and even Canadian and Colonial stamps at Full Face Value for anything I have to sell and any quantity of 1c to 50c values and have never kicked on the low \$1.00 values I have had sent in with orders in past two years. I will also take straight-edged, off centered and slightly torn of lower values, but all must have gum, as they are used by a large firm for postage. So start your Columbians along toward doing postal duty, they will never be worth any more, as another "Frost" issue is due in Omaha next summer.

Remember, I am first a collector and second a dealer, over 20 years experience, prompt to answer and have a splendid stock. Specialties: B. N. A., on and off covers, U. S., French, etc., on entire letters. No Reprints, Gumpas or Seebecks handled. At old stand.

EDGAR NELTON,

137 East 12th St., New York City.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 12th.

Application for Membership.

HARPER, RICHARD L., Jr., Wollaston, Mass.; age 40; occupation Accountant. References: L. L. Green, E. A. Holton, Res. Vice Pres. J. F. Johnson.

New Stockholders.

1495. **CHAPMAN, HENRY A.**, Box 1234, Hartford, Conn.
1496. **INGLES, C. J.**, Claim Dept. Gt. N. Ry., St. Paul, Minn.

Reinstated.

369. **GURLEY, WM. F.**, Danville, Ills.
637. **MUIR, WM. E.**, Westmount, Quebec, Canada.

Changes of Addresses.

1385. **GOUCH, FRANK B.**, from Yonkers, N. Y., to Woonsocket, R. I.
89. **GREVNING, CHAS. W.**, from 203

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Feb. 15th.

In reply to my note in regard to the 1c plates, several replies have been received. Four numbers have been printed in blue as well as green, namely: 493, 494, 495 and 496. Probably neither of them will become scarce, as they have been found in various parts of the country.

The next thing to be expected is the new blue 5c, but probably a few weeks will pass before they will be sent out.

The green 1c are not yet on sale in this city, but a few sheets of them displayed in our window caused Third Assistant Postmaster General Merritt to stop to buy a few of the novelties, while on his way to office a few mornings ago. They were evidently the first he had secured.

It is reported that the Bureau has commenced printing the Omaha stamps. More definite information in regard to the plates will probably be obtainable during the coming week.

One of our dealers is showing a 13c Hawaii, first issue, which is now probably one of the most beautiful specimens in existence, though it is a repaired stamp. An artist spent four days in supplying a missing portion and has succeeded in a most admirable manner.

While speaking of repaired stamps, let me say, that this same dealer has had an air cushion rubber stamp made with the word "Repaired" in small type, with which he marks the stamps thus treated. This is to prevent any from being deceived at a future date by mended stamps, and is a precept worthy of imitation by the entire fraternity.

A beautiful set of Departments, including the high value States and the re-issue of 1869 complete, were recently discovered in the scrap book of a young lady of this city. They had been given her by a friend some years ago and she had almost lost sight of their value. The present owners, however, know how to appreciate them.

Don't be a Clam IF THESE DON'T SUIT, WHAT WILL!
 1000 different, no United States..... \$7.00
 400 var. mounted in '97 Inter. Album..... 2.50
 100 " United States..... 1.00
 W. C. ESTES, 9 and Harney, Omaha, Neb.

FLAT FACE

\$2, \$3, \$4, and \$5 Columbians unused, centered, fine color, in mint state at flat face as long as they last. If you need these values to complete your set order at once as supply is limited.
 I will sell you a complete lightly canceled set, in perfect condition right through, for \$16.
EDMUND L. SMILEY, Milford, Mass.

MEDICINE, MATCH,

Forward March!

This will be a forward March in the auction business. The conditions were never quite so favorable for business and good results and prices. My March 12th sale of

Match, Medicine, Document and U. S. will be the best of the season. No foreign in this sale. All U. S. The catalogue of it is free to auction buyers.
 Wolsieffer's Approval Cards per doz..... \$0.20
 Left Page Stock Books..... \$1.15 to 4.75
 Wolsieffer's Blank Albums..... \$2.00 to 5.00
 Robie's Vest Pocket Cat. of Canadian Rev..... .70
 P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

DOCUMENT, REVENUES.

SPEAKING OF BARGAINS ♣
Look at These!

25 varieties Foreign.... Cat. over 75c, My price 20c
 25 " U. S. Rev... " " \$1.00 " 35c
 25 " " " " " 75c " 35c
 1000 Perfect Hinges..... 9c
 Postage extra. (7c)

CHAS. A. JOHNSON, Newport, N. H.

THERE IS A JOKE

In the February STAMPAN that tickles our infant fancy greatly. Have you laughed at it? But there is no joke about our 50¢ approval books—everything good on 'em.

Newfoundland Cabot issue, 1c to 10c unused..... 85c.
D. W. OSGOOD, Box 50, Pueblo, Colo.

U. S. REVENUES SPECIAL MIXTURE

1c to \$1.00 VALUES ASSORTED.
 100..... 50c
 250..... \$1.00
 500..... \$1.75
 1000..... \$3.25

H. F. DUNKHORST,
 1005 7th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Wanted for Cash

or **GOOD EXCHANGE:**
 Washington Local on original cover.
 Tasmania 2d blue, first issue, fine margins.
 Unused U. S. Postal Cards with printing on back or printed addresses; 20 cts. per 100.
 Unused U. S. Envelopes with printed addresses at 1/2 to 60¢ of face value.
 Any unused U. S. with gum but may have straight edges, be off centered or slightly torn; from 1 to 50c values at 1/2 below face.
 Will allow half postage and registration on fairly large lots of above.

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 137 East 12th St., New York City.

Cheap Sets for Beginners!

8 Australia	5c	7 Mexico	5c
6 Argentine	5c	3 Newfoundland	5c
3 Bolivia	5c	4 Nicaragua	5c
10 Canada	5c	3 Paraguay	5c
5 Canada Bill	5c	5 Peru	5c
5 Chili	5c	4 Philippine Is.	5c
5 Cuba	5c	5 Porto Rico	5c
2 Gold Coast	5c	3 Reunion Is.	5c
4 Honduras	5c	4 Salvador	5c
3 Iceland	5c	12 Spain	5c
7 India	5c	12 Sweden	5c
12 Italy	5c	5 " Official	5c
4 " Unpaid	5c	4 U. S. Dept.	5c
10 Japan	5c	6 " Dues	5c

Orders under 25c respectfully declined. 6 Sets including a 10c Prize Stamp for only 25c. As a

SPECIAL INDUCEMENT:

I offer all the above 28 Sets of 161 varieties, including Stamps catalogued at \$2.00 by Scott for only

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C. A. STEGMANN,
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Some Time Ago

One of our ten-cent customers from Iowa came into our office with a far-a-way vacant look in his eye, and a breath that would bore a hole through Washington Monument, and said that he was \$5.00 shy in the necessary railroad fare back to spend Thanksgiving with his family. We were not so many with money at that time, but dug up a "five spot" for our friend, and he went away with joy depicted in his countenance and happiness in his gait—saying he would return it immediately on his arrival home. We neglected to ask him what road he would go over, and perhaps he hasn't got there yet, having gone via The Klondike, or round by the Cape of Good Hope. Possibly he meant next Thanksgiving. Anyhow, our daily mail up to this time fails to reveal anything that looks like five dollars from the gentleman. Still, like the little dog with his tail cut off, when the small boy came along with tin can and string attached, we have something to be thankful for, he might have hit us for \$10.00.

If you will send us a 10c piece or five 2c stamps, YOU will receive something to be thankful for, in the shape of our Vest Pocket Catalogue of Canadian Revenues, by far, the neatest, most accurate, and attractive work on this subject ever issued, and reflects great credit on the publisher—Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer.

LEWIS ROBIE,
 208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Number 1701.

U. S. Wrapper, cat. \$15.00, entire, fine..... \$5.00
 Switzerland, 3c blue on original cover..... .02
 Newfoundland entire—
 3c violet, unused, cat. 8c..... .04
 5c blue, unused, cat. 12c..... .06

If you don't see what you want in our advertisements, ask for it. We have several young men who do nothing else but fill want lists and if we haven't got the stamp we try hard to get it, and in most cases succeed.

STAMP STAMP CO. Coldwater, Mich.

For Exchange This Week:

1869 15c used. 5c Life Ins., imp. and perf.
 P. O. 15c " 5c " " " P. P.
 War 90c " \$1.00 " " "
 " 30c " \$5.00 Manifest and Mortg. imp.
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 " 90c " 1c blk., Reed & Thompson wmk.
FRED S. MARTIN, * Greene, N. Y.

11,084 Collection of Stamps For Sale
 Put Up in \$5, \$10, \$20, Packets.

This week packets are of Locals and Match and Medicine at 50¢ off list prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Bank reference given. A. P. A. 1233. Give me a trial order. Send by Money Order. Address, G. G. GLEASON, 8 Frank St., Rochester, N. Y.

Drop me a Postal Card for the CHEAPEST PRICE LIST OUT.

My prices will be sure to please.
F. NOYES, Alice, Texas.
 If you mention this paper when writing I will enclose a good stamp with list. (17)

A NEW DEPARTURE! POSTAL CARD APPROVAL SYSTEM.

This new Department is meeting with unprecedented success.

If you have not given it a trial send stamp for explanatory circular. It will interest you.

My Special PERU offer in ERA No. 246 is still in force.

Now Ready and in Stock
Scott's 1898 Postal Card Catalogue
 Fully Illustrated, Post Paid 25c.

A. LOHMEYER,
 922 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore, Md.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head; nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

WARNING!

Stamp dealers are cautioned not to send approval selections to one F. W. Thompson, Box 85, Peterborough, Ont., Canada.

This gentleman (?) solicits rare U. S. and B. N. A. stamps on approval, giving as reference his step-father, one Geo. Smith who, he says, is Assistant Superintendent Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.

We sent him a selection. Not receiving it back within a reasonable length of time, we wrote asking for returns and received in reply the following on a postal card:

"F. Thompson left Peterboro first of Jan. I don't know his address, thair has been mail for him, but I forward them to Chicago, Ill., General P. O."

"Yours very sincerely,

"MRS. GEO. SMITH,

"Box 1010"

The handwriting of Geo. Smith and Mrs. Geo. Smith is unquestionably the same and bears a very close resemblance to that of F. W. Thompson. We believe that one person wrote all these communications and that F. W. Thompson, or whatever is his real name, is still in Peterboro, and that if dealers who have been swindled by him will combine, that he can be brought to book for his swindling operations.

EXCELSIOR STAMP CO.,
Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

CANADA'S NEW PRIVATE POST CARDS.

PETROLIA, ONT., Feb. 16, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I have today received a private post card from a wholesale Dry Goods house in Toronto which is new to me. It resembles the new issue of cards but the words "Canada Post Card" are replaced by the firm's name, while the directions for the address read: "The space below is reserved for address only." The stamp is the same as on the new card except that the color is rose red instead of green.

Yours truly,
W. MORTON WEBB.

We have seen one of the new cards which has the customary directions as to space for the address in about the center (horizontally) of the front of the card with the stamp in the usual space in upper right corner. We take it that all the rest of the space of the upper half of the card is for the use of purchaser as he may see fit.—Ed.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

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Any number or volume of Harper's, Century, Scribner's, Atlantic, Forum, Arena or any other magazine, in exchange for well centered, rare U. S. D. A. K. Andrus, Rockford, Ill.

Exchanges wanted, both foreign and domestic. Our collection of U. S. Adhesives is over 100,000 well sorted, both cancelled and uncanceled. Would like to obtain a dealer's foreign mixture. Inland Stamp Co., Mailing Clerk's Box, U. S. P. O., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Twelve cents worth from my sheets, priced by Scott's 58th, for each fine used 6c Columbian. All U. S. and Canada wanted. W. C. Boult, Box 222, Altoona, Pa.

One fine philatelic paper (will send list if desired) for every stamp worth 5c sent me. Scott's International Catalogue, 1897 edition, new, for a stamp worth 30c. Chas. Thompson, 703 Engelma St., Manistee, Mich.

Wanted: 3000 uncanceled Central American adhesives, no more than 300 of any variety. Will exchange uncanceled U. S. of later issue low values at 1/2. Bertrand L. Smith, Mailing Clerk, Indianapolis, Ind.

I want U. S. and Canada and give Foreign in exchange. Will give different foreign philatelic papers for U. S. 3, 6, 8 and 15c, Due and Special Delivery. A. Burnham, P. O. Box 2447, New York, N. Y. [50]

Wish to exchange Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations by Charlotte Yonge. Two magnificent bound volumes. Engravings and plates in two additional superb bindings for best offer in stamps. Wendelin Weber, 85 Emslie St., Buffalo, N. Y. A. P. A. No. 412. [51]

Exchange desired with collectors on equal basis. Will take any stamps not in my duplicate book single or in quantities, up to \$10 each. Send me your list. H. S. Vanderburgh, Lithgow, N. Y.

Wish to exchange Scott's 58th No. 1515, 2c brown, die B, unused and entire, cat. \$5.00, also No. 1728 for stamps from approval sheets to the cat. value of \$5.00. Wendelin Weber, 85 Emslie St., Buffalo, N. Y. [51]

I will exchange a set of 4 Oregon Revs. in mint state, for \$2.00 worth (list) of good U. S. or Foreign postage stamps. Other stamps to exchange. Approval both ways. J. A. Pierce, 191 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [50]

Scott's Latest Album (No. 5), two volumes, bound French Morocco, blank pages, etc., finest condition, only fifty stamps hinged in. Will exchange for twenty dollars worth U. S. Postage, Revenues, Departments, my selection. Correspondence solicited. O. M. Parke, Box 708, Philadelphia, Pa.

3c claret Dues 1890-91, unused o. g., superfine, perf. 4 sides, to exchange for anything under the sun in the stamp line. Send along what you have for I must see them. I have the stock in petto. I have others to exchange so let me hear from you. H. F. Bartels, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [2481c]

Exchange wanted in Plate Numbers, basis Bartel's catalogue. Send for my list of duplicates. Dr. E. P. Sickenberger, Carlstadt, N. J. Member International Philatelic Association Dresden 1044. [49]

We will trade catalogue value any stamps we have in stock for better grade of Match stamps. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [50*]

Small 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 mag. camera snap or time with 3 Double Plate Holders and plates, chemicals, etc., to trade for 4c Playing Card in good condition. Address, J. Leland, Care Sac. Athletic Club, Sacramento, Calif. [49]

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B. N. A. AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

I will send good sheets on approval to persons furnishing satisfactory reference. [49]

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Prompt cash for stamps. Price must be low. C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York. [49]

My mamma told me to keep quiet for a while in extensive advertising and so I have, but having accumulated a large stock of the better class of both U. S. and Foreign stamps, I bellow forth again with renewed vigor. I offer you anything under the sun in the stamp line at 50% discount from Scott's 58th. Send for a selection of your Wants on Approval and be convinced of the quality. Over 5000 varieties in stock. The Trade Column is good enough for me, I used to be in with the other fellers but circumstances have altered the situation. I shall be with you from now on every week and offer you bargains that will be heart-breaking and record breakers. Send along references with want-lists which will be promptly attended to. If you have anything to sell correspond with me and I'll go you, if you have anything to exchange, I'll go you, if you want to buy, I'll go you. Will you? H. F. BARTELS, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [2481c]

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Providence 5c O no gum	3 37½
St. Louis 5c gray lilac penmarked	111 00
“ 10c greenish penmarked, cut at N	77 50
1847 5c O no gum 3 75; 5c re-issue	1 55
10c ⊕ cancellation light	3 00
10c on cover (2) each	2 10
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1851 5c ⊕ large margins	8 25
10c O 3 00; 12c ⊕	1 20
1855-60 1c type I. pen cancellation	3 00
5c type I. ⊕	2 00
5c “ I. ⊕ on cover	2 30
5c “ I. red-brown ⊕	3 00
5c “ I. brick-red ⊕	7 50
5c “ II. O	2 70
12c O 1 60; 24c O	4 00
24c ⊕ on cover 2 75; 30c O	6 00
90c O 11 00; 90c ⊕	12 00
1855 5c I 50; 10c 5 00; 24c 5 00; 30c 10 00	
1861-66 3c pink ⊕	4 37½
3c scarlet cancelled	6 50
3c laid paper pen cancelled	3 25
5c yellow ⊕	4 50
5c red-brown ⊕	1 75
10c red Premiere gravure ⊕	4 75
10c O 1 37½; 24c O 2 60; 90c ⊕	2 50
Re-issue of 1861 1c O	1 75
2c P. O. state 4 25; 15c O	15 62½
1868 3c 12 x 14 ⊕	1 25
3c 13 x 16 ⊕	3 00
3c entire embossing ⊕	8 00
5c 9 x 13 ⊕	1 80
15c 11 x 13 ⊕	2 25
24c 9 x 13 ⊕	4 50
30c “ ⊕	2 50
90c “ ⊕	7 75
1869 6c O no gum	1 75
10c O full gum	3 25
15c variety ⊕ 2 25; 15c ⊕	1 10
24c ⊕ 4 00; 30c ⊕	2 37½
90c ⊕	10 00
Re-issue of 1869 1c O 70; 2c O	4 00
3c O 6 12½; 6c O 3 87½; 10c O 4 00	
12c O 5 25; 15c O 5 00; 24c O 5 50	
30c O 6 50; 90c O no gum	24 75
1870 6c O 2 00; 7c O 2 00; 15c O	3 05
1872 3c ribbed paper	80
24c O 5 75; 30c O National print 4 50	
30c O American print	1 15
90c O National no gum	4 25
Swart's Local Scott No. 2732 on cover	1 00
Wells & Co. Buffalo, Albany and New York on original cover	3 62½
Western Union 1871 O	1 50
“ “ 1876 O	1 50
“ “ 1880 O	1 60
“ “ 1881 O	1 60
“ “ 1882 O	1 62½
“ “ 1883 O	1 50

Agriculture 1c O o. g.	2 00
10c O o. g.	3 25
12c O o. g. 4 50; 15c O o. g.	2 00
24c O o. g. 2 50; 30c O o. g.	2 66
Executive 1, 2, 3, 6, 10c complete set O o. g.	33 12½
Justice 1c O o. g. 1 10; 2c O o. g. 1 87½	
10c O o. g. 2 25; 12c O o. g.	1 25
15c O o. g. 3 25; 24c O o. g.	12 12½
30c O o. g. 14 00; 90c O o. g.	27 50
Navy 2c green O o. g.	20 00
1c O no gum 7 00; 10c O o. g.	1 35
12c O o. g. 1 10; 15c O o. g.	1 75
24c O o. g. 3 25; 30c O no gum	2 50
90c O o. g.	7 75
Post Office 1 to 90c set complete O o. g.	5 00
State 1c O o. g. 1 05; 2c O o. g.	3 62½
3c dark green O o. g.	2 00
6c O o. g. .50; 7c O o. g.	2 00
10c O o. g. 1 37½; 12c O o. g.	2 37½
15c O o. g. 2 50; 24c O o. g.	6 00
30c O o. g. 4 00; 90c O o. g.	7 50
\$2 used	12 50
War 1c to 90c complete O o. g.	2 20
1861 India proof of 5c “Premiere gravure”	3 50
Envelopes:	
1888 90c on blue O □	2 00
War 1873 6c on cream O	10 12½
1875 10c on white O □	3 00
12c “ “ O □	55
15c “ “ O □	1 80
30c “ “ O □	2 25
Revenues:	
Imperf. 1c Telegraph	6 00
2c Proprietary blue	3 00
10c Bill of Lading unused	80
10c Certificate (2) 2 25;	1 60
10c Inland Exchange	2 25
25c Bond	2 05
25c Life Insurance	60
25c Warehouse Receipt	60
40c Inland Exchange	4 87½
50c Surety Bond	2 50
50c Passage Ticket	2 00
70c Foreign Exchange	1 80
\$1 Life Insurance (2) 2 65;	2 00
\$1 Manifest	1 10
\$1 Passage Ticket (2) 3 87½;	2 50
\$1 Probate of Will 1 10; \$1.60	5 00
\$3 Charter Party .95; \$3 Manifest	95
\$5 Charter Party	1 05
\$5 Conveyance 75; \$5 Manifest	1 55
\$5 Mortgage	1 50
\$5 Probate of Will	6 75
\$10 Charter Party	4 75
\$10 Conveyance	1 50
\$10 Mortgage	2 05
\$15 Mortgage	15 00
\$20 Conveyance	1 62½
\$20 Probate of Will	42 00
\$25 Mortgage	11 00
\$50 U. S. I. R.	4 25
Part Perf. 2c Playing Cards blue	70
2c Proprietary	75
6c Inland Exchange	1 05
Perforated 1c Playing Cards	1 87½
2c Proprietary, orange	1 00
3c Playing Cards	4 00
4c Playing Cards	5 25
6c Proprietary unused	36 50

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7 var. Costa Rica 1889 1c to 1 peso unused	41c	20c
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73	1855-60 10c green, unused o. g.....	\$1.50
74	" 12c black, " ".....	1.50
75	" 6c blue, " ".....	1.00
82	1861 August 10c green, fine.....	10.00
94	" 5c olive yellow.....	7.00
95	1868 90c blue, fine.....	9.00
307	1888 5c blue, type I., unused o. g.....	.40
Blocks of 4 or 6 at same rate.		
1425	1876 3c green on white, Die C, cut square	4.00
2988	1878 5c black, rouletted.....	30.00
3094	T. Gorman & Bro. 1c black, very fine.....	28.00
CONFEDERATE STATES.		
92	1862 2c green, unused, fine.....	1.50
	Same in block of four.....	6.00
BAHAMAS.		
2	1861 1p pale lake, perf. 13, unused o. g.....	12.00
26	1863 4p on 6p unused o. g.....	4.00
BARBADOS.		
29	1871 1sh black, rough perf., unused o. g.....	12.50
68	1882 4p slate, unused o. g.....	7.50
72	" 5sh ochre.....	5.00
BAVARIA.		
57	1876 1m violet, unused o. g.....	17.00
BERMUDA.		
6	1873 3p buff, perf. 14x12 1/2, unused	2.50
BOLIVIA.		
10	1867 100c green.....	2.50
BRAZIL.		
4	1843 30r black.....	3.00
5	" 60r black.....	1.10
10	1861 430r yellow, very fine.....	3.00
91	1878 700r red brown.....	2.25
BRITISH BECHUANALAND.		
17	1887 2sh green, unused o. g.....	1.75
18	" 2sh 6d.....	2.00
BRITISH GUIANA.		
89	1876 90c bistre, unused, paper soiled.....	10.00
BRITISH PROTECTORATE.		
5	1888 2sh green and black, unused o. g.....	10.50
6	" 2sh 6p.....	12.00
CANADA.		
26	1859 10c red lilac, unused, no gum.....	2.00
136	Registration 8c blue, unused o. g.....	1.50
CEYLON.		
136	1888 25c brown and olive, unused o. g.....	5.00
CUBA.		
23	1867 5c lilac (rare) used.....	2.00
43	1870 5c blue, ".....	2.00
115	1883 20c brown, surcharged.....	1.25
CURACAO.		
24	1889 1g light and dark blue, unused.....	1.00
25	" 2g 50c bistre and lilac.....	1.50
CYPRUS.		
25	1871 venetian red.....	2.00
DENMARK.		
1	1851 2rs blue.....	2.25
27	1870 48s lilac and brown.....	1.75
FRANCE.		
20	10c bistre.....	1.00
33	1fr lake, fine.....	3.50
GAMBIA.		
1	1869 4p brown.....	4.50
10	1880 4p brown, used.....	1.50
GIBRALTAR.		
5	1886 4p orange, surcharged, fine.....	2.25
28	1889 1p light brown, unused o. g.....	1.60
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	1864 1d set of Plate Numbers 71 to 225 set for.....	4.00
94	1872-74 6p gray, Plate 13, unused o. g.....	1.00
96	" 1sh green, Plate 9 or 13 ".....	1.00
100	1880 1sh salmon, unused o. g.....	4.00
129	" 1sh.....	2.00
GRENADA.		
3	1860 1p green, unused o. g.....	1.25
12	1875-81 1sh purple, error shillings.....	2.00
20	1883 1p rose, unused o. g.....	1.00
25	" 1sh violet, fine, used.....	5.50
HAWAII.		
36	1875 12c black, unused o. g.....	1.00
	1882 10c black, ".....	1.00
41	" 1c brown, unused or used.....	1.50
47	1883-86 25c purple, unused o. g.....	1.00
49	" 1d rose red.....	3.00
522	1892 5c black blue, unused o. g.....	1.00

HAYTI.		
6	1881 20c brown, very large margins, unused	4.00
23	1886 26c red brown, perf. 16.....	1.75
LABUAN.		
13	1880 EIGHT CENTS on 12c carmine, un-	
	used o. g.....	6.00
18	1883 16c blue, unused o. g.....	2.50
20	" 2 CENTS on 8c carmine, unused o. g.....	3.00
LAGOS.		
33	1887-91 5sh green and blue, unused o. g.....	1.65
34	" 10sh green and brown ".....	3.25
LUXEMBURG.		
2	1852 15g red, unused o. g.....	5.00
26	1865-72 37 1/2c stone, fine.....	4.00
62	1882 5fr red brown, unused o. g.....	2.00
MONTSERAT.		
11	1884 1p carmine, perf. 12, unused.....	5.00
NETHERLANDS.		
14	1867 15c red brown, unused o. g.....	2.00
16	" 25c purple.....	7.50
17	" 50c gold ".....	3.50
NEVIS.		
21	1879 1p violet, unused o. g.....	2.25
NEW BRUNSWICK.		
1	1851 3p red, unused o. g., very fine.....	19.00
2	" 6p yellow.....	15.00
NEWFOUNDLAND.		
18	1863 1p reddish brown, unused.....	2.25
27	1866 5c brown, unused, fine.....	8.50
33	" 10c black, " o. g.....	2.00
41	" 5c black, ".....	3.75
46	" 5c blue, rouletted, unused o. g.....	1.35
NOVA SCOTIA.		
1	1851-53 1p red brown.....	5.00
2	" 3p blue, unused but a little soiled	2.00
4	" 6p yellow green, fine.....	7.50
ST. CHRISTOPHER.		
10	1882 1p lilac rose, fine.....	7.00
12	" 4p blue.....	1.75
ST. HELENA.		
17	1864-68 1p red, perf. 12 1/2, short line, unused	3.00
22	" 1sh yellow green.....	1.25
ST. LUCIA.		
12	1864 4p yellow.....	1.50
22	" 6p lilac, unused o. g.....	3.00
26	1881 1/2p green and black, unused o. g.....	2.75
41	1882 1p carmine, unused.....	1.50
ST. VINCENT.		
7	1861-69 4p orange, used.....	10.00
53	" 5sh carmine, unused o. g.....	1.65
SIERRA LEONE.		
12	1873-76 2p magenta perf. 12 1/2, fine.....	3.00
27	1883 1/2p bistre, CA.....	1.50
29	" 2p magenta, unused o. g.....	4.00
30	" 4p blue, used.....	1.75
SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.		
138	1894 1sh green, two shafts, unused o. g.....	8.00
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.		
4	1867 4c brown and black, unused.....	2.25
9	32c yellow and black, unused o. g.....	2.75
58	1883 8c on 12c blue, used.....	4.00
63	" 4c on 5c blue and black, unused o. g.....	4.00
SURINAM.		
36	1892 2 1/2c on 50c, perf. 14, unused o. g.....	12.00
TASMANIA.		
46	1864 2p yellow green, unused o. g.....	6.00
77	1871-76 2p yellow green, unused o. g.....	3.50
81	" 3p purple brown ".....	3.00
TRINIDAD.		
23	1860 1p red, poor litho., unused.....	3.00
25	1859 1p rose, fine.....	3.00
TURKS ISLAND.		
35	1881 4 on 6p gray black, unused.....	3.00
46	" 4p ultramarine.....	3.50
VIRGIN ISLANDS.		
23	1883-88 6p lilac, unused.....	1.75
WEST AUSTRALIA.		
61	1882 6p pale violet, perf. 12, unused o. g.....	6.00

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The Editor's Spears.

With the change in currency on January 1st, 1898, the Austrian and Hungarian postal cards will become dearer, for the price will be changed from 2 kr, the equivalent of 4 heller to 5 heller corresponding to the German rate, which is 5 pf. This increase in price means a considerable increase of the revenue of the Austrian mails, for there is an annual sale of 200,000,000 postal cards or an annual increased income of about \$400,000.—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

Dr. R. Benjamin has shown us a remarkable stamp of this colony (Hong Kong) in the shape of a 2c rose, watermarked Crown and C. A., on a thicker paper than the regular stamps and perforated 12, with a peculiar rough and uneven perforation. It does not in any way resemble the perforation in this gauge which belongs to the 1883-4 period of the Colonial issues. Can any of our English contemporaries explain the curiosity?—*Am. Jour. of Phil.*

In the last number of this Journal, we referred to a statement contained in the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, to the effect that the unpaid letter stamps of San Marino were purely a fiscal issue, and were not used for the purpose of collecting postage due. We then said that we would inquire further into the matter, and, in response to a letter addressed to the Post Office Department of San Marino, we have just received a reply informing us that the stamps in question were made for special use in the Post Office as unpaid letter stamps, but as the Government found itself without a supply of the Revenue stamps, the unpaid letter stamps were provisionally used for revenue purposes, until a new issue could be prepared.—*Am. Journal of Phil.*

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Wanted: A Business Basis.

BY THE CYNIC.

It might seem to a man, arriving at conclusions from a superficial point of view, that the subject of "Catalogue" had been exhausted; worked to a standstill, played out and sung in all the varying changes of minor and major, and that there was not a ragged edge to catch onto.

It is a good deal like a temperance lecture or Fourth of July speech—there seems to be nothing new to say—nothing left but to go over the same old platitudes.

Now, I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet; a spiritualist, mind-reader, hypnotist, soothsayer or astrologist, but I firmly believe there is a way to get the stamp business and stamp values down to something like a permanent or stable basis. That such a consummation is devoutly desired by both dealer and collector, is a proposition obvious on its face. The present chaotic condition is not conducive to healthful commercial conditions in the realm of stampdom, or the pace and comfort of its devotees.

It may be that in Europe and the Orient that collectors have risen above a consideration of the sordid gold in connection with the pursuit of stamps, but at the present time, in this benighted land, it is difficult to divorce the collection of stamps from the cash value of stamps altogether. To make a long story short, what is wanted is a catalogue that reflects values.

Now, beloved, don't rend your linen, prematurely; there are several months of frigidity ahead and you may need it. Of course it is easy to talk about a catalogue that may be depended upon, but you say, how are you going to get it? I don't anticipate an inspirational document that shall be flawless and immaculate, but if there isn't a way to produce a list that will get within from fifty to five hundred per cent. of actual values, then it is time to permanently retire the catalogue, altogether, and resort to the bag method. Let each collector have a bag of duplicates and each reach into the other's bag and fish out a stamp, that constituting a legal exchange.

It is asserted that the stock of stamps in the possession of those who issue catalogues governs, in a considerable degree, the values placed upon certain stamps.

That's natural and human. I don't blame the publishers for this, but I blame the great mass of collectors for blindly following such a lead.

There is a way of ascertaining, with a reasonable degree of accuracy, the value of used and unused postage stamps. You cannot deny this proposition. To do so is to knock the foundation from beneath the pursuit. That fact established, the next thing is to fix such prices and get them in shape for use. Manifestly this work should not be manipulated by a dealer, for obvious reasons. It should be in the hands of men of standing in the ranks of actual collectors; men of affairs, whose experience in stamp matters is so comprehensive and broad as to entitle their opinion to respect, and inspire confidence in their conclusions. These men must be of unimpeachable integrity, removed from the suspicion of connection with any scheme or concern; men who sincerely have the best good of philately at heart. I can think of several such men—so can you.

But you say these men are busy and haven't time to give to such an undertaking. True enough. They are busy and the work would take time, but men will engage in honorable pursuits for an adequate consideration. I want to tell you there is good money in just such a project. Such a catalogue—one, understand, removed from suspicion of speculation or combinations—would meet with a reception that would amaze you. This is not guess work; it is fact.

In my humble opinion, and I am not essaying to speak for the ERA or anyone else, the collectors and dealers of the U. S. and Canada and South America, would receive such a catalogue with open arms, on a cash basis of fifty cents per copy, netting a snug profit to the projectors.

This catalogue should give as near as possible the actual selling value of stamps in good, average condition. That would settle the abominable discount business. No dealer would sell a stamp actually worth \$1.00 for less. Collectors don't care for discounts. They want to pay what stamps are worth.

There is no satisfaction in buying stamps under the present system. The collector pays \$1.00 for a stamp catalogued at \$2.00 and later finds it fearfully overpriced, actually worth but 50 cents. He, at another time, sells a stamp for \$1.00 priced at \$2.00 and finds later that the stamp is worth every cent of catalogue. There is a strong

inclination on the part of the collector to get out from under the whole business and he disgustedly sacrifices his collection and declares philately a fraud.

Any catalogue, the product of human brains, will be faulty, but it will not price a stamp at \$5.00 that everybody posted knows is high at \$1.00; or list a stamp worth \$2.00 at \$1.00.

As a collector I am in a position to know something of these matters I speak of. There surely is a way out of this demoralizing wilderness if we can hit upon a Moses. At all events let's agitate.

Written for the ERA.

Nova Scotia.

So much has been written about the stamps of Nova Scotia that one may reasonably ask: what further may be said of interest to the collector of this beautiful series? Very little indeed; but being those of my native land I may be pardoned if I again offer a little criticism on the Catalogue.

The first stamps issued were the 3d, 6d and 1sh, and as the 3d dark blue (or more properly speaking the 3d blue on dark blue paper) was in use for a much longer period than the light blue (or blue on white paper), the former stamp in a used condition is very much more common than the latter.

According to the Catalogue the reverse would be the case. I have handled large quantities of three pennies and the dark blues have outnumbered the light ones almost ten to one. Being the provincial rate they would be more common at home than abroad, and my opinion is shared by every collector here who has handled any quantity of them.

The relative pricing of the sixpence is more accurate and tends to confirm what I have said in regard to the threepence, as the dark green sixpence was used during the same period as the threepence on white paper.

There are two distinct varieties of the dark green sixpence, one on white paper exactly like that on which the light blue threepence is printed, and the other on a paper densely blue and similar to that on which the one penny is printed. This latter is a very rare stamp and is so different from the other that it should be catalogued.

The shilling is also printed on the dark blue paper and is very rare thus.

It may not seem patriotic to say so but I cannot help thinking that the shilling is an overrated stamp. Fashion has set it on a lofty pedestal. I remember when a boy at school with what feelings of admiration, tinged perhaps with envy, we viewed the fortunate mate who possessed a shilling. The boy who unearthed a shilling Newfoundland, then as at present a much more valuable stamp, did not cut any figure to speak of.

The five cent unused with original gum is not an easy stamp to pick up. At the time of confederation with Canada the stock on hand was almost exhausted. None were found among the remainders sold by the Government two years ago.

The discovery of these remainders has had, no doubt, a bad effect on the sale of pence issues, as many collectors not unnaturally imagine that shillings and six-pennies may turn up in quantities at any time. I can assure such people that their fears are groundless. When the currency changed in 1860 the pence remainder, together with the stamps called in from country offices in exchange for Cents issue, were burned in the square adjoining our Provincial Building in which the local Government offices are situated.

HALIGONIAN.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Notes from Lima, Peru.

Although open for business on the first of January, 1898, the new Post Office building is far from completion, and at least six months more will be required before it will be ready for occupation in all parts. It is very handsome and commodious, solidly built of granite and marble, designed by native architects and built by native artisans, and has cost up to date, approximately, 250,000 Soles. The view on the new two cent stamp and the nine post cards gives but a poor idea of the building as it is quite 80 metres deep and has a side extension facing another street.

Peru, as in several South American countries, is exceptionally liberal in the matter of stamped stationery as only the face value of the stamp is charged for. This, in the case of the large 50c linen-lined cover, means a saving of 20 centavos (5 pence) which is the price charged in the local stationers for such. It is only too true, however, that the charge for foreign letter postage is more than double that of any other country and is quite a burden for commercial houses doing a large correspondence.

Several oddities among the new post cards have come to light: The 1c green with inscription omitted on the reverse; the 2c orange with inscription in very deep blue black; the 4c reply card on reddish

tinted paper, and, last and most important, the 5c card over-printed by mistake with the Post Office view. Only one copy of the latter variety has been found and it is probably unique as the 5c cards were not supposed to be included in this series.

When the 1 and 2c New Year post cards, (rather a new idea) were issued, the writer posted a number to various philatelic friends, which, with three exceptions, did not go further than the local office though 22c in stamps, the regular foreign letter rate, was affixed. On registering a protest, a long discussion of the chiefs resulted in a favorable decision of the majority; but as the case was to be referred to the "Postmaster General, the writer decided it would be prudent to drop the matter, as the goodwill of the dissenting officials had to be considered; they maintained that these cards were only intended for use in the country and should therefore be prohibited from being sent to foreign countries in this manner. Quite an amusing argument, prosecuted on both sides with the utmost vigor.

On the head of the claim of several philatelic publishers that their respective journals are the oldest established, how much longer must we wait for some humorous would-be-publisher to claim his journal to be the youngest published, in his first issue? Also for some enterprising dealer to advertise stamps bought, sold and repaired.

A registered letter was recently received here from the United States, which was prepaid by a 3c and a 10c stamp of the 1861 issue; probably used because they were in poor condition.

A point that has been little written upon, but which is of sufficient importance to deserve the consideration of dealers, is that of omitting name and address from approval sheets and books. It is hardly reasonable to expect an agent, having good customers whose patronage he wishes to retain, to show the name of the supplying dealer and thus destroy chances of future profits. The writer is speaking from experience and can name Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd. as one firm who admit the justice of this by omitting all identifying marks from their selections excepting their ledger number and prices. Another firm, which sent some sheets with name on, and others without, learned the value of this from the results; only a few stamps were taken from those bearing their name, which were not circulated, while in the case of six sheets and a book, without name, fully 90% of the stamps were sold.

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logged at 1, 2 and 3c each;" "Send us another lot and we will remit for all together;" "Your account quite overlooked in the moving, (after six months delay and letter dated some five months before the postmark on the cover):" "We send you bank notes in payment," (Italian notes at a discount, our loss of course), and so on enough to fill a column and all this after every effort has been made to please, and against promises of prompt settlement.

This publication has often been considered and may materialize one of these days as the West Coast could do with an organ. WILLIAMS & CO.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

The last meeting of the Society was but poorly attended and several resignations were received. One was that of a gentleman who has been heard to censure the members of the Society for not showing more enthusiasm in attending meetings and contributing to entertaining other members of the Society; while to my knowledge this complaining ex-member has not attended two meetings in the year and a half that he has been a member. The old adage of "Those who live in stone houses etc., etc." ought to fit his case pretty well, it strikes me.

Dealers report business as having been a little slow lately but there has been quite a demand for Canadian Revenues and Match and Medicine. U. S. are at the present quite flat and there is but little sale for Departments except at a very low figure, even lower in fact than the same stamps were bringing two years ago.

From now on we can expect a small sized flood of letters in defense of the Omaha labels or libels (on stamps). I have yet to meet a collector who will say that there is any good and just cause why these things should be issued. That they will be very pretty I've no doubt and to judge from the proposed description they will look well beside the highly colored chromos from Borneo, Liberia and Nicaragua, but from a strictly philatelic point of view, it would be better in my opinion to let the Omaha Exposition do without special stamps, as the various fairs at Nashville, Atlanta and San Francisco got along very well without them.

Mr. Wolsieffer's Ninth Sale which was held Saturday evening was fairly attended. There were between twenty-five and thirty collectors present and there would have been twice as many had it not been for a miniature blizzard which lasted all day.

From out of town I noticed Mr. Burton of Lake Geneva, Mr. Gurley of Danville and Major Baker of Ft. Sheridan.

Prices ruled fair considering the small attendance. I give herewith a list of all lots of single stamps bringing \$5 each and over:

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50c " " & imp.	\$2 " " " "
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50c Life Ins. " " "	\$3.50 Int. Ex. " "
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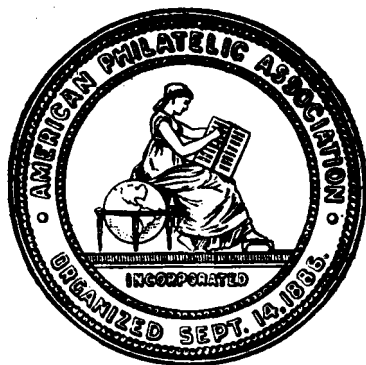
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Jenkins, G. E. Boynton.

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New York City; age 43; occupation,
Lawyer. References: Wm. Raymond
Baird, Geo. R. Tuttle, Res. Vice Pres.
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New Stockholders.

1497. **COWLES, W. G.**, Box 426,
Hartford, Conn.

Reinstated.

630. **PHINNEY, O. H.**, 712 Ann Av.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

831. **CASSINO, S. E.**, 51 Portland St.,
Boston, Mass.

415. **PERRYMAN, C. W.**, 4 Token-
house Bldg., London, E. C., England.

1265. **BREVOORT, JOHN B.**, John-
sonburg, Penn.

525. **BROWN, FRANK P.**, 325 Wash-
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90c 1888 used and new.
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

The last meeting of the Society was but poorly attended and several resignations were received. One was that of a gentleman who has been heard to censure the members of the Society for not showing more enthusiasm in attending meetings and contributing to entertaining other members of the Society; while to my knowledge this complaining ex-member has not attended two meetings in the year and a half that he has been a member. The old adage of "Those who live in stone houses etc., etc.," ought to fit his case pretty well, it strikes me.

Dealers report business as having been a little slow lately but there has been quite a demand for Canadian Revenues and Match and Medicine. U. S. are at the present quite flat and there is but little sale for Departments except at a very low figure, even lower in fact than the same stamps were bringing two years ago.

From now on we can expect a small sized flood of letters in defense of the Omaha labels or libels (on stamps). I have yet to meet a collector who will say that there is any good and just cause why these things should be issued. That they will be very pretty I've no doubt and to judge from the proposed description they will look well beside the highly colored chromos from Borneo, Liberia and Nicaragua, but from a strictly philatelic point of view, it would be better in my opinion to let the Omaha Exposition do without special stamps, as the various fairs at Nashville, Atlanta and San Francisco got along very well without them.

Mr. Wolsieffer's Ninth Sale which was held Saturday evening was fairly attended. There were between twenty-five and thirty collectors present and there would have been twice as many had it not been for a miniature blizzard which lasted all day.

From out of town I noticed Mr. Burton of Lake Geneva, Mr. Gurley of Danville and Major Baker of Ft. Sheridan.

Prices ruled fair considering the small attendance. I give herewith a list of all lots of single stamps bringing \$5 each and over:

Ent. Env., Nat. No. 9, Scott No. 1312 stamp unused	\$7 00
Ent. Env., Nat. No. 201, stamp unused	20 00
\$20 Probate of Will perf.	15 05
50c Proprietary, mended	6 75
\$1 " "	36 00
1c " inverted medallion, fine,	10 25
1851 1c strip of three type III. on o. c.	15 00
1857 1c type I., unused	6 15
1869 reprint 2c, fair, unused	8 00
1893 1c to \$3 inclusive unused	8 95

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" 6c off center	6 05
Justice 90c stained	19 05
Br. Guiana 1c, No. 12, Reprint unused	5 00
U. S. 1867 3c "all over" strip of 3	19 80
Gr. Britain reconstructed sheet of 2d 1841, No. 8, 240 stamps	11 25

The tenth sale will be held next month and will be entirely U. S., mostly Match and Medicine.

He will hold two sales in April.

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15c For. Ex. perf.	\$1 Mortgage " "
50c " " & imp.	\$2 " " " "
50c Lease " " "	\$3 Manifest " & imp.
50c Life Ins. " " "	\$3.50 Int. Ex. " & imp.
25c " " " "	\$5 Mortgage " & imp.
25c Protest " " "	5c Victor Mauger (pink)
25c W. Rec'pt " " "	5c Newspaper, wh. border

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I have at present on hand some very fine copies of B. N. A., especially Newfoundland, which I shall be pleased to submit on approval to collectors who really wish to buy. Send reference.

W. W. WALSH,
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Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd.

I have seen what I believe to be a new Bulgaria 15s, issued probably about 1895, which is not listed. It is of the same type as the 15s, 1889, perf. 13, and 15s, 1893, perf. 10½ to 11½, but is a lighter and duller shade than either of these stamps and the paper is thicker, coarser grained and has almost the appearance of a closely laid paper. The general appearance of the stamp is totally different from those of the '89 and '93 issues and is easily seen at a glance. The old perforation of 13 has also taken the place of the larger perforation of the '93 issue. In a lot of 100 of the new stamp, just received, the earliest postmark was dated 8-XII-95 and the other postmarks were of various dates in 1896 and 1897.

Bulgaria 1895, 15s, dull orange, perf. 13. Give credit to the ERA.

A pretty good story is going the rounds at the expense of the postmaster of a small village not many miles from here. A gentleman entered the post office a few evenings since with fifty drop letters to mail. He called for fifty one cent stamps, received them, mailed his letters and took his departure. The next morning after the stamps had all been cancelled the postmaster received a mild shock, doubtless simultaneous with a sulphureous explosion, on discovering the letters were all franked with 10 cent stamps. He was out just \$4.50 by the operation.

I have never seen two stamps which so closely resembled each other by lamplight as the six and ten cent stamps of Canada new issue. If similar mistakes are not of frequent occurrence in respect to these two values it will be strange. The other evening I had occasion to handle quite a number of sets of the new issue and two or three times I picked out six cent for ten cent and vice versa.

Our friend Robie is not the only man who has made lucky hauls in the line of Match and Medicine finds.

A little over a year ago quite a number of the James Eaton Match stamps, rouletted, made their appearance on the market. A traveling man nosing around in a wholesale grocery house at Newburg, N. Y., ran across two gross of Eaton matches, each package bearing one of these stamps. He purchased the lot, matches and stamps, at one cent per package, a total cost of \$2.88. As the stamps catalogue \$3 each—not a bad find.

The ERA has a number of splendid correspondents in various philatelic centers and of them all I enjoy the notes of none

EXCHANGES.

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I want U. S. and Canada and give Foreign in exchange. Will give different foreign philatelic papers for U. S. 3, 6, 8 and 15c, Due and Special Delivery. A. Burnham, P. O. Box 2447, New York, N. Y. [50]

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Send list of what you have in unused and entire Envelopes and basis of exchange. What have you to offer for U. S. Revenues, unused Columbians and Plate Numbers? Alfred E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J.

I have to exchange U. S. Postage and Revenues, Foreign Postage and a lot of German Revenues. Send list of U. S. Revenues wanted, also your sheets and receive mine. E. C. Stanley, Highland Park, Conn.

I will exchange unused Postage Dues for any of the 1869 issue, except 3c. Eugene Torrey, 533½ Fremont Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Gramophone and 10 records, horn and ear tubes complete, good as new, will exchange for stamps to the value of \$18.00. Address, Cyrus Watson, Torredale, Phila., Pa.

If you want a new watch, bicycle, camera, fire arm or jewelry, just let me know what good U. S. stamps you will exchange for any of the above. W. Herman Wiseman, 24 Elm St., Millbury, Mass.

15c worth from my sheets, priced by Scott's 58th, for 3c 1887, fine, used. All U. S. and Canada wanted. W. C. Boutt, Box 222, Altoona, Pa.

For Exchange: A Bridgeton Illustrated Postal Card for Illustrated Card from any other city. U. S. Postal Cards for Foreign. 25 varieties U. S. stamps for equal number Foreign. Chas. F. Reeves, Bridgeton, N. J. [51]

Victoria Nos. 45 and 48, 58th Catalogue and Portugal No. 5, from the De Coppet collection, for your good Match and Medicine stamps or Document Revenues. T. M. Drossner, 566 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [52]

Will exchange: 5c Playing Cards; 50c Lease, Passage Ticket, Mortgage (part perforate and imperforate); \$3.00 Manifest; \$1, \$2 and \$5 Probate of Will, for other good Revenues. Correspondence solicited. Mrs. R. A. Metcalf, The Normandie, Columbus, O.

I have a lot of stamps to exchange for others not in my collection. (No very high priced ones.) Send sheets and receive mine. W. H. Thomas, Truckee, Calif.

Exchange: A U. S. unused entire envelope, valued at \$1.50 to \$2.50, for every 100 well assorted South and Central Americans (no Mexico) and not over 15 of a kind and none catalogued under 25 cents each; any quantity taken. Also offer first class exchange with dealers as well as collectors. Do you want any U. S. Revenues and give fair grades of foreign used or unused, my sheets at catalogue, yours at 80% of catalogue, or do you want to exchange some U. S. Revenues at 80% of catalogue for foreign postage stamps? Either way will do for me as long as the boot comes my way. Write to Lindsey the Exchange Man, Greene, N. Y.

Wish to exchange Scott's 58th No. 1515, 2c brown, die B, unused and entire, cnt. \$5.00, also No. 1728 for stamps from approval sheets to the cat. value of \$5.00. Wendelin Weber, 85 Emslie St., Buffalo, N. Y. [51]

I will exchange a set of 4 Oregon Revs. in mint state, for \$2.00 worth (list) of good U. S. or Foreign postage stamps. Other stamps to exchange. Approval both ways. J. A. Pierce, 191 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [50]

3c claret Dues 1890-91, unused o. g., superfine, perf. 4 sides, to exchange for anything under the sun in the stamp line. Send along what you have for I must see them. I have the stock in petto. I have others to exchange so let me hear from you. H. F. Bartels, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [2481fc]

We will trade catalogue value any stamps we have in stock for better grade of Match stamps. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [50]

Will exchange a bicycle in good condition, with cyclometer and bell, for stamps from approval sheets for my collection to the catalogue value of \$35. J. F. Johnson, 83 Thomson St., Boston, Mass. [2411f]

TRADE COLUMN.

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Free! A good premium stamp to everyone who sends for our fine approval sheets. Packet 150 varieties, sc. 48-page price list for a 2-cent stamp. Write at once to THAYER & HILDEBRAND, Hinsdale, Ills. Satisfaction guaranteed. [51]

Newfoundland (Cabot) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, set of six unused o. g., 37c; three sets \$1.00. Cabot 1c and 2c only 8c each; 8 copies of either, or both, 45c, all unused. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Entire used Envelopes, 1887 4c carmine on buff and blue, 5c blue on buff and blue, all in fine condition, catalogue \$1.00; the four for 27 cents post paid. B. A. COTTELOW, 4707 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago.

Entire collection, about 1000 var. stamps, on sheets, on approval at 50% discount. References required. J. M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H.

Can. Jubilee ½ to 50c, \$2.10; ¼ to \$1, \$3.25. Newfoundland 1 to 15c, \$1. Canada old issue ½ to 50c, \$1.50; used, 60c; new issue ½ to 8c, 30c; used, 6c; 100 ½c, 60c. Your wants filled. PORT HOPE STAMP CO., Port Hope, Canada.

United States at 50% off Scott's 58th: Providence 5c; Mobile 5c; 1c 1851 unused; 1c 68; 24c red lilac 61; 10c Confed., outer line, used; 10c Confed. pink, used; 1c 75 unused; 90c War unused; 50c Due '93; and many others as cheap. Write for list. W. H. WATKINS, 17 W. W., Princeton, N. J.

U. S.: 1851 1c, 2c; 3c unused, 70c; 10c, 38c; 12c, \$1.05; 1861 1c unused, 20c; 3c unused, 20c, 25c; 10c unused, 75c; 12c, 25c; 24c, 25c; 30c, 35c; 90c, \$2.25. W. F. CLENDENIN, Sparta, Ill.

I want to buy a collection of 1000 to 5000 varieties of stamps, for spot cash. References, Bradstreet, Dun or any Commercial Agency. JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H.

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U. S. 5c orange '95, only 11c. To dealers, 1 doz. \$1. '71 6c carmine, 11c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa. [51]

50 Different Dates of large Old Copper U. S. Cents, 8 cts. each; all nice specimens. Bargain. 50 War Cents and War Tokens, all different, 4 cts. each. 1864, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69 and '70, 2c pieces uncirculated, mint lustre, 20c each. GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [c]

My mamma told me to keep quiet for a while in extensive advertising and so I have, but having accumulated a large stock of the better class of both U. S. and Foreign stamps, I bellow forth again with renewed vigor. I offer you anything under the sun in the stamp line at 50% discount from Scott's 58th. Send for a selection of your Wants on Approval and be convinced of the quality. Over 5000 varieties in stock. The Trade Column is good enough for me, I used to be in with the other fellers but circumstances have altered the situation. I shall be with you from now on every week and offer you bargains that will be heart-breaking and record breakers. Send along references with want-lists which will be promptly attended to. If you have anything to sell correspond with me and I'll go you, if you have anything to exchange, I'll go you, if you want to buy, I'll go you. Will you? H. F. BARTELS, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [2481fc]

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more than the scribe who signs from the city of crooked streets and bean pots.

I had not intended to make reference so soon again to a subject upon which I have already had a good deal to say, but I cannot help noticing the remarks of your correspondent in the issue of Feb. 12th anent the Newfoundland surcharge. It hardly seems to me that his own stated lack of knowledge regarding these stamps is warrant for the assertion that no one seems to know much about them although a few think they do. I hardly think that Boston is such a seat of learning and original investigation even in philatelic matters that what it does not first know the world cannot.

Such information as I have previously given regarding these stamps came to me direct from a reliable source on the ground. The statement accredited to the Postmaster General that only a very small number of the stamps were used and that dealers had practically bought up the lot, I do not believe. If true, it places in an absurd light the ruling of the Postal Department as to the sale of the stamps.

Moreover who are the lucky dealers and where are the stamps. Up to a short time ago only 16 sheets could be counted up as the number in *to* which had been received in Boston. This number may have been added to a little within the past 2 or 3 weeks, but indications are that it has been very little. A portion at least of the supply of the four or five New York dealers who had any, came from the Boston supply. I did not myself secure an unlimited supply of entire sheets and have no corner on them. Mr. Jones of the Excelsior secured two sheets. I have supplied a few dealers in other parts of the country with some so I know whence their's came.

Your correspondent quotes Mr. Nankivell as authority for the reported very small supply in London. Turning our attention to Newfoundland I know personally that the dealer who probably would and did secure the largest supply of any one, succeeded in getting only about 25 sheets, 1250 stamps. I further have good authority for believing that the holdings of other Newfoundland dealers, and there are not over 10,000 dealers on the island, are very small. Nor do I believe that to any extent postmasters or private speculators have any considerable holdings of these stamps. The supply of the great majority of the smaller post offices was exhausted before the idea of their quickly rising value as a commodity was grasped or heard of by most postmasters. That this is so I have good evidence in the shape of correspondence from postmasters. I also know that in several instances when requisitions for a fresh supply were sent to the general post office they were not filled. Some postmasters wrote me that their supply of the stamps had been small and were "used up," but they

had two or three stamps left which I could have if they were of any use to me.

Unless the Postmaster General himself and the St. Johns' Postmaster and force have formed a little corner for themselves it seems reasonable that a great part of the stamps did legitimate postal service. Two weeks ago I received information from two separate sources in Newfoundland and in both cases the correspondents say they believe the total number of unused copies will not exceed 7,000 or 8,000. Their estimate may be much too low but I am at least sure of one thing, that it is given sincerely and honestly by persons on the ground. One correspondent recently writes that during the three hours the stamps were on sale to the public about 1000 were bought up.

There are 65 international money order offices in Newfoundland.

4,000 one cent stamps does seem such a very great supply for about two months use throughout these and all other offices of the island.

I suppose that I am one of the "wise acres" referred to by your correspondent

and invited to inform the philatelic public how I obtained the complete sheets I was so fortunate as to secure. No doubt several of Boston's dealers would have gladly welcomed any such desirable information.

It is also very true that the sweetest grapes in another's vineyard are sometimes sour. As I stated two months ago it was not to be expected that the ruling of the Postal Department as to the sale of the stamps could be absolutely enforced, any more than the rulings of our own department as to the sale of unpaid letter stamps. One party, whom I know, secured some of his sheets by exchanging 1c Cabots and 1c re-issue with postmasters of smaller offices for the surcharges.

Some of mine came from this party and some I secured direct through my own efforts. There was nothing mysterious at all about the *modus operandi* and possibly if our Boston friend will interview some of the dealers of that city who were also among the fortunate ones, if he has not already done so, he can secure further information.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

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1867 3c rose, embossing covers entire stamp.....	7.80
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1867 10c green.....	.30
1867 12c black.....	.30
1867 15c black.....	.75
1867 24c gray lilac.....	3.00
1867 30c orange.....	2.50
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1873 12c blackish violet.....	.24
1873 7c vermilion, ribbed paper.....	10.00
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1882 6c brown, unused o. g.....	.25
1882 6c brown red.....	.05
1882 10c yellow brown, unused o. g.....	.20
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1882 3c red brown, unused o. g.....	.01
1882 4c green.....	.01
1882 4c green, unused o. g.....	.04
1887 3c vermilion, unused o. g.....	.07
1887 1c unused o. g.....	.04
1888 4c carmine, unused o. g.....	.07
1888 5c indigo.....	.25
1888 30c orange brown.....	.25
1888 90c purple.....	.65
1890 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c, 9 for.....	.12
1890 30c black.....	.06
1890 90c orange.....	.32
1893 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, 8 for.....	.15
1893 15c dark green.....	.10
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1893 90c slate blue, unused o. g.....	2.00
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Our list received another substantial addition the past week by the contribution of a local collector, Mr. W. N. Taylor, as acknowledged above.

In reply to our enquiry as to the progress and prospects of the case we have received the following self-explanatory letter.

New York City, Feb. 21, 1893. Mr. W. W. Jewett.

Dear Sir: In reply to your favor, the newspaper stamp trial is set down for the April term of the court. Collect all you can for we do not know how far we may have to go in defending the case.

Yours truly, J. W. SCOTT Co.

Now we trust that if you haven't already contributed you will do so at once. "If you cannot give a dollar give a dime."

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F. G. SWEET, 619 Equitable Building, Baltimore, Md.

From Davenport

to Muscatine is 28 miles. From Muscatine to Davenport is supposed to be 28 miles also, but, judging from the time it took us to make the return trip to the Kimball House, it must have been nearer fifty or a hundred miles. We can hardly account for it. "Genial Joseph" swears he put us on the right train, labeled "O. K.," with a ticket in our fist, and reasonably sober; that is, our mind was all right, even if our legs were slightly on the curve. But there is no use talking, when next we visit our Iowa friends, we shall have to quit drinking River water—we are no used to it.

We shall not quit advertising CANADIAN REVENUES, however, for a long time to come. Our Catalogue, 10c, will give you an idea of these beautiful stamps, and discounts (according to amount of purchase, brings them down to a very low price). Let us hear from you.

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Number 1701.

U. S. Wrapper, cat. \$15.00, entire, fine. \$5.00; Switzerland, 3c blue on original cover. Newfoundland entire—3c violet, unused, cat. 8c. .04; 3c blue, unused, cat. 12c. .06

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UNITED STATES.

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\$1 Passage Ticket	4 37½
\$15 Mortgage blue	4 50
\$15 " milky blue	4 80
\$15 " bright sky-blue	7 00
\$20 Conveyance	90
\$20 Probate of Will	23 00
\$25 Mortgage	2 50
\$50 U. S. I. R.	2 60
\$200 U. S. I. R.	12 00
Second Issue 6c 1 05; \$1.30	3 00
\$1.60, 10 00; \$1.90	2 50
\$3.50, 3 50; \$10	1 65
\$20, 9 00; \$25	11 60
\$50, 8 00; \$5,000 photograph	80
Third Issue \$10 o. g. 2 62½; \$20	7 75
Inverted Medallions 2c violet paper	2 87½
2c green paper	3 00
Proprietary 1871 5c violet paper ○ o. g.	2 50
5c green paper	2 00
10c violet "	2 75
50c green "	15 75
Proprietary 1878 10c unused full o. g.	9 00
3c rouletted ○ o. g.	1 60
5c uncanceled copy	22 00

Confederate States:

Mobile 5c on original cover	2 12½
New Orleans 5c on white on orig. c.	1 05
" 5c on bluish " "	1 25
1861 10c light blue ○ o. g.	75
1863 20c ⊕	1 40

FOREIGN.

Antigua 1873 2½d brown CC ⊕	5 50
1886 1sh ○ o. g.	3 25
Argentine Republic 1891 5 pesos ⊕	1 62½
Baden 1861 1kr black ○	65
Bahamas 1890 5sh P. O. state	1 25
1890 £1 P. O. state	6 37½
Barbadoes 1852 1d blued p. ○ o. g.	75
1852 4d blued paper ○ o. g.	1 62½
1871 6d small star ⊕	75
1882 5sh P. O. state	4 12½
Bavaria 1849 1kr black ⊕	2 90
1867 6kr blue unused no gum	75
1867 1skr " " "	1 10
1874 1M wmk. lozenges unused no gum	1 12½
Bermuda 1875 1d on 3d ○ no gum	1 90
Brazil 1843 30 reis ⊕	3 25
1861 430 reis ⊕	3 25
1878 700 reis ⊕	2 00
Bremen 1855 5gr rose ○ o. g.	1 00
1866 7gr yellow ○ no gum	1 60
Br. Bechuanaland 1887 2sh P. O. state	87½
1887 2sh 6d P. O. state	1 25
1887 5sh " "	1 87½
1887 10sh " "	3 87½

Br. Columbia 1868 25c perf. 12½ ○ o. g.	7 50
1868 50c perf. 12½ ⊕	6 00
" " " 14 ○ o. g.	3 25
Br. Honduras 1872-74 3d perf. 14 ⊕	1 00
1872-4 1sh perf. 14 ⊕	1 40
1888 50c on 1sh P. O. state	75
Buenos Ayres 1861 1 peso rose ⊕	1 40
Canada 1851 6d ⊕ laid paper	2 20
1852 6d ⊕ wove paper	1 85
another on cover	3 00
1858 ½d pink ⊕	4 25
1868 12c watermarked ⊕	1 37½
Registered 8c ○ o. g. (2) 1.75;	1 60
Env. 1860-5 10c entire ○	2 80
Cape of Good Hope 1853 1sh ⊕	2 10
1885 5sh orange P. O. state	5 00
1894 1sh apple-green P. O. state	1 60
Ceylon 1864-7 4d rose ○ o. g.	1 25
1864-7 9d brown ○ o. g.	1 80
1885 10 on 64 ○ o. g.	2 40
1858 envelope 4d ○ □	75
Colombia, Panama 1878 20c red ○ o. g.	80
Cuba 1870 5c ⊕	2 00
1878 10c ○ full gum	1 00
1879 10c ○ "	1 75
1883 20c ○ " Scott No. 115,	1 50
Denmark 1853-7 8s ○	2 00
1863 16s lilac rouletted ⊕	2 25
Dominica 1874 1sh lake ⊕	2 20
1886 6d orange P. O. state	2 62½
1886 1sh lake CA	10 75
Egypt 1866 10 pia ○	3 75
1867 5 pia ⊕	2 00
Eritrea 1892 5l P. O. state	1 40
Finland 1885 10M ⊕	2 25
1889 10M ⊕	1 12½
1892 3½ roubles P. O. state	2 00
France 1849 15c ⊕	80
1852 10c ⊕	85
1853 1 frc ⊕	2 20
Alsace and Lorraine 1870 Inverted net 1c ⊕	5 00
1870 Inverted net 5c ⊕	1 12½
Gibraltar 1889 5p steel blue P. O. state	1 80
Gold Coast 1889 5sh P. O. state	1 40
1889 10sh P. O. state	2 90
1891 20sh " "	5 50
Gr. Britain 1862 9d ○ no gum	2 60
1883-4 9d P. O. state	1 05
1883-4 1½, 6, 9d, 1sh Gov't Parcels ⊕	2 40
Mulready envelope ⊕	2 45
Hamburg 1861-5 7s orange ⊕	1 30
1861-5 9s orange ⊕	3 00
Hanover 1853 3d red ⊕	1 75
1856 3d red ⊕ grey net work	2 00
1859 3p green ○ o. g.	2 00
Envelope ○ 1857 2s g ○	1 50
Hawaiian Is. 1859-65 2c (numeral) black on blue ○	5 75
1862 2c vertically laid ○ no gum	2 62½
1882 15c ○ no gum	1 25
1885 50c ○ no gum	2 50
Hayti 1881 20c ○ o. g. large margins	5 12½
Heligoland 1 mark ○ o. g.	1 80
5 marks ○ o. g.	2 35
Env. 20pf on 10pf □ ○	1 50
Hungary 1871 3kr lithograph ⊕	3 25
1871 10kr lithograph ○ no gum	13 25
Italy 1854 5c green ⊕	90
1854 40c rose ⊕	2 50
Jamaica 1883 1d CA ○ o. g.	1 30

Jamaica 1890 2d CA ○ o. g.	2 35
Japan 1872-3 2s vermilion thin wove ○ o. g.	60
1871 15s lilac P. O. state	75
1876-7 45s carmine ○	3 00
Labuan 1880-2 6c orange ○ no gum	1 50
1880-2 12c red ○ no gum	3 50
1880-2 16c blue ○ no gum	1 50
1883 2c (A5) on 5c ○ o. g.	2 25
Lagos 1891 5sh P. O. state	1 45
1891 10sh P. O. state	2 60
Lubeck Envelope 1863 2s ○ □	90
Luxemburg 1865 37½c stone ⊕	1 12½
Madagascar 1886 1d (Scott No. 39) ○	2 00
1886 1d (Scott No. 51) ○	1 62½
Maderia 1876 120r blue ⊕	90
Malta 1863 ¼d golden yellow ○	1 20
1886 5sh P. O. state	1 40
Montserrat 1884 2½ brown practically P. O. state	5 37½

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd.

The stamp business here is very good. The principal demand is for unused English Colonies, and new issues. Entire envelope stamps seem to be practically dead, and with very few exceptions they can be bought at half catalogue or even less. Match and medicine stamps, although they have been boomed for all they are worth, are not very good sellers. It is said that why they are not extensively advertised by the dealers as they were, is that it is expected that certain ones will be advanced in price next season, and judging from the price that a great many of them have been bringing, if they should reduce the price one half, it would be nearer what they are worth. It should be understood that these notes are based upon the Boston market alone, and I have every reason to suppose that more stamps are sold in Boston than in any other place in the United States, with perhaps the exception of New York City.

In speaking of old-time prices for postage stamps, Mr. Hunter, of Newton, states that in 1860 he bought a shilling New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for 75 cts. each. Mr. Copeland, another old-time collector, says that in the 60's he bought in Boston an original 3 lire Tuscany, unused, for \$6.50. This stamp is now catalogued at three hundred dollars, used, and not priced unused. He says that in those days \$5.00 or thereabout to pay for a stamp was considered a fabulous price.

The demand for the surcharged Newfoundland seems to have abated. The dealers in Boston still appear to get their weekly supply, by the sheet, and a well known business firm in St. Johns offers to furnish them, by the sheet, at a fancy price. It is funny, isn't it, when most of the issue was said to be used for postage, and only 5 unused copies were sold to each purchaser.

A stamp that is much sought after by the speculator, in this vicinity, is the ½d bistre wmk. C. C. Sierra Leone, catalogued at 35 cts. This stamp is said, by those who pretend to know, to be one of the stamps of the future. There are two other stamps that are readily bringing full catalogue value, in unused condition, namely, the 2d and 1sh, 1893, Niger Coast Protectorate, and they are practically unattainable, even at full catalogue, in blocks of four. Mr. Snow, one of Boston's well-known collectors, when in Europe about two years ago, bought a sheet of 60, of the 2d and sold them to a Boston dealer for \$25.00. The sheet to-day would bring \$75.00. There are dozens of stamps in the market,

at the present time, that would net the investors a large rate of interest in the future. Entire envelopes and Match and Medicine stamps, compared with this class of goods, are not in it at all.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Notes.

Among the recent visitors to our town was Mr. Edgar Nelton of New York. Mr. Nelton is known as the "Philatelic Rambler" and has probably seen more of the largest and finest collections in the United States and Canada than any man in America. All the Toronto collectors who had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Nelton speak very highly of him.

Mr. Matthew R. Knight, of Oak Hill, N. B., has been trying to induce the Post Office Department to grant him second class rates on his paper, *The Philatelic Messenger*. This the department has not seen fit to do on the grounds that "the statutory privilege of free transmission does not apply to any publication which is issued as an adjunct to another business in which its owner is engaged." In the January number of the *Messenger* Mr. Knight complains of this hardship, which it undoubtedly is, as his paper is just as much entitled to second class rates as any philatelic paper published in Canada. If I may offer a suggestion it would be that Mr. Knight has taken the wrong way to obtain the concession. "'Tis true 'tis pity and pity 'tis 'tis true" that there exists such a state of facts that it is necessary to have a "pull" in order to obtain second class rates. If Mr. Knight desires to secure the concession he will cease endeavoring to force the government to look at the matter through his eyes. The government is too strong to be bulldozed by a private individual. There is sometimes, perhaps, great courage shown in butting one's head against a stone wall, but this certainly is not an evidence of great brain power. No: what Mr. Knight will have to do is what was done by the publisher of a now defunct philatelic paper, that is, get some good reformer who has a "pull" at Ottawa interested in the matter. It will not be long before the Department will see that they have been labouring under a mistake.

Very little is heard now-a-days regarding the Dominion Philatelic Association. The Secretary has lost interest or else the society is dead, as no Secretary's report is in the last number of the official organ. It is to be hoped that this once live society is not now going to be allowed to die. Apparently Brother Muirhead has not succeeded as well as he had anticipated when he took the reins of government of the Association.

Messrs. Starnaman Bros. of Berlin should make an effort to rout out the nest of young frauds who reside there. Several American dealers sent stamps on approval to different parties in Berlin. In almost every case the youngsters refused to settle. The dealers uniting their claims placed them in the hands of a Berlin lawyer. The latter gentleman made it very interesting for the youths who were nearly frightened to death. As they had disposed of the stamps however, and were the children of poor parents, the matter was allowed to drop. Should such a thing occur again there will be more serious results for the participants.

Mr. Chas. Elliott, of Elliott & Rowland, of Wellington St., East, Toronto, is now recognized as the philatelist's lawyer of Toronto. He has done a great deal of collecting for Toronto and American dealers, and any foreign or Canadian collector having accounts against parties in Toronto should send them to him.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, February 23rd.

A good supply of the 5c blue is now on hand at the Bureau but it is probable that it will be a month or more before they are sent out, as the stock of brown will scarcely be exhausted by that time.

The engravers at the Bureau are busily engaged on the much lamented Omaha stamps. Some of the designs have been finished, but as yet no plates have been made. It is thought that they will not be placed on sale before the opening of the Exposition.

It is rumored that an earlier set of 1c plates, Nos. 452 to 455, have been found in green. Can any one confirm this report?

A change in the color of the 10c has been recommended at the Department on account of the similarity to the 1c denomination, but owing to the large supply on hand no steps have been taken. In fact, we are glad to be able to state that there have been practically no stamp plates made at the Bureau during the last two months.

A gradual abolishment of the greater number of the stamp agencies maintained by the Post Office Department in practically all the cities and towns of any size in the country is now under way. These agencies are usually located in drug or cigar stores, often near Post Office sub-stations and pay \$24 yearly. Exceptions to the rule will be made when the agencies are located in places remote from the post office station, sub-station, and the general post office. In lieu of these agencies, the Department, after July 1, when the appropriation becomes available, will substitute regular sub-stations wherever there is a manifest necessity for them. In these sub-stations there will be practically every facility, including the issuance of money orders and registering of letters, just the same as in the regular post office.

Among visitors to the city the past week were Dr. J. H. Stebbins and Mr. W. H. Mandel, of New York, and Mr. Franklin Stearns of Richmond.

The first auction of the new Philatelic Society was held last night. The largest attendance at a Washington stamp sale is to be reported, and the prices realized were generally satisfactory, some few of the lots bringing almost catalogue price.

A Hawaiian gentleman has kindly shown

us a few of the stamps of his country which have not been catalogued. They are provisional surcharges: 10c red brown surcharged in red, and the 12c black with double surcharge in red. The former is doubtless a great rarity, and it is said that probably only one sheet existed. Another curiosity is the 18c with double surcharge in black, one of which was much fainter than the other.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 18th, 1898.

PHILATELIC ERA,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: We beg to inform you that we received on January 12th, from a party by the name of Frank Eberhardt, Yorkshire, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., a lot of revenue stamps, mounted in an approval book from which the prices had been cut out. We immediately suspected these to be stolen stamps and upon inquiry the sender informed us that he had bought them from a party named George Sovereign, Arcade, Wyoming Co., N. Y. We wrote to this George Sovereign and about a week later received a reply in the handwriting of Frank Eberhardt stating that the stamps had been bought from him (Sovereign) on November 5th, 1897. The whole matter looks like a scheme between two boys to blind us as to the origin of the stamps.

Would you kindly mention this party's name in the next number of the ERA, inquiring whether any dealer had any losses through him. We still hold the stamps in our possession; they catalogue \$5.24.

Trusting that we will by your aid find the rightful owner, we remain,

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CARION vs. DR BEGGS.

DENVER, COLO., Feb. 18, 1898.

Ed. WEEKLY ERA.

Dear Sir: Will you kindly give me space to explain a serious philatelic experience of the past week. Some of the Denver papers here have chronicled the arrest of Dr. Wm. N. Beggs on the charge of using the mails to defraud. This is a mistake. At this writing the doctor has not yet been arrested, but a complaint charging the above infraction, has been sworn out against him by T. H. Haywood of this city. The offense alleged, was committed in November, 1896. On the request of the Dr., Georges Carion of San Francisco consigned to him a shipment of stamps on approval, taking care to enclose a stamped and self-address-

ed envelope for their return. After waiting a long while he courteously requested their return but the doctor was not ready to send them back. After awhile Carion got excited and, as the doctor claims, dunned him for the amount on a postal card, which as everyone knows is also an offense against the law. At this point of the game the doctor evidently thought he had a "cinch" for he persistently refused to return the property. Carion complained about six months ago to the Federal Authorities. The Dr. evidently convinced the Postal Inspectors that he was innocent, or that there was a lack of evidence sufficient to convict.

Lately however Carion has found the original order, requesting stamps on approval and here is the bone of contention. Dr. Beggs claims the order is a forgery, and only a hearing or trial will establish the truth or falsity of the charge. The fact still stands out prominently, nevertheless, that Beggs has the stamps, and Carion is out the amount and the self-addressed letter with postage sufficient for their return through the registered mail.

To all honest people the one thought forces itself, if Beggs really did not send for them as he claims, and that they were sent unsolicited, why could he not have returned them like a gentleman if he did not care to buy them. The end is not yet, and I will keep you posted should the matter come to trial.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

Unless otherwise noted all papers are January issues.

- American Collector*, Vol. III. No. 2.
- American Journal of Philately*, February, Vol. XI. No. 2.
- Australian Philatelist*, December, Vol. IV. No. 5.
- Boston Stamp Book*, Vol. III. No. 8.
- Boys' Own Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 2.
- Briefmarke*, Vol. IV. No. 7.
- Evergreen State Philatelist*, February, Vol. IX. No. 2.
- Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, Vol. VI. No. 4.
- Herald Exchange*, February, Vol. III. No. 6.
- Home Worker*, February, Vol. V. No. 2.
- London Philatelist*, Vol. VII. No. 1.
- Lone Star State Philatelist*, Vol. VI. No. 1.
- Metropolitan Philatelist*, February, Vol. VIII. No. 11.
- Perforator*, February, Vol. I. No. 12.
- Philatelic Advocate*, Vol. IV. No. 2.
- Philatelic Messenger*, Vol. II. No. 4.
- Philatelist, Der*, Vol. XIX. No. 1.
- Post Office*, Vol. VII. No. 82.
- Revista Philatelica do Brazil*, December, Vol. II. No. 12.
- Stamp Collectors' Journal*, Vol. XX. No. 231.
- Stampman*, Vol. II. No. 5.
- Stamps*, Vol. II. No. 1.
- Timbre Poste*, Vol. XXXVI. No. 421.

Before commencing upon the magazines I desire to say a word or two on a couple of society year books that I have received.

The first is that of the Collectors Club of New York, which has just completed its first year of existence and commemorates it by issuing a neatly printed forty page octavo pamphlet containing portraits of the officers and committee chairmen and views of the various rooms in the club house. Also the constitution, by-laws, and articles of incorporation of the Club together with a report of the annual meeting and all the annual reports of the various officers and committees. A history of the Club by John Luff shows how the Club came to be and the book concludes with a list of the members and of the books etc. in the library. My thanks are due to Treasurer John W. Scott for the book.

The other work comes from across the water and is the Twentieth Annual of the Internationaler Philatelisten-Verein of Dresden. It comprises 135 pages of text and a few advertisements. The society starts off the year with 1863 members on the roll, the total for the past year being 2009. It is safe to say that 1898 will not close without that number being left far in the rear.

The first part of the book is devoted to a summary of the history of the club, a brief sketch of each year's work. The catalogue of the library fills some 23 pages while the archives fill some 8 more, largely being composed of society publications such as year books, constitutions, rules etc. from associations all over the world. There are some fifteen albums containing the photographs of members, and several albums of forgeries etc. The list of members in the various countries who stand ready for a nominal commission to purchase current stamps for members is a valuable department and it is to be hoped that the American Philatelic Association will sometime adopt this idea. The list is arranged by countries and lists are given of the stamps, etc. that can be obtained. The full list of members is arranged geographically, the "Sections," or branches as we would call them, coming first, and then the unattached members by towns. An alphabetical list of members follows the geographical list, acting as an index to the main list.

The *American Journal of Philately* has a full article on the "Stamps of Haiti" by Joseph B. Leavy. The list is brought down to the provisional issue of 1890, since which time there have been no issues requiring special treatment. It is the most exhaustive list published for many years, and ought to be a great aid to those who specialize in this country.

Another "Cycle" stamp is described in the last *Australian Philatelist*. It was issued by the Lake Lefroy company and is of the value of sixpence. Its life will probably be short, as when the government post reaches the goldfields it will be out of a job.

In the *Boston Stamp Book* is a good proposition for the American Philatelic Association to consider at its next convention.

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The *Evergreen State Philatelist* gives a list of the great men of philately heading the list with Joe Beard who is the equivalent of Bill Nye. Georges Carion figures as Dreyfus, C. W. Kissenger as Napoleon, Machiavelli and Tom Platt, all in one, while your humble servant is considered as the representative of W. T. Stead, the *Review of Reviews* man. Thanks awfully!!

The *Herald Exchange* gives an interesting account of the postal service of Tristan da Cunha, a lonely group of Islands in the South Atlantic, southwest of Saint Helena. There is only one mail a year and that sent last year consisted of 10 letters, 3 papers, 2 packages of books, and a large bundle of newspapers. Wonder why they don't celebrate the coming of the annual mail ship by a series of Jubilee stamps? It would be rather more appropriate than some of the issues we have had. The islands are under the protection of Cape Colony.

A most interesting paper is that read before the London Society last December by T. W. Hall which appears in the *London Philatelist*. It is devoted to the early issues of Peru and while it mostly treats of the first two or three issues, it contains many interesting notes concerning subsequent emissions. Several officials documents are given, and there is an autotype plate showing the various types. M. P. Castle has an illustrated article on the 1867 newspaper stamps of Austria. The differences between the three types are summed up briefly as follows:

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The *Lone Star State Philatelist* presents a portrait of E. E. Weaver, president of the Sons of Philatelia. The heading given to the article on the Omaha stamps is "A National Disgrace." So say we all of us.

The only original article in the *Metro-politan Philatelist* is the one defending the Omaha issue. We regret to see that Mr. Scott is standing up for these stamps. While it is not to be denied that they will find ready purchasers, and will no doubt lead many to become collectors, still it is setting a bad precedent. The next cotton exposition at New Orleans, or Southern fair at Atlanta, or Mid-winter fair on the Pacific Coast, could with equal right demand special issues for their benefit. The Columbian stamps were not issued to commemorate the Columbian exposition. They, like the fair, were intended to be a memorial of the discovery of America. I believe in the issue of jubilee stamps for notable occasions, but not for every fair or exposition that may be of more than local interest. It would have been more than proper for Great Britain to have commemorated the Queen's jubilee with an appropriate issue of stamps and the colonies were perfectly right in doing the same. But the limited quantities and limited life of the stamps is what philatelists object to in these emissions.

The *Philatelic Messenger* now appears with a reduced copy of the jubilee portrait of the Queen on the cover of the magazine. The catalogue of Canadian stamps is right down to date and there is a list of British West Indian stamps issued during 1897. There are numerous notes from various centers, a new departure being a column and a half of Massachusetts's news. I think the post office authorities show very poor judgment in refusing second class rates to this paper and granting it to some others.

Der Philatelist still continues its catalogue of Turkish stamps, which will be a very valuable reference list when finished. Collectors of philatelic literature will be interested in the advertisement of a large number of duplicate papers which are offered by the librarian at fixed prices. The list comprises some three and a half pages, and is largely made up of foreign papers.

The *Post Office* is now owned by J. C. Morganthau & Co, who have also purchased the stock of the late Henry Gremmel. The most interesting feature of the number is the communication from the Mankin Community Committee, concerning the stamps issued by that office. A letter from the U. S. Consul General accompanies the communication and it seems to me that the stamps are as regular postal issues as those of any country in the world. They were not issued in response to a demand from

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collectors, but simply to obviate the work of book-keeping formerly required in keeping accounts with every patron of the office for postage due. These accounts were settled quarterly and as the postmaster had no salary it was rather too much to require of him. So it was decided to issue stamps. No surcharges were made and no postage dues. The plates were also destroyed when the stamps went out of use so that no reprints can be made.

I thought another "Yellow day" had arrived one day last week when I opened my mail and found no less than four philatelic papers in that color, and to cap the climax Friend Deats sent a letter on the most gorgeous orange paper I have ever seen. The *Stampman* is on pale yellow and came in an orange envelope! But its contents are not "yellow." The leader is a very humorous account of how Colonel John Cabot, the dago, discovered Newfoundland and came to have a set of stamps issued in his honor. The postscript of the article is "N. B. This is an ad. We have some of these stamps for sale."

Our Rushden, England, contemporary, *Stamps*, has grown since I saw it last and has also put on a white dress. It is now of the ordinary magazine size and is much improved. The "Beginner's Corner" is particularly good and will be of great help to amateurs. Enlarged cuts showing the differences in the type used for *Norge* on the 1877 and 1894 issues of that country are one of the features in this number.

Le Timbre Poste presents an article on the varieties of the 3 cent 1851-57 United States stamps, illustrated with diagrams showing the position of the extra lines etc. There is also a serial article enumerating the various Jubilee issues that have appeared, with full descriptions and notes.

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Official Reports. February, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

By referring to officers above, members will find result of election for this year.

ANDREW M. FINE,
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MANAGER OF EXCHANGE'S REPORT.

By the time this report is published in the ERA the Exchange Department will be in working order.

If will be the policy of the Manager to conduct the Department on strictly business principles. Settlement of all accounts will be required in every case as soon as presented. Sheets will be retired from circuit and payment made to their owners as soon as the Manager thinks the desirable stamps have been removed.

Criticism and suggestions are invited and it is hoped that all members of the Association will take an active interest in the Department, sending for sheets, which will be supplied at 10c per dozen, and filling them with desirable specimens, priced at what they are worth. Stamps priced too high will not sell. Members desiring to purchase from the Department are requested to send in their names to be placed on circuit. It will be necessary for members desiring to purchase stamps from circuit to secure a small supply (3 or 4) printed envelopes from the Manager, to be always used in forwarding books by registered mail.

A set of rules is being formulated and will be published as soon as they are sanctioned by the Official Board. One of the rules submitted requires owners to pay an insurance of about 1% on value of sheets. The fund so collected to be used in paying members for any loss that may occur by reason of stamps being lost in transit, &c.

Very truly yours,

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The 268th regular meeting was called to order by President Miller on the evening of February 17th.

Present: Messrs. Miller, Lefever, Massoth, Michael, Wolsieffer, Pierce and Seavern.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The application of Mr. Douglas for active membership was approved by the Governing Board and ordered posted.

Mr. W. E. Burton was elected member. Number 446 (Corresponding).

The Governing Board ordered accepted the resignation of Messrs. C. E. Block, C. E. Field, A. H. Rush, and J. A. Schmitt of Chicago and Mr. W. J. Gascoyne of Baltimore.

Mr. O. K. Carstaphen of Denver, was dropped for non-payment of dues.

Adjourned at 9.30 p. m.
 C. E. SEVERN, Sec'y.

Something New . . .

In this space each week. Today we offer, Postpaid, the following **Newfoundland Bargains:**
 1 and 2c Cabot unused o. g., 8c each; the two for 15c. ALSO **Cat. Our price**
 24c blue 1866 unused o. g. 75c 45c
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ANOTHER SHAVE! Can You Outfasten Year Gaze From These Prices?

Following Used Unless Specified:
 Set Interior, o. g., \$3.25, four sets. \$12.00
 " P. O., part unused. 3.25
 " Executive "Specimen" 5.00
 " Treasury, 7c unused, 24c very fine 4.25
 " War, 7c unused. 2.40
 " Interior, used and fine 2.60

Following Unused O. G.:
 2 sets 1894, no wmk., 50c to \$5.00, each 8.25
 Columbians, \$4, \$5, and pair \$3. 13.50
 1894 \$2, two copies; 1895 \$2, 3 copies, lot. 9.50
 Interior rock block 9, rare, soft paper. 3.00
 3c red brown, Due, rare shade, strip 5. 4.50
 3c " " " " 3. 2.75
 Interior 10c, rare, soft paper, 30c hard paper.25
 Block 50, 2c 1890, cap on left 2, rare. 3.50
 Columbian Evns. unused, entire; 1c, 13c for \$1.75; 2c large square size, 10c for \$2.25; 5c, 24 for \$1.40; 10c, 10 for. 1.10

Following are Used:
 1863 3c, 400 copies.80
 1875 3c Nat., cat. 5c each, 30 copies 40
 1869 3c, 100 copies. 75
 1875 7c, 25 copies, both varieties. 7.00
 " 12c, 55 " " " " 11.00
 " 6c carmine, hard paper, 20 copies. 1.25
 " 15c hard paper, 16 copies. 3.40
 " 15c soft paper, 22 copies. 1.80
 " 24c 20 picked, superb copies. 17.00
 " 30c hard paper, 15 copies. 2.50
 " 30c soft paper, 65 copies. 3.50
 " 90c hard paper, 3 copies. 1.50
 " 90c soft paper, 8 copies. 3.25
 1875 15c ribbon paper, 4 copies. 2.00
 1887 3c vermilion, 35 copies. 1.30
 1888 4c carmine, 100 copies. 1.80
 1890 3c—300 copies. 1.75
 " 4c—650 " " " " 75
 " 5c—800 " " " " 1.80
 " 6c—150 " " " " 2.50
 " 8c—250 " " " " 3.25
 " 15c—80 " " " " 2.10
 " 30c—100 " " " " 3.25
 " 50c—50 " " " " 10.25
 1894 6c—150 " " " " 1.80
 Block 16 90c orange, lightly cancelled. 5.25
 War: 2c—18 copies; 2c—7; 12c—7; 24c—8; 30c—8; entire lot. 2.75
 Cols.: 3c, 475 copies, \$6.50; 4c, 300—\$2.50; 5c, 180—\$2.50; 6c, 100—\$3.75; 8c, 325—\$4.25; 10c, 260—\$2.25; 15c, 35—\$2.50; 30c, 13—\$5.00; entire lot. 25.00

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19	Gold Coast 1884-91 1sh violet.....	.12
40	Great Britain 1856 1sh green.....	.10
82	" " 1867-69 2sh blue.....	.20
91	" " 1872-74 6d brown.....	.20
93	" " " 6d gray.....	.18
96	" " " 1sh green.....	.10
118	" " 1880 5d deep indigo.....	.15
119	" " " 6d gray.....	.25
120	" " " 1sh salmon.....	.12
132	" " 1883 1sh violet and red.....	.12
140	" " 1883-84 4d green.....	.12
142	" " 1885 80pa green.....	.15
72	Greece 1882 30l milky blue.....	.25
4	Grenada 1860-66 1d blue green.....	.10
106	Guadeloupe 1884 5c black (unpaid).....	.15
16	Guatemala 1879 1r black and green.....	.12
32	Hawaii 1864-71 5c blue.....	.20
33	" " " 5c green.....	.15
44	" " 1883-86 10c red-brown.....	.10
77	" " 1894 10c green.....	.10
78	" " " 20c blue.....	.20
79	" " " 25c.....	.25
59	Haiti 1881 9c blue, imperforated.....	.25
10	" " " 20c red brown, imperforate ..	1.25
12	" " 1882 5c green, perforate.....	.10
10	" " " 20c red brown.....	.15
42	" " 1891 7c red.....	.15
24	Heligoland 25pf tarmine and green.....	.60
15	Hong Kong 1863-77 24c green.....	.10
20	" " " 96c gray.....	.10
31	" " 1880-81 5c blue.....	.10
36	" " 1882-84 10c violet, CA.....	.30
44	" " 1890 50c on 48c violet.....	.10
45	" " \$1.00 on 96c brown.....	.20
126	" " \$5 on \$10 brown red.....	3.00
14	Hungary 1872 25kr lilac.....	.10
81	Jhind (Punjab) 1885 1/2a green.....	.10
51	Patiala 1885 1/2a green, "Service".....	.10
510	Italy 1881 5c green, "Estero".....	.10
511	" " 10c rose.....	.15
15	Jamaica 1871 3d green.....	.12
16	" " 4d vermilion.....	.15
17	" " 6d lilac.....	.10
102	" " 1880 1sh rose, (pen canceled) ..	1.00
55	Japan 1874 30s gray.....	1.00
61	" " 1875 10c blue.....	.35
63	" " 15c lilac.....	.50
64	" " 10c carmine.....	.10
18	Liberia 1880 6c purple.....	.20
20	" " 24c carmine.....	.75
23	" " 1882 1/2c pink.....	.40
38	" " 1892 8c slate violet.....	.10
39	" " 8c blue.....	.10
48	" " 32c blue.....	.35
17	Luxemburg 1865-72 1c brown.....	.10
12	Malta 1885 4d brown.....	.10
13	" " 1sh lilac.....	.10
87	Mauritius 1885-87 16c brown.....	.10
101	" " 1893-94 15c.....	.10
24	Dominica 1890 1sh lake, CA, fine.....	22.50
3	" " 1874 1sh " CC.....	4.00
35	France 1853 1fr lake fine.....	4.00
26	Nevis 1882 4d blue.....	4.75
27	Newfoundland 1866 5c brown, fine.....	5.00
267	New Zealand 1885 30sh brown.....	3.50

Unused Stamps.

10	Canada 1857 7 1/2d green.....	25.00
80	" " 1888 10c carmine red.....	2.50
159	" " 1875 2c vermilion (registered) ..	.30
19	Nevis 1867 1sh green, unsevered pair.....	16.00
22	" " 1879 2 1/2d brown, CC.....	7.50

United States.

All Unused with Full Original Gum.

41	1851-56 3c red.....	\$2.00	\$0.50
41	Unsevered pair.....		2.00
41	Block of four.....		6.00
70	1855-60 5c brown.....	7.50	3.75
124	1867 1c blue.....	6.50	3.25
103	1870-71 1c ultramarine.....	3.50	1.00
195	" " 3c green.....	2.50	.50
270	1879 15c red orange.....	.50	.25
272	1879 30c black.....	2.00	1.00
181	1880 1c buff.....	2.50	1.25
297	1882 10c brown.....	.50	.25
298	" " 10c yellow brown.....	.50	.25
299	" " 10c black.....	5.00	2.50
309	1887 30c orange.....	.85	.40
626	Treasury 1c vel. brown.....	3.50	1.00

Terms: Cash with order. Postage extra on orders under 50c. Unused stamps not accepted. Please remit by Bills or P. O. Money Order. Numbers at left refer to 58th edition Catalogue. [51*

C. F. Rothfuchs,

66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Detroit News.

Local stamp men were much disappointed at Mr. Batchelder of the New England Co. being obliged to cancel his engagements with us, for a time at least, owing to his train being blocked by snow, entailing a delay of eight hours, and those who waited for him so patiently at the Cadillac were obliged to retie their purse strings and "face about." Still this little disappointment was not without its funny features. It appears a Mr. Batchelder registered at the Hotel the night before our Mr. B. was expected, and all went well till the hour announced for Mr. Batchelder's "At Home" to Detroit Collectors arrived, and then the wrong Mr. B. (not Wright) found himself a much looked-for man. After encountering half a dozen cranks thirsting for a squint at the Hundred Thousand Dollar Collection, he paid his bill and fled, and who can say that he was not wise?

The regular meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association was held in their rooms in the Cawie Bldg., Monday evening, the 21st.

An auction sale of some 40 lots was held and while the night being a stormy one, the attendance was poor, prices realized were fairly good.

Society members are making a most vigorous kick, pardon me—protest—if you please! against the so-called Omaha Imposition series. While such an issue would, no doubt, awaken a great deal of interest among non-philatelists and add many recruits to our number, the disastrous results exemplified in the Canadian Jubilee issue, arising from such an issue should not be under-estimated. Personally I must think that it will disgust many a fair-minded philatelist to see our fair Country grovelling in the mire for our poor dollars, as only our Central and South American republics know how to do. The local Society adopted resolutions condemning the issue and voiced letters of protest to the Postmaster General and our Representative in Congress. However if the plates have been prepared, as stated by some, our prayers and curses can be of little avail.

Mr. Norrington, of Bay City, an old time collector, whose interest has been recently aroused by his son's collection, was a recent visitor to our city. Mr. Norrington told us of the temptations embraced in the archives of the Confederacy at Richmond, Va., upon which he was privileged to look about a year ago.

DETROITER.

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THIS WEEK I OFFER:

Barbados Jubilees	
2 var., mint state.....	\$0.05
8 var. 1ft to 10d inclusive, mint state.....	1.05
Italy—Current Issue	
1c to 5l blue and rose, 11 var. complete P.O. state.....	2.10
5 lire blue and rose unused o. g.....	1.30
Porto Rico—New Issue	
1, 2, 3, 4 and 5m, unused o. g., just out.....	.06
3c dark green 1893, Scott's No. 108, used on original cover.....	1.25

Peru New Issue
1c blue, 1c brown, 3c rose, mint state..... .12

MANY GOOD THINGS IN STOCK AND ON MY APPROVAL BOOKS.

DON'T FORGET Special Sale List No. 1 Out about March 1st.

George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Wanted for Cash or GOOD EXCHANGE:

Washington Local on original cover.
Tasmania 1d blue, first issue, fine margins.
Unused U. S. Postal Cards with printing on back or printed addresses; 20 cts. per 100.
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2c	" orange.....	52 "
2c	Proprietary ".....	70 "
5c	" red.....	65 "
10c	Foreign Exchange blue.....	22 "
3c	Telegraph green.....	12 "

3c Playing Cards green..... \$3.10

Only a few copies of these last stamps left. They are in perfect condition. Order quick, before they are all gone. Unused stamps not accepted. Remit by Bills or Money Order. Cash must accompany order, and money refunded if stamps are not satisfactory.

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WHOLE No. 251.

FOR THE WEEKLY ERA.

Wayside Musings.

BY THE CYNIC.

It is a matter altogether immaterial who I am; my identity would add no force or effect to these lines. I am not a prophet and also without fame or renown either at home or abroad, although my reputation for truth and veracity is way above par.

I am a dyed-in-the-wool reformer and consequently a crank or as I have styled myself, a cynic. A cynic sees only the "off" side of things, and is an individual looked down upon. But cynics and cranks and reformers are good things. The world needs them. They have a place and serve a purpose. Why shouldn't there be reformers and cynics in stampdom? There should be and everybody knows it, but people hesitate to assume the responsibility. Here is where my sublime patriotism and self-sacrifice sticks out like a wounded thumb. I step into the breach and offer myself as a target for the concentrated and amalgamated wrath of those who imagine they have been hit, and do it freely.

Necessarily I shall, in referring to things and matters by their proper titles, incur the displeasure and even hostility of certain callow youths, bursting with literary ambition and not averse to making the philatelic press an experimental station for the furtherance of their hankering for fame and glory, but this cannot well be avoided. What I say will be in the kindest spirit and altogether for the good of the cause—there is no money in it—and I trust it may be productive of good.

Minor Varieties!

Assassin of Philately!

Betrayer of Philatelia!

Bug-bear of the young collector!

So on *ad nauseam*!

What rot!

What would a great swarm of alarmists, chronics and philatelic calamity howlers rant about were this topic removed permanently from the calendar? Goodness knows.

Minor varieties! The cataloguing of minor varieties has driven collectors from the ranks the same as the absorption of magnified olives and prune pie by the rich and opulent drives poor people to starvation.

Upon the same hypothesis a poor man would go naked because clothing stores carry goods of a finer quality and of higher price than he can afford. He would not eat bread and butter and shoulder steak because the market also sold lady fingers, terrapin and porterhouse. He would say, "What's the use of living anyway, if I can't have all that's going?"

But the poor man don't starve or go naked. He buys overalls and plain food and says to himself: "I'll save and toil and one of these days I'll eat porterhouse and mince pie."

And he does.

Now, the collector does not start with the expectation that he can get a copy of every stamp; his purpose is to get all he can. If he can get hold of minor varieties in shades, perforations and paper, he takes them all in and is glad of it. If he is satisfied to have one copy, regardless of these details that interest others, it is no concern of his if the other fellow wants a dozen copies.

No, beloved, it is not the minor variety business that makes the young collector sick; it's the appallingly unsettled condition of prices. Get stamp values down to a business basis and philately will bloom and boom like a green bay tree.

Deliver us from the amateur who periodically springs the 20-year-ago catalogue racket. We all know stamps were cheap in the early '70's. We know how you declined to pay a dollar for sets of Executive, Justice and Dollar State's. We know it makes everybody sick to think of what might have been—why harp on it? Fifty years ago you could have bought the ground the Auditorium, in Chicago, stands on for a few able-bodied mules, but Chicago papers every few minutes are not swamped with wails over lost opportunities. Twenty years hence the same cry will probably be heard. Instead of shedding crocodile tears over has-beens, avail yourself of present opportunities.

Let me whisper a word to collectors interested in Hawaiian stamps. I am in a position to form a reasonably accurate opinion on the subject, and you can have it for what it is worth. Hawaii will not be annexed at this session of Congress. This is not official—not even semi-official, but it is based on a fair knowledge of the situation.

Uncynical as it may seem, I want to proclaim that good U. S. and foreign stamps will never again be as cheap as they are today. They are not as cheap today as they were a few months ago.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, March 2nd.

We have seen two unchronicled 1c plate Nos. in green in the past few days. They are Nos. 446 and 452. A few of each were in a pile of sheets of higher numbers, which would indicate that these two plates were used in connection with the latter, and it does not necessarily follow that the other numbers belonging to the original sets have also been printed in green. It is well known that four consecutively numbered plates are run at the same time, but deviations are possible at a later date, as some plates were much better than others.

Possibly other 1c green plates may be found later.

The interest in proofs and "Specimen" surcharges is decidedly on the increase. India paper proofs are good property. Several printings were made on cardboard. Up to this time sets lacking the 1890 and 1893 issues have been considered incomplete but they are now in demand owing to the difference in shade from the later printings. Perhaps the scarcest card board proof is the 1c of 1887, and it is doubtful whether a bid of \$20.00 each would bring forth two specimens. As previously stated exclusively in the ERA, all dies, as well as plates of all obsolete issues were destroyed by the Department last year.

A philatelic bear story has caused quite a sensation and not a little disappointment in the national capital during the past week. Some two months ago, an elderly lady appeared at the office of one of our stamp dealers and inquired among other things, whether stamps used in the forties with two little black bears on them were of any value. She had lived nearly all her life in St. Louis, where her husband had a large business correspondence. Quite a number of these stamps were among the old papers and often had been given away

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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

New York City, Feb. 26th, 1898.
981 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Feb.
19th, valued at \$38,074.78
7 books received since Feb. 19th,
valued at \$230.02
6 books retired valued at 102.33
Total number of books in circula-
tion 978 valued at..... \$38,202.47
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A. C. GOODRICH,
(P. S. of A. 622) MANITOU, COLO.



Change of Addresses.

952. **WILSON, H. E.**, 308 Park Bldg.,
changed to 309 Times Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	650
New members	3
Reinstated.....	3
	6
Present membership	656

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK END- ING FEB. 26th.

Application for Membership.

OATMAN, ERLE T., Dundee, Ill.; age
22; occupation, Salesman. References:
Edw. C. Althen, P. M. Wolsieffer.

New Stockholders.

1498. **BEGG, GEO. O.**, 67 Davenport
St., Detroit, Mich.
1499. **COE, GEO. E.**, 579 Albion St.,
Oakland, Cal.
1500. **DAVIS, CHAS. K.**, 209 E. 3rd
St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reinstated.

554. **BOYNTON, GEO. E.**, 926 Cathed-
ral St., Baltimore, Md.
888. **SCOTT, JOHN A.**, Miami, Dade
Co., Fla.
1429. **NUTTER, WM. A.**, Concord,
N. H.

MONTHLY STATEMENT, MARCH 1, 1898.

Stock Fund.

Balance February 1, 1898, \$1480.00

Entertainment Fund.

Balance February 1, 1898, 125.89

General Fund.

Balance Feb. 1, 1898,	\$285.50
Dues for February,	15.60
	\$301.10
	\$1906.99

Disbursements.

W. W. Jewett, foreign postage, \$10.85
Cash on hand March 1, '98, 1896.14
————— \$1906.99
H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Thursday, March 3rd.

It is earnestly to be hoped that Congress will speedily pass the Loud Bill and then probably do away with further deficiency in the receipts of the Post Office Department.

Among the other provisions this Bill transfers all the cheap novels, which have so long been carried by the Government at the cent a pound rate, from the second class, to the third class (book post) or eight cents a pound which is just about the average cost of transporting mail matter. It is on second class matter that the Department loses its millions which it makes on the first class at thirty-two cents a pound and the fourth class at sixteen.

These novels and publications of a similar character have been carried in ton lots at a great loss and if this practice is put an end to and the deficiency wiped out, we may have hopes of seeing one cent postage yet.

I notice in today's *Tribune* that Postmaster General Gary is advertising for proposals to furnish all postage stamps, newspapers, dues and special deliveries, for a term of four years beginning July 1st, 1898.

From this it would seem that the Government contemplates going out of the business of manufacturing its stamps. Although our stamps at present are decidedly better in workmanship than those made when the Department began the manufacture of stamps in '94, still it must be admitted that there is room for further improvement; when our stamps of today are compared with the beautiful work turned out by the various bank note companies; which was invariably fine almost without exception.

The catalogue for Wolsieffer's tenth sale is out. It contains 530 lots, United States only, of which 465 are Revenues, 290 of these being Match and Medicine.

His eleventh and twelfth sales will follow in April with the thirteenth in May and number fourteen in June.

An amusing incident occurred at the C. P. S. meeting this evening which goes to prove that mistakes will sometimes happen even in the best regulated of families. Someone it seems, had given President Miller a loaded cigar and he knowing it to be such, had put it carefully away intending to give it to some one at the meeting and "have a little fun" as Charlie Severn would express it. He passed the cigars around the crowd and awaited developments.

Pretty soon from the end of his own

cigar there came a sharp puff and a long blue flame with a great cloud of smoke. Some of the boys thought that another flash-light photo was to be taken, and immediately assumed poses and "looked intelligent."

Explanations followed and, it being one on our worthy President, the boys fell to discussing "what'll you have," and when I left were preparing to adjourn for that purpose.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

PLATE NUMBERS.

MCGREGOR, IA., Feb. 27, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: I have found Plate Nos. 439 and 440 in green and from the few found think they will be rare.

Yours,

M. F. BILLINGS.

The Editor's Shears.

"TATI CONCESSIONS, LIMITED."—We were shown, a few days ago, two specimens of stamps with the above inscription, but up to the present we have been unable to secure any reliable information as to their character. The values shown to us are 1 shilling carmine, and 2s 6d dark blue, the design being the same for both values. We are informed that the Tati Concessions cover the latest grant to Cecil Rhodes, but our informant was unable to state whether the stamps were used for postage or for fiscal purposes. The cancellations on the specimens submitted to us appeared to be fiscal, but even as to this we could not be positive. We would appreciate some reliable information as to the character of the stamps in question.—*Am. Jour. of Phil.*

SPANISH COLONIES.

According to a Royal Decree, dated Madrid, 8th October last, and published in the *Madrid Gazette* of the 12th of that month, three new sets of stamps are to come into use on the 1st of January, 1898, between Spain, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, a special set of 2c stamps for each of these Colonies having been made for that purpose, bearing the following face values, namely: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 "centavos de peso"; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40 and 60 "Milesimas de peso"; 1 and 2 pesos.

Along with these new stamps there will also be a new issue of Postcards.

The same Royal Decree does away with the Telegraph stamps at present in use in the above named colonies.

Commenting upon these new issues, the *Bulletin of the Circulo Filatelica Matritense* states that after a careful examination of the various types, they are found to be unsatisfactory as regards design, artistic merits and workmanship; in fact, they are pronounced as being below what other countries can show in the nature of postage stamps.

The same Bulletin regrets, collaterally, that the Spanish Government have not availed themselves of this opportunity to issue a special set for Fernando Po in the Gulf of Guinea, at the same time, so as to put an end to that frequent surcharging on "Habilitados" which have raised so many complaints of late.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

Chicago Philatelic Society.

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B. A. COTLOW, Supt. Sales and Auction Department.
F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 269th regular meeting was called to order by the President, March 3, 1898, in the presence of the following members:

Messrs. Wolsieffer, Massoth, Lefever, Pierce, Michael, Severn and Cottlow. Visitor, Mr. Sears, Jr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Communications were read from Messrs. W. H. Bruce, C. H. Smith, G. C. Harvey and F. T. Hoyt, all of whom offered their resignations, all of which were referred.

Bill for \$5 for postage from the Secretary was read and referred.

Mr. E. R. Douglas was elected (Active) member No. 447.

After recess the Governing Board ordered accepted the above resignations and ordered paid the bill of the Secretary. The meeting then adjourned.

B. A. COTLOW, Secretary.

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 For special information inquire of the House Com-
 mittee.

Twenty-second meeting of the Board of
 Governors held at the Club House, Feb-
 ruary 14, 1898, Vice President Bruner in
 the chair.

Called to order at 8.15 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Luff, Stebbins, Scott
and the Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and
approved.

The Secretary read sundry letters and
reported having circulated copies of Club
Year Book among philatelic societies and
papers, as directed by Governors.

Upon motion, it was voted that the usual
course be followed with share of stock of
late Henry Gremmel offered for redemp-
tion, to wit: to place it for sale on the
Club books.

The Treasurer's report was received,
showing balance of \$372.66 cash in bank

The Chairman of the House Committee
then presented his report, which was re-
ceived.

The bound volume of the *American
Journal of Philately* for 1897, was re-
ceived from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.,
Ltd., to whom a vote of thanks was ten-
dered.

Upon ballot, Mr. Henry C. Quinby, 222
Fifth avenue, proposed by Alexander Hol-
land and seconded by Geo. R. Tuttle, was
unanimously elected a subscribing member
of the Club.

Adjourned at 8.50 P. M.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering
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cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under
this head.

Lindsey the Exchange Man, have you ever read
his plan? If not, send your address on a post card
and receive a copy of the plan of Lindsey the Ex-
change Man. At present I need canceled Columbian-
ans, 3, 6, 15, 30 and 50-cent; 30 and 50-cent Dues,
any issue; good Departments; used or unused U. S.
postage 1851 to 1890. Especially desire 3-cent 1869
issue and will allow 1-cent each, \$1.00 a 100 for any
quantity up to 1000. Match and Medicine, Perfumery
and Card stamps, all and every kind wanted; U. S.
perforated, imperforated and part perforated Reven-
ues; good used or unused entire or square cut En-
velopes; also Telegraphs; in fact anything good in U.
S., except Locals, these I do not handle.

Foreign postage, catalogue 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c and
up from 1/2 to 80% of catalogue, according to how
good an article you offer. I do not deal in foreign
Revenues. At present I will offer an unused U. S.
entire Envelope valued at \$1.50 to \$2.00 for every
100 well mixed South and Central Americans, not
over 10 of a kind (no Mexico) and take any quantity
up to 1000 at a time. For 300 will give an unused U.
S. entire Envelope, valued at \$7.50 by Bartel's Entire
Envelope Catalogue. For all the Match and Medi-
cine you have catalogued at 1 and 2 cents each I will
allow you full catalogue in first class exchange. For
each fine perfect copy 30-cent Columbian perforated
4 sides, used, I will give one Set Central Am. Steam-
ship Co. complete, catalogued at 70 cents.
A nice copy 50-cent Original Process, valued at 50c,
imperforated, for 5 good foreign, valued at 10 cts. each.
Dealers: If you have a surplus of any particular
U. S. Revenues, Postage, Departments or other
stamps U. S. that you want to exchange for foreign
stamps in lots from \$10 to \$100 or more at a time. Let
me hear from you, or if you have the foreign and
want to trade them for U. S., will do that, all I ask is
a small commission on each deal we make. Have
several dealers now I am trading with every few days,
in lots from \$10.00 to \$500.00 at a time. As I devote
my whole time to the stamp business it will pay you
to write me. I hope to get at least 100 new customers
in the next 15 days from this exchange advertisement.

Would be much pleased to hear from collectors in
all foreign countries as well as dealers. Correspond-
ence English only. You will do well to send a trial
consignment of stamps of your country or adjoining
countries. Send no stamps worth under 40 each and
over 100 of a kind. Will guarantee to return to you
some day as I receive your lot equal catalogue,
often more, in U. S. stamps, postage issues only if so
desired. Address, L. V. Lindsey, Lock Box 788,
Greene, N. Y., U. S. A.

I have a No. 2 Eastman Kodak, cost \$30.00, to ex-
change for old books and U. S. stamps. Also have a
good bicycle to exchange. Send offers. C. S. Mason,
713 Superior St., Toledo, O.

I have a large number of U. S. Revenues I desire to
exchange for Canada Revenues, by Hall's or Robie's
catalog. Send your wants and what you have to ex-
change. B. F. Stewart, Jr., Parkersburg, W. Va., U.
S. A.

Exchange desired with collectors both domestic and
foreign. Send sheets and receive mine. Prompt cor-
respondents only, wanted. G. T. Mowat, Peoria, Ill.
A. P. A. 1461.

5 cents each from my sheets, priced by Scott's 58th,
for fine used 4c carmine 1888. All U. S. and Canada
wanted. W. C. Boulton, Box 222, Altonna, Pa.

U. S. Revenues to exchange for rare and medium
Foreign. Send along what you have with want list.
I have all listed below \$1.50 instock. Prompt replies.
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Will exchange nearly a complete collection of U. S.
Coins, 1/2-cent to one dollar, all in fine condition, for
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Exchange: A U. S. unused entire envelope, valued
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and Central Americans (no Mexico) and not over 15
of a kind and none catalogued under 2 cents each;
any quantity taken. Also offer first class exchange
with dealers as well as collectors. Do you want any
U. S. Revenues and give fair grades of foreign used
or unused, my sheets at catalogue, yours at 80% of
catalogue, or do you want to exchange some U. S.
Revenues at 80% of catalogue for foreign postage
stamps? Either way will do for me as long as the
boot comes my way. Write to Lindsey the Exchange
Man, Greene, N. Y.

Wish to exchange Scott's 58th No. 1515, ac brown,
die B, unused and entire, cat. \$5.00, also No. 1728 for
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Wendelin Weber, 85 Emslie St., Buffalo, N. Y. [51]

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Great Nations by Charlotte Yonge. Two magnificent
bound volumes. Engravings and plates in two ad-
ditional superb bindings for best offer in stamps.
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P. A. No. 412. [51]

From three-fourths to full catalogue value given in
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logued 3c or over. Several thousand philatelic jour-
nals to exchange for stamps or others. R. M. Spen-
cer, Nordhoff, Ventura Co., Cal. [51]

Victoria Nos. 46 and 48, 58th Catalogue and Portu-
gal No. 5, from the De Coppet collection, for your
good Match and Medicine stamps or Document Reven-
ues. T. M. Drossner, 566 Bergen Ave., Jersey
City, N. J. [52]

3c claret Dues 1890-91, unused o. g., superfine,
perf. 4 sides, to exchange for anything under the sun
in the stamp line. Send along what you have for I
must see them. I have the stock in petto. I have
others to exchange so let me hear from you. H. F.
Bartels, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [24816*

Will exchange a bicycle in good condition, with
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Big bargain for cash! General collection of about
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The following good for all the year round: Stamps
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from 10c to 25c at 55% discount. All others at 50%
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H. F. BARTELS, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [2511*

U. S. 5c orange '95, only 11c. To dealers, 1 doz. \$1.
'71 6c carmine, 11c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa. [51]

Lot for \$1.00 Cash, catalogued \$15.00: 50 different
Revenues, 50 Canada Revenues, complete sheet 100
o. g. 5-cent Venezuela. CHARLES KING, 105 East
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I pay highest price of any dealer for collections or
duplicates. Try me. Jerome Williams, Roudout, N. Y. [53]

250 mixed foreign (no trash), cat. \$4.75-77c. 4 Mex.
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130 West 14th St., New York. [53]

1855 20c green, unused o. g., \$1.25
1882 or 1888 3c Garfield unused o. g., .23
1894 30c Postage Due, no wmk., unused o. g., .50
Look up my other advertisement.
A. C. GOODRICH, Manitou, Colo.

Free! A good premium stamp to everyone who
sends for our fine approval sheets. Packet 150 varie-
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Satisfaction guaranteed. [51]

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Packet XX., 25 varieties..... \$0.88
" XXI., 25 different from above..... .30
The two packets, 50 varieties..... .35

Issues of 1871-82, Classified.
Mounted on sheets each variety marked.
1c Nat. '71, Cont. '73, Amer. '79, Re-engr. '82, (4) 15c
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3c Nat. Cont. Amer. Re-engr. (4) 4c
6c Nat. Cont. Amer. Re-engr. (4) 30c
12c Nat. Cont. Amer. Re-engr. (4) 20c
The five Sets..... 60c
Other values classified at proportionate rate.

M. C. BERLEPSCH,

Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

Wanted—A really fine collection of Match and
Medicine.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, March 1st.

I understand that Mr. J. F. Whiting, the well known manager for several years of the Woodward Stamp Co. of Boston, has severed his connection with the above named firm. It is rumored that "Joe" intends to deal in antiques and postage stamps on his own account.

This afternoon there was a meeting of several of Boston stamp collectors, to form a collectors' club, to be of a philatelic and social nature. I hear that it is intended to hire a large room, in the immediate vicinity of the Old South Church, and to furnish it in an attractive manner, and the latch-string will be out at all hours of the day and evening.

I see by reading Osgood's *Stampman*, that, like a good many other philatelic writers, he is jumping at conclusions. In speaking of the Cabot issue of Newfoundland, he states: "the stamps are printed in sheets of 100, every stamp perforated all round (an example we wish our own government would follow) and etc." The facts of the case are, the 3c stamp in sheets comes only part perforated. This is not an ad, I have none of the stamps for sale.

Owing to the recent war scare, your readers may appreciate the following: "Among the old letters in the British post-office 'museum' is one from Benjamin Franklin, addressed to the postmaster general of London, on March 24, 1776. This letter was replied to in 1783, the writer apologizing for the delay on the ground that he 'had been out of town for a few days.'"

There is a well known cafe on Washington St., where quite a number of stamp collectors and dealers take their lunch, and it happens quite often that four or five of these gentlemen will be at one table. When this is the case, the time is enlivened by talk of a philatelic nature, and often becomes interesting. It may be owing to one of these philatelic discussions that a well known Boston collector, residing in Arlington, discovered after leaving the cafe the other day, that he had on some other man's hat and coat. It was truly amusing to see the man, as he put one hand in the pocket and found a large hole in it and said "Great Scott! this is not my coat."

S. E. L.

Drop me a Postal Card for the CHEAPEST PRICE LIST OUT.

My prices will be sure to please.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas.

If you mention this paper when writing I will enclose a good stamp with list. [17]

MARCH 12TH.	MARCH 12TH.
IS THE DATE	
of my great Match, Medicine, Revenue and U. S. Auction Sale, <i>no foreign</i> . Have you sent in your bids? Catalogue free!	
2c Certificate, orange.....	Cat. \$0.75 \$0.35
10c Foreign Exchange.....	..... .60 .... .40
10c Proprietary.....	..... 1.50 1.10
15c Foreign Exchange.....	..... 1.00 .... .75
25c Bond.....	..... .20 .... .08
25c Life Insurance.....	..... .40 .... .20
25c Protest.....5025
50c Life Insurance.....1005
50c Surety Bond.....1005
\$5 Probate of Will..... 1.0040
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\$50 U. S. I. R..... 4.00 2.50

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Robie's Vest Pocket Cat. Canadian Rev..... 10c
P. M. Wolsfeffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.
MARCH 12TH. MARCH 12TH.

WELL-I-DON'T-KNOW. UNUSED ENVELOPES.

Set Columbians, 22 varieties.....	\$1.50
1, 2, 3 and 10c Columbians, 4 var.....	.25
3c red Centennial.....	.30
1c blue on orange 1874.....	.10
10c brown on white 1874.....	.20
4c carmine on manilla.....	.10
4c carmine on manilla amber.....	.10
2c red on fawn, large inscription.....	.20
2c red on blue, large inscription.....	.20
ALL ENTIRE.	

PLATE NUMBERS—We ran out of some that we recently advertised in ERA. Sorry, but now we offer:
246, 247, 267 and 268 T or B at.... 10c each.
256 T or B at..... 50c each.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., HARTFORD, CONN.

MY COLOR

Is orange and when you get Approval Books in an orange envelope you can expect to see some fine things at 50¢ off.

Cabot Issue Newfoundland 1c to 5c unused, 28c.
The STAMPMAN is harmless if it is hysterical Free.

D. W. OSGOOD, Box 50, Pueblo, Colo.

There is no use in paying fancy prices for stamps these days. I am sending out selections at 50 per cent. off of Scott's catalogue that are swarming with good things. Just try me for U. S. Postage, Revenue, Department, Envelope or Foreign Postage Stamps and you'll begin to believe what I'm telling you. Ref. required. List free. [54]

N. E. CARTER, Delavan, Wisconsin.

WANTED FOR CASH:

Brazil 1st issue, any in pairs or on original covers; any 2d issue in blocks of (4).
Washington Local on cover.
Good U. S. Locals used on covers.
Good and Medium Foreign in imperf. horizontal pairs.
Unused U. S. Envelopes with printed addresses at 60% off face value.
Unused U. S. Post Cards with printing on either side at 25 cts. per 100.
Will allow half postage and registration on fairly large lots of above.

I CAN OFFER:

Canada 6d, laid paper, fine.....	\$3.20
" 6d, wove " "	2.65
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Canada 1c pink, 1859.....	.05
" 5c Beaver, 1859.....	.03
" 2c scarlet, Register.....	.08
U. S. 1c 1894 pale ultramarine.....	.06
" 2c " pink, white gum.....	.05
" 5c " chocolate,27
Set of 3, all fine.....	.30
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LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Number 1701.

U. S. Wrapper, cat. \$15.00, entire, fine..... \$3.00
Switzerland, 3c blue on original cover..... .02
Newfoundland entire—
3c violet, unused, cat. 8c..... .04
5c blue, unused, cat. 12c..... .06

If you don't see what you want in our advertisements, ask for it. We have several young men who do nothing else but fill want lists and if we haven't got the stamp we try hard to get it, and in most cases succeed.

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- St. Louis 5c, Die 2, re-altered, used.
- St. Louis 10c Die 1, bluish paper, unused, wide margins.
- United States 1861 3c August issue, unused.
- " 10c " " " "
- " 1868 90c, used.
- " State \$2, unused.
- " Agriculture complete, unused.
- Revenues, nearly everything.
- British Guiana circular 8c green.
- oblong 4c magenta.

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ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 21st Sale—Boston.

Wed. and Thurs. Evenings, Jan. 20 & 21.

FOREIGN.

(Continued from page 258.)

Natal 1874 1d (Scott No. 45) ⊕	37 ½
Netherlands 1864 5c blue ○	1 87 ½
1867 25c purple ○	2 12 ½
1866 5 gulden P. O. state	2 75
Nevis 1861 4d grayish ○ no gum	16 87 ½
1861 6d grayish ⊕	5 10
1867 1d engraved ○	1 05
1867 1d red lithograph ○	50
1882 4d blue ⊕	2 25
1884 4d gray ⊕	50
1884 6d P. O. state	2 30
1884 1sh P. O. state surcharged "SPECIMEN"	2 00
New Brunswick '51 6d superb copy ⊕	13 50
1sh ⊕ good	45 00
1860-1 Half of 10c ⊕ as 5 on orig. cover (2) 1.15; .	1 12 ½
New Caledonia 1892 35c P. O. state	1 00
Newfoundland 1857 8d scarlet ○ no gum	3 25
1863 2d lake ○ o. g.	3 87 ½
1863 8d ○	1 30
1866 5c brown ⊕	3 80
1867 5c black ○	4 00
New South Wales 1853 6d yellow-brown ⊕	85
1885 10sh P. O. state	3 25
1888 20sh " "	5 25
1860 Registration stamp red and blue ⊕	2 10
Nova Scotia 6d light green ⊕ on c.	4 50
1sh ⊕ cut little close	62 50
Obock 1893 5frs P. O. state	1 75
Paraguay 1886 official 15 ⊕	1 65
1886 official 20	2 00
Portugal 1853 5r red-brown ⊕	1 37 ½
1867 24or ○ no gum	2 62 ½
1871 24or ⊕	2 25
Prince Edward Is. 1d ○ no gum	1 00
4 ½ d ○ o. g.	95
4c ⊕ on original cover	75
12c ⊕	2 00
Queensland 1860-1 1d carmine ○ o. g.	1 60
3d brown ○ o. g.	1 10
1882 2sh blue ○ o. g.	1 10
1861 Registered ○ o. g.	1 90
Russia 1892 3 ½ roubles P. O. state	2 35
same ⊕	1 60
1892 7 roubles P. O. state	4 25
same ⊕	2 05
St. Christopher 1890 6d olive-brown P. O. state with margins	10 25
St. Helena 1868 5sh orange P. O. state	1 98
St. Lucia 1860 1d star ○ no gum	2 10
1885 1d carmine ○ o. g.	95
1885 6d lilac ○ o. g.	12 00
1891 5sh P. O. state	1 50
1891 10sh P. O. state	2 60
St. Vincent 1869 1sh slate ⊕	5 25
1880 1sh vermilion 11x15 ⊕	1 25
1883-88 1d pink P. O. state	40

4d ultramarine ○ o. g.	13 00
4d red-brown ○ o. g.	17 50
same used	2 10
5sh P. O. state	1 40
San Marino 1884 1l carmine ○ o. g.	90
1894 5l violet & green ○ o. g.	1 20
Schleswig Holstein 1850 1s ○ no gum	3 00
Siam 1883 1t on 1l ⊕	1 60
Sierra Leone 1883 ½ bistro CA 14 ○ no gum	1 10
Tasmania 1892 10sh P. O. state.	2 62 ½
Tierra Delfuego 1891 10c ○ o. g.	70
Trinidad 1851 blued paper 1d brown-violet ○ o. g.	1 25
1851 white paper 1d dull violet ○ o. g.	1 20
1859 1sh ○ full o. g.	1 30
Turk's Islands 1881 4d blue ⊕	2 00
United States Justice 24c ○ o. g.	6 75
Uruguay 1880 1 peso ○ o. g.	2 28
1894 2 pesos ⊕	1 30
1894 3 pesos ⊕	2 05
Victoria 1854 2sh imperf. ⊕	3 87 ½
1861 4d imperf. no wmk. ⊕	4 50
1891 9d green P. O. state	70
Virgin Is. 1879 1d CC ○ no gum	1 50
Zululand 1890-2 9d P. O. state	1 25
1890-2 1sh P. O. state	2 20
1894 6d P. O. state on Natal	1 25

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 94th Sale—N. Y.

Saturday Afternoon, Jan. 15, 1898.

UNITED STATES.

1873 3c ○ imperf. o. g.	10
1860 30c ○	4 00
1868 15c grill 11x13 ⊕	2 50
1869 2c re-issue block of four ○ o. g.	12 00
15c re-issue cancelled	6 00
1870 7c grilled ⊕	1 90
Periodical 1865 25c new	3 20
Revenue Stamps:	
Perf. \$1 Passage Ticket	2 50
Second Issue \$50 blue and black fine, but trifle off center	7 10
Match stamp Doolittle's 1c blue uncancelled	4 25
Floyd's Penny Post 1c green ⊕	1 00
Envelopes:	
1870 Reay 12c on white entire "Specimen"	1 10
1870 Reay 15c on white entire "Specimen"	2 10
1870 Reay 15c on cream entire "Specimen"	2 10
1870 Reay 30c on cream entire "Specimen"	2 60
1870 Reay 90c on white "Specimen"	1 70
War Dept. 1870 Reay 12c on white "Specimen"	85
1870 15c Reay entire "Specimen"	95
1874 12c "Specimen" entire	90
Confederate 2c green ○ o. g.	90

FOREIGN.

Br. No. Borneo 1893 \$5 violet lightly cancelled	2 50
1893 \$10 lightly cancelled	3 70
1893 \$25 cancelled	6 25
Canada 1857 ½d pink ○	3 00
registry 8c ○ o. g.	2 00
Cape Verde 1877 4or blue ○	1 50
Chamba 1888 1 rupee gray ○ o. g.	1 75

Colombia Panama 1894 5 on 20 inverted surcharge ○	55
Service 1886 1 rupee ○ o. g.	2 65
Great Britain Levant 40 paras on ½d ⊕ on piece of orig. c. cancelled Feb. 25, 1893	7 00
Hawaii 1865 2c black on white laid paper ○	1 50
Total for 444 lots,	\$737 75

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I. E. WELDON,
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P. M. Wolsleffer's January Sale—Chicago.

Saturday Evening, Jan. 8th.

U. S. Match and Medicine:

- Home Bitters Co. 2c No. 3303 95
- Corning & Tappan 1c No. 3454 ○ 2 60
- Western Union Tel. Co. 1874 brown punch cancellation 1 65
- 1881 green ○ o. g. 1 80
- 1882 blue ○ o. g. 1 85

U. S. Revenues:

- \$1.00 Passage Ticket *uncancelled* pair no gum 7 15
- \$20 Conveyance "Imperforated" copy 1 60
- Proprietary 50c on violet paper 13 00
- \$1.00 red pen can. violet paper 91 10
- 1c "Inverted Medallion" 15 05
- 1878 Issue 2c brown rouletted 2 20

United States Envelopes:

- 2c red on fawn retouched die entire ○ with round "O" in "two" Nat. No. 868 2 95
- 1884 July 2c brown on fawn Die B size 3 entire ○ 2 00
- 1884 July 2c brown on white and amber Die B size 2 entire ⊕ 3 90

Unused United States:

- 1855 12c No. 74 no gum 1 40
- 1893 Columbian set 1c to \$1.00 o. g. 3 35
- Interior complete set 2 85
- Justice 12c o. g. 1 60
- State 2c o. g. 4 80
- Newspaper Stamps 1865 10c No. 1007, 4 15
- Confed. States New Orleans 2c No. 66 no gum 1 25

Used United States:

- 1851-6 5c No. 46 wide margins on three sides trifle close at right 8 05
- 1855-60 5c No. 67 1 90
- 1893 Columbian \$5.00 2 75

UNUSED FOREIGN.

- Brazil 1878-9 700r No. 91 o. g. 1 90
- British Cent. Af. 1891 5sh No. 9 1 80
- Canada Envelopes 1860 10c No. 202 entire 2 00
- Columbian Rep. Bolivar 1882 10p No. 36 1 70
- Nevis 1867 1d No. 9 no gum 1 00
- Newfoundland 1857 1d No. 2 1 90
- 1863 6¼d No. 23 o. g. (2) 2 50
- 1863 8d No. 24 1 60
- 1863 1s No. 25 large margins 1 60
- Queensland 1862 Regist'd No. 302 o. g. 2 25
- Rhodesia (Bri. So. Africa) 5s No. 10 2 80
- 10s No. 11 3 25
- St. Lucia 1883 1d No. 41 o. g. 90
- St. Vincent 1888 5s No. 53 o. g. 2 10
- Trinidad 1894 5sh No. 115 o. g. 1 90

USED FOREIGN.

- Canada 1858 ½d No. 15 4 05
- Registration 8c No. 156 "Used" 1 45
- Danish W. I. 1872 3c rose lightly can. 1 20
- Falkland Is. 1878 4d No. 2 " " 1 65
- Germany No. P. D. No. 56 1 75
- Mauritius 1862 1s No. 32 4 05
- Newfoundland 1867 5c No. 41 can. with red pencil 2 45
- another lightly cancelled 2 00
- Sarawak 1892 One Cent No. 23 85
- Total for 508 lots many of which were "combination," "miscellaneous," pairs, blocks, etc., \$1213.85

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

Mercantile business in all lines has been rather slow this month, consequently, everything in the stamp line has taken on the same aspect. February is generally dull, and high priced (I mean high catalogued) stamps have to be offered at a greater reduction, in proportion, than the cheaper stamps, though that class of trade, which buy stamps cataloguing under one dollar is steady.

New issues (legitimate) are *very good* sellers especially the low values. Both the advanced collector and the beginner have a good word for new issues, whether it is a Barbados farthing, or an entire set of (Cabot Issue) Newfoundland. It brings these two classes of collectors nearer to each other. It has that newness and freshness of something never seen before, and when first seen it attracts, holds in suspense, and then makes an impression on the mind. It is then that the gregariousness of man is brought into play. If his or her idea of philately has been smothered or for some cause is on the wane, it is this sight of novelty which fans it into a new flame, which shows to him or her that "there is something new under the sun," that the world is progress itself, that philately is not asleep and it is he who has been in a trance. New issues are the *cement* of the corner-stone of philately, which binds the collector of yesterday with the collector of today. I say, let the new issues, the legitimate, the necessary, come on. They are welcomed with open arms, and there will always be a place found to put them. They cannot come on too fast to keep pace with our ever-progressing science, a science which is yet in its infancy and whose motto ought to be "Onward," so as to keep in step with the other arts and sciences of today.

"Vive la new issue."

One of our local collectors, who is a specialist in U. S., in looking through his departments, discovered the 30c Navy on two papers. The Continental print was rather dull blue, and the paper was very brittle, bordering on to a parchment paper. The American print was unmistakable, it was very porous and flimsy.

The Newfoundland surcharge, 1c on 3c, of which there has been a great deal written in this paper, has not been very plentiful in this district. In fact not one has shown up among the "boys of the Society," either used or unused, and to my idea do not seem to be as many in numbers as some of our calamity howlers claim. In fact I have been informed on good authority, that one of these calamity-howler-writ-

ers has his writings dictated to him by a certain dealer. This certain dealer did not get any Newfoundland surcharges, consequently the above howling and stepping on other people's feet, trying to give them pain (not champagne). A little bird claims this dealer is located in a city noted for its modesty, which refused to have within its walls McMonnies' "Bacchante." But it has such people as I have given you a fair glimpse of.

E. B. S.

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 3c dark green 1893, Scott's No. 108, used on original cover..... 1.25
- Peru—New Issue**
 1c blue, 1c brown, 5c rose, mint state..... .12

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Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Toronto Tips.

Being in the vicinity of Canada's Queen City with a few days of leisure on hand, your correspondent took occasion to look around for a short time, it being the first visit in over four years. I found some old faces, however, in the philatelic field and met some new ones.

Edward Y. Parker I found to be the leading dealer of Toronto if not indeed the largest in Canada. He has a superb stock of Colonials and United States, British North Americans being his favorites, and conducts all his business, which is principally mail trade, at his elegant new residence, having rooms set apart for that purpose. Mr. Parker does not claim to be a collector, but is really a thorough philatelist at heart and showed with pardonable pride two magnificent stock books of rarities which he has been years in accumulating, and also some nice things on covers. He reports an increasing interest and demand for medium grade old issues on original letters.

Mr. Geo. Lowe has the largest store and best location of any dealer, being opposite the general Post Office on Adelaide St., on ground floor. In fact it is the most complete and best appointed philatelic establishment in Canada, carrying a full line of albums and supplies besides large stock.

Mr. Wilton Wilby, a couple of blocks south, however does by far the largest business.

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Mr. Walter McMahon has the handsomest offices of the local dealers and is a very genial and pleasant gentleman for any philatelist to meet, but his location on Yonge St. Arcade is hardly as good as the other down-town dealers for local trade.

There are several other well known dealers here whom I did not have an opportunity of meeting.

It will be noticed I have nothing to write of here but dealers. Toronto, I regret to say, reminds me of the army which was "all generals and no soldiers."

Toronto seems to be all dealers while the old-time, wide-awake, enthusiastic, up-to-date collector seems to be an extinct species at present, altho' his place is taken to a large extent by the innumerable boy and small collectors who have become interested by the Jubilee issue.

With the exception of Mr. W. H. Brouse, the well known specialist in British North Americans, whose superb little collection, nearly all on original covers, I had the pleasure of inspecting, there is no really fine general or special collection in the city.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

UNUSED O. G.	Cat.	My price.
1866 12c pale red brown	\$0.60	\$0.30
1867 6c rose, o. g.	.25	.12
1876 3c rouletted, used	1.00	.40

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1860 1c red lilac, o. g.	.05	
" 17c black,	.10	

ZULULAND.

Set 5 var. including 1sh unused o. g. .90

I have still a few surcharged Newfoundland left at..... .60

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Trinidad Wrapper 1/2d surcharged entire, No. 327 in 58th Catalogue, unused..... \$2.00
 U. S. 90c purple 1838, mint state 1 50
 15 var. U. S. Department stamps, unused, lot catalogued over \$5 2.00
 Samoa 1893 5d on 4d blue, used 1.00

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19	Gold Coast 1884-91 1sh violet12
40	Great Britain 1856 1sh green10
82	" 1867-69 2sh blue20
91	" 1872-74 6d brown	.....	.20
93	" " 6d gray	.....	.18
96	" " 1sh green	.....	.10
118	" 1880 5d deep indigo	.....	.10
119	" " 6d gray	.....	.25
120	" " 1sh salmon	.....	.15
132	" 1883 1sh violet and red	.....	.12
140	" 1883-84 4d green	.....	.12
140	" 1885 80pa green	.....	.15
102	Greece 1882 3ol milky blue	.....	.25
4	Grenada 1860-66 1d blue green	.....	.10
106	Guadeloupe 1884 5c black (unpaid)	.....	.15
16	Guatemala 1879 1r black and green	.....	.12
32	Hawaii 1864-71 5c blue	.....	.20
33	" " 6c green	.....	.15
44	" 1883-86 10c red-brown	.....	.10
77	" 1894 10c green	.....	.10
78	" " 12c blue	.....	.20
79	" " 25c	.....	.25
5	Haiti 1881 7c blue, imperforated	.....	.25
6	" " 20c red brown, imperforate	.....	1.25
10	" 1882 5c green, perforate	.....	.10
12	" 20c red brown	.....	.10
12	" 1891 7c red	.....	.15
24	Helligoland 25pf carmine and green	.....	.60
15	Hong Kong 1862-77 6c gray	.....	.10
20	" " 1880-81 5c blue	.....	.10
31	" " 1882-84 10c violet, CA	.....	.30
36	" " 1890 50c on 48c violet	.....	.20
44	" " \$1.00 on 96c brown	.....	.20
45	" " \$5 on \$10 brown red	.....	3.00
14	Hungary 1872 25kr lilac	.....	.10
81	Jhind (Punjab) 1885 1/2 green	.....	.10
51	Patiala 1885 1/2 green, "Service"	.....	.10
510	Italy 1881 5c green, "Esterio"	.....	.10
530	" " 10c rose,	.....	.15
15	Jamaica 1871 3d green	.....	.12
16	" " 4d vermilion	.....	.15
17	" " 6d lilac	.....	.10
105	" 1880 1sh rose, (pen canceled)	.....	1.00
55	Japan 1874 30s gray	.....	1.00
61	" 1875 10s blue	.....	.35
63	" " 15s lilac	.....	.50
64	" " 20s carmine	.....	.10
20	Liberia 1880 6c purple	.....	.20
18	" " 24c carmine	.....	.75
23	" 1882 16c pink	.....	.40
38	" 1892 8c state violet	.....	.10
39	" " 8c blue	.....	.10
42	" " 3c blue	.....	.35
17	Luxemburg 1865-72 1c brown	.....	.10
12	Malta 1885 4d brown	.....	.10
13	" " 1sh lilac	.....	.10
8	Mauritius 1885-87 16c brown	.....	.10
101	" 1833-94 15c	.....	.10
3	Dominica 1890 1sh lake, CA, fine	.....	22.50
24	" 1874 1sh " CC,"	.....	4.00
35	France 1853 1fr lake fine	.....	4.00
20	Nevis 1882 4d blue,	.....	4.75
27	Newfoundland 1866 5c brown, fine	.....	5.00
267	New Zealand 1885 30sh brown	.....	3.50

Unused Stamps.

10	Canada 1857 7 1/2d green	.....	25.00
80	" 1888 10c carmine red	.....	2.50
152	" 1875 2c vermilion (registered)	.....	.30
19	Nevis 1867 1sh green, unsevered pair	.....	16.00
22	" 1879 2 1/2d brown, CC	.....	7.50

United States.

All Unused with Full Original Gum.

	58th Catalogue price.	My price
41	1851-56 3c red	\$2.00 \$0.50
41	Unsevered pair	2.00
41	Block of four	6.00
70	1855-60 5c brown	7.50 3.75
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AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE, AND SUBSEQUENT ESCAPE.

FISCHER ALIAS STEIN, ALIAS KAISER, ALIAS WOLLE.



LOUISVILLE, KY., March 9, 1898.

I send you all the particulars concerning Kaiser Wolle case, as I know them, being one of his victims. Wolle was brought to my house by one of our younger collectors, Mr. Lee Weil, Sunday afternoon about 2 p. m. Wolle introduced himself as A. Stein, subscription solicitor for the German comic paper of Chicago, *Wells Blatte*. He stated that he was a stamp collector, in fact a U. S. specialist, claiming that he had his U. S. nearly complete. He asked me to show him some of my stock, (he came in while I was filling an order from one of my eastern customers, my material was all before me and this was why he made the above request). While looking over my stock, he saw a few stamps which, he stated, he would like to have; and also made me a proposition to trade them for others he had. After I showed him all I had, he pulled out a large wallet containing all classes of stamps. But what struck me as being rather queer, was that he had such a quantity of original covers containing such stamps as were worth more used than unused, such as Prince Edward Island,

Hanover, Confederate Government, Germany (Thurn and Taxis) and 30kr Baden. I did not suspect until after I had given him my check for \$10 for stamps I had purchased of him. My suspicions were first aroused by finding a 4c carmine Tarrant & Co. Med. stamp marked at \$1.50 and at the side of the price the letters P.P. I asked him what this meant. He said he did not pay much attention to this class of stamps and had forgotten. I looked it up in the catalogue and found out that the pink paper of this stamp was priced at \$1.50. I told him it was not a pink paper. In reply, he stated if that was the case, why I could have it, at the same time tearing it out of his book and throwing it into my lot of stamps, I had already purchased of him. He also had another stamp priced \$5 where it ought to have been only \$1. My suspicions being aroused, I kept a close watch upon him, his face and expressions, and it struck me forcibly that I had seen his picture somewhere before, or else he resembled somebody I knew. It began to dawn on me that he resembled Hermann Kaiser, whose picture I had seen recently in *Mekeel's Weekly*. We swapped stamps until 6 p. m., he taking only first class revenues and high priced U. S. Before he left me he made an engagement to come to my house Monday evening, about 7.30 p. m., as I had a 90c Justice and a 6c Executive which he wanted and as he did not have enough stamps with him that I wanted, he made the above engagement. Weil left with him. But about 7 p. m. Weil came back and told me confidentially that Stein gave him an entire book of Canadian Revenues marked at about \$5 for bringing him to me, and he (Stein) had told him not to say anything to me about it. Weil also showed me some of the stamps which Stein had traded him, among which were 3c Executive and a 1c State. Upon holding the 3c Executive to the light, I discovered that the perforations appeared to be of thinner paper than the stamp itself. The 1c State upon being held up to the light, near the bottom where a person generally finds the word "Specimen," I found that it had been cancelled twice in the same place and appeared to also have had the ink rubbed over that one space in a straight line. I put both in water. The back of the 3c Executive came off and showed that there were two parts to the stamp. The stamp itself was cut all around having no perforations at all, the piece of paper being perforated on all four sides

and made to fit just over the stamp. I also got the picture of Kaiser and made comparisons. The resemblance was there, but Stein did not wear any glasses, consequently there was a slight difference in appearance. Next morning I had a conference with Mr. N. Adler, the President of our local society, and told him of my suspicions. He looked at the stamps I had traded Stein and thought that possibly some of the stamps might be genuine but that the cancellations appeared fraudulent. We took the stamps to another member of the Louisville Philatelic Society and he, being more of a specialist on foreigners, pronounced the cancellations fraudulent. This member, Mr. L. C. Hassler, is a brother-in-law of the Chief of Police of Louisville. Meanwhile something else had turned up. Weil at noon time (Monday) went to the hotel where Stein was stopping and went to his room without being announced by any of the bell boys. He knocked on the door. As he did he heard a slamming of drawers, locking of safes and clicking of a valise being shut. When the door was opened, Weil explained his mission, stating his discovery about the 3c Executive. Stein gave him 3 stamps which catalogued about \$4 to make amend for the defect. While he was doing this Weil was noticing everything about the room. He noticed that the entire floor was covered with different kinds of paper and all kinds of envelopes. He stooped to pick one up and found an address on it, but no stamp. He also noticed several bottles including different inks and other material all strewn over a wash-stand, and his valise was on the bed. Stein became nervous and got Weil out of the room as quick as he could, but informed him not to tell Brooks that he (Weil) had found that defect and not to tell me anything what he had given him. Weil came to me and informed me of everything. I went and had a conference with Adler and Hassler. The consequence was that Hassler went to the Chief of Police and laid the facts before him. He saw the necessity of quick action and that evening he (in citizen's clothes) and Hassler came to my house about 8.15 p. m.

Our plan was to introduce the Chief as a stamp collector, a beginner, and while we engaged Stein in conversation, he the Chief of Police was to compare the picture of Kaiser with Stein. About 9 p. m. Stein put in his appearance. Everything worked well. The Chief had the paper with the picture folded in his hat so that he could

SPLENDID BOOKS OF STAMPS!

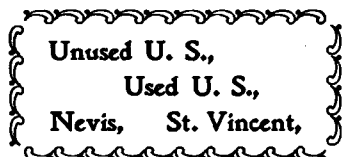
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HOWARD K. SANDERSON,

646 Western Avenue,

LYNN, MASS.

see both the picture and at the same time scrutinise Stein's features. The Chief a few minutes afterwards made excuse that he had an engagement down the street. I excused myself to Stein and saw Hassler and the Chief to the door. The Chief was positive Stein was the man, but he was going down to Stein's room to see what he could find and that in the meanwhile I should "swap" some stamps with Stein. During my conversation with Stein, he showed me a lot of stamps he had traded Mr. A. Engler to the value of \$93, catalogue. Stein having gotten such stamps as a 5c New York, two 5c New Orleans, a Memphis and a Charleston, S. C., local, a 5 shilling Barbados and others. He offered to sell any of them, but he would not trade.

Chief of Police Haager came back in about 20 minutes and placed Stein under arrest, taking him down to his hotel where Weil and Hassler were awaiting us. His room was examined and all his paraphernalia was gathered together. A valise was found in which was a tin box containing the dies with which Stein had made his forged cancellations, similar to those captured at Cleveland. He, when first arrested, would not submit, claiming that we did not have a warrant for his arrest. When taken to the station and searched, his eye-glasses were found in an upper pocket. When asked why he did not wear them on the street or while he was out of the hotel, he refused to answer. He

acted very calm throughout and appeared very innocent. In the valise I noticed a big package of blocks of unused Roman States and other stamps. I did not examine his outfit, as the Chief of Police took it altogether to his office to be kept as evidence. When arrested Stein gave his name as Wolle. Stein is about 5 ft. in height, of slender build, has blonde hair, and a German accent with an impediment of speech something bordering onto stuttering. When arrested he had in money only \$4.90. He had made engagements with several other members of the L. P. S. and no doubt if he had not been detected, would have attempted to work off a lot more of his rubbish on the collectors here.

The stamps I bought of him were mostly on original cover, and of the countries which are worth more used than unused. Among them are the 1, 3, 4, 6 and 12 pence Prince Edward Island, all on separate covers; a 6 pence P. E. I. on a cover with two one pence, all cancelled "Charlottetown;" a pair of 30kr Baden on part cover; some of the 1853-54 Italy on cover; some ½gr Hanover; some Germany; a 5c pence New South Wales; and some 2c rose Confederate States.

It is expected to have his trial to-morrow (Thursday morning). I swore out a warrant against him today for obtaining money under false pretenses. The Chief of Police has telegraphed Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis. Will give you the results of the

trial and everything else as soon as I can.

[LATER.]

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 10, 1898.

I now send you balance of news concerning Paul Fischer alias R. P. Wolle, A. Stein. etc. He was arraigned before the Police Court this morning (Thursday) on a warrant sworn out by me of obtaining money under false pretenses. The testimony of Lee Weil, Chief of Police Haager and myself was heard. After some cross examination by Prosecuting Attorney and the lawyer for Fischer, the judge committed Fischer over to the Grand Jury under \$1000 bail.

Meanwhile Mr. Louis A. DeCelle of the Cleveland Detective Force had arrived, holding a requisition for Fischer. After a conference with the Chief of Police and Fischer's lawyer, they agreed that in case the court did not find the charges sufficient to hold him more than a few months, he was to be turned over to the Cleveland authorities. After Fischer was committed to \$1000 bail, his attorney made me a proposition of getting all my stamps back for me in case he could have the charge dismissed here so that the Cleveland authorities could take him along to Cleveland. I consented and everything being made satisfactory in general, Fischer agreed to go along with the Cleveland officer. He was

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that it was not too early to take active steps for the entertainment of the convention to be held here August next, so three committees were appointed, a finance committee, an entertainment committee and a reception committee.

The following members were named for the several committees. Finance: P. F. Bruner, chairman, H. L. Calman, J. W. Scott, R. R. Bogert, J. O. Hobby, H. E. Deats and J. W. George. Entertainment: J. N. Luff, chairman, J. S. Rich, A. Perrin, G. R. Tuttle and R. A. McKim. Reception: A. Krassa, chairman, M. C. Berlepsch, C. D. W. Drew and A. Davison.

Messrs. Andreini and Bogert were appointed as a committee to draw up resolutions on the death of the late G. B. Calman. The following resolutions were drawn up and accepted:

Whereas, the members of the American Philatelic Association, N. Y. Branch, No. 2, here assembled have heard with regret of the death of Gustavo B. Calman, an honored member of our branch, an active stamp merchant well known all over the world for his straightforward dealings, be it therefore

Resolved, that the members of this branch hereby express their regret at the sad loss of their late fellow member, and be it further

Resolved, that the secretary be directed to spread these resolutions on the minutes and to forward a copy thereof to Mrs. Calman.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9.40 p. m.

O. H. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 5th.

Applications for Membership.

PAYNE, HENRY, 404 Ellis St., San Francisco, Cal.; age 29; occupation, U. S. Customs. References: R. H. Willcox, Wm. E. Loy.

WEBB, W. W., Topeka, Kans.; age 32; occupation, Ticket Broker. References: J. F. Donohoe, Joe F. Beard.

WOODRUFF, FREMONT, 44 Moffat Block, Detroit, Mich.; age 40; occupation, Lawyer. References: John Kay, Geo. R. Tuttle, R. V. Pres. W. F. Gregory.

Reinstated.

679. **DIENA, DR. EMILIO**, 40 Via Vittoria Colonna, Rome, Italy.

794. **PINGREE, MELLEN A.**, Haverhill, Mass.

1106. **SHERMAN, G. C.**, Watertown, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	656
Reinstated.....	3
Present membership	659

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

New York City, March 5th, 1898.

978 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Feb. 26th, valued at	\$38,202.47
27 books received since Feb. 26th, valued at	\$876.99
5 books retired valued at	253.43
	\$39,079.46

Total number of books in circulation 1,000 valued at \$38,826.03
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

BRANCH No. 2, A. P. A.

The regular quarterly meeting of Branch No. 2, American Philatelic Association was held at the National Philatelic Society's room, Collector's Club, 351 Fourth Ave., on Tuesday evening, March 8th, at 8.15 p. m. The meeting was called to order by President Gregory with thirteen members present. Minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

It was decided by the members present

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

BLOCKS. BLOCKS.
SOME BEAUTIFUL BLOCKS
Strips, Pairs, etc., in my April and Auction Sale. Are you interested? The catalogue is free.
P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

Good Morning
Have you seen a copy of George S. McKearin's Special Sale List No. 1?
Printed in colors and full of bargains.

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35 varieties, Catalogue \$2.00..... \$0.50
40 " " " 3.00..... .75
50 " " " 4.00..... 1.00
60 " " " 5.00..... 1.50
We have been picking up these desirable stamps for the past three years and have an elegant assortment.
SEND WANT LISTS. [54*]
Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn.

NEWFOUNDLAND.
UNUSED O. G. Cat. My price.
1866 12c pale red brown.... \$0.60 \$0.30
1867 6c rose, o. g..... .25 .12
1876 3c rouletted, used..... 1.00 .40
NEW BRUNSWICK.
1860 1c red lilac, o. g..... .05
" 17c black, "..... .10
ZULULAND.
Set 5 var. including 1sh unused o. g. .90
I have still a few surcharged Newfoundland left at..... .60
LIBERTY STAMP CO.,
GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Written for the ERA.

Notes on Stamps.

I recently received a registered letter from Newfoundland, containing quite a large consignment of stamps and franked with three ten cent Cabots, which had evidently aroused the suspicions of some customs official for upon it in large letters was "suspected liable to custom duties."

A correspondent in St. Johns informs me that the three values recently reprinted to complete sets were the one-half cent black, one cent green and two cent orange. The reprinting took place last November. The difference in the one cent is very easily seen as it is a much lighter shade than No. 65; but the one-half and two cent are such perfect reprints of Nos. 55 and 59 that it is very hard to distinguish them from the originals. In fact if it had not been admitted by the government that they had been reprinted they would never be taken for such. While there is a slight difference between these November reprints and the originals it is in the general appearance rather than any easily described distinctive point, and no such marked difference as that between the 1880 issue and the re-issue of 1894, I say '94 because I understand that the reprinting of the five stamps referred to took place in 1894, not '96 as the catalogue has it.

While there is little question but that these reprints of last November were entirely unnecessary and ordered with a view of the revenue to be derived from the sale of the sets thus completed, still they are receivable for postage and occupy much the same footing as the '94 re-issue and our own government re-issue. There is already quite a demand for them and it, as is being agitated in Newfoundland, all the old stamps on hand, including these reprints, are destroyed they will doubtless prove quite scarce.

How about the 3c type A23 which forms one of the set? It has been chronicled as dull lilac and dull mauve and quite generally designated as also a recent reprint. If by recent is meant last November, the same time as the reprinting of the other three values, I do not think this is so, and my opinion is not based solely on the statement of my correspondent that the ½, 1 and 2c and no others were reprinted at that time, but on other grounds as well. While the provisionals have been generally chronicled and spoken of as 1c on 3c lilac-gray, as a matter of fact the surcharges are not on the so called lilac-gray re-issue, Scott's No. 69, at all, but a later printing of the 3c type A23 of a dull to a reddish lilac shade. I have had the opportunity of comparing the three cent stamps in question with the various shades of the provisionals, and feel convinced that the two stamps are of the same printing, and the former doubtless

some of the stock remaining uncharged at the time the provisionals were issued. If this is so let some of those who have said the surcharges were made only to sell tell us why they didn't make more of them. My correspondent tells me he had the privilege of examining the stock of three cent stamps in the General Post Office, and they are of various shades, the same as the provisionals. As to the date of this printing of type A23 I have not as yet been able to ascertain, but was I to venture a guess would say it probably took place early in 1897 a little before the Cabot issue. As a matter of fact the reprinting, especially of the 3c, has been going on, ever since 1890, every 12 or 18 months, as often as a fresh supply was needed by the General Post Office, hence the many different and distinct shades and colors of this stamp. At each printing the printers seem to have hit upon a different shade and some of them are certainly so much different as to deserve listing as well as the original slate and so called lilac-gray re-issue already catalogued. I do not believe that the latter and the 1c yellow green No. 65 can be called re-issues in the same sense as the other five stamps of the set so listed.

The latter were reprinted mainly for sale to collectors and others although receivable for postage: while the two former stamps were reprinted to replenish stock for general use. It is not at all strange that when a period of a year or more lapses between printings of the same stamp that quite marked changes of shade occur. The one cent gray green, No. 53, and one cent deep green, No. 54, are very likely two distinct printings; and there is another one cent green, which, on similar paper and with similar gum, lacks the decided yellowish tint of 1c yellow green, No. 65, and is decidedly different in shade than either No. 53 or 54. But to return to type A23. There are at least three distinct shades of the 3c slate, just such differences as one often sees illustrated in a pile of slates near a newly erected house. There is a pure slate, dull and cold; a handsome and pronounced greenish slate and another of a dark bluish cast, as well as one, perhaps the prettiest, of a purplish shade. The differences in these are not so slight and gradual that one needs to exercise his imagination to note them, but, placed side by side, they stand out boldly in marked contrast.

Moreover they represent the introduction of different colors and in different proportions in the composition of the ink which must necessarily, it seems, have occurred in separate printings. Apparently immediately following the slates is a pure gray such as might result from a combination of black and white. A little blue ink added gave a soft bluish gray. The lilac-grays vary in shade according to the amount of mauve or lilac ink used in producing the stamp. I have seen some so dark that the lilac seemed to form a faint but unmistak-

able under tint to an over-coating so dark that it was almost black. The dull and reddish lilac shades are the result of a marked predominance of the mauve or lilac ink in this printing. Somewhat of a parallel is found in the U. S. 24c gray lilac 1861-66 and 24c red-lilac of 1861.

There is one more shade, or rather perhaps a color, so entirely different that it is hard to account for without the actual facts at hand, and these I hope to have soon. I refer to the 3c violet-brown, if such it may be called. As to the date of its printings I have not yet been able to learn, but I found a few used copies in a lot of stamps of this type which I received from Newfoundland a few months ago.

I am inclined to believe they were printed about or the same time as the dull and red lilac and that both stamps were in use only a short time before the appearance of the Cabot issue. Their comparative scarcity used seems to support this opinion. In a lot of over 1100 3c type A23 used I found only about 20 of the violet-brown and about 30 of the dull and red lilac. One of my correspondents has suggested that the brown stamp may be an error, the wrong ink having in some way been used. Whatever the case I think it will prove a scarce stamp and as near as I have been able to learn very few seem to be held by dealers, either used or unused. It is possible that it is an error of color of which only a small number exist. Of course this is only guess work as to this stamp but I will not be at all surprised if it proves a much rarer stamp than the provisional.

To sum it all up there are at least four distinct colors of the 3c type A23, which should receive the attention of collectors whether they draw a line on shades or not, viz: 3c slate, 3c gray, 3c lilac, 3c brown; this designating them simply according to the main color. To this group the majority of collectors would probably add the lilac-gray preceding the lilac. The collector who enjoys well-contrasted shades will find a delightful field in the 3c type A23 of Newfoundland and can secure a handsome and interesting group well representing the various printings of this type.

GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

AN ERA "SPECIAL" APRIL 16.

While we are compelled to forego attempting to issue a "Special" for this month, on account of our health, yet we shall have one in April sure. It will be similar to our February one, with trimmed pages and 5000 circulation and will appear Saturday, April 16th.

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then handed over to Detective DeCelle, who left here at 2 p. m. with his prisoner.

Fischer's attorney kept all of the balance of the stamps as attorney's fee, excepting mine which he had Stein identify. Stein claimed his stamps catalogued in the neighborhood of \$1400. I did not think they would amount to more than \$900 catalogue value. Possibly only about \$750, genuine, and the balance on original covers, etc., with bogus cancellations. With his bogus stamps it possibly amounted to \$1400.

The Cleveland detective took along all the dies with which Fischer, Wolle, etc., had made his bogus cancellations. There were about fifteen or twenty dies. In looking through his stamps I found a large quantity of Roman States reprints, Hanover, (Scott's No. 21) 1/2 gr black, Hanover, 3gr brown (Scott's No. 35). These I found in blocks of four, six, eight and twelve. He had all necessary inks, oils, and paste to complete his outfit, also a Beardsley directory and other philatelic papers. These are all in the possession of Fischer's attorney of this city.

Throughout his whole time in jail and his trial, Fischer alias Stein, acted very cool and contented. In fact, he seemed to be very glad to leave Louisville behind him and to go to Cleveland. I enclose you Fischer's picture which was taken here by the police under the Bertillon system. It shows him without his eye-glasses and on the reverse will be found his description as taken under this system.

EDW. BROOKS.

[THE LATEST.]

Sent by MR. H. C. CROWELL.

LOST HIS PRISONER.

RICHARD WOLLE, WANTED IN CLEVELAND, ESCAPES FROM DETECTIVE DECELLE IN CINCINNATI.

Detective DeCelle returned to Cleveland yesterday without the prisoner with whom he started from Louisville. The man was Richard Wolle, alias Paul Fischer, who was wanted here on the charge of stealing rare postage stamps.

When the detective and his man were on the point of entering the railway gate at Cincinnati, the gateman asked to see their tickets. DeCelle let go of the prisoner while he took the tickets from his pocket, and as he reached forward the man dropped the sachel he was carrying and bolted. The detective made after him, but in the crowd which was waiting for other trains, the man was lost.

Detective DeCelle spent several hours in Cincinnati trying to locate his man, but without success, and he then returned without him.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer, Mar. 12, 1898.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

I have Scott's Nos. 1465 and 1478 unused, U. S. entire Envelopes to exchange for any U. S. Postage, Revenue or Envelope catalogue at same price. Lou. O. Brosie, 3405 Butler St., Pittsburg, Pa.

For Exchange: Gymnasium suit made to order, knit from best Germantown wool. Best offer in stamps. Large quantity of common U. S. taken. What have you. Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, Ohio.

Fine copy of 1859 Hawaii used, cat. at \$10.00. U. S. 1863 6c and 12c used (\$1.50); will exchange the above stamps, for a fine copy of the 4c Playing Cards 2c, first issue, or any values of unused Columbians. Jas. Mikolasek, 21 Fisk St., Chicago, Ill.

I have five hundred each of the 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c values of U. S. postage, present issue, which I wish to exchange for foreign stamps. Hiram L. Rich, Somerville, Mass.

I will take those Dues and Deliveries that you can't get rid of in the Stamp Exchanges, and give you good Foreign from my sheets. Always glad to answer letters. Albert H. Hall, North Cambridge, Mass.

Will exchange one set of 36 different flags of U. S. states for 20c worth foreign from sheets; five or more sets same rate. S. E. Medford, 435 No. 41st St., Phila., Pa. [35]

Good Exchange. I will give fine exchange from books in either U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonials and good Foreign, for U. S. Revenues which I can use. Only copies in fine, perfect condition wanted. Particularly desire 5c Proprietary, 25c Bond and Warehouse Receipt, 50c Probate of Will, and any \$10: also 1, 3, 4, 6 and 15c Second Issue: 4, 6, 15 and 30c Third Issue and others. Write what you have. Also want any Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Colonies. Write me. Fine exchange and fair treatment assured. Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. [2517]

Victoria Nos. 46 and 48, 58th Catalogue and Portugal No. 5, from the De Coppet collection, for your good Match and Medicine stamps or Document Revenues. T. M. Drossner, 566 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [52]

3c claret Dues 1890-91, unused o. g., superfine, perf. 4 sides, to exchange for anything under the sun in the stamp line. Send along what you have for I must see them. I have the stock in petto. I have others to exchange so let me hear from you. H. F. Bartels, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Ore. [2481c]

TRADE COLUMN.

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5 " 12 1/2c blue	3.50	2.00
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1 Nova Scotia 1p red brown	8.50	5.50
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*17 " 8 1/2c green	2.50	1.40
18 " 10c vermilion	2.00	1.20
19 " 12 1/2c black	1.50	.90
1 Newfoundland 1p violet	3.50	2.00
*21 " 5p red brown	2.00	1.25
*20 " 4p lake	.85	.60
*22 " 6p "	.75	.50
*23 " 6 1/2p lake	2.50	1.50
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6 " 6p vermilion	1.00	.65
*3 " 1p blue green	2.50	1.60
10 " 2 1/2p claret	1.50	1.00
12 " 1sh purple	2.00	1.40
*20 " 1p rose	2.00	1.25
*24 " 3p bistre	2.00	1.25
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*3 St. Vincent 1sh slate	20.00	12.50
*12 " 1p rose	1.50	1.00
14 " 1sh slate	7.50	4.50
14 " 6p blue green	2.50	1.40
16 " 6p yellow green	2.50	1.50
18 " 6p dark blue	10.00	6.25
21 " 1p black	1.25	.85
29 " 4p ultramarine, perf. 11	3.50	2.25
39 " 4p blue, CA, perf. 12	7.50	4.75
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Mr. F. H. Pinkham, publisher of the popular *Eastern Philatelist*, was elected Town Treasurer at the Newmarket, N. H., town meeting held this week.

In connection with our editorial in February 26th issue we publish the following, which fully explains itself:
BROOKLYN, March 8th, 1898.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Editor PHILATELIC ERA.

Dear Sir: We have been shown the paragraph, in your issue of the 26th inst., in which you warn your readers against our company on account of your paper having been held as "not found." This occurred by an oversight on our part in not notifying the P. O. Dept. of our existence, as we simply have a mail box at 123 Nostrand Ave., this city. This has since been done, and we are now receiving all mail addressed to us. We are doing a legitimate business, in placing our Balm on the market, and as we think we have an excellent salve we expect it to become popular. We take pleasure in handing you a sample. We only ask a trial of it, and are confident that it will do all that we say it will, i. e., remove corns. While we do not blame you for protecting yourself in this matter, still you will readily see where it may injure us, so we feel justified in asking you to correct the impression which the paragraph conveys. Trusting that you will do this we are,

Yours very truly,
THE BALM CO.,
per Ed. S. SMITH, Manager.

We are still supplying Scott's 58th Catalogue (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) for 50 cents per copy—if order is sent with a remittance for a subscription or advertisement.

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1. Something About Stamp Fiends.
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3. Stamp Collecting at the Present Time.
4. Some Noted Stamp Collections.
5. A Brief History of the Match and Medicine Stamps.
6. The Stamp Speculator.
7. The Stamp Dealer.
8. Stamp Collecting as a Pastime.
9. Stamp Collecting as an Investment.
10. How We First Became Interested in Medicine Stamps.
11. Our First Stamp Hunt.
12. Down in Egypt.
13. The Cross Road Country Store.
14. Through the South for Stamps.
15. Our Great Find in New Orleans.
16. The Indiana Drug Store.
17. The Country Post Offices.
18. A Study in Human Nature.
19. The Great St. Louis Stamp Find.
20. The California Revenue Find.
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The Market.

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B. L. Drew & Co.'s 23rd Sale—Boston.

Thursday Evening, Feb. 24th.

UNITED STATES.

1869 10c ○ traces of gum perfectly cen.	3 00
30c ○ " " " " "	6 00
90c ○ " " " " "	16 00
1888 90c ○	1 70
1894 \$2 ○ o. g.	2 50
Executive 2c ○ no gum	3 75
6c ○ no gum	7 00
20c ○ no gum	4 00
State 15c ⊕	1 50
Treasury 24c ⊕	2 25
<i>Envelopes:</i>	
1853 6c green on white ⊕ entire	1 75
1857 10c green on buff ⊕ entire	12 50
1870 12c on white "Specimen" entire	1 25
15c " " " "	1 25
24c " " " "	2 00
30c " " " "	1 62½
90c " " " "	1 75
1874 2c die B on amber entire ○	40
5c die B on fawn entire ○	2 25
30c white entire ○	75
1887 90c purple on white entire ○	1 37½
90c purple on amber entire ○	1 50
War 1875 2c on amber entire ○	1 25
<i>Match:</i>	
Thos. Allen 1c old	2 12½
Geo. & O. C. Barber 1c old	3 25
Barber and Peckham 1c old	1 10
Bauer & Bendell 1c silk	3 00
B. Bendell & Co. 12c (large) silk another	1 75
Brown & Durling 1c green old	1 70
D. Bunhaus & Co. 1c old	1 70
Jas. Eaton rouletted	1 40
Gardner, Best & Co. 1c pink	2 00
Greenleaf & Co. 3c carmine old	1 50
" " 5c orange old (mint state)	6 00
B. & H. D. Howard 1c lake old	2 00
L. G. Hunt 1c old	1 75
San Francisco Match Co. 12c silk another	4 75
S. C. B. C. 1c black W	4 50
S. C. B. C. 1c black W	1 50
<i>Medicine:</i>	
J. C. Ayer & Co. 1c black old	1 10
W. T. Blow 1c pink (2) 2-75;	2 00
B. Brandreth (Allcock's large) silk	1 60
F. Brown 2c black old	2 12½
J. W. Champion 4c silk uncut same wmk.	2 37½
Cannon & Co. 4c pink	1 60
G. G. Green rouletted	1 75
S.B. Hartman & Co. 6c silk (mint state)	80
Herrick's Pills 1c old	90
Merchant's Gargling Oil 1c pink	2 10
G. W. Swett 4c green perf silk practically mint state	4 25
U. S. Prop. Med. Co. yellow wrapper old	40

West India Mfg. Co. 4c silk (practically mint state)	1 00
another no gum	1 50
same wmk. practically mint state	1 50
E. W. Hoyt & Co. 4c pink	1 90
R. & G. A. Wright 3c lake silk	1 37½
A. Dougherty & Co. 2c orange old	1 00
" " 4c black old	1 30
Chas. Goodall 5c black old	2 50
FOREIGN.	

Ceylon 1857 6d ⊕	1 75
1885 10 on 64 ○	1 90
New South Wales 5sh O S; P.O. state	1 50
Queensland 1860-1 3 ○ o. g.	1 12½
Denmark 1853 8s ○	1 75
1853 16s violet ○	5 00
1870 48s ⊕	1 70
Guadalajara 1868 1r (Scott 64) on o. c.	1 15
1867 2r (Scott 29) on orig. cover	1 50
Newfoundland 1866 5c black practically P. O. state	2 50
1897 1 on 3 vertical pair showing both types P. O. state	2 00
same, block of four showing both types P. O. state	3 80
Argentine official 60c ○ o. g. (No. 179)	95
Brazil 1843 30c ⊕	3 40
1843 60c ⊕	1 30
Columbian Republic 1866 10 pesos ⊕	1 25
1883 1 peso P. O. state	45
Pacific Steam Navigation Co. 1858 1r P. O. state (No. 5)	1 25
Grenada No. 1 1860 1d no wmk. P. O. state	1 80
Grenada 1883 8d P. O. state	75
New South Wales 8d yellow imperf. "fair" ⊕	2 00

The Editor's Shears.

We have received the prospectus, and later the first number, of a new periodical, *The Stamp Auction Reporter*, which is to be published fortnightly, and to give, as its title implies, reports of all the stamp auctions held in London. The prices realized by all "single variety lots" are to be quoted, and the paper is intended to be a guide to "the actual market value of one's collection." There are, and naturally so, many collectors who are greatly exercised in their minds as to what are the actual market values of their collections, and to some of these it is always a pleasure to read auction reports, especially when they find that some of the stamps of which they possess specimens have fetched big prices. But if they take notes of these prices they will probably be not a little puzzled at seeing how very considerably they vary, and they may even in time begin to doubt whether auction prices are much of a guide to "market values." After all, what is the "market value" of a stamp? For the seller it should, we presume, be the price that the owner of a particular specimen of a certain stamp can always get for it; for the buyer, the price at which anyone who wants a specimen of a certain stamp in a certain condition can always buy it. The

price at which a specimen happens to sell on a particular occasion, as all students of auction prices know, is very little guide. A seller might find his copy fetch a very different price a few days later; a buyer might wait for months before he could get a similar copy at the same price, or at all. We are always being told that a dealer's price list only gives the prices at which that dealer sells or professes to sell the stamps that he has in stock; but what else can be expected? If he quotes prices for stamps when he has not got them, and does not know where he can get them, or what he will have to give for them, those prices must be fictitious. As long as he can supply the stamps at certain prices, those are the market prices—at his market, at all events; and until all the dealers in the world agree upon the price they will give for each individual stamp, and the profit they will be satisfied with in every case, the market price must vary with almost every stamp market that the collector goes into. Auction prices are equally variable, if not more so.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

Another magazine, one of the numbers of which has been lying on our table for some time past—indeed, for a much longer time than it should have remained without notice—is *The Junior Stamp Collector*. With the aims of this periodical we have every sympathy, and we wish it every success in its efforts to assist our younger philatelists of all ages. We are sorry, however, to see that one of its articles recommends specializing, because to recommend the beginner to begin as a specialist, seems to us like recommending a boy to start in life as an old man. General collecting is both more interesting and more instructive to the beginner, and if he is ever to become a philatelist he should know something about stamps generally. It is a fatal mistake, in our opinion, for the beginner to take up a single country, or group of countries, and plunge headlong into all the intricacies of watermarks, perforations, and minor varieties; but everyone nowadays wants to run before he has learnt to walk, with the result that though collectors (collectors with valuable collections too—from a pecuniary point of view) are more numerous than ever, philatelists seem to be growing fewer and fewer!—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

The Top o' the morning to ye.

Have ye seen that thing that man McKearin bes after githing out? Ye haven't! Thin ye bitter sind er wan at onct befur its too late.

COLONIALS. COLONIALS.

A FINE LINE of unused British Colonials in my April and Auction Sale. The catalogue of it don't cost anything. P. M. Weisfeffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THREE CENT 1857 PART PERFORATE.

RICHMOND, ILL., March 10, 1898. Mr. W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: In looking through some old letters I found a pair of 3c 1857 partly imperforated. They are perforated all around, but where they come together they are imperforated. They are not catalogued and I think they are not plentiful in good condition. Have you ever seen any of them. Please say something about it in the ERA.

Yours truly, GUSTAV MULLER.

MILLBURY, MASS., March 8, 1898.

DEAR SIR:

I have every reason to believe that a certain person calling himself Chas. F. Anderson of Millbury, Mass., is a fraud and would advise you to warn dealers not to send stamps to him without first inquiring into references that should be demanded of him, there are 7 letters, most of them evidently containing stamps from Starr people, Crowell and others. He is about 17 years of age and called for his mail each Saturday (general delivery) but as the postmaster mistrusted him he did not deliver it to him without first being identified as he was a stranger to him, the P. M.; he has not called since with anybody to identify him. I know of no one here by that name.

S. of P. 1885.

DENVER, COLO., March 9th, 1898. Mr. W. W. JEWETT,

Editor of the PHILATELIC WEEKLY ERA.

Dear Sir: I notice in the ERA of Feb. 26, 1898, a communication from one C. Nast, Pres. Colo. Philatelic Society, headed CARION vs. DR. BEGGS. Inasmuch as the communication is filled with misstatements, known by the author to be such, I ask you to give me space for a statement of the facts in the case.

In the Denver Evening Post of February 14 was a statement that the P. O. Inspectors were investigating charges against me and giving a garbled statement of the charges. This was false as at that date charges had not been filed. In the Denver Republican of Feb. 17 was a statement that I had been arrested on the charges. This was also false. The city editors of both papers when confronted by the statements of both the P. O. Inspector and the U. S. District Attorney that they had not authorized such news, acknowledged that their informants were Messrs. Nast and Haywood. The

authors of the publications were guilty of wilful false information, and the purpose was evidently to have newspaper accounts used as news items by philatelic publications as well as to cause me local unpleasantry.

However, charges were presented against me. No warrant has been issued against me inasmuch as the charges were not considered by the authorities to be valid.

Now as to the facts. The records of the American Philatelic Association published in November, 1896, show that one Georges Carion of San Francisco had been suspended for one year from the Association at the session of 1895 on the charge of dealing in stamps of Cochin China that appeared to be forgeries. Further, that at the session of 1896 he was expelled by a vote of 645 to 20, he not having defended himself on that charge.

In August, 1896, having some fears as to the condition of my health, I removed from St. Louis to Denver, and from that time until very recently when, at the request of the Societe Timbrophile d'Echanges I accepted the office of Chef de Section for America, have had no connection with stamp collecting. However, having ordered Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News changed from my St. Louis address, my Denver address was published therein without my request. Mr. Carion, without any request, solicitation or order on my part, but because he saw this published address (as a letter from him in my possession proves) sent to me a few sheets of stamps. On subsequently looking over the sheets I found that the only "rare articles worth a great deal from a philatelist's standpoint" were these same stamps of Cochin China, for dealing in which he had been expelled from the A. P. A.

In earlier days I had been taken in for some forgeries which cost me a pretty sum. Other attempts have been made to take me in since then. Consequently I have no specially kindly feelings toward those who indulge in such practices. Knowing Mr. Carion's A. P. A. record I did not care to trust sending them back by unregistered mail. Under the circumstances I did not feel under any obligations to go to any trouble whatever on Mr. Carion's account and therefore cast the sheets aside (which was certainly within my legal rights) and have not seen them since. I hold myself in readiness to make good any valid claim against me for stamps which I have in any way, either by letter or advertisement, indicated a desire to receive, but distinctly disclaim all responsibility for all such as this. I have never at any time taken or made use of one cent's worth of stamps from any sheets belonging to Mr. Carion.

About six months ago Mr. Carion complained to the P. O. Inspector. A simple statement of the above facts convinced him that Mr. Carion had no grounds for complaint.

Mr. Nast states that "lately Mr. C.

has found the original order, requesting stamps on approval." That is false. He has forwarded a letter purporting to be such which the P. O. Inspector says "requires no expert to prove that it was not written by you" (me). I enclose copy of an affidavit which I filed with the P. O. Inspector and which disposes of the charge against me.

"The end is not yet." The affidavit will be filled with the proper prosecuting authorities in San Francisco and an attempt made to have the forger punished. The whole thing resolves itself into a blackmailing scheme, and I consider those responsible for the newspaper accounts as guilty of sneaking, contemptible, disreputable conduct.

Very truly yours, WM. N. BEGGS.

[COPY.]

State of Colorado, County of Arapahoe. } ss.

DENVER, COLO., February 19th, 1898.

I, the undersigned, Wm. N. Beggs, a citizen of the State of Colorado and the City of Denver, being duly sworn, do depose and say that a certain letter, purporting to have been written or signed by me, now in the hands of Post Office Inspector Cochran, of Denver, Colorado, which letter was filed with the said Post Office Inspector by one Georges Carion, of San Francisco, California, and which letter has the following wording, to wit:—

"DENVER, October 14th, 1896.

"DEAR SIR:

"Please send me a good selection of stamps on approval as advertised in Rocky Mountain Stamp and other papers.

"Yours truly,

"WM. N. BEGGS, (A. P. A. 431).

"Address,

"Gross Medical College."

is a forgery. I did not write or sign said letter or authorize it to be written or signed. I have never seen said letter prior to February 16th, 1898, and was ignorant of its existence or claimed existence prior to that date. I believe said letter was forged in San Francisco, California, and not earlier than August 1st, 1897. I believe that of San Francisco either wrote said letter, or caused it to be written, and knows the author thereof, and knows that it is a forgery. I believe that said letter was forged to form the foundation of a criminal charge against me preferred by Mr. Georges Carion or his agents to the Post Office Inspector, which charge is false.

(Signed) WM. N. BEGGS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, A. D. 1898. My commission expires March 23rd, 1899.

(Signed) HAROLD C. STEPHENS,

Notary Public.

BATTLE.

BATTLE.

APRIL 2nd DAN LONG

will have a great battle with the bidders at my Auction Sale. Will you be one of them? The catalogue is free. P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

The Illustration of Stamps in England Conceded on Conditions.

As our readers will see, from a letter which we publish in full below, and as they may have seen already from statements in the daily press, the friendly controversy which our publishers have been carrying on with the authorities of the Inland Revenue and Post Office Departments, on the subject of illustrations of stamps, has at last been brought to a conclusion, which should be eminently satisfactory to all concerned.

[COPY.]

“INLAND REVENUE, SOMERSET HOUSE,
“LONDON, W. C., 5th January, 1898.

“TO MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS (Limited).

“SIRS,—Referring to the correspondence which took place with your firm last year, I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to inform you that they have recently considered, in conjunction with the Postmaster-General, the subject of the illustration of postage stamps by stamp dealers and others. All such illustrations are—as the Board are advised—an infringement of the law. It is, however, recognized that the object in view in those cases where the illustrations are intended for the use of stamp collectors, &c., is an innocent one, and that a considerable industry has of late years sprung up in connection with their production. In these circumstances neither the Postmaster-General nor the Board of Inland Revenue desire that the practice should be prohibited so long as no danger to the Revenue arises from its continuance. They propose, therefore, in future to abstain from interfering in all cases in which the following regulations are complied with:—

“1. Illustrations must be in black alone. The Board will not abstain from interfering where the same are in colour, no matter what may be the size of the illustration.
2. The Board of Inland Revenue must be consulted before any black illustrations are made; and, if they decide not to interfere, it will be on condition that they are satisfied as to the proper custody of the dies, blocks, plates, &c., and that their officers are to be always free to visit the premises where the same are kept.
3. This concession will be limited to certain special classes of publications, such as stamp dealers' catalogues, books on stamps, stamp albums, articles in newspapers, periodicals, &c. Permission will not be given in any circumstances for ordinary advertisement purposes.

“I am at the same time to state that it must be understood that the Board reserve to themselves the full right to withdraw this concession in any case in which they may deem it necessary to do so.

“I am, Sirs,

“Your obedient Servant,

“T. N. CRAFER, *Secretary.*”

This official recognition of the claims of philatelists to be allowed to possess, and to publish, illustrated works connected with their pursuit, undoubtedly places both philately and the stamp trade—and especially the philatelic publishing trade—in a very much stronger position than they have ever occupied before in this respect. We all know that for years the illustration of all kinds of stamps, either in black or in

colour, was tacitly permitted; but all those connected in any way with what we term philatelic literature have known for some years past that that happy state of things might at any time be put an end to, that very great inconvenience and loss might be caused by an attempt to put in force what the authorities believed to be the law, and that, although the inconvenience might be only temporary, the injury to philately and to the stamp trade would be a lasting one. Personally we have always been of opinion that the Act under which proceedings would be taken was never intended to interfere with the illustration of philatelic works; but the effect of an Act, and the intention of those who framed it, are sometimes very different. The Board of Inland Revenue are still of opinion that “all such illustrations are an infringement of the law,” and it matters nothing to us whether that opinion is right or wrong so long as they do not intend to use that law to the detriment of an innocent pursuit and a legitimate business. Illustrations in colour are not to be permitted, and we may look upon this as a promise that the Board will interfere promptly and effectively with the manufacture and sale of coloured representations of stamps—in other words, *forgeries*.

We do not take it, as we have seen suggested, that the second regulation means that “the Board of Inland Revenue must be consulted” before the making of every individual block that is to be used for illustrating purposes, but that permission is to be asked by every one who desires to use such blocks, and that illustrations of stamps are not to be published by “all and sundry” without such permission being asked for and obtained. We consider this a very salutary rule, and one likely to prevent abuse of the concession that is being made. We presume that, in the case of firms that are constantly publishing philatelic books and periodicals, a general permission will be given to illustrate those publications, and that in other cases permission will have to be obtained for illustrating particular works upon philatelic subjects; but we feel sure that the Departments concerned have no desire, while granting important privileges, to impose conditions which would render those privileges of little value. On the contrary, we feel that while our friend, Mr. C. J. Phillips, as representative of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., may fairly claim the credit of having taken the leading part in fighting the Battle of the (philatelic) Books, and while we have also to thank the members of the press (both philatelic and general) for joining in the fight, we are bound to acknowledge in the fullest possible manner the courtesy of our friends the enemy, if we may use such a term. The arguments brought forward on our side have been listened to with every attention, and we believe we may say that no one is better pleased than the heads of the two Departments in question at a *modus*

vivendi having been arrived at, by which the interests of the Revenue are duly safeguarded, whilst undue interference with a pursuit in which many are largely interested is at the same time avoided.

Thanks to the kindness and freedom from official prejudices of the present Controller of Stamps, Mr. J. S. Purcell, C. B., the archives of Somerset House have for some years past been made accessible to students of philatelic history, so far as such could be done without too great inconvenience, and the results of this will shortly be seen in a work which the Publishing Committee of the London Philatelic Society now has in hand. We believe that, without doing any injustice to other gentlemen in high official positions, we may fairly say that the satisfactory settlement of the illustration question is largely due to Mr. Purcell's attitude in the matter, and to the manner in which he has fully acknowledged the services which philatelists have been able to render to the Department of Inland Revenue. We know how frequent and, in too many cases, unconscionable are the demands made upon the good nature of the officers of some of our Public Departments in connection with matters like stamp collecting, which are entirely outside their public duties, and we suppose that we ought not to blame those who adopt a kind of *non possumus* position and treat all these demands alike; but those who have the tact and discrimination to recognize when a concession may safely be made, are not only the pleasantest officials for the public to do business with, but are also those whose judgment is the most likely to be of benefit to the Public Service.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

Price List No. 8

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, March 9th.

Plate Number collectors have been busy hunting for new discoveries in the 1c green ever since they first appeared. The latest we have heard of Nos. 439 and 440 in green. Others are yet likely to turn up.

It is not uncommon for orders to be received at the Washington Post Office for envelopes that have long been out of stock, collectors knowing only through individual letters from the postmaster that they could not be supplied. In order that intending purchasers might have due time and notice to secure the envelopes they might want, it has been decided to make public announcement of those that are to be destroyed after June 30th next. At the expiration of that time the post office will be unable to supply them. Here is a list of what is still obtainable:

- Letter sheets: 2c green.
- Envelopes: No. 1, 2c July 1884; No. 2, 1c amber 1886; No. 2, 2c white and amber July 1884; same fawn; No. 3, 2c amber July 1884; same blue and fawn.
- Columbians: Q 2c, P 2c, R 1c, R 5c, G 5c, H 5d, H 10c, I 5c and 10c.

Hungary issued three new stamps on Feb. 20th to correspond with balance of set with black numerals which have just been received, namely, 3kr green and black, 10kr blue and black and 20kr grey and black.

The Washington Philatelic Society held its regular meeting last night. Messrs. Johnson, Camp and Nixen exhibited their collections of Match and Medicine stamps which were much admired. Two new members were proposed. An auction sale will be held at the next regular meeting, the last one having proven a success.

25 UNUSED STAMPS 10c
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Set of 6 vars., 1/2 to 7d, used, only..... \$2.50
" " " 1/2 to 1sh " "..... 3.75

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Still to the Fore!
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Packet 40 vars., best on the market..... .85
W. KELSEY HALL,
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A fine specimen of this great rarity for sale, make offer. Reserve price \$15.00.
A few 1876 Western Union unused at \$1.50 each. Entire unused Envelopes, 1c blue on orange, Reay issue, 1396, 30 cents each (cat. 75c).

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N. E. CARTER,
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- China 1897, new issue, 1/2 to 30, used, 8 var..... .65
- *China 1897 " " 1/2 to 50, 9 var..... 1.00
- *Chefoo 1/2 to 10, 5 var..... .20
- *Chinkiang 1894 1/2 to 10, 7 var..... .30
- *Chinkiang 1894, Unpaid Letters, 7 varieties... .30
- *Chungking 1894 2c red..... .30
- *Chungking 1895 complete, 2 to 24, 5 var..... .70
- *Hankow 1894 complete, Postage Due complete..... .70
- *Ichang 1895 complete 1/2c to 3m..... .80
- *Shanghai 1893 complete, 1/2 to 20..... .55
- *Wuhu 1894 1/2 to 10c, 7 varieties..... .25
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Re-issue 1894, 5 var., 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 3, mint state, fine, 50c
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My 30¢ and Net Books.....
Will Equal Any Going.
Write for a book of Newfoundland. And don't forget the reference.
George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

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We are selling Approval Sheets all ready to send out, in three grades. Each sheet contains 20 all different stamps. The sheet is the finest onion skin paper made. We sell them at the following prices:

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DON'T DELAY.
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50c to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
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\$3 " " " " "

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WHOLE No. 253.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Gustave B. Calman.

Gustave B. Calman was born December 6th, 1860, in New York City, where his entire life was spent. Even in his early school days he showed the indomitable energy which characterized his business career and, being in advance of his years in school and unwilling to occupy any position except that of head of his class, his health broke down between his 11th and 12th years and he was compelled to take a vacation of six months. He re-entered the following year, but with the same result, and finally left school before he was 13 years of age, entering business a short time thereafter.

He started in the business of Emil Calman & Co (his father being senior partner), dealers in varnishes and japans. He made it his business to develop the city trade in particular, and accomplished a brilliant success in that respect.

From the time he was six or seven years old he was an enthusiastic collector of postage stamps, and at about the age of 14 or 15 he was anxious to increase his collection without, however, investing any of his own money in the treasures. He therefore began to trade and deal in stamps, and devoted many of his spare hours to what was to become in the future an important branch of his business life. He made it a practice to rise early on Sunday mornings and visit Mr. R. R. Bogert in Brooklyn, who was then the only wholesale dealer in the United States. The stamps which he thus purchased he would sell on Monday morning to various little dealers who were scattered all over the city of New York, and his profits were invariably invested in new acquisitions for his private collection.

However, the business began to grow and increase almost unnoticed, until finally he found on his hands a large establishment which required more than cursory attention and which finally developed into the largest wholesale stamp business in the world, conducted under his own name. His first important transaction was negotiated with some high official of Honduras who arrived in New York early in 1878, at about the time that the issue of that year made its appearance. He guaranteed to Mr. Calman the absolute monopoly of the sale of these stamps and induced him to enter into his first grand speculation, viz., the purchase of \$800 worth at face value.

The speculation was not as successful as had been anticipated, as the Honduras official did not keep faith, but sold the stamps to other parties in Europe.

In 1881, Mr. Calman began his annual trips to Europe for the sale of stamps to the important dealers on the other continent, and from then on these trips became a regularly established branch of his business. In 1884 he made what was up to that time the most important purchase that had been consummated in the stamp trade, viz., he bought out the entire stock and business of Mr. N. F. Seebeck, the purchase price being in the neighborhood of \$10,000. A few years before that, he had begun to back Mr. Henry Collin, who arrived from Belgium at about that time, and he turned over to him the entire stock which he purchased from Mr. Seebeck, with the exception of the issues of Bolivar and the Dominion Republic, of which Mr. Seebeck had made a specialty. This was the beginning of the large business in remainders for which Mr. G. B. Calman was always known and which included almost all the stamps made by Mr. Seebeck under his contracts with various Central and South American countries, which began in the year 1890.

In December, 1885, as the result of a casual conversation with Mr. J. W. Scott, he bought out the retail business in postage stamps which had been carried on by J. W. Scott under the title of J. W. Scott & Co., and Scott & Co. At the same time he purchased the business of William P. Brown and Henry Collin, and organized the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., whose position in the stamp world in America is so well recognized that it requires no further notice here. His brother, Mr. Henry L. Calman, who until that time had been in the banking business in New York City, undertook the active management of the new corporation and has been at its head from its inception until the present time. Associated with him in the management of the business until August, 1897, was Henry Collin and, for one year after its formation, Mr. William P. Brown, the old stamp dealer, who managed the Coin department during the period of his connection with the Company. Mr. Calman was up to the time of his death the largest stockholder in the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., but never took any active part in the management, his other business interests being too large and too varied to admit of his giving his time in that direction. He remained a

partner in the varnish business already referred to and also was instrumental in the establishment of a large wholesale house in the gas fixture line, as well as of a retail house in the same line, which is now doing business under the title of The Black & Boyd Manufacturing Company.

The first evidence of any serious impairment of his health appeared about ten years ago, but at no time was it considered serious until a few months before his end. Although his physician had advised him to devote less attention to business than was his practice, he did not heed this advice, as his ambition was without limit and he was not content to be idle for a single moment.

He married in April, 1887, and leaves surviving him his widow and a child of ten years of age.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes on Stamps.

Another word on the subject of Newfoundland reprints and re-issues, in addition to what I said last week, it may not be amiss to say a word concerning the ten cent black type A22. The stamp of this type in the sets which the government has placed on sale are of a dull shade different than No. 58 and there is also a difference in the gum.

The difference is much more marked than that between the two half cent blacks, and it is quite possible that the stamp in question is a later and distinct printing of the 10c type A22.

My readers must bear in mind that these notes are simply my own comments based on the information I have obtained from my correspondent and my own study of the stamps themselves. I hope to secure before long some official facts and figures concerning the stamps I have commented upon in these notes. Two statements I do offer as being officially correct, viz., that the ½c, 1c and 2c, and no others were reprinted last November; and that 1894 not '96 is the date of issue of the set of five reissues.

PROVISIONALS COUNTERFEITED.

News comes from Newfoundland of a quickly detected attempt to counterfeit the much talked of provisional and arrest of the counterfeiters. Under date of March

2nd, Mr. N. Ohman of St. Johns informs me that the arrests were made upon his complaint to the Postmaster General. I have seen a St. Johns paper which says the attempted counterfeiting of the stamps and subsequent arrests have created great excitement in the city. The alleged counterfeiters are four young men of good family and have retained council to defend them in the case which the government is pressing.

The paper further states that two of the youths will probably make a confession. Mr. Jones of the Excelsior Stamp Co. has received a letter from a correspondent in St. Johns who gives some additional information concerning the counterfeiting of the surcharges, all of which were of type III. A boy, he states, offered a dealer 13 (unlucky number, in this case as any other would have been) and told him he would get him 30 more. This was enough to arouse suspicion in itself, and as almost always proves the case there were decided differences between the counterfeits and the originals. In the first place, the writer states, that the brown shade of the type A23 was used instead of the correct color; and there was a difference of two millimeters in the space between the lower bar and the line of type forming the new value. The ink used was also of a dull grayish black instead of a glossy black.

I shall probably have additional information regarding the case and will endeavor to keep the readers of the ERA posted. It is to be hoped that the youthful counterfeiters will receive a not to be forgotten lesson. Before the moral law at least the stamp counterfeiter is just as bad as he who counterfeits money. Each belongs in the common category of thieves.

GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Items.

One of the most unique collections in the metropolis is that of Mr. Gilbert E. Jones and consists entirely of imperforated horizontal pairs.

He has over 1300 pairs at present and anyone who does not think it is an achievement of pardonable pride should spend 10 or 12 years and as many thousand dollars trying to get as many, and they would no doubt experience a change of opinions with an early finish.

Among other little things I noticed in Mr. Jones' elegant collection a superb pair of Cape 1d Wood-Blocks, "Teche Beche," France 1 Fr. 1st Republic, 8d orange N. S. Wales and hundreds of other superb imperforates all in pairs.

Mr. Henry Doolittle of Philadelphia is in town for a few days, having just come in on a Portuguese liner from the Azores Islands where he has spent the winter.

He informs me he met many collectors in this rather out of the way section and brought back several nice little lots purchased there.

It seems the Azores have always done considerable trade with Hawaii and Brazil and good old issues of these desirable countries are to be found and purchased out there yet.

The current issue of Hawaii, 10, 12, 25c, are scarce here for stamps in daily use, and are in active demand, for collectors appreciate the little gem of the Pacific and have grown to know there is no reprinting, Jubilee issues or Seebekizing to be done there. Success to the honest Republic of Hawaii.

PHILATELIC RAMBLER.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

I would be pleased to hear from collectors of Illustrated War Envelopes as I have some duplicates for exchange. S. L. Futer, 513 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa.

I will give a packet of 50 different foreign stamps for every 20 Revenue, Match or Medicine stamps sent me, except 2c Int. Rev. Duplicates taken, any quantity accepted. Canada Revenues taken. H. C. Young, 41 Plenty St., Providence, R. I.

We exchange on advantageous terms: stamps, coins, autographs, rare books and everything curious and rare. If we conserve you write us. Johnstown Stamp & Publishing Co., Johnstown, Pa.

I wish to get a Regina music box in exchange for stamps. Let me hear from you if you have one. A. C. Townsend, Colorado, Texas.

For Exchange: All U. S. and Foreign stamps; also U. S. and Foreign coins to exchange for good stamps. I have fine U. S. and Foreign coins to trade. Albert Hawver, Box 58, Cambridge, N. Y.

Will give 1 oz. specimen of sulphur ore for every stamp cat. five cents or over sent me. Other minerals to exchange. Write. Leon E. Truesdell, Zoar, Mass.

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I pay highest price of any dealer for collections or duplicates. Try me. Jerome Williams, Roudout, N. Y. [53]

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15c " " " " " " " " " "	.40
20c " " " " " " " " " "	.65
30c " " " " " " " " " "	1.10
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15c " " " " " " " " " "	.28
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40c " " " " " " " " " "	.55
60c " " " " " " " " " "	.60
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Have yez seen that thing that man McKearin bes after githing out? Yez haven't! Thin yez bitter sind fer wan at onct befor its too late.

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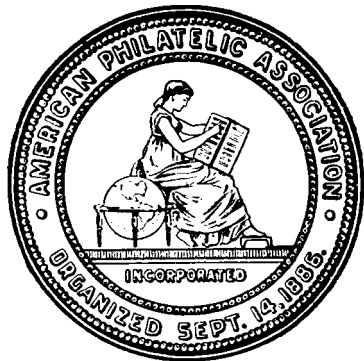
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Total membership last report 659
Added since..... 1
Reinstated..... 4

Present membership 664
JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, March 12th, 1898.
1,000 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Mar.
5th, valued at \$38,826.03
26 books received since Mar. 5th,
valued at \$757.95
\$39,583.98
20 books retired valued at 510.70

Total number of books in circula-
tion 1,006 valued at \$39,073.28
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

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UNUSED O. G. Cat. My price.
1866 12c pale red brown.... \$0.60 \$0.30
1867 6c rose, o. g..... .25 .12
1876 3c rouletted, used..... 1.00 .40

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1860 1c red lilac, o. g..... .05
" 17c black, "..... .10

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Set 5 var. including 1sh unused o. g. .90

I have still a few surcharged Newfoundland left at..... .60

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100 Varieties 4c.

Including stamps from
Egypt, Argentine, Chili, five packet, worth 25c only 4c. Only one packet to each purchaser.
100 Best Onion Skin Approval Sheets, 19c
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ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.

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NEW ZEALAND, 1850, 2p blue on blue paper, Scott's No. 7, strip of three, cut close at the top, otherwise in good condition, catalogued \$11.25, my price \$4.44.

I have only one of each of the above.
"First come—First served." Your money back if not satisfied with your purchase. I pay postage both ways in this case.

Let me hear from you.

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200 var. (100 Different Countries)..... \$1.00
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 \$25.00 Mortgage imperf., slight defect..... \$10.00
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 1870 15c griled..... .40
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 All in A1 condition. Satisfaction guaranteed.
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\$1.88 SPECIALS.

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 6c 1869, new, " 4.00..... " 1.88
 15c " used, no diamond, cat. \$4 " 1.88
 30c " " cat. \$4.00..... " 1.88
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SPECIALS

from "The Postal Card Reporter."
 103 Bahamas 1 on 1 1/2 d rose..... 22c
 104 " 1x1 on 1 1/2 d, rose. 15c
 302 Barbados 1 1/2 d..... 70c
 303 " 1 1/2 d red brown..... 18c
 305 " 1d carmine..... 7c
 306 " 1 1/2 d lilac..... 12c
 307 " 1 1/2 x1 1/2 d lilac..... 20c
 309 " 1x1 on 1 1/2 x1 1/2 d lilac. 35c
 503 Brazil 8or orange..... 10c
 506 " 2or brown..... 20c
 507 " 8or orange..... 9c
 508 " 8ox8or orange..... 18c
 511 " 5ox5or blue..... 25c
 514 " 4or orange and blue..... 5c
 515 " 8or red and blue..... 8c
 516 " 8ox8or red and blue..... 18c
 306 Brit. Guiana 2 on 3c carmine..... 15c
 202 " Honduras 5c on 1 1/2 d brown 55c
 307 Hawaii 1x1c violet..... 8c
 308 " 2x2c blue..... 12c
 309 " Prov. Gov't 1c vermilion 6c
 310 " " 2c black..... 15c
 311 " " 3c green..... 25c

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Catalogue numbers are Scott's 1898. Postage extra on orders under 50c.
Scott's 1898 Postal Card Catalogue, 25c.

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TWO. Two Sales in April. TWO.

The 1st contains an elegant line of used and unused British Colonials singly, blocks and pairs. The 2nd contains an elegant line of Colombian Republic stamps, combination lots, etc. If you are an auction buyer send in your name for catalogue. It's free.

DO YOU USE { Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? Left Page Stock Books? Wolsieffer's Blank Album? }
 Descriptive circular about them free. Specimen page Blank Album or sample Approval Card for stamp.
P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.
TWO. TWO.

OUR BOSTON LETTER—Continued.

Gambia stamps and also that Niger Coast unwatermarked were in demand. I have seen quotations this week from the two largest dealers in New York City, and their price for Gambia stamps was from 100 to 250 per cent. above the face value. One of the above named firms, in reply to a request for a block of four 5d Niger Coast, sent a badly soiled and stained block, priced at 10c per cent. above face. The other firm could not supply the block at any price, and the collector could not obtain a block of any Boston dealer. Stanley Gibbons quotes the Niger Coast stamps at from 200 to 350 per cent. advance. If necessary, I can give the names to substantiate this in every respect. Now I will leave it to your readers to say whether those were good stamps to buy or not, a few months ago.

It is rumored on the street here that there were several parties arrested in St. Johns, Newfoundland, last week for counterfeiting the surcharge 1 on 3c. Further information is anxiously looked for, as it depends altogether upon the shade of stamps used for this counterfeit to determine the market value of the original.

I notice that the Boston correspondent for one of your contemporaries is still jumping at conclusions. In speaking of the sale of certain stamps, he states that Sierra Leone and Gold Coast are not to be compared with Zululand and other African stamps. I am not personally acquainted with this writer, but I understand that he is a well-meaning young man, who has occasionally worked for the stamp trade, but is not in a position, nor never has been, to know anything about the market. The two largest importers of stamps in Boston claim that they have carried Gold Coast and Sierra Leone for a great many months, and that the sale of these stamps has been very, very small. On the other hand, they have imported Zululand and other African stamps and sold them immediately, and today you can buy at wholesale in Boston Sierra Leone and Gambias, but no Zululand or British Central Africa.

50c

Gets a copy of the commercial edition of "STAMP HUNTING" now in preparation, bound in paper. Library edition, cloth and gold, \$2.00. We hope to make this book of every day human interest to everyone, but more especially to three classes of people: First, all those interested in any way in stamps, Second, to the great army of commercial travelers, and Third, to the 40,000 druggists of the U. S. whose trials and troubles we shall sing to some extent.

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 5c Playing Cards..... \$0.22
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 New Foundland re-issue, unused, 5 var..... .40
 New Foundland, complete set Cabots..... 2.75
 Central America S. S. Co., 5 var. com..... .15
 1000 Foreign, asst. about 100 var..... .15
 All of the above post free.

Money Always Refunded if Not Satisfied.
 We want your trade and we think if you try us that we can please you. Our trade has doubled since last fall and for a new firm to get so much trade must be all right.

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50% DISCOUNT.

I want all of you to send for a free copy of my paper

The Philatelic Rambler.

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No TRASH IN THESE Lots of 10 10¢ less.
 300 diff. gen. Stamps..... \$1.50
 500 same for \$3. 1000 same for \$30.
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Wholesale Bargains.. Buy these while THEY ARE CHEAP.

4c Columbian used..... Per 100 \$0.85
 10c " " " " " " .95
 8c " " " " " " 1.45
 8c 1890 issue, " " " " " " 1.05
 8c 1894 " no wmk., used " " 2.00
 6c " " " " " " 1.50
 8c 1895 " wmk., " " " " .60
 8c " " " " " " .50
 3c " " " " " " .45
 Job 1467 1 & 2c Due, 1890-4 issues, lot..... 1.75
 " 59 2c lake Playing Card, o. g., in blocks, cat. 15c (\$8.85), price..... 2.00
 Let us know what U. S. you want in wholesale lots and we will quote you bottom prices. [54*]
23,500 U.S. Env., Cut Square, \$1.50 (by Express)
F. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
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Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

All papers are February numbers unless otherwise stated.

- Boston Stamp Book*, Vol. III. No. 9.
Collectionador de Sellos, Vol. III. No. 1.
Collectionneur de Timbre Poste, January, No. 207.
Columbian Philatelist, January, Vol. IV. No. 3.
Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XX. No. 6.
Ewen's Weekly Circular, Feb. 19, 26, March 5. Nos. 19, 20, 21.
Internationales Briefmarken Offertenblatt, Vol. VII. No. 182.
Madrid Filatelico, Vol. II. No. 14.
McKeel's Weekly Stamp News, Feb. 17, 24, March 5, 12. Vol. IX. Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10.
Metropolitan Philatelist, March, Vol. VIII. No. 12.
National Stamp Collector, Vol. I. No. 4.
New York Philatelist, Vol. III. No. 5.
Omaha Philatelist, Vol. V. No. 2.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, Vol. XIII. No. 3.
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, January, Vol. VII. No. 4.
Philatelic Facts, January, Vol. II. No. 1.
Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXIV. No. 2.
Philatelic Record, Vol. XX. No. 2.
Philatelic West, Vol. V. No. 2.
Philatelist, Vol. XIX. No. 2.
Polski Filatelista, Vol. IV. No. 2.
Post Office, Vol. VII. No. 83.
Rocky Mountain Stamp, Vol. III. No. 9.
Stamp Collectors Fortnightly, Vol. V. Nos. 88, 89.
Stamp Reporter, Vol. I. No. 6.
Stampman, Vol. II. No. 6.
Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, January, Vol. VIII. No. 91.
Texan Philatelist, Vol. VII. No. 6.
Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVI. No. 422.
Virginia Philatelist, March, Vol. I. No. 7.

Aside from the regular monthly features there is but little in the *Boston Stamp Book*. "F. D. S." in a short article on the Omaha stamps suggests that they be called either *imposition* stamps or "D—Gary Types!" Second the motion.

Several novelties are described in our contemporary from the Republic of the Southern Cross. One of these is an official label 110x43mm. perf. 13½, and inscribed in three lines, *Correio do Rio de Janeiro—Fechada oficialmente—3a. Seccao.*

Another is an official letter card similar to the issue of 1884 but with a four line inscription in place of the stamp.

A decree dated 31 December, 1897, is also given which promises new postal cards in the immediate future.

From the columns of *Le Collectionneur de Timbre Poste* I learn of the death of M. Donatis at Paris on January 12th.

M. Donatis was perhaps one of the best known among French collectors although on account of his extreme age (81 years) he has not been as prominent in the ranks of late years as some of us who count ourselves as veterans remember him. He was one of the founders of the French Society and was for many years its president. It will be long before his place is filled.

Another feature of interest is found in the department of "Notes, Questions et Reponses." In reply to numerous questions as to the value etc. of essays and the like, a number of illustrations are given of essays, stamps prepared but never issued, and a number of bogus stamps. There is also a list of countries which have ceased to issue stamps with notes indicating the reason for so doing.

Everybody enjoys reading the reviews in *McKeel's Weekly* and therefore everybody will be glad to see in the *Columbian Philatelist* a picture of the man who writes them, Mr. S. B. Hopkins.

"The Postage Stamps of 1898" is the subject of the leading article in the *Eastern Philatelist* this month and it is of no little interest. The writer goes over the list of countries and sums up the numerous reasons why certain countries are likely to get out new stamps during the coming year. Some humorous suggestions as to designs make the article quite spicy reading.

L'Estrange Ewen's *Weekly Circular* for March 5 contains some small cuts illustrating eleven different types of the 1 penny rose stamped envelope of Great Britain. The sixth edition of Mr. Ewen's catalogue is announced as being ready March 12.

Madrid Filatelico has interesting articles on the post offices established in Turkey by the various foreign countries and a continuation of the list of the postal franks of Spain. These franks it seems to me are of a similar nature to our penalty envelopes and if one is collectable why not the other? Many collectors believe the time will come when they will be recognized.

The March special number of *McKeel's Weekly Stamp News* was dated the fifth and was a bouncer. It was devoted mainly to Stanley Gibbons, Limited, of London, and contained a full illustrated description of their shop. We regret however to note the omission of portraits of Messrs. Gibbons and Phillips. The advertisement of the firm occupies no less than seven pages, six being taken up with the list of sets. The next three "specials" are to be known as the "brown cover" issues.

New York is to have a weekly stamp paper and J. W. Scott is the guilty man. Commencing with the next volume the *Metropolitan Philatelist* will appear weekly for at least three months, and if the venture receives the support of collectors in sufficient amount it will be made permanent.

Theodore H. Rabe and R. Hartmann are the two New Orleans collectors who are written up and illustrated in the current *National Stamp Collector*. Convenient lists of countries whose stamps have been reprinted, and of those who have sold large stocks of remainders are also given.

George S. McKearin discourses at some length on "Minor Varieties" in the *New York Philatelist* and presents many good reasons for their inclusion in a collection. The enjoyment of overhauling a lot of cheap mixed continentals and discovering among some of the despised red Austrians, specimens of the rare perforations is set forth as well as other suggested fields of research. Some of my own best specimens of Greek varieties of colors etc., were picked from a wholesale lot of 500, purchased many years ago from Stanley Gibbons at about 1 shilling a hundred and a fine Queensland error was discovered in a lot which cost only a shilling and sixpence.

An interesting sketch is given in the *Omaha Philatelist* of the stamp trading which goes on daily in Cophthall Avenue, London, somewhat in the style of the Parisian mart. Office boys and clerks from the great banks, steamship companies, and other great institutions bring the stamps which they have secured from the mail, received at their offices from all parts of the world, and from about 12 to 3 p. m. trade is lively. Many great bargains are to be had here. Dollar values of our own country are said to be by no means uncommon in blocks of 30, 40 or 50, and many of the high values of the British African colonies are met with.

Again E. B. Sterling smiles upon us from the pages of *Penny*. There are also portraits and sketches of R. T. Haberstraw, William L. Sherwood, Robert L. Payne and George E. Marx.

(Continued next week.)

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FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [5fx

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IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

Monday, March 14th.

The 7th regular meeting of the Louisville Philatelic Society was very well attended, fourteen members and two visitors being present. The stamps which Paul Fischer, alias A. Stein, R. P. Wolle, etc., had traded to Messrs. Weil and Brooks were kindly shown by the gentlemen. Some of the older members were surprised to see what fine work had actually been performed. Some were genuine stamps with the forged cancellations, while one of them was a reprint with a forged post-mark. This was the 1/2gr black Hanover. In his valise was afterwards found a block of twelve of these reprints (unused o. g.)

A question arose among the members: Where did these reprints come from? Mr. Brooks stated as also having seen the 3gr brown Hanover and blocks of reprints of the various Roman States. According to Mr. Brooks' statement, these were found in one of G. B. Calman's addressed envelopes. If these reprints come direct from jobbers and importers of stamps, how is the average collector to be protected? Here is a question which affronts us and needs our immediate attention. This case of a man like Fischer, going from city to city, swindling in all manner of forms and having such stamps as a foundation to work on, shows that the mighty majority, "the medium-class collector," will have to protect themselves from this class of stamps. Every collector is not an expert or has the facility to consult an expert on a few moment's notice. Consequently something has to be done to remedy this great evil. The greatest enemy towards the progress of Philately in general.

It is like a snake in the grass. When and where we will least expect to hear of and see these stamps, we will be brought in contact with them. My opinion is that the class of dealers who handle this class of stamps ought to be severely let alone in all transactions concerning stamps and stampic matters. The above would be the best and only effective way of keeping this class of stamps out of this country. Also for the dealers who do handle them to be mentioned under such a heading would make them ashamed of themselves and would consequently be detrimental to their trade. Of course this cannot all be done at once. First, we will have to find a philatelic paper which will be fearless enough to give such dealers as handle these stamps, the proper mention which they ought to get and justly deserve.

Fischer's lawyer, when he had everything settled for the transfer of his client to the Cleveland authorities, took all the stamps which Fischer had as "attorney's fee." This included everything, reprints, genuine stamps and genuine stamps with forged cancellations, etc. He refused to

let his client have anything. As he claimed he did not know their value he would take them all and be on the safe side.

One of the members of our local fraternity who is also a numismatist, has found out, after several months of research in bank and commercial circles, that the silver dollar of 1895 is rather scarce. At least it is that way in this section of the country. He has only found one in all his hunting. I would like to hear the opinion of other numismatists on this subject.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, March 16th.

Little of interest has transpired in the stamp world around here during the past week with the exception of the appearance of the 5c in the new blue color.

- List of prices for 5c stamps: 389, 5c blue; 390, 5c blue; 391, 5c blue; 392, 5c blue.

The only 1c green plate numbers thus far noted are 439, 440, 446, 452 and from 493 up. The highest 1c blue is 496.

Who has seen plate number 504 2c rose? No one around here knows of any.

Numerous inquiries have been received in regard to envelope 2c green, legal size, amber manila, odd shape (Bartels' 1102). Large quantities have turned up in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, and collectors are offering them at all kinds of prices, including "at your own price."

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For the WEEKLY ERA.

Wayside Musings.

By THE CYNIC.

The most disastrous, demoralizing, debilitating and distracting influence in philately today and for the past two or three years; that feature which has done more to unsettle collectors and prices, to strike at the underpinning of the pursuit and create apathy and distrust and finally disgust in the minds of collectors, is the auction sale.

I do not plunge into this subject upon hearsay or grape-vine intelligence. I speak by card. As a distinguished Apostle once said, "I know whereof I affirm."

In the first place, there is no line of trade or avocation or commercial interest that makes a pretense of establishing a basis for stable and intrinsic values upon auction results. Auctions are not infrequent in ordinary affairs, but in every case they represent an emergency, an exigency. The fact that a farmer has become possessed of the California fever and sells his farm and then at public sale disposes of his machinery and implements, a practically new harvester worth \$150 selling for \$50, does not at once establish \$50 as the price of harvesters. The man who sells and the man who buys both know the machine is worth more. The former accepts \$50 because he cannot transport the harvester to California and is offered no more; the latter simply takes advantage of the former's dilemma.

Every farmer present happened to own a binder and the man who bought it did so merely as a speculation. Had a man needing a binder been present, knowing a new one would cost \$150, doubtless he would have bid \$100. The commercial world knows and freely concedes that the auction sale is synonymous with urgency and dire demand. The farmer who declined to bid even so much as \$50 on the harvester, will, a few years later, buy a new machine. He does not go to the dealer and say: "I can pay you but \$50 for this machine; that is all Jones got for his, when he went to California, at a public sale, when everybody had a chance. You are asking too much for harvesters; that sale demonstrated the actual value of machines and that's all I will pay." He plunks down the \$150 and no grumbling.

With the meek and lowly and licked stamps it is different. A man needs cash,

places his stamps on the block; it is a bad night, but few buyers and they, sharks, are present and stamps rare and fine are slaughtered to the tune of 25 per cent. of actual value. The report goes out, "such and such stamps at such a sale, sold for so much." That settles it. You might about as soon try to feed an elephant with a souvenir spoon as to get anyone to pay more for that stamp, thenceforth. There are a few stout-hearted souls—and they'll have their reward—who have depth of discernment enough to see beyond their noses, who do not get the jim-jams, but the majority become hysterical and stampede in the other direction.

There is another phase of the business even worse than this. The auction catalogues list stamps as fine. Those personally present at the sale examine these stamps and in many instances they are found defective in one way or another, and they are knocked down at a ridiculous price. It goes out over the country, that according to catalogue, certain stamps in fine condition sold for such and such a price, thereby bearing the market, whereas could the condition of the stamps be known, the effect would be greatly modified.

Why cannot men in considering stamps, avail themselves of the same philosophy that applies in every other line of trade, as related to auction sales.

First:—That the very fact that a man offers stamps or anything else at auction is ordinarily prima facie evidence that he needs money or is willing to sacrifice his stamps or goods.

Second:—That when such a condition exists the seller does not expect to get actual value out of stamps or goods.

Third:—That the buyer confidentially expects to, and does, secure the stamps or goods at but a fraction of their actual value.

Fourth:—That catalogue value or real value are not considered in an auction sale; it is merely a question what people see fit to offer; the holder has no voice in the premises.

I will concede that an auction sale, under certain conditions, would fairly well establish an approximate valuation on a stamp.

Suppose it were possible that all collectors who really desire this stamp should examine it personally.

Suppose that these collectors have the cash in hand at that time.

Suppose that these collectors are in a position to know the relative scarcity of the stamp and the supply and demand.

Suppose they desire the stamp for their collections and not to turn around and sell again.

Suppose the element of pride in bidding—the desire to beat the other fellow—could be eliminated so that collectors would bid what in their judgment the stamp was really worth.

Convert these suppositions into actualities and I grant you the stamp would sell at its approximate worth.

None of these conditions, in fact, obtain; stamps are slaughtered and these prices set up as the basis of value.

The unsettling of prices and the plunging of stamp-collecting into the slough of uncertainty had its start in the auction sale.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, March 23rd.

Only one variety of postal card issued under the new contract has thus far made its appearance. The small size 1c with portrait of John Adams may be expected at any time. Reply postal cards have never become very popular in this country, and the supply of both the double 1 and 2c is very large. The latter may last until the expiration of the present contract as the demand for same is next to nothing. The consumption in this city is said to be about 500 per annum.

No new discoveries have been made in 1c green plates this week. The 5c blue are slowly spreading over the country. Criticisms on same have been very unfavorable.

According to advices from Paris the chamber of deputies has adopted the postal arrangements agreed upon at the universal postal congress. The new treaty will become operative January 1st, 1899.

It does not appear to be compulsory for all countries to adopt the three standard colors for certain denominations and according to English contemporaries Great Britain for one is contemplating no change in the 1d stamp which is lilac and should be red.

The postal department has just issued an interesting table of statistics showing the

growth of the Post Office Department from the time of Benjamin Franklin down to the administration of General Gary.

It was organized in 1789 and Samuel Os-good received his appointment as Post-master General Sept. 26th of that year. At that time there were 75 post offices in operation. Today there are 71,022. In 1789 the post office routes were 2275 miles in length, while today they foot up to 470,032 miles. In 1793 845,468 miles of mail service were performed. Today there are 420,850,479 miles. The gross receipts in 1789 were \$7,560 while for 1897 they were \$94,077,242. The 75 postmasters employed in 1789 received a compensation of \$1657, while last year they received \$16,908,384.

The number of postage stamps issued from the beginning (1847) to 1851 was 4,603,200. The number of stamps issued last year was 3,063,633,885. The number of stamped envelopes and wrappers increased correspondingly. In 1853 the number issued was 5,000,000 while last year the tally recorded 585,032,000.

Postal cards were first issued May 1st, 1873, and that year 31,094,000 were sold by the government against 523,608,250 last year.

Letters were first registered in July 1855, and that year the number recorded as registered was 629,332. Last year the number reached 14,559,083.

There were in 1848 1,800,000 dead letters received, while last year the total number returned reached 5,976,960.

The first dead letter sale occurred in 1838 and represented the accumulation from 1789 to 1838. From this sale \$12,000 were realized. Last year the sale realized \$11,454. The largest sale the department ever held was in 1868 when \$30,502 were realized. At the smallest sale ever held, 1844, only \$20 were taken in.

The number of pieces of matter of all kinds mailed increased from 500,000 in 1790, when the first record was kept, to 5,781,002,143 this year.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes on Stamps.

Thursday, March 17th.

I see that my notes on the Newfoundland surcharge, under date of February 23, have called forth another article from the Boston correspondent in which he continues the implication that the information I have given about these stamps is unreliable. Several statements which he makes would imply that he had not read very carefully the article he criticised. I wish to repeat the statement I then made that up to a short time before, Feb. 1st was the date I had in mind, only 16 sheets could be counted up as the sum total received in Boston and this statement you can rely on as being pretty close to correct. March 9th is nearly six weeks later (this is reliable)

and two weeks after my notes were written. I do not doubt but that up to the later date 31 and possibly a few more sheets may have been received in Boston and that several Newfoundland dealers have sheets for sale. If our friend will consult my notes he will see that I stated that one dealer of my acquaintance secured 25 sheets.

The implied distribution of the surcharges among 65 post offices is also an unreliable assumption according to our friend of the "Hub."

I stated that there were 65 international money order offices in Newfoundland. In my own state, New York, about one post office in from 10 to 20 is an international money order office. Possibly the island in question is an exception to the general run of countries in this respect and every office is such, but I don't it and it seems safe to assume that these offices represent but a comparatively small proportion of the total number. Very likely some offices had a supply of old stamps and did not make a fresh requisition for one cent stamps before the supply of surcharges at the general post office was exhausted, but of the half dozen or more postmasters with whom I have had personal correspondence all had a supply of the stamps. I must have been more lucky in striking offices than your correspondent.

To use a slang expression "it's a dern shame" the Boston dealers who got those sheets, won't tell our friend how and where they got them. I made an honest effort to enlighten him and told how one dealer in Newfoundland got a number of sheets by exchanging sheets of 1c Cabots and 1c '94 re-issue with postmasters of smaller offices for the surcharges; but still he thinks there is something mysterious about the modus operandi. It is, very. Just about as mysterious as the way in which U. S. periodical stamps and unused dues get out by the thousand.

How this could be in the face of the rulings of our postal department has always been very mysterious to me and I wish someone would enlighten me. Of course I never imagined that any of our small country postmasters would violate the rules. Had the supply of the smaller offices been larger and actual postal requirements less in all probability a great many more entire sheets would be on the market.

I'll venture to guess that since the last of December or first of January the general post office at St. Johns has been quite flooded with requisitions for the surcharges from dozens of offices of the island.

I know of one postmaster's wife who sold some of the surcharges at 12c each (not to me) but the supply, which had not done postal duty was small and she could get no more. In all probability the greater portion of unused copies which got out came through the smaller offices, but I believe the number is not as great as might have been expected. According to the

talk of some, one might think Newfoundland was about the size of Berkshire county and the Postmaster General could make a round of the offices every day to see that there were no violations of the department rules.

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BY THE EDITOR.

DON'T MISS IT!

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Important Notice to Advertisers!

Hereafter advertisers MUST have all copy for new ads or changes in our hands by Wednesday to have them appear in that week's ERA.

Mr. Chas. W. Grevening died at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, on Tuesday, March 15th. Mr. Grevening has been for several years past identified with the stamp fraternity both as dealer and publisher, and many of our readers will probably recall his publication, *The Stamp*, which was a popular journal, but which he was obliged to neglect and at last give up entirely on account of his ill-health. He removed to Colorado, hoping that the change would be beneficial, but a few months ago returned to his former locality and at last succumbed to that lingering disease, consumption.

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FINE CONDITION

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, March 22nd.

The new U. S. 5c blue made its appearance at the Boston Post Office last Thursday. It is a decided improvement on the old color. It is rumored that the present 15c stamp will have to be changed, on account of its color conflicting with this stamp.

The small boy is much in evidence in this immediate vicinity, selling stamps to his comrades. One of the city's old-time dealers seems to have a great many of these agents in the field, and there are several parties here, who are not considered dealers, who are putting up cheap packages of stamps to sell in stores.

From present indications I have every reason to think that the plate numbers 493, 494, 495, 496 in blue of the 1c stamp will be much rarer than the same numbers in green. Mr. Nathan Cobe of Waltham, Mass., is undoubtedly the largest dealer in plate numbers in this vicinity, and he reports that business in that line is very good. Mr. Cobe is almost a daily visitor to the "Hub," and he makes a specialty of plate numbers and due stamps. A year or so ago, when U. S. revenues were on the boom, Nathan was an active buyer and seller of these stamps and he made in one month as high as \$400.00 profit. I know of other dealers that had large stocks of revenue stamps at that time, and they have the most of them on hand now. It takes a wise man, in the Philatelic trade, to know when to buy and when to sell.

I was shown today a sample page of a new blank stamp album that is being manufactured in Boston for the fall trade. It is oblong in shape, and is intended to be issued in different styles of binding, and will be sold at a very low price.

I was also shown the complete issues of Nicaragua and Salvador, from 1882 up to the present issue, and I think that they make a very attractive appearance, and for any collector, who collects solely for the pleasure of collecting, I do not see why they are not good stamps to buy. If one is collecting for the love of "filthy lucre," these stamps may not be desirable. This is the complete story of the Seebecks in a nutshell. I have often seen them referred to as trash. Compared to a great many of the stamps that I have seen on approval books, owned by some of the dealers who denounce these, also on many of the books of the leading exchange societies, or in comparison even with what are called "Souvenir Cards," I think Seebecks are far ahead.

S. E. L.

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Correspondence.

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PUEBLO, COLO., March 16, 1898.

The Editor of the ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I notice in the issue of March 5th that your Boston correspondent takes exception to my statement that the Cabot stamps are all perforated all round, citing the 3c as one that is not.

My statement was based on the stamps which I have in my possession (one full sheet of each value up to the 10c) and all these not excepting the 3 cent are perforated all round. It is quite possible that some may be found only partially perforated but there is nothing to show that the normal condition is not as I have stated and I therefore think "S. E. L.'s" amendment is out of order.

Yours,
D. W. OSGOOD.

A COLLECTOR'S VOICE.

Architect's Office, Treasury Dept.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 15, 1898.
Editor of the ERA.

Dear Sir: I am going to say a few words in regard to that trite subject, "The Standard Catalogue." You can discuss in your paper any portion of my remarks or suppress the whole affair just as you deem best.

It would be a fine thing for collectors and for dealer-collectors if they could get along without a Standard Catalogue; if each and every one of us had the knowledge of stamps, their varieties, their comparative scarcity and so forth, that would enable us to decide for ourselves what varieties exist, and the relative value of each. But as few of us have had the wide experience born of handling many thousands of stamps, we are obliged to depend upon the say so of one who has, as set forth in some catalogue. Such a catalogue should be as accurate and concise as possible, and yet give all the explanation necessary to enable anyone of ordinary intelligence and good eyesight to know what stamps he has. Now if a catalogue in 1897 says that a stamp of a certain denomination, issue and country is purple; is it consistent if in 1898 it says that there are two varieties of said stamp, a red lilac and a bright violet? Can a stamp that is bistre this year become yellowish brown next year? If a stamp is gray green this year will it be greenish olive next year?

Is the gentleman who edits this year's Catalogue the same who edited last year's and will (D. V.) edit next year's, and does he ever compare notes with himself to see whether his this year's eyes see things the

same color as his last year's eyes? Again, to illustrate another point, turning to the back of the aforesaid "Standard" work, present edition, I find that three kinds of star watermarks, Nos. 11, 12a and 13 are used in S. Australia; turning to said country in the body of the work I find mentioned a "large star with long, narrow points" (presumably No. 11); the 1876-85 issue is "wmkd. star with short broad points," is this wmk., No. 12a or 13, and would it not make things clearer if reference were made to the watermarks by their numbers in the back of the book, at least where they can not be easily and clearly described? I don't expect a perfect Catalogue but I do think we might easily have a better one.

As for prices I will not ask whether the catalogue is published to give information to collectors or to further the financial interests of the publisher: when I find some stamps that I can't buy at the full catalogue price and others that are quoted at one-fifth of catalogue price, comment would be unnecessary.

One other matter in connection with the Catalogue. It has been published, for several years past, more or less in the middle of what might be termed the busy season of philately. Philatelists as a rule seem to drop stamps early in the summer, and only begin the active pursuit of those interesting articles sometime about October. Now naturally trade would begin about October and last till April, but in the fall no one dares sell for fear he will sell for fifteen cents a stamp that will be priced at a dollar in the new catalogue, and no one wants to buy for fear he may buy for a dollar a stamp that will be priced at fifteen cents in the new catalogue and so we all wait; except a few more than ordinarily wise or more than ordinarily rash, and "biz" languishes, and I mean collecting as well as mere speculating. Now why couldn't the publisher be induced to skip a year, publish, say a mere addendum, a price list of new issues only, and perhaps of stamps that have become obsolete since the last issue, turn it loose on the genial and gullible public this August, and thereafter issue the Catalogue annually between June and August? What do you, what would other philatelists think of the idea, and do you suppose that the publisher of the present "Standard" article cares a continental for the opinions of his customers?

Yours truly,
C. D. MECUTCHEN.

S. of P. 1315. A. P. A. 1344.

PENN YAN, N. Y., Mar. 14, 1898.
W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Among the numerous reasons which have from time to time been given for the falling off of the so-called "kid" trade, one seems to have been overlooked. That is the way in which this

class of trade is continually skinned by some unscrupulous dealers. I am charitable enough to believe that the majority of these frauds are themselves youngsters, but their acts cause all sorts of trouble. I have of late taken pains to examine as many sheets sent out to the younger class of collectors by different dealers as I have been able to get sight of, and I find many of them to be frauds, pure and simple, in the way in which they price their stamps. The majority of these sharpers seem to be located in the central west, and the worst I have seen came from and On sheets sent out by firms in these two towns I have seen stamps cataloguing 1c marked all the way from 6c to 10c. I must say the former parties are the worst. As not one out of five of the beginners have a catalogue and accept all sheet markings as correct, it has a very bad effect when one of them does get a catalogue, and he and all his friends find out just how bad they have been skinned. Another dealer at has lately caught a number of suckers with a cheap pack of which he advertises as cataloguing over \$3, and which does, as it contains 200 used 1890-93 issue 2c, and 100 2c 1887, also used, together with 10 or 12 foreign. Such bad dealing goes far toward sickening any beginner.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

(Continued from page 294.)

What may turn out to be another post-master's stamp is illustrated in the *Philatelic Monthly*. It consists of a double line rectangle with a large figure 3 in the center, *Three Cents* above in italics and M. P. O. below. It was found on a letter addressed to Winchester, Vermont. Information concerning it will be thankfully received by the Bogert & Durbin Co.

Arthur Harrison's valuable work on the Norwegian stamps is still running in the *Philatelic Record* and the kroner values are fully described in the current number with the 3, 5 and 10 ore of the 1883-4 issue. Of the kroner values more than a million were printed in August, 1878, and at the present time 600,000 of the one kroner, 900,000 of the 1.50 kroner and 800,000 of the two kroner remain on hand. There does not seem to be much demand for very high values in that country does there?

A department devoted to philatelic literature has been started in *Der Philatelist* and it should be an interesting feature to those of us who are collecting specimens of the various periodicals. There are also some interesting articles on the Letter cards of Mexico, North German Field Post of 1870-71, and some large outline illustrations showing the 3 cent United States 1861 issue, and 10 cents C. S. A. of the 1862 issue.

Polski Filatelista is not very interesting somehow. An illustrated article on the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps is about all that I can understand much about. The pictures are in English and I can understand them. Considering that the *Monthly Journal* killed off our Polish exchange some two months ago we were somewhat surprised to receive it the other day as puzzling as usual.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* gives an abstract of Walter Morley's paper on the railway letter fee stamps which he read before the London Philatelic Club recently. These stamps are beginning to attract considerable notice across the water and the full list which is annexed to his paper is of interest. The stamps are certainly worthy a place in our collections (I have none for sale) and will some day be included in our *standard* catalogue.

Lewis Robie is one of the "Eminent men who have never met us" according to the *Stampman*. Send stamp for sample copy. It's worth it to hear Robie written up in a *la Robie*.

The *Monthly Journal* has a very interesting article on the railway letter fee stamps of the Emerald Isle with half-tone illustrations of the various issues. Better pick up these stamps now before they go up as they will when they once become fashionable.

The article on Jubilee and Commemorative stamps in *Le Timbre Poste* includes accounts of the Argentine duet, Paraguay surcharges, Uruguay postmark, and the Columbian adhesives and envelopes of our own country. If this series of articles could be brought out in pamphlet form, fully up to date, it would be a good *Index expurgatorius* for philatelists. The new Austrian revenue stamps with values in heller and crowns are illustrated. The postage series are expected shortly.

N. P. Strause, the owner of the newly discovered Emory, Va., locals, is written up and portrayed in the *Virginia Philatelist* which appears this month in a delicate pink cover printed in blue and rose. The article on the C. S. A. stamps occupies a page and the regular departments are full of newsy items from all over the country.

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WHOLE No. 255.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

The 72nd regular meeting of the Louisville Philatelic Society was held at the Club rooms March 22, 1898, President Adler in the chair. Twelve members being present. A very enthusiastic crowd they were, and after the routine business was finished, philatelic facts, people and fallacies were discussed, especially the large stamp firms and their various ways of doing business. Those firms which handle reprints (to use a slang phrase) were "sat on" so hard that the majority of the older members agreed not to patronize any person or firm which sold reprints, arguing that if our British cousins, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., do not buy and sell reprints, why should we on this side of the pond disburse this class of trash all over the country? To quote our contemporary which states that "Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have taken a decided stand against these imposters and the firm, at a considerable sacrifice, is doing its utmost to discourage the sale of reprints as being injurious to the true interests of philately."

If this firm, whose name is a synonym for philately all over the civilized world, takes such a decided and firm stand against this trash, why cannot all the stamp dealers of the United States do the same? *Reprints breed philatelic frauds* of every description, and give the fraud an open access to the philatelic markets. Paul Fischer, alias Wolle, Kaiser, etc., is only one of this kind, and it is not necessary for me to restate all the harm this man has done to philately in general. If one man can do so much harm with such trash as reprints, as tools for his work, what shape would philately be in, if, say, ten men were all doing the same thing, at the same time in different parts of the U. S.? I leave it for each individual collector to draw his own conclusions.

We think that if some of our older collectors would examine closely some of their stamps, they would find many an uncatalogued rarity or variety. Then again, there are a great many of our philatelists who have had unknown rarities in their collections for years, but are too modest to let the philatelic world know of them. If I remember aright, this was the case of the Annapolis provisional, the person having had it for some time before its existence was known. If some of our worthy scribes

would make it a rule, whenever they are allowed to look over some of the big collections of this country, to ask the owner or to examine the collection themselves for uncatalogued stamps, I think a great many stamps could be brought to light. At least this is the way I do and I know I have been repaid for my trouble, as I have brought to light several rarities of world-wide reputation.

As an annex to the above I will give a description of two uncatalogued Medicine stamps which have been brought to my notice this week. At least they are not catalogued by Scott's 58th, but in looking up some old catalogues, I found one of them catalogued by Sterling (1888). Speaking of Sterling's catalogue of revenue stamps, which he published in 1888, I would like to state that if some enterprising firm, or Mr. Sterling himself, would republish it at present, revise some of the prices (very few need any changing at present) it would be more complete in every form than any revenue catalogue or list which is published at present, and I am positive would meet with great success. The revenue specialists of today would gladly welcome its re-appearance.

One of the two uncatalogued Medicine stamps which I referred to is an 8c D. H. Seelye & Co. uncut. It is the full size of all uncut Medicine stamps, as I had the cut specimens for comparison. The stamp showed signs of usage, consequently is no proof. Sterling catalogued the stamp both ways, both cut and uncut, and prices both at the same price, 50c. The prices, are of course, not now correct, the uncut being the rarest in my opinion and worth many times what the cut specimen is. The other stamp is a 2c green, Dr. Kennedy's, imperforate. It has fair margins on all sides. The party who now owns it received it from a non-philatelic friend and he has every assurance of it being genuine, i. e., not cut down. The respective value of these two stamps I leave to some revenue expert to decide or to give his opinion on the subject.

Why is it that in Scott's 58th that they catalogue, but do not price, several Medicine stamps? Are they so valuable that not having them in stock, they do not price them? This I do not think is the case. For instance, I noticed one of the

stamps sold at auction for \$5.05. It was Scott's No. 3413 4c green, G. W. Swett, perforated. This stamp has been unpriced by them for years. It is true, the stamp is scarce being very seldom seen. But however scarce it might be, they ought to give it an approximate value as near as they know it.

I know of an instance which is just the opposite of the above. They have catalogued one of the rarest Medicine stamps that is known to have existed. They have also got this stamp priced at a sum which seems fabulous to the ordinary collector. But, I have been informed from a reliable source, that they cannot furnish you with this stamp at the catalogue price. In fact, my informant stated knowing of only one of these stamps being held by any firm or person, and that the price asked is nearly twice what Scott's 58th catalogues at. If these facts are true, as I am positive they are, and only one of these stamps known to be in existence, it is surely worth the price asked.

E. B. S.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, March 29th.

In writing any news in regard to stamps, for the benefit of the collectors, the scribe, if he has the well being of the collectors in mind, should make statements that will be as reliable as possible; otherwise they will prove to be an injury. I will illustrate: the statement has been made in the philatelic press that only five of the Newfoundland surcharges were sold to a person, at the post office in St. Johns. Now a collector reading this for a fact, would naturally suppose that said stamps were cheap at even \$1.00 each. Some time afterwards, he finds that they are offered freely in the market by the entire sheet. Now, as a collector, I have asked the question, where did these entire sheets come from, *if only five stamps were sold to each buyer?* One of your correspondents states that he made an honest effort to enlighten me, by telling how one dealer exchanged sheets of 1c stamps of other issues with obliging postmasters of smaller offices, for the surcharges. Now, this may or may not be so. He does not know it for a fact. Several of the sheets that were received in Boston at the very first stage of the game came from

St. Johns post office. I have seen the letters and the names of the correspondents I have also seen three entire sheets that came from the same place, in addition to the above named. I wonder if these sheets were counted in that lot of 16 as the sum total received in Boston before Feb 1st? And also the three sheets in my possession in January? It is very mysterious, not only in regard to these stamps, but also some others.

Sometimes I make an item of things that appear to be of very little consequence in general, but I take the trouble to ascertain the facts. Mr. Osgood of the *Stampman*, says that his statement about the Cabot stamps being perforated all around was based on the stamps in his possession, and that there is nothing to show that the normal condition is not as he has stated. A friend of mine has 6 entire sheets of the 3c Cabot, received in different importations, and each sheet is part perforated. He kindly offers to loan them to me, if I wish. In addition to this, I have seen the largest part of the 3c Cabots in entire sheets that have been received in Boston, and all of them have been part perforated. Now if Mr. Osgood will send his sheet of 3c Cabots to the editor of the *ERA*, if the stamps are perforated all around, and with a margin to show that was the normal condition, I will give him an equal number of the 3c stamps, and \$2.00 to pay him for his trouble. I would really like to see a sheet of 3c Cabots perforated all round.

The stamp trade is fairly good here, and there is a noticeable demand for unused Europeans.

One of Boston's dealers is a member of the State Militia, and is rather worried these days on account of the war scare.

I find that stamp collecting is no "respector of persons." I have recently made the acquaintance of a number of stamp collectors who are leading musicians of Boston; another one is a retired English army officer, who is the proud possessor of several medals received for bravery during the campaign in India; another is the manager of the leading telephone company. I have met three paying-tellers of national banks who are collectors, several lawyers and doctors, a prominent dentist, and an eminent divine, also several ladies.

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The 270th regular meeting held March

17th was called to order by President Miller.

Present, Messrs. Lefever, Massoth, Michael, Miller, Pierce, Severn, Sonntag, and as visitors Messrs. Schlieckert and Smack.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Reports were received from the Treasurer and Librarian and duly accepted.

Mr. Doncyon was elected to active membership Number 448.

The Governing Board then considered the following applications:

Mr. Chas. Schlieckert, Chicago, proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; Mr. Chas. S. Smack, Chicago, proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer, and Mr. W. B. Hartman, Benin, Ills., proposed by Mr. Lefever, all for active membership and ordered the applications posted.

The Governing Board instructed the Treasurer to serve a final notice upon delinquents and to notify them that expulsion will follow any failure to pay their indebtedness.

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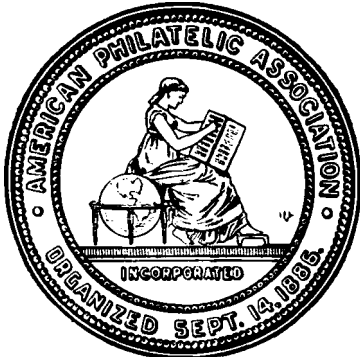
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- ARTER, THEODORE J., Cleveland, Ohio; age 32; occupation, Foreman Standard Oil Co. No. 1 Works. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, Joe F. Beard.
- CRAIGER, SHERMAN M., Linden, Montgomery Co., Md; age 21. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory, Res. V. Pres.
- JAMES, H. L., 242 Stockton St., San Francisco, Cal.; age 41; occupation, Clerk. References: R. H. Willcox, Wm. E. Loy, Res. V. Pres.

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Total membership last report	675
Added since	1
Reinstated	6
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Present membership 682
JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, March 26th, 1898.

1,006 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Mar. 18th, valued at \$39,458.64

45 books received since Mar. 18th, valued at \$1,575.45

\$41,034.09

14 books retired since March 18th valued at 1,131.06

Total number of books in circulation 1,037 valued at \$39,903.03

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Correspondence.

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U. S. MINOR VARIETIES.

WIND GAP, Pa., March 19, 1898.
MR. W. W. JEWETT.

Editor of the ERA.

Dear Sir: Apropos of Mr. Gustav Muller's letter in the last ERA, I have two copies of the 3c 1857, perforated on three sides only, as he describes, with the fourth side of each one cut so far into the adjoining stamp as to show there had been no perforation there. I think I have seen others, but am not positive, and my two copies show from printing and color that they are not mates of a pair. I also have the 3c 1851 on ruled writing paper. Is that common?

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Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE APRIL SPECIAL.

If YOU advertise you cannot afford not to be represented in our next Special, nearly all the representative dealers will be represented. Remember 5000 copies will be circulated and ads will be taken at regular rates. Better send in your ad at once as

only a few days remain before the 13th—date when all copy must be in our hands.

At this writing we are free to give any desired space or location on the second, third and fourth pages of the cover—the first page was engaged by Mr. Howard K. Sanderson, the Lynn, Mass., dealer, early last month.

Our limited space prevented our giving notice of recent "troubles and tribulations" of one A. A. Thompson of Laconia, N. H., concerning whom and his operations considerable space was given about a year ago. This time we are indebted to Mr. M. C. Saunders for newspaper clippings and private information of his latest doings. As space will not permit of our reproducing all the clippings we quote the following extracts from a clipping from the *Laconia Democrat* which we think will suffice as a warning to our readers:

Arthur A. Thompson, who resides with his mother, Mrs. Annie Thompson, 17 Arch street, when in this city, is a very much wanted young man; of this there is no doubt. It has become quite extensively known throughout town that young Thompson is wanted and it is this fact more than anything else that has retarded the success of the officers who are in search of him

Officer Folsom of Wolfboro is by no means the only one who is desirous of locating Arthur Thompson. For no less a person than United States Marshal Clark Campbell of Concord is another officer who is very desirous of once more arresting him.

"Once more," because Mr. Campbell has previously arrested him for the very serious offence of using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes.

Thompson at that time dealt extensively in postage stamps, and it is said that he had letter heads and envelopes printed, representing himself to be dealing very extensively in this business and giving his numbers as 15, 17 and 19 Arch street. Numbers 15 and 19 are vacant lots, the other is the number of his mother's residence.

How true this may be is not known, but he was found guilty of fraudulent use of the mails and a fine of \$200 is said to have been suspended. His method was to send for sheets of stamps that he saw advertised, sell them and neglect to pay for them. In all probability he has been up to his old trick again, as it is doubtful if United States Marshal Campbell would be after him simply to enforce an old suspended sentence.

An inspector named Willis, who has headquarters in Boston, has also been assisting in the search for Thompson, who has proved according to detective parlance, to be exceedingly "smooth" thus far.

Last fall, sometime after his first trouble with the postage stamp business had been settled, Thompson attended several meetings, and became a sort of "understudy" to Y. M. C. A. Secretary Goddard. After Secretary Goddard left, Thompson took charge of the rooms until they closed. The directors said that among other reasons for closing was lack of a competent man to run the rooms.

Thompson professed to have mended his ways, but if he was sincere that time, he has backslid with a very quick dull thud.

A young man who is acquainted with Thompson, met him in Manchester not

(Continued on next page.)

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WAR.

War Does Exist

and has existed for some time between catalogue prices and our prices. Note the following: Nevis No. 9 (Cat. \$5.00) \$2.50, Nevis No. 14 (Cat. \$2.50) 1.25, British Columbia, No. 7 .60, " " 8 .40, " " " 1.00 .60

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P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

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long ago, he said, and this young man made the statement that he entered the Y. M. C. A. simply for what was in it.

He cannot evade the officers long, and will surely be caught in time. He is about 23 years of age, and married a Miss Franklin of Brattleboro, Vt., a most estimable and very beautiful young lady, who is living with her husband's mother on Arch street; Thompson's mother is a well-known and highly esteemed lady who has the sympathy of a large number of friends for the sorrow and disgrace that her wayward son has brought upon her.

Our supply of Scott's 58th Catalogue is very low and if you haven't secured a copy better send at once. Remember we supply a copy of the catalogue prepaid (with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the ERA for \$1.00.

A "sign of the times" which certainly deserves special mention and the attention of collectors are the prices obtained at Wolsieffer's March 12th sale. At no sale for the past year have better prices been realized and Mr. Wolsieffer has good reason to congratulate himself on the result of the sale and the effect should surely go a long way toward dispelling the absurd idea that stamps are "going to the dogs." Elsewhere we quote prices on many of the lots; and the several lots bringing over catalogue and also the prices on uncatalogued varieties are particularly worthy of notice.

We have made arrangements and are prepared to take orders for "The History of British Postmarks, Illustrated, together with a List of Numbers used in Obliterations in Great Britain and Certain Colonial Possessions" by J. H. Daniels, for 90 cents, post paid, per copy. It is 12mo with cloth binding.

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We have been favored with one of "Ortlepp's Watermark Revealers" by Cook, the Revenue Man. It is a piece of ferrotype plate, with printed directions how to reveal a watermark.

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Twenty-third meeting of the Board of
 Governors held at the Club House, March
 14, 1898, President Thorne in the chair.
 Called to order at 8.15 P. M., the follow-
 ing Governors being present: Calman,
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 Minutes of previous meeting read and
 approved.

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 cations and upon a motion a vote of thanks
 was extended to Messrs. Stone and Knud-
 son for gifts of proofs of New Hampshire
 paper money and framed essay and P. O.
 notice received from said gentlemen, re-
 spectively.

A communication from Mr. Luff as
 Chairman of the Entertainment Committee
 of the American Philatelic Association
 Convention to be held in this city next
 August was read and upon motion it was
 decided to grant his request, i. e., the use
 of the club-rooms for the said Convention
 free of charge.

The Treasurer's report was received,
 showing \$371.51 cash in bank.

The report of Chairman of House Com-
 mittee was also received.

Adjourned at 9 P. M.
 J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

The Market.

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P. M. Wolsieffer's March Sale—Chicago.

Saturday Evening, March 12th.
Match Stamps:
 Barber & Peckham 3c No. 3020 2 40
 Wm. Bond & Co. 4c No. 3031 O o g. 1 95
 Bousefield & Poole 3c No. 3046 old
 not centered, silk O o g fine 2 10
 I. W. Buck & Co. 1c No. 3044 silk not
 quite cen small tear in lower
 margin 30 65
 Greenleaf & Co. 5c No. 3097 old, perfs.
 touch design at top 3 40
 5c No. 3099 silk neatly repaired
 (cat. \$25.00) 27 30
 F. Mansfield & Co. 1c No. 3127 wmkd.
 only defect hinge thin spot 5 05
 Wm Roeher 1c No. 3158 irregularly
 torn at N and S not quite cen.
 (cat. \$3.00) 3 05
 San Francisco M. Co. 12c No. 3161 3 85
 Washington M. Co. 1c No. 3177 5 30
Medicine Stamps:
 J. C. Ayer & Co. 1c No. 3187 pink 7 75
 J. I. Brown 2c No. 3217 pink O o g. 2 15
 Jos. Burnett & Co. 4c No. 3223 pink 1 65
 A. W. Chase, Son & Co. 1c silk, 2c 4c;
 Nos. 3230 silk, 3231, 3232 all
 O o g. (cat. \$2.25) 2 35
 Curtis & Brown Mfg. Co. 2c No.
 3248 silk O (cat. \$3.00) 3 80
 2c No. 3248 wmk. (cat. \$5.00) 5 60
 Fleming Bros. (Vermifuge) 1c black
 wmkd. not priced in catalogue 4 25
 Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co. 4c No. 3274
 old, clipped at top and bottom,
 and silk 1 65
 J. E. Hetherington 2c No. 3295 O o g. 2 15
 Hiscox & Co. 4c No. 3298 pink 2 45
 S. D. Howe 4c Nos. 3310 and 3311 O
 o g. (cat. \$2.00) 2 10

Moody, Michel & Co. 4c No. 3357 4 05
 Rings Vegetable Ambrosia 4c No.
 3378 silk perforated full gum
 (cat. \$3.00) 3 00
 the same wmkd. perf., full gum 1 90
 G. W. Swett (perforated) 4c No. 3413
 not priced in catalogue 5 05
 U. S. Prop. Med. Co. 1c No. 3421 65
 West India Mfg. Co. 4c No. 3438 pink 1 80
 E. A. Wilson 12c No. 3444 silk O 1 45
Perfumery Stamps:
 Corning & Tappan imperf. 1c No.
 3453 "good" copy 14 80
 the same perf o. g. (cat. \$3.50) 4 00
 E. W. Hoyt & Co. 4c No. 3460 pink 1 20
Uncut Specimens:
 J. C. Ayer & Co. 4c No. 3189 silk
 (cat. \$2.50) 3 10
 the same watermarked (cat. \$1) 1 00
 J. W. Champion & Co. 4c No. 3225 silk 3 20
 the same watermarked (cat. \$2.00) 2 40
 D. Jayne & Son 1c No. 3319 silk (cat.
 \$2.50) 2 80
 same wmkd full o. g. (cat. \$2.00) 2 15
 2c No. 3320 wmkd. (cat. \$2.00) 2 65
 4c No. 3321 silk (cat. \$2.50) 4 80
 the same pink 4 80
 same watermarked (cat. \$2.00) 2 70
 Rings Veg. Ambrosia 2c No. 3374 o. g. 7 05
 E. Wilder 1c No. 3439 silk and o. g.
 (cat. \$1.00) 1 30
 same wmkd and o. g. (cat. \$2.00) 2 30
 4c No. 3442 silk and o. g. (cat. \$2.00) 2 20
 E. W. Hoyt & Co. 1c No. 3458 wmkd.
 showing part of imprint at left 2 05
 2c No. 3459 imprint and plate
 number at bottom 2 05
 Geo. W. Laird 3c No. 3453 silk 3 30
 the same pink 5 05
 the same watermarked 2 40
Pairs Etc.:
 J. W. Champion & Co. 4c No. 3224
 wmkd. vertical pair (cat. \$4) 4 30
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 uncut horizontal pair (cat. \$6) 6 80
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 Byam Carlton & Co. 1c No. 3047
 wmkd part perf. vertical pair 10 00
 Eichele & Co. 1c No. 3076 wmkd and
 imperforated 2 00
 Wm. Gates Sons 1c No. 3090 wmkd.
 and imperforated 2 25
 3c No. 3091 silk and imperforated 2 25
 Richardson Match Co. 1c No. 3154
 pink imperforated 2 05
 E. T. Hazeltine 4c No. 3278 old, imperf. 2 10
 J. E. Hetherington 3c No. 3296 imperf.
 "Pair" 4 80
 another single specimen 2 65
 D. Jayne & Son 4c No. 3324 old, perf.
 and "die cut" 1 95
 Johnston Holloway & Co. 1c No. 3325
 wmkd. imperforated 2 05
 Alva Littlefield 1c No. 3339 silk imperf. 2 05
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 wmkd. imperforated 2 05
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 and "Demas Barnes", across
 the figures in straight lines 3 00
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 3452 in red 2 80
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 design as 1c 2 10
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, March 28th.

Dealers here report a good demand for small collections and quite a few offered. Generally stamps are quiet and it is expected that the war scare will make things still more so.

Recent visitors have been Mr. Geo. L. Toppan of Boston, who was here to attend Wolsieffer's last auction; Mr. Kinney of Cincinnati; Mr. O. W. Briggs of Paw Paw, Ills.; and Mr. E. H. Wolcott of Wolcott, Indiana.

Mr. Wolsieffer's tenth sale held on the evening of March 12th was, so far as prices go, the most successful of the season, many lots of single scarce Private Revenues going above catalogue, even when in a defective condition.

The attendance was fair only but a large number of bids were received from out-of-town parties.

The catalogues for the 11th and 12th sales are out, the former to be held April 2nd and the latter (of which the greater part is a fine collection of Colombian Republic) will be held April 23rd.

Mr. Wolsieffer will be the Chicago representative of the New York weekly, *The Metropolitan Philatelist*, which is shortly to be issued by the J. W. Scott Co.

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PROVIDENCE, R. I., Mar. 30, 1898.

I wish to say to all members of the United States Philatelic Association that the dues for 1898 are now payable and new cards for 1898 will be sent to all who remit to the Secretary.

The Exchange Department will soon be in first class working order and I hope all members will take hold in earnest and try to instill new life into the Association, as it is one of the best in the world.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York Items.

In these days of speculation, exchange schemes and the innumerable modern phases which philately seems to be taking on of late years, it is really refreshing to meet a first class collector of the old school. Especially one like Mr. John F. Seybold, of Syracuse, N. Y., who has carefully scanned the markets of the world for years and collected everything in old issues obtainable on the original letters. Mr. Seybold paid the metropolis a visit and displayed with pardonable pride the finest selection of rarities, pairs and strips on original covers probably ever seen in New York, for there is certainly no collection here to equal it in the line and I doubt if any is as fine in America (since we allowed the magnificent Ayer collection, either for lack of enterprise, enthusiasm or cash, or possibly all, to go abroad and be broken up).

It would be a large task indeed to particularize, but I noticed a superb blue Naples, 2nd 13c Hawaii, 1/2gr Oldenburg, strip of 3 90c 1857 U. S., 2d blue Mauritius, and a perfect host of rarities which are simply unobtainable on letters at present, and worth considerable more than catalogue value. As I remarked at the outset, this gentleman is a collector of the old school which means he does not part with any of these treasures at present, even at tempting offers.

Mr. John E. Burton of Milwaukee and Lake Geneva, Wis., was also a recent visitor to New York, where he has just disposed of a solid car load of natural crystals to Tiffany & Co. This lot includes the largest natural crystal ever found and is only part of a great find made in California by Mr. Burton.

This gentleman is a striking figure among Western philatelists, possessing a keen instinct of future values and the collector's enthusiasm as well. He made some good sales in the stamp line in the interest of Messrs. Burton & Burton of Lake Geneva and expressed himself to your correspondent as being well pleased with his trip to this city, where he is an occasional visitor. He also displayed the most beautiful specimens of natural quartz bearing gold ore I have ever seen. Of lawyers and doctors there are many philatelists but the "miner" collector (not minor varieties) is a rare combination and with more of his calibre in the field collecting would advance far more rapidly than it has the past two years in popularity and in command of the public respect. Come again Mr. Burton

The Walter S. Scott Co. held their 12th sale at the Collectors Club House on March 23rd.

Some very nice U. S. revenues were offered and while it was supposed by all the knowing ones that they were going cheap, the opposite was the case, as highest prices for U. S. revenues received this season were realized, in fact the entire sale brought advancing figures

All the local bargain hunters were on hand, but we had to pay good prices on this sale or go home empty handed.

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100th Auction Sale.

April 16th, 1898.

This sale comprises only rare stamps, nearly every one of which is cataloged at from \$5.00 to \$1000.00 each. The total catalog value being about \$12,000.00. Among other stamps that will be offered are a \$500 Revenue, 5 and 10c St. Louis, Buchanan Envelope, rare Philadelphia Carriers, Providence entire sheet, 3c, 24c August '61, 2c envelope 1887, die A on manila, 5c Marion, 5p Buenos Ayres, 8c Br. Guiana, first issue, 6d Canada, perforated, rare Nevis, Newfoundland, New South Wales, Philippine Islands, etc.

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For the WEEKLY ERA.

Anent Original Covers.

The collecting of old issues of postage stamps on original envelopes, or on "covers" as it is styled, is growing in popularity from year to year and at present the demand is larger by far on many old issues than the supply.

It is often very interesting to note just how and when certain stamps were used, to study up the postmarks and cancellations and note the rates between certain points, while many interesting letters are often preserved in connection therewith.

I found among my collection on originals lately an autograph letter of McCready, the great English actor, written from Charlestown, S. C., to his New York bankers in 1849 franked with only the Plebian 5c, but nice pair however, and to the same firm 10c 1847 in singles and pairs with cancellations in four colors: red, blue, and, from Tallahassee, Florida, in green and black, two very rare abiterations with postmarks in same colors. On another letter sheet I found, under date of 1842, a New York City drop-letter to an officer in the U. S. navy from a gentleman who stated he was collecting autographs, so I judge the innate nature of collecting was developed prior to the introduction of stamps. This letter is franked with a superb white 3c Carrier's City Despatch and was re-addressed and probably forwarded from a N. Y. hotel to the Portsmouth Navy Yard and is the earliest stamp I have ever seen on cover which certainly done postal service in America.

I believe the time is coming which will show the person who removes an old stamp from its original paper to be as foolish and destructive as those unconscious vandals of philately's early days who neatly cut out round the 6c and 10c 1857 envelopes so carefully. We have developed too rapidly of late on purely commercial lines, but must not lose sight of the antiquarian, historical and scholarly features of stamp collecting which especially belong to stamps on entire original envelopes.

Many stamps are exceedingly difficult to secure on the original; if you don't believe it please look up Br. Columbia \$1.00, 90 reis Brazil 1843, or even the Prince Edward Island 4½d on cover. The difficulty of securing of course, only adds zest to the true collector's delight and just appreciation of any rarity secured. So I will add a word

of advice to all who are interested in philately, to pay some attention to covers while they may be had for a fraction of their future values.

PHILATELIC RAMBLER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, April 5th.

Washington dealers have had no reason to complain of a dull season during the past few months. Sales have been fully up to the average which scarcely seems to be the case elsewhere, judging from reports of Northern cities. There is a great dearth of rare stamps in perfect condition even at big prices, no matter how many dealers may advertise to sell everything at 50% off catalogue. Anyone having good salable material in prime condition has no cause to advertise at such figures. The fact remains that there are thousands of more advanced collectors who never look at a stamp paper or auction catalogue and for anyone to try to reach them through advertising is absolutely wasting energy and money. Many collectors are willing to pay a good price for what they want and prefer to have their want lists with two or three favorite dealers who make it their business to watch the market for anything that may turn up which their customers need. Such stamps they are often able to place at figures far above the prices realized at auction. These figures of private sales are much more reliable as being actual values of stamps than the columns of quotations which stamps are said to have brought at auction. We have recently seen figures quoted in papers, as being prices realized at public sale when the owner bought them in at just one half the reserve price.

Two sets of 5c plates are thus far known to have been printed in blue, Nos. 389 to 392 and 407 to 410.

The provisional Hawaii 10c red brown with red surcharge recently mentioned in the ERA has found a purchaser at \$38. It is possible that this stamp was never issued in a bona fide manner but owes its existence to a Hawaiian oddity fancier in official ranks.

We have recently seen an excellent counterfeit of the 10c rose Confederate on the "original cover," pen cancelled. The paper has a bluish tinge which was the first thing to arouse suspicion.

J. M. Bartels & Co. will hold their initial auction sale tomorrow night. Among the stamps offered are dollar value States, many rare U. S., Br. Colonies and rare foreign.

The Exchange Dept. of the Washington Philatelic Society is in splendid running order and is giving the members great satisfaction.

Among recent visitors to the city were Messrs. W. H. Manning, E. F. Weed, Lieut. Bandholtz, T. T. Huffman and Dr. J. W. Babcock.

Down in Egypt.

From Chapter XX. of "Stamp Hunting."

BY LEWIS ROBIE.

[By special arrangement with the author we have secured the exclusive right to print sections from the manuscript of "STAMP HUNTING".—ED.]

"Your hotels are improving down here in Egypt, Doctor."

"Yes, I understand they are," replied the druggist. "There was a time when the sheets had to be used for table cloths during the day, but now I am told they have sheets on the bed, as well as clothes for the table."

"Yes, that's so; and I notice they have had wooden floors put in since I was here last in Punkville, but the knots in the mattress still stick out pretty sharp, Doc, and the same mucilaginous towels and cast iron soap are still here."

"Yes, but you expect too much. You can't have sheets on the bed, magnolia blossom soap, and fringed end towels all at once. Give us time. But speaking of hotels reminds me of old man Mitchell," continued the druggist. "Do you know him? I don't know as he is much on stamps, but he is a humming bird on coins."

"Do I know him? Well I guess yes. Every druggist in the United States, and almost everybody else knows him and his plasters. He is one of the characters of the day. Drinks water through a glass tube so he won't wet his mustache!"

"Yes, that's the same fellow. Well, he

came in here last summer, dressed as usual, with an eight dollar suit of clothes, and carrying from five to six thousand dollars worth of diamonds and coins about his person.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed.]

ALLEGHENY, PA., April 2, 1898. MR. W. W. JEWETT, Portland, Me. Dear Sir: I am obliged to ask you for space in your valuable paper to inform you of my experience with one Jas. G. Stickney.

On Jan. 17, 1898, he wrote to me requesting some stamps on approval, and in reply I sent him several sheets, for which he has not yet paid for, putting me off on various pretexts until several days ago when he sent me a letter stating he enclosed amount of his account, but which contained no money at all, as the P. O. people can testify.

If other dealers, who have had similar trouble with Stickney, desire anything of me, I would be pleased to give them any information I can

Yours truly, GEO. E. SHEPARD

ON SALE AT WASHINGTON P. O.

RICHMOND, ILL., March 24, 1898.

POSTMASTER, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir: Will you kindly inform me if you have the following stamped envelopes on sale in your office and which you will sell me upon receipt of money, viz.: Letter sheets 2c green, Envelopes No. 1, 2c July, 1884. No. 2, 1c amber, 1886. No. 2, 2c white and amber July 1884, same fawn, No. 3, 2c amber, July 1884, same blue and fawn, No. 7 fawn, and what have you in Columbians? Have you the \$5 postage stamp in your office? Thanking you for your favor in advance, I am,

Yours truly, GUSTAV MULIER.

DEAR SIR: I have crossed from the list* such envelopes as we cannot furnish. No. 7 is the only size left in fawn. The 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c Columbian envelopes are on sale here but not in all the sizes. We also have the \$5 00 stamp, both of the Columbian and the present issue.

Respectfully, JAMES P. WILLET, P. M.

*The words in italic are those crossed by the Washington P. M.—ED.

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I have a collection of 160 varieties of Match, Medicine, etc., will cat. \$50.00, to exchange for Departments. (No War, Interior or Treasury wanted.) Have also Plate Numbers. What have you to offer? H. C. Killian, Box 77, Morton, Del. Co., Pa.

I have good U. S. stamps to exchange for British Colonials, catalogue basis. John J. Oesch, 34 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

We will give you double catalogue value in unused entire envelopes for better class of Match and Medicine stamps. Write us. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [58]

I collect unused foreign stamps. My duplicates, used and unused, priced 5 cents to 20 dollars, catalogue at about \$1000.00. I don't need them. What will you offer? A. Herrmann, A16 Produce Exchange, New York.

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Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio. [67]

I will give in exchange, the 1, 2 and 3c, ribbed paper of 1875 issue, in good condition, for a good specimen of any of the following stamps, 1, 6, 10 or 12c of 1869. John Verrier, 358 Broad St., Newark, N. J. [56]

Good Exchange. I will give fine exchange from books in either U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonials and good Foreign, for U. S. Revenues which I can use. Only copies in fine, perfect condition wanted. Particularly desire 5c Proprietary, 25c Bond and Warehouse Receipt, 50c Probate of Will, and any \$10; also 1, 3, 4, 6 and 15c Second Issue; 4, 6, 15 and 30c Third Issue and others. Write what you have. Also want any Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Colonies. Write me. Fine exchange and fair treatment assured. Geo. S. McKeatin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. [2521]

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127. **PARKER, E. T.**, of Bethlehem, Pa., and New York City. Suspended from membership for three months from March 24, 1898

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report 682
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Suspended..... 1

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JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

BOSTON, Mass., March 26, 1898.

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.
At a meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents held in Boston, March 24th, it was voted that E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa.,

and New York City, be suspended from membership for three months from that date.

Will you kindly cause notice of this suspension to be printed in the Official Organ?
JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

New York City, April 2nd, 1898.
1,037 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Mar. 26th, valued at \$39,903.03
34 books received since Mar. 26th, valued at \$873.77
\$40,776.80
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only a sight of them can give you an adequate idea of my 50% approval books. They travel in orange envelopes to the elect. Are you elected?
New Brunswick, 17c unused..... 13c

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We are prepared to pay the very highest prices for the following

Plate Numbers:

- 1c Columbian No. 69.
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- 1894 1c blue (not ultramarine) 18, 21, 27, 31.
- 2c carmine No. 1 T, 3 T, 7 T, 10 T, B, R, 16 T, 19 T, B, R, 20 T, R, 22 T, 23 T.
- 2c unwatermarked: 88 B, R, 89 L, 110 B, 124 B, 126 R, 146 B, 148 B, 150 B, L, 151 B, 152 B, 154 B, 156 B, 157 B, 158 B.
- 50c unwatermarked top, 5c due, unwatermarked top, 2c watermarked No. 230 bottom.

From \$1.00 up paid for any of above. Send with lowest price to

J. M. Bartels & Co.,
702 14th St., WASHINGTON, D. C.

them, yet this is not so. We have found that the more good papers we have and the oftener they issue Special or Boom editions the more persons become interested and flagging interests are awakened and all are gainers in the end. We accordingly extend a cordial welcome to our new weekly contemporary and wish it all success possible for a stamp paper to achieve.

A collector who has one of the best Match and Medicine collections in the country, and who has made these stamps the subject of much study for many years and consequently had ought to be something of an authority, informs us that the 8c Seelye & Co., mentioned by our Louisville correspondent in last week's issue, is fully as rare if not rarer, in cut condition. He states that this stamp, contrary to the usual custom, is more rare cut than uncut, as but a small quantity were cut. The stamp he estimates to be worth about 25 cents in either condition, or about half the price given by Sterling's old catalogue.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, April 5th.

Mr. Wolsieffer's 11th sale held last Saturday evening, was quite well attended, about fifty being present, and of these thirty-seven secured one or more lots each showing they were not there merely out of curiosity.

Beside this 203 lots of bids were received from out-of-town parties. In spite of this large number of bidders, the very scarce stamps went low; medium priced foreigners going very well however.

I quote the following lots of single stamps which brought catalogue price or over:

Br. Central Africa 5sh No.90 (\$2.50)	\$2 65
4sh No. 19 (\$2)	2 15
Cuba 1868 5c (\$2)	3.50
1868 10c (\$2)	3.50
1868 20c (\$2)	3.45
1868 40c (\$2)	3.70
1869 5c (\$2)	3.50
1869 10c (\$2)	3.50
1869 20c (\$2)	3.45
1869 40c (\$2)	3.60
1879 10c (\$3.50)	3.55
Gold Coast 1889 5sh (\$2)	2.05
Rhodesia 4sh (\$2)	2.55
Surinam 2g 50c no gum (\$2)	2.15
Brazil 6or No. 2 (\$1 50)	1.65

The sale on April 23d will consist mostly of Colombian Republic and catalogues are out today.

Lieut. H. H. Bandholtz has been in the city twice lately on his way to and from Washington.

Maj. C. E. Dutton also passed through a few days ago en route to the Capital.

It was through the courtesy of Lieut. Bandholtz, who sent it to Mr. Wolsieffer,

WAR. War Does Exist WAR.

and has existed for some time between catalogue prices and our prices. Note the following:

Nevis No. 9.....	(Cat. \$5.00).....	\$2 50
14.....	".....	2.50 1.25
British Columbia, No. 7.....	".....	.60 .40
8.....	".....	1.00 .60

A Vigorous Battle

of bidders will take place on April 23rd at our Auction Sale containing that elegant line of Colombian Republic you have heard so much about. Will you be in it? The catalogue is free.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

WAR. WAR.

that I had an opportunity to see the first copy of the new 5c blue that reached the philatelic circles of Chicago.

It is a very rich shade and I think is an improvement over the so-called chocolate we have been using for eight years.

Will the ten and fifteen cent have to be changed now on account of their similarity to the ones and fives.

In a lot of about twenty sheets of the new one cent green, recently purchased at the P. O. here, fully one fourth of the sheets were on a distinctly laid paper, which showed very clearly on the blank margins, the balance being on the ordinary wove. They occurred in various plates, but I saw number 537 in both varieties of paper.

Collecting by the juvenile element in Chicago has been very active this winter, and many a youngster can now boast of a 1500 to 2000 variety collection. It makes me look back almost twenty years to the time when I was struggling to get my first thousand, and I cannot help noticing how much easier it is to get a couple of thousand varieties now than then.

The kid collector seems to have a particular delight in buying his stamps away from home. rather than patronizing "home industry." It makes him feel big to think that some one who has never seen him will trust him with \$10 worth of Seebecks and Roman States reprints.

I suggested to one small boy several times that he go down to Massoth or Wolsieffer either of whom could furnish a half dozen stocks such as "—— & Co." who had sent him "dandy" sheets at "½ off."

This youngster turned to his page of Curacao and said: "Aren't they bates?" and said he had paid ninety cents (less 50%) for the three. I took my catalogue and showed him that they catalogued just twenty-six cents and that he could have bought them right here in Chicago for thirteen cents!

Result, no more sheets from "—— & Co." and the boy and several of his friends "take sheets from Massoth."

(N. B. This is not a paid ad for F. N. M., but I bring in his name merely to make the story—which is facts—complete. —B. A. C.)

ONLY TWO

books published ever had a larger sale than "Stamp Hunting" is going to have—the Bible and Shakespeare, and judging from advanced orders already received we are going to give friend "Shake" a hard chase for second place, provided "Fighting Bob Evans" does not wipe nine million Spaniards off from the face of the earth, thus cutting off so many subscribers.

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Re-issue, 5 varieties.....	\$0.40
Cabot, set 14 varieties.....	2.75
4d lake, 1863.....	.42
6d lake 1863.....	.40
Surcharge 1 on 3c.....	.75

Letter Sheets, 4c net.

••• We wish to buy stamps, especially U. S. and general collections.

Our March 1895 U. S. Postage and Revenue list just out—a postal brings it.

STAR STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

You Can't Get Me by Telephone,
but you can get me through the mail for
THE FOLLOWING O. G. BARGAINS:

	Cat. price.	My price
1851 1c, fine.....	\$0.30	\$0.20
* 3c " full gum.....	2.00	.75
* 1861 1c, new, no gum.....	.35	.20
1c (9x19) well centered.....	1.00	.60
1869 1c, fine.....	.75	.45
* 2c, full gum, fine.....	1.25	.60
* 6c, fine.....	.75	.45
* 1880 1c buff, Scott No. 181, fine.....	2.50	1.75
1890 1c, embossed, good.....	.50	.30
* 7c, fine.....	.60	.35
* 1887-88, 1, 2, 4, 5, 30c, fine.....	1.66	.95
* 1890 2c lake, good.....	.50	.25
* Due 1579 1c yellow brown.....	.35	.20
* Special Delivery 10c orange, mint state	.20	.15
" 10c, pair.....	.33	.20
" 10c, block of four.....	.65	.40
Newfoundland 1866 10c black.....	1.50	.60
" 1876 3c blue, extra fine	1.00	.75
" 1887 10c black, fine.....	.25	.20
South Australia 1876-85 4p dull purple, very fine.....	1.85	1.00

* Means Unused.
Cash with order. Some other goodies on hand. Your money refunded if you are not satisfied or stamps are sold. Approval Sheets for beginners at 50% off. Order at once. Don't delay.

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PLATE NUMBERS

1c green: 493 to 537 T., B., R., L., only 6c per Plate. 439 and 440 green B and R at 25c per Plate.

HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.

HOW IS THIS?

	Cat. No.	Cat. My price.
13	Helligoland ½sh green and carmine, unused.....	\$0.75 \$0.35
30	St. Lucia ½p green, unused.....	.40 .20
23	Jamaica 2p red, C and CA, used.....	.25 .10
36	New South Wales 5p green, unused.....	.75 .35
	Inland Exchange 5c red, silk paper.....	1.00 .50

Satisfaction guaranteed. Approval Sheets 40 to 60% off
SMITH & SMITH, 109 Good St., Akron, O.

Match & Medicine

35 varieties. Catalogue \$2.00.....	\$0.50
40 " " " ".....	.75
50 " " " ".....	1.00
60 " " " ".....	1.50

We have been picking up these desirable stamps for the past three years and have an elegant assortment.
SEND WANT LISTS. [58*]
Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. ○ means unused, ⊕ used.

ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

P. M. Wolsieffer's March Sale—Chicago.

Saturday Evening, March 12th.

(Continued from page 310.)

Document Revenues:

\$1.30 For. Ex. date and paper correct narrow margins imperf.	14	10
\$10.00 Charter Party imperf.	3	05
1c Playing Cards part perf. fine mar.	1	90

Perforated Document Revenues:

4c Playing Cards	4	10
6c Proprietary small thin spot and perfs. touch design at top	31	25
\$1.00 Mortgage perfs. touch design at top and left	2	60
\$1.60 For. Exchange	1	80
\$10.00 Conveyance	1	25
\$20.00 Conveyance brilliant color	1	15
\$20.00 Probate of Will	17	80
Second Issue \$3.00	1	00
\$3.50 shade off center	3	10
\$200.00 artistic piece of repair work, restored perforations on all sides	42	25
Third Issue \$3.00	1	35
Proprietary 1878 5c black silk ○ o.g.	2	35

Inverted Medallions:

Second Issue 1c blue die cancellation	7	65
Third Issue 1c violet pp not quite cen.	3	15
30c orange just a shade off cen.	22	10
Proprietary 1c green and black, green pp "good" copy	9	40

Blocks, Pairs etc. of Document Revenues:

Imperf. horizontal pair 1c Express	2	30
Block of five 5c Cert. Imperf.	1	00
Horizontal strip of three 5c Express Imperf.	1	00
Block of seven 5c Inland Ex. Imperf. light shade	95	
Vertical pair of 15c Inl. Ex. Imperf.	2	05
Horizontal strip of four 25c Protest Imperf.	3	30
Horizontal pair of 50c Lease Imperf.	1	50
Horizontal strip of five \$1 Conveyance Imperf.	5	30
Vertical pair of \$1.00 Ent. of Goods Imperf.	1	55
Vertical strip of three \$1 For. Ex. Imp.,	1	50
Vertical strip of three \$1 Mortgage, Imperf.	1	40
4c Proprietary pair of part per. vertical	3	90
10c Inland Ex. vertical strip of 5 part perf.	1	25
25c Bond vertical pair part perf.	1	30
50c Surety Bond vertical pair part per.	1	25
Rouletted horizontal pair of 2c Proprietary brown on green surcharged A. E. S. Co. 1881	4	05
Rouletted horizontal pair of 3c Proprietary orange on green surcharged G. C. W. April 15, 1881	5	55
Rouletted horizontal pair 6c Proprietary No. 2989 roulette cuts design at top	7	80

Departments in Sets:

Executive all lightly can. copies except 1c which is ○	32	60
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Interior all ○	4	90
Justice 15c has small nick at top 90c not quite cen. all ○	65	10
Navy splendid ○ set	31	25
Post Office fine ○ set	7	05
State elegant ○ set 1c to 90c incl.	32	00
Treasury all ○ except 90c which is lightly cancelled	9	50
War splendid ○ set	2	45

Re-issues, etc.:

1875 6c blue No. 174	4	00
30c No. 179	9	90
1c ultramarine Am. Co.'s print on pink safety paper ○ o. g.	7	05
10c brown Am. Co.'s print on pink safety p., not quite cen. ○ o. g.	8	30
State Dep't \$5.00 perf. proof un gum'd	12	50
\$10 also perf. proof un gummed	7	05
\$20 another perf. proof un gummed	6	25

UNITED STATES.

1855 1c blue ○ shows the circle broken at the top complete at bottom and also partly the scrolls or type I. variety. This stamp embodies all three types in one	19	05
1855 12c black No. 74 fair copy ○ o.g.	1	30
1851 12c No. 49 lightly can. almost pass for ○	1	65
1861 Sept 5c brown yellow No. 93 ⊕	4	80
1862-6 5c red brown No. 106 ⊕	2	05
1869 24c No. 168 perfs. touch design at top	3	50
90c No. 170 ⊕ although well cen. the color is dull and creased	11	25
Agriculture 1c olive yellow ○ on o.c.	2	20
Boston Mass. 1853 1c blue No. 822 lightly can. by one red pencil stroke	3	15
Total for 530 lots,		\$1913.40

Newspaper Clippings.

CONTRACTORS COMPETE.

BIDS OPENED TODAY FOR FURNISHING STAMPED ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.—INVOLVES A LARGE EXPENDITURE ANNUALLY—PURCELL ENVELOPE CO. MAKES THE LOWEST PROPOSALS.

Once again the big paper combine which has controlled the making of stamped envelopes and newspapers has been defeated.

The opening of bids for furnishing the government with these supplies took place today, and resulted in a complete surprise—the Purcell Envelope Company of Holyoke, Mass., outbid the combine on all items, and will doubtless receive the contract.

Four years ago when bids were opened the combine struck the same snag, the Purcell Company's proposal being \$110,000 in round numbers lower than the bid of the combine. After a short time, and before the new contractor got to work, an arrangement was made between him and the combine whereby the latter carried on the contract.

This is one of the most important contracts let by the government, involving as it does, a yearly expenditure of over a million dollars. Heretofore the department

has insisted upon the use of but one kind of paper—that dried in lofts and known to the trade as "loft dried." The combine, it is alleged, controlled all the paper of this class, and made it practically impossible for any one else to bid. The Purcell Company, however, four years ago made plans for building several large buildings where paper of this kind could be manufactured, and submitted a bid, which as stated above, upon comparison was \$110,000 lower than the one the combine put in. This was followed, as stated, by the arrangement between the combine and the Purcell Company.

It is understood that there has been some dissatisfaction between the two firms lately, which resulted in the Purcell Company putting in a separate bid this year and withdrawing from the combine. The contract is for four years, it may be stated, and calls for the manufacture of 598,554,250 stamped envelopes and wrappers.

The opening of the bids took place in the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general and attracted a number of bidders and those interested in the contract. Gen. Merritt personally superintended the opening of the bids.

There were two proposals offered by the department, one for loft dried paper, the other for ordinary paper. This distinction was made to insure competition, and there was plenty of it.

There were twelve bidders, and the majority of them submitted proposals.

It was known in advance that the contract really hinged upon the bids submitted for four items—item No. 5, calling for the first quality of extra-sized letter stamped envelopes, of which 355,957,000 were estimated to be necessary, item No. 3, calling for, approximately, 62,882,000 of first-class commercial size envelopes; item No. 12, calling for 40,747,000 newspaper wrappers, and item No. 13, calling for 50,742,000 gummed white or amber envelopes.

These were the important items in the bidding, and all interest centered about the prices for these.

The current prices the government is paying for these items is as follows: Item No. 5, \$1.30 per 1,000; item No. 3, \$1.22 per 1,000; item No. 12, 53 cents per 1,000, and item No. 13, \$1.37 per 1,000.

The lowest bids for these today, as submitted by the Purcell Company, were: Item No. 5, \$1.05; item No. 3, 80 cents; item No. 12, 50 cents, and item No. 13, \$1.10. So it will be seen at a glance how much the government profits by this bidding.

The following firms submitted bids: Wickham Bros., Hartford, Conn.; W. A. Tober, Hamilton, Ohio; Connecticut River Paper Company, Holyoke, Mass.; the Purcell Envelope Co., Holyoke, Mass.; Albert Daggett, Piedmont, Md.; the White, Corbin Company, Rockville, Conn.; Holyoke Envelope Company, Holyoke, Mass.; Wolf Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.; P. P. Kellogg & Co., Springfield, Mass.; Plimpton Envelope Company, Holyoke, Mass.; the American Envelope Company, West Carleton, Ohio.—*The Evening Star* (Washington), Wednesday, March 30, 1898.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

Unless otherwise noted all papers are March issues. Numbers in parentheses are whole numbers of the paper.

American Collector, February, Vol. IV. No. 1 (16).

Australian Philatelist, January, Vol. IV. No. 6 (42).

Boston Stamp Book, Vol. III. No. 10 (34).

Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXIII. Nos. 2, 3 (230-1).

Die Briefmarke, February, Vol. IV. No. 8.

Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. VIII. No. 3.

Columbian Philatelist, January, Vol. IV. No. 3 (21).

Ewen's Weekly Circular, Nos. 22, 23.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, February, Vol. VI. No. 5 (65).

Il Francobollo, February, Vol. VI. (64).

Herald Exchange, Vol. IV. No. 1 (19).

Home Worker, Vol. V. No. 3.

International Philatelist, February, Vol. VI. No. 4.

Internationales Briefmarken Offert-enblatt, Vol. VII. No. 184.

London Philatelist, February, Vol. VII. No. 74.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XI. Nos. 11 and 12 (376, 377).

Monats-Schrift des Internationalen Verbandes für Postkarten Sammler, Vol. II. No. 5.

New York Philatelist, Vol. III. No. 6.

Ontario Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 1.

Pennsylvania Philatelist, Vol. XIII. No. 4.

Perforator, Vol. II. No. 1.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. IV. No. 3 (19).

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. I. No. 6.

Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Vol. VII. No. 5.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, February, Vol. VIII. No. 86.

Post Office, February, Vol. VII. No. 83.

Postal Card Bulletin, Vol. V. No. 1 (49).

Revista Philatelica do Brasil, January, Vol. III. No. 1.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. IV. No. 90.

Stamp Collectors' Journal, February, Vol. XX. No. 232.

Stamp Reporter, Vol. I. No. 7.

Stamps, (New York), February, Vol. II. No. 5.

Stamps, (Rushden. Eng.), February, Vol. II. No. 2.

Texas Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 1 (48).

The *American Collector* has adopted the ordinary magazine size with the commencement of the new volume. This is an improvement and should have been adopted

in the first place. The official matter of the Sons of Philatelia occupies slightly over two pages and shows some 14 new members with 8 resignations and one death. Nearly \$3000 worth of stamps are in circulation in the Sales Department.

From the *Australian Philatelist* I learn that the postal authorities of New Zealand have refused to sanction the proposed issue of stamps for the benefit of the Dunedin public library. Good for them! Wish we could say the same concerning the Omaha imposition issue.

Mr. Kilbon's reference list of type and die varieties in the *Boston Stamp Book* deals with Great Britain and Greece, this month. A. Preston Pearce has some interesting notes on the postal fiscals in the Scott catalogue as viewed by a revenue collector. It is well worthy the perusal of all. Those who don't collect revenues miss lots of enjoyment. The supplementary catalogue is now giving additions to the 58th edition but with no mention of the postal cards. Why is that Bro. Smiley? The new card catalogue has been out a month at least.

The *Columbian Philatelist* contains an account of the recent convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society which was held in New Oxford, Penn. J. F. Dodge was elected President and H. C. Crowell Secretary-Treasurer. About 150 new members were added during the year, 55 were suspended, 11 resigned and there was one death. There is no statement that I can find which shows the present actual membership in good standing.

In view of the interest being manifested just now in the railway letter fee stamps of Great Britain and Ireland it will not be out of place to call attention to the very full price list of these stamps in the current numbers of *Ewen's Weekly Circular*. It comprises some 88 varieties.

"The Destruction of the Plates" is the title of a very interesting account, in *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, of the recent melting up of the stock of plates, dies, rolls, etc., of the obsolete stamps of the United States last July. A full list of all the plates, etc., is given.

Il Francobollo is now in its sixth year, but the February issue is the first number that I have seen. One of the most interesting articles is that upon Philatelic Expositions containing a list of the various exhibitions of stamps that have been held in various cities. While it is probably not complete (I note the omission of the Boston A. P. A. exhibit of 1889) it is probably the best list that has been published so far. A translation of the article by some of our journals would be of interest.

Another valuable article in the paper is that on the postal obliterations of Lon-

Something New . .

In this space each week.
 This time we offer **POST PAID**: Our
 New Brunswick 1860-61. Unused: Cat. price
 1c..... 8c 5c
 2c..... 8c 4c
 5c..... 5c 2c
 10c..... 30c 18c
 12½c..... 75c 50c
 17c..... 25c 12c
 Or the Complete Set of 6 var. for only ... 85c
 Or the Set of 5 var. without 12½c for only 35c
 Write today and fill up those blank spaces cheaply.
This Offer Will Not Appear Again.
 Hundreds of bargains equally as good as above on our 50¢ disc. approval books. Send reference for a selection. Read our special offer in last week's ERA (this space) in regard to approval selections.

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\$200.00 Per Day
 Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face
 50c to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
 \$2 " 15% " " "
 \$2 " 15% " " "
 We are buying these stamps to use for postage and can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly on the day of receipt. [10c]
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BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. [10c]
 Send for Circulars and Price List.
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▷ DIRECTORY. ◁
FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [10c]
W. K. MIX, U. S. Postage & Revenues—Wholesale and Retail. 69 John Street, Bridgeport, Conn. [27c]

bardy and Venetia which is fully illustrated and forms only one of a series of articles.

Henry Nelson Bullard, Exchange Manager of the P. S. of A., is illustrated and written up in the February *International Philatelist*.

The Danish 2 skilling stamp of the 1851 issue forms the subject of a very interesting and instructive essay in the *London Philatelist*. This stamp was issued for postage on mail matter in Copenhagen and was type-printed. The sheet comprised 100 stamps and it is asserted that every stamp varies to a certain extent. There are three distinct types of the figure 2 on the sheet. Illustrations are given of these types.

(Continued next week.)

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- 2000 " " " " 31.00
- 3000 " " " " 73.90

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8 June St., W. H., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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I am closing out my stock of Entire Envelopes in used condition. This is my reason for making the prices I am.

How's This for Slashing Prices?

Bartel's No.	Cat. price.	My price
175.....	\$5.00	\$2.75
327.....	6.00	3.00
751.....	22.50	10.00
937.....	15.00	8.50
941.....	4.00	2.00
1550.....	2.50	1.20
1609.....	2.10	1.00
1617.....	2.00	1.00
1618.....	9.00	1.00
1620.....	2.50	1.20

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EDW. BROOKS,

228 East Market St., Louisville, Ky.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, April 5th.

I see by the stamp papers that there is an exodus of stamp dealers from Nassau street in New York City. Something similar has struck the Hub. One firm has recently left "newspaper row," and I hear that another leading firm is about to move to better quarters.

Judging from prices realized at recent auction sales, it looks as though this line of business will have to take a rest. The last sale held in Boston was rather a slaughter.

An importation of Gambia stamps received here last week showed a new shade of the 1 penny, which will have to be catalogued as a pink. As these stamps are evidently from the last printing of the embossed stamps, they may turn out to be very desirable.

Mr. Hunter, of Newton, has discovered that he has in his collection the 5 and 10c, unused, 1861. August type. The price paid for these when bought was less than \$1.00. Another case of "entertaining angels unawares." Now I have looked over several hundred of the 10c, 1861, and have not been able to find even a damaged copy of the August type.

Most of the dealers here report the stamp business as rather dull, but they are expecting a great improvement in trade when the war scare blows over.

The much-talked-of Newfoundland surcharge unused, o. g., sold at auction in Boston for 30 cts. per copy. This is rather a low price for a stamp of which the government ruled there should be only 5 copies sold to a single person.

I saw several blocks of Niger Coast 1893 2d sold the other day for full catalogue price, and the dealer has standing offers for several more blocks of the same kind.

A very fine collection of Medicine stamps has been offered around Boston the past week, catalogue value of about \$350.00, and no buyers at 40 cts. on a dollar. Some people say that these stamps are good things, but it does not seem to be so when one wishes to sell.

S. E. L.

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Seychelles 1893 15c, unused.....	.15	.09
" 1896 18c on 45c, unused.....	.25	.16
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Nevis 1882 1p violet, used.....	3.00	1.25
Lagos 1875 1p lilac, ".....	.85	.30
" 2p green, ".....	.85	.40
" 1884 4p rose, ".....	1.50	.50
" 1874-5 1sh orange, used.....	3.00	.85
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WHOLE No. 257.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

The Postage vs. The Revenue Stamp.

Both of these two great classes of collected stamps have had their champions and their relative position has been frequently discussed, but I think no really unprejudiced statement of their true place has yet been given. The responsibility of doing this seems to have fallen upon your humble servant, who hereby enlists to do his best.

The distinction of the relative collectibility of these two classes of stamps is necessarily a fundamental one and so to get at it we must proceed to the very foundations of our hobby.

Why do we collect stamps anyway? Is it because we have an abnormal interest in the public express business done by national governments which is popularly termed the post? I think not.

It has been my duty and pleasure to interview some of the oldest stamp collectors in this country on this very subject—the primary incentive to the collection of stamps—and in almost every case my answer has been substantially the same: “the artistic beauty and historic interest inherent in stamps.” Of course the official character of the stamp made it an authentic national souvenir of limited quantity, from which the idea of value probably first came, but *at the very first* the question of value from the standpoint of scarcity was quite out of the question, the two elements of art and history in stamps holding out the principal if not the only inducement to their collection. The *postality* of the stamp, if I may be permitted to coin the word, was in every case out of the question.

Reasoning from this premise, the revenue stamp in so far as it is artistic and historic has fully as strong a claim for the sympathy of the stamp collector as does the postage stamp. Why, then, did the postage stamp come first in collecting favor? Merely because it had several *relative advantages*, which may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. It was the first of the two classes to appear widely with the necessary elements of interest.
2. It covers a more extensive historic field, because steadily in use, while revenue issues are frequently compared to war years.
3. It exhibits a more artistic make up,

owing to national pride and international use.

4. It has a wider advertisement owing to its pictorial or commemorative character and its international use.

5. It is free from the dislike accruing to the revenue stamp from man's natural aversion to the very thought of the payment of taxes.

Under these disadvantages it is small wonder that the revenue was slow in coming!

But in spite of this the revenue has some charms peculiarly its own. The revenue stamps of a country are individual and exclusive. Their supply is usually much more limited than that of the postage stamps of the same country, in proportion as there are fewer people who pay taxes than there are who write letters. And even in a more startling degree is this so if the revenue issues of the country have been confined to war years.

In this latter instance, a more vital natural interest attaches to the revenue than to the postage stamp since in the one case all issues sustain a patriotic interest while in the other only a single issue may have even contained a hint of it.

But in general it is true that the postage stamp has a very marked advantage over the revenue stamp and will probably always sustain a better market. The present condition of things in America is rather normal in this respect, though the recent wide recognition of revenues has a little outdone itself with us.

The truth of the matter is, however, as has been seen, that these two classes both contain elements of desirability which would naturally impel their collection, but that they differ relatively on some of these elements. Both are philatelic, one as much as the other, and the sooner we knock the idea of the cogency of the *postal* element in making a stamp desirable, the better for our piece of mind.

EDMUND L. SMILEY.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes on Stamps.

Wednesday, April 6th.

My readers may recall that a short time ago I spoke in my notes of a U. S. three cent provisional, consisting of a pair of 2c back 1868, one being cut vertically in halves. Soon after the appearance of my notes I received a letter from Mr. W. F. Price, a collector of Newark, N. J., in

which he tells me of a similar provisional found not long ago by him. Mr. Price kindly furnished me with the following interesting and quite complete information concerning the rarity: The envelope bearing the stamps was found last fall among a large number of other letters which have lain for years in the garret of an old farm house in Pennsylvania. The old lady who resides there gave them all to Mr. Price and there were many other good things. “Would that I knew more old ladies,” adds Mr. Price. The envelope is postmarked Elida, Ohio, Dec. 6, and is addressed to the aforesaid old lady at Soudersburg, Lancaster Co., Pa. A note has been made on the face of the envelope, evidently by the recipient of the letter, for she is a methodical old lady, “Ans. March 6th, 1870.” This fixes approximately the date of the using of the provisional. The stamps are affixed to the upper right hand corner of the envelope and consist of an unsevered pair of 2c black 1868, the left hand stamp being torn very neatly in half vertically. This might indicate that the person sending the letter, or the postmaster, having no three cent stamps, took the 2c in strips of three and folded, tore the middle stamp in half vertically. The stamps were struck once with a cancelling stamp of the concentric ring pattern so that a portion of the cancellation mark covers each stamp. They are fine copies of the grayish black shade and grilled 9x13mm.

My Newfoundland correspondent informs me under date of March 26th that the case against the forgers of the provisionals is in abeyance until the supreme court sits in May. Only a small number of the stamps were printed, and those who thought lightly of it, he adds, have received a scare they will not soon forget.

For the benefit of the Boston correspondent of the ERA permit me to say that the statement I have previously made that a Newfoundland dealer of my acquaintance obtained some of his sheets of the surcharge by exchanging 1c Cabots and 1880 issue with postmasters of smaller offices for the provisionals, I know for a fact upon the personal statement to me of an honorable gentleman who would not lie about it. Moreover I myself obtained two sheets in December from a small office of the island. If it is not out of order permit me to ask our Boston friend a question or two. He states that several of the sheets received in

Boston at the very first stage of the game, as he terms it, came from the St. Johns post office. I would like to inquire if he means that statement literally, that is that the sheets in question were sent in response to an order filed with the Post Office at St. Johns or by officials of the St. Johns Post Office or of the postal department? If he means that they came from the city of St. Johns it is quite a different thing from what his statement implies, and I cannot see how it has much bearing on the case. The party or parties sending them to Boston might have secured them at some of the smaller offices in much the same way as the dealer to whom I have referred and I also secured sheets.

Your scribe also says something about scribes making statements that are as reliable as possible and refers to the five-to-a-buyer statement. Now at no time in my notes have I made any statement that only five of these stamps were sold to a buyer, so he can hardly refer to me. I did make the statement that during the three hours or so the stamps were on sale to the public, about 1000 were bought up which would be equivalent to 20 sheets. As to whether or not there was at that time a limit on the number sold to each buyer I did not state because I did not know absolutely.

Now, to repeat, the main question which I would like to have our friend of the Hub answer is: Did the sheets he refers to come from the Post Office at St. Johns or from parties in St. Johns? Also if he has no objection to doing so he might tell us where and how he obtained the three sheets he speaks of as having in his possession last January, but of course this, strictly speaking, is nobody's business but his own.

I may live to see my statement refuted by the market value, but I do not believe that those collectors who purchased these stamps at 75c or even a little higher figures will have future occasion to regret it very much. Because the price has been cut by some dealers does not necessarily signify beyond the shadow of a doubt that the real value of a stamp has and is decreasing. Every collector knows that dealers often offer a stamp lower than the other fellow to draw trade. Again the purchasing price may allow a dealer to sell comparatively

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Picked specimens in each case.

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½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, unused..	\$0.50
Do., with 15, 20 and 50c added....	1.50
½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, used.....	.10
15, 20 and 50c, used.....	.30

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low and make a good quick profit. I know one party who secured a stock of these surcharges at 1c each, probably from some small office. He could sell very low compared with the prices that have been asked and make a big profit, but he probably could get no more at such a figure. so his selling price could not justly be said to reflect the true market value of the stamps. I was lucky enough to secure a good supply at a figure which would have permitted me to sell under the market quotations at a good profit but I would not sell under what I considered a fair price and real value unless my supply and the source were unlimited (in which case real value would be decreased) any more than I would dispose of a Milbury or Brattleboro for a few dollars because I found it in an old trunk and it cost me little or nothing. Would you? Stamp values are sometimes puzzling things but they who read the comments of the "Cynic" in the ERA of March 26th, read a number of common sense statements along this line.

GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

Friday, Apr. 8th.

The grand jury of the Criminal division of the Circuit Court summoned Messrs. Weil and Brooks to appear before them.

..Stamps..

* * * PRICES WAY DOWN.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Cabot Issue—Unused.

1, 2, 3, 4 and 5c.....	\$0.25
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c.....	.50
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 24c.	1.15
Full set, including 30, 35, 60c.....	2.55

OBSOLETE ISSUE—UNUSED.

½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24c, per set..	.90
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REPRINTS—UNUSED.

Set ½, 1, 2, 3, 3, per set.....	.50
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PRESENT ISSUE.

1c and 2c, unused.....	.05
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Surcharged—Unused.

Type I.....	.50
Type II.....	1.25
Type III.....	7.00

Pairs, Strips, Etc.

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1c: 6c each, 60c per doz., \$4.75 per 100.
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6c rose (42) 12c each, \$1.25 per doz.
6c deep pink (61), 12c ea., \$1.25 per doz.
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From the information gleaned from these gentlemen, they were each examined separately and behind closed doors. All that was asked of them was to state their experience with Wolle alias Stein. I think this was all done at the instance of the Chief of Police, who wished to have an indictment returned against Wolle, so that in case of his re-capture, they would have a charge against him sufficient to hold him. The summoning officer gave Mr. Brooks a hint that the Chief of Police suspected Wolle's whereabouts.

Pertaining to the 8c D. H. Seelye & Co., of which I made a statement in my last notes, a friend of mine differs with me. He is a Match and Medicine specialist, having a collection of over 650 varieties. He states that during his entire collecting career he has only seen six of these stamps, every one was of the uncut variety; in fact he has never seen a die-cut specimen, all appearing as such being cut down from the original state (uncut).

A class of stamps of which there could be a great deal written is the United States Local stamps. It offers a very wide field for those desiring to inform themselves of the circumstances under which these stamps were issued. The changing of some of these locals in the 58th, to the heading of "Semi-Official Issues," shows clearly that

until and up to last year the cataloguers did not know the correct history of these stamps. As I have been making U. S. locals my hobby for the last three years, I have found out the relative scarcity of these stamps. Try your dealer and see if you can purchase these stamps on the original cover, as you can other stamps. I mean from 33 1/4% to 60% off of catalogue. You will find out that he cannot supply you at these figures. Take my advice and store away your locals on original covers. *They are bound for a rise and it's sure to come, and that before another year is past.* It's light is beginning to dawn upon the horizon of philately, and before sunrise it will be riding on the sea of popularity, head foremost among its brethren of postage and revenue origin.

Appropriate to the above, I have been hunting up the history of the "Squier & Co.'s City Letter Dispatch." I have had, in the past two years, six of these stamps in the green color. The person I bought them from was an aunt of one of the firm of Squier & Co. According to her statement, the stamps were only in use for two years, from the spring of 1859 to the breaking out of the civil war. This would be contradictory to the catalogue which gives the date as 1847. Those which I have are postmarked from Louisville and St. Louis during June to Oct. 1859. In fact, all I have seen were dated 1859. However correct she might be, I thought it best to get information from other sources. By chance, or luck you call it, I ran across the son of

one of the proprietors who issued this stamp. This gentleman, whose name is H. V. Lucas, is a druggist of this city. Upon my request for information concerning this stamp, Mr. Lucas stated that he was born in 1852 and remembered very little which happened back in 1859. Being only seven years old at that time, he of course did not pay much attention to his father's business. In fact, all he remembers of it was by one of the original circulars which he yet had in his possession.

He was very obliging in hunting it up for me and letting me copy its contents. This is the only original copy he had. It was of the ordinary kind of hand-circulars and printed on very coarse wove paper, such as is used in the cheapest work today. The size (I did not measure) I judge was about 8x20 inches. This is the contents of the circular:

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The circular did not show signs of its age. This was all the information Mr. Lucas could give me. I have this local in three different ways. On one of the envelopes it is used locally (St. Louis). On another it is used in connection with a 3c 1856 from Louisville to St. Louis. The manner in which this came to be used was that some of Mr. Lucas' relatives lived in Louisville. He had previously sent them some of these stamps to affix to their letters when sending to St. Louis. This envelope was dated Louisville, Ky., June 29, 1859, the cancellation mark covering both stamps, as they were together. On the other envelopes I have, the stamp is used from St. Louis to Louisville. It is pen cancelled and on the left end of the envelope, whereas the 3c 1856 is on the right end.

I would like to hear from any collector who has any of these locals on the original cover, if my supposition is correct that these locals were only in use from 1859 to 1861.

E. B. S.

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- 10c 1852 black brown, new..... (\$5.00) 2.00
- \$1.00 1893, used, fine..... (\$4.00) 2.00
- 24c Justice, " "..... (\$20.00) 8.00
- 7c Navy, " "..... (\$10.00) 4.00
- 24c State, " "..... (\$4.00) 1.90
- 12c State, " "..... (\$4.50) 2.00
- 7c War, unused..... (\$4.50) 1.00
- 10c rose Confed., part o. c..... (\$4.00) 1.90
- 5c New Orleans Local, two on o. c. (\$3.00) 1.50

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, April 12th.

Four new plate numbers are now obtainable at some offices:

- 538 1c.
- 539 1c.
- 540 1c.
- 541 1c

5c green plates 389 to 392 exist in blue as well as brown; 407 to 410 in blue only. 375, 377, 378, and 380 all 5c, have not yet been finished and will probably never be used. 162 is the only 5c plate which exists in two entirely different shades, light brown and chocolate.

The fate of 2c plate No. 504 is still veiled in mystery.

The stamps of Cuba are booming. All varieties priced at \$2 and above may expect

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	Cat.	Price
1851 5c red brown, used.....	\$13.50	\$5.00
10c green, used.....	1.00	.50
1861 5c brown yellow, used.....	8.50	4.00
10c green, unused.....	1.75	1.00
24c red lilac, used.....	1.50	1.00
30c orange, ".....	.60	.40
1862 5c red brown, ".....	3.50	2.00
15c black, ".....	.50	.30
1867 3c rose, 12x14, used.....	.30	1.50
2c black, 12x13, ".....	.60	.30
12c " 9x13, ".....	.60	.30
24c gray lilac, 9x13, used.....	6.00	3.00
30c orange, ".....	5.00	2.50
1870 1c blue, 9x11½, ".....	.50	.25
2c red brown, 9x11½, used.....	.15	1.00
6c carmine, ".....	4.00	2.00
7c vermilion, ".....	4.00	2.00
10c brown, ".....	10.00	4.00
15c orange, ".....	6.50	3.00
1873 7c vermilion, unused.....	6.00	3.00
15c orange, ".....	10.00	4.00
Newspaper 5c d. blue w. border, unused	2.50	1.75
10c green, unused.....	10.00	8.00
Agriculture 10c, pen cancelled.....	6.00	5.00
Interior 90c, unused.....	3.00	2.00
Justice 1c, ".....	2.00	1.50
12c, ".....	4.00	3.00
12c, ".....	3.50	3.00
30c, used, fine.....	25.00	18.00
Executive 3c, unused.....	7.50	6.00
Navy 7c, used.....	10.00	7.00
State 6c, ".....	2.00	1.50
30c, ".....	8.00	6.00
P. O. 90c black, white paper, unused...	2.50	2.00
10c gray paper, unused.....	2.00	1.50
30c ".....	1.00	.75
War, Set unused.....	7.75	4.00
Treasury 7c brown, used.....	2.50	2.00
10c " unused.....	1.50	1.00
90c ".....	3.00	2.50
Envelope 1874 4c blue and red, unused.	12.00	5.00
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Hawaiian stamps are also good property, but some of them, especially the 15c red brown, are overpriced. The American catalogue omits the names of the portraits which appear on the stamps of this country and a list of them may prove interesting:

- Kamehameha I., 25c purple.
- Kamehameha III., 1853 issue.
- Kamehameha IV., 2c 1864.
- Kamehameha V., 5c blue.
- Kalakaua I., 2c and 50c.
- Prince Leluhoko, 12c black.
- Minister Kekuanoa, 18c.
- Queen Liliuokalani, 2c 1891.
- Queen Emma, \$1.00.
- Queen Kapiolani, 15c red brown.
- Princess Likelike, 1c blue and green
- Princess Kamamalu, 1c violet.

The first auction sale of J. M. Bartels & Co. was a decided success. Many of the foreign stamps brought good prices, in some instances not far from catalogue. The attendance present was about 25, but a number of collectors had left their bids.

Business has been looking up considerably in this city. The demand for albums has been very brisk which is a good indication.

The contract for supplying the Government with postage stamps for the next four years has been again awarded to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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Official Reports. April, 1898.

EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

HONESDALE, PENN., April 5, 1898.

The Exchange Dept. is now in working order.

I have received to date 46 sheets valued at \$150.61.

Books have been prepared and as soon as enough applications by members to be placed on circuit have been made the books will be started out.

Sheets are for sale at 10 cents per dozen. There is a demand for the better class of Match and Medicine stamps as well as for many other good stamps if marked right.

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3c, ".....	2.00
1868 30c used.....	2.50
1869 Reprint 6c unused o. g.....	5.00
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The U. S. Newspaper and Periodical Case.

The celebrated case of The United States vs. The Walter S. Scott Stamp Co., has at last come to trial before Judge Lacombe and a jury.

The case for United States was presented by the District Attorney, Frank Lloyd, while the defendant was represented by L. G. Rosenblatt, and Chas. Fred Adams who represented F. R. Coudert who was prevented by sickness from attending in person.

The case was opened by Mr. Lloyd, who made the most of a bad case, but how could he expect to convince the Judge that every collector in the land was a criminal by having stamps in his possession that had been sold by the U. S. Government through its regularly appointed officers?

Mr. Rosenblatt, in reply, showed that the Postmaster-General was, in fact, breaking the law in withholding the newspaper and periodical stamps from the public, and clearly demonstrated that Congress, in passing the law regulating the carrying of newspapers in bulk by the post office, insisted on having stamps used instead of accepting cash payments.

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stamps, and that it was only after this system had been in use some time that the mode of prepayment was arbitrarily altered by the Postmaster-General without warrant of law. The case was adjourned at 4 15 until 11 o'clock Friday morning. On the opening of court the Judge at once proceeded to give his decision. In a very able review of the statements of both sides he sustained the contention of the lawyers for the defense on every point, calling special attention to the fact that by the Treaty of Berne the United States Government absolutely gave away without reserve over seven hundred sets of newspaper and periodical stamps, and after these had passed out of the possession of the Government the receivers could do entirely as they thought fit with them; give away, sell or destroy. The Judge concluded by giving a decision in favor of the defendant on all points.

The Government has sixty days in which to appeal, which we understand is the usual course adopted when defeated in the lower courts.—Metropolitan Philatelist, April 16th.

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The Editor's Spears.

MISSIONARY WORK.

There a few dealers and collectors who are apologizing for the Omaha issue on the ground that it will result in adding new recruits to the philatelic ranks. This is possibly true, in a measure, but the Omaha issue is just the kind of thing which, if continued, will ultimately put an end to philately.

Much more can be accomplished in securing new recruits to the ranks of philately by a little missionary work with the boys and girls. The gift of fifty or a hundred common stamps to a youngster is pretty certain to arouse the collecting instinct, which is latent, we believe, in nearly every breast. The more collectors there are, the better it is for collecting. Every collector who has advanced beyond the stage where he pastes continentals into a ten-cent blank book should feel it his duty to serve as a home missionary and preach the gospel of philately, and it will be found that the most good can be accomplished among the young. It sometimes happens that persons begin collecting after they have arrived at manhood or womanhood, but most of the men and women who are now collecting began as boys and girls. The boy who is now cherishing a torn copy of a counterfeit triangular Cape of Good Hope will be the scientific philatelist twenty years from now, if he is given a little help, now and then, by older and more advanced collectors.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

THE QUESTION OF PRICES.

The question of prices which we discussed in the February *Chronicle* has roused interest in several directions, and our deductions are generally acknowledged to be correct. Mr. G. H. Howe, for instance, informs us that he is selling stamps priced under £1 at half catalogue rates—with very few exceptions. He pertinently points out that it would not do for a dealer to sell all stamps at half-price as there are some for which dealers ought to pay and are willing to pay considerably more, and this is undoubtedly the truth. Says Mr. Howe in conclusion: "Where the English collectors are, who will pay full catalogue price or anywhere near it for stamps all round, I think is somewhat a mystery!"

Undoubtedly there are these but they are, generally speaking, the *elite* of the cult. They require everything in the pink of perfection without spot or blemish. Even if the stamp world has to be ransacked they must have what they require and it is only just that they should pay well—for they get the best article. Then comes the collector who is not so exacting as this. A perfect specimen in the ordinary sense of the word satisfies him. Now the first type of collector has had the pick of the market and paid top price—the next comer, who

belongs to the second class, takes the rejected article, and it is only just that he should have some allowance from the price paid by the first. After this comes the average collector who will purchase a stamp which is not damaged. The gum may not be perfect, or half a perforation may be gone, yet it is a good copy and he takes it—but the stamp would be passed over by both the previously quoted classes—so why should number three pay full price for an inferior article. The fourth class of collector is happy-go-lucky, common or garden collector—the Peter Bell of philately:

"An old Mauritius, worn and dim,
An old Mauritius is to him,
And he wants nothing more."

So long as all, or practically all, the stamp is there he is just as well satisfied as is the party who demands perfection in his specimen. An absence of gum, or slightly faded colour, or unevenly centered position, or a perforation gone is an immaterial defect—yet no one has the moral right to ask full price for this specimen, nor should he value it as such in his collection. These remarks, of course, apply to rare stamps—say those catalogued £1 and upwards. The moral of all this is that collectors must train themselves to judge the quality of the stamps they buy and pay in proportion. Do not let the desire to possess a stamp outweigh discretion in purchasing. A good class dealer would naturally charge in proportion to the quality of the goods, but the danger is that when the tip-top article is purchased at the tip-top price then article number two takes its place at the same or an enhanced price. It is manifestly disingenuous—yet it has been the policy of catalogue makers for many years! This is really the crux of the whole matter:—When a pound has been obtained for a stamp the next one offered is held back for 25s. When that price has been obtained avarice or some kindred feeling demands 30s. for the next, and so, step by step, the price is forced to an abnormal and dishonest height—yet everyone of these stamps cost the dealer the same in the first instance—say 15s. This is why many stamps are catalogued two or three times their actual worth, and those who purchase at these prices are encouraging the system to their own further despoilment—better go without the article altogether than pay the exorbitant rates sometimes demanded. Of course there are many stamps that are not over-priced—generally speaking the stamps of countries not much in demand—and collectors would be wise to confine themselves to such ones until the more fashionable stamps are to be obtained at a price somewhat approximate to their value.—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.*

C. A. Stegmann will hold a Mail Auction Sale on Wednesday, May 4th. See his ad.

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I wish to exchange Plate Numbers with other collectors. C. E. N. Howard, 656 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

If you want a new bicycle, camera, watch or jewelry and have good U. S. Adhesive, Departments, Revenues or Match and Medicine to exchange, write me. W. Herman Wiesman, Millbury, Mass.

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We will give you double catalogue value in unused entire envelopes for better class of Match and Medicine stamps. Write us. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [58*]

I collect unused foreign stamps. My duplicates, used and unused, priced 3 cents to 20 dollars, catalogue at about \$1000.00. I don't need them. What will you offer? A. Herrmann, A16 Produce Exchange, New York. [57]

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Good Exchange. I will give fine exchange from books in either U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonials and good Foreign, for U. S. Revenues which I can use. Only copies in fine, perfect condition wanted. Particularly desire 5c Proprietary, 25c Bond and Warehouse Receipt, 50c Probate of Will, and any \$10; also 1, 3, 4, 6 and 15c Second Issue; 4, 6, 15 and 30c Third Issue and others. Write what you have. Also want any Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Colonies. Write me. Fine exchange and fair treatment assured. Geo. S. McKeatin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. [2541*]

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W. P. TODD,

[58*]

MORRISTOWN, N. J.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THE "STANDARD" AND "AUCTION PRICES" QUESTIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 5, 1898.

To the Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA:

The "Correspondence Column" in your valued journal cannot but have been entertaining and profitable to your readers. There has been a freedom in the criticism of some of the evils which beset collectors that is refreshing. While we cannot all look at these questions alike, a free interchange of ideas is good for all of us.

Now the different and differing opinions of what should constitute a "Standard Catalogue," may not influence the compiler and publisher in the slightest degree, but it may set more collectors thinking and there may be a public opinion a few years hence which will command attention.

When one considers that the publishers of the "Standard Catalogue" are dealers, there ought to be some sort of relation between the prices quoted in the catalogue and the prices offered for the articles by these same publishers. No one could reasonably expect a dealer to pay a large proportion of his selling price for an article; yet, when a stamp priced at \$60.00 is submitted to these publishers and they return answer, "There is not much demand for this class at present, but we will pay you \$7.50 for it," it seems to me that the collector is warranted in his conclusion that catalogue prices are merely snares to entangle the unwary amateur—very good for the seller if a dealer, but very bad if he be a collector seeking to realize on his collection.

The conclusions reached by the "Cynic" in your issue for March 26th, in the matter of auction prices, seem plausible; but one must remember that the values are not fixed by one auction sale in a lifetime. Auctions are held every week in Boston, New York, or other large centers; and it seems to me an average taken on auction prices throughout the year ought to furnish a very fair index to actual value. It is not possible that the "bad night" or the strong gathering of "sharks" to the exclusion of reputable buyers will continue through the entire season; nor is exciting rivalry in bidding likely to recur. If harvesters, both new and second-hand, were sold by auction in large numbers and at frequent intervals the manufacturer would find that it fixed values to a degree; and he would either have to make a concession or his patron would console him with, "I reckon I'll wait till the next sale." If we cannot accept catalogue or auction values, what shall guide us in our purchases?

Is it not the greatest danger of the time to the collector in this frequent reference to the supposed value of his gatherings? He loses all interest in his collection for the pleasure of gathering, studying and arranging, and he soon becomes a mere speculator or hoarder. Time was when the opinion found frequent utterance that the collector who counted his stamps or reckoned their value was either too young to have developed the higher traits of the philatelist, or he had sunk into the incurable phase of mere investment for speculative purposes.

LOMBDA.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Apr. 13, '98.

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It is an agreeable surprise to have the *Weekly Stamp News* quote anything from this section of our paper in its editorial columns with full credit and added comments showing we exactly voiced their sentiments. Such however it does, and in its issue dated April 21st reprints a portion of our remarks on the new weekly *Metropolitan Philatelist*, as made in our issue of last Saturday. To this the editor of the *News* pertinently adds: "Those most familiar with the work involved in issuing a weekly will be inclined to agree with the ERA and while no one has the intention of discouraging the entry into the field of another weekly stamp paper, there are many who believe that the experiment will prove expensive."

While the *Metropolitan* is making a desperate attempt at subscription getting by a general rate (25 cents) so low as to immediately appear ridiculous as a sustainable price yet its New York City subscribers are asked 75 cents and with no special benefit or advantage to be secured. If the *Metropolitan* is mailed Saturday it will be delivered to its local subscribers on Monday, the same day that the ERA usually will be henceforth, while Mekeel's *News*, although issued two days earlier in St. Louis, will be delivered on Saturday, and the cost of the ERA or *News* is only 50 cents per year.

When you subscribe your "quarter" to the *M. P.* you should bear in mind that as a weekly it has been plainly announced as being a three-month-experiment—its continuance depending on its receiving 10,000 subscriptions, more, we will venture to assert, than the combined paid-up lists of the *News* and the ERA after a half dozen years of publication and the repeated flooding of the country with sample copies. The result of its efforts to attain the required number will be watched with no small degree of interest both by its subscribers and other publishers.

COMING AUCTION SALES:

Catalogue of Wolsieffer's April 23rd sale lists 533 lots, comprised of a general assortment of U. S. and foreign and a fine line of Colombian Republic.

Another sale for next Saturday (the 23rd) is the Begert & Durbin Co.'s 101st, which occurs in the afternoon at their Philadelphia offices. There are 555 lots to be disposed of.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 26th sale will be two-day—or evening to be more precise—affair, and occurs on Tuesday evening, April 26th, and Wednesday evening, the 27th. An even thousand lots are given in the catalogue, comprised of both United States and foreign and a wholesale lot of Peruvians.

C. L. Moreau's 17th mail sale catalogue has been received. 523 lots are offered and bids will be received up to May 10th, 6 p. m.

APRIL 23RD.

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P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

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RECEIVED:

From Mr. Joe F. Beard his new April price list of Revenues. We are to reprint it in full in our advertising columns, and the first section will be found on the second page of cover of this number—the balance will be given in next week's issue.

The April *Stampman* is itself—nuff ced.

Special Catalogue No. 5 from R. F. Albrecht & Co. listing 707 lots of stamps for sale at stated prices, till July 1st. Announcement is made on a back page of the sale on March 28th of the entire stock of stamps and merchandise of Messrs. Albrecht & Co. to the American Collectors' Company, of which Mr. Crawford Capen, late editor of the *Post Office*, is president.

A printed invitation from the New England Stamp Co. of Boston to inspect their new office at 292 Washington St., opposite School St.

J. W. Stowell, the philatelic printer of Federalsburg, Md., has purchased the *Perforator* of Mr. H. A. Chapman of Hartford, Ct., and will henceforth issue it from that address.

It was our original intention to have had but twelve pages and cover for the issue, but at the last moment found it necessary to add four extra pages in order to accommodate the large amount of advertising received. This necessitated considerable extra work and delayed the going to press with the last form and mailing till Tuesday morning. We have included information received up to the last hour and the paper is much more prompt than "Special" editions generally are.

OUR MAY SPECIAL.

We shall endeavor to follow our custom of issuing regular monthly Specials throughout the Summer months and hereby give advance notice of our next, to be the issue of May 14th.

A Measley Looking

cheap kind of a "skate" came into our office a few days ago, with a circular saw, spinach effect to his whiskers, and cut "frowzy" like round under the neck and ears. From past experience we suspected at once that he would open up on us with some cock and bull story about his being busted etc., but the old saying is, "The unexpected most always happens," and when he shoved out a ten dollar bill from a stack as big as your fist of more tens, twenties and fifties, and said that he wanted to buy a lot of Canadian Revenue stamps for his boy back in Kansas, our feet nearly fell off from us. His pants seemed to bag out considerably at the knees, and more so in the seat, and he was sly a necktie, but the color and size of his "wad" fully compensated for any discrepancy apparent in his wardrobe, and shortcomings or longcomings on his whiskers. He had just come from the stock yards, where he had sold a hundred head of beeves, and wanted to see a little of the city before returning home, and our heart therefore filled chock full of gladness and enthusiasm. We then read to him what Brother Osgood said about us and our whiskers in his *March Stampman*, which made him laugh very loud indeed, and the joke being entirely on us, we closed our desk, and took our friend out, and had a glass of lemonade (?) with a stick in it. To make a long story short, we didn't do a thing to him that night around Chicago, and the presumption is that he reached home with his head heavier and more of it, but you can gamble on the fact that his wallet was lighter.

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ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 24th Sale—Boston.

Wednesday Evening, March 23rd.

UNITED STATES.

1847 5c ○ practically P. O. state	3 50
5c ○ no gum pair	8 00
10c ○ practically P. O. state	5 00
10c ⊕	2 25
10c ⊕ horizontal pair unsevered	5 75
10c Government reprint	1 50
1851 1c ○ type II.	1 00
5c ⊕ immense margins	9 87½
another fine copy	6 25
10c ○	5 75
12c practically P. O. state	10 75
1856 5c type III. practically P.O state	1 87½
1861-66 5c red-brown ⊕	2 30
12c P. O. state	1 62½
24c red-lilac ⊕	1 50
90c practically P. O. state	6 75
another ⊕	2 50
1868 30c ⊕	2 10
1869 1c India paper proof	25
6c reprint	4 00
15c variety ⊕	1 90
15c re-issue (no gum)	5 50
24c re-issue	6 75
30c ⊕ no gum	4 00
90c centered S	9 00
90c ⊕ centered S E	8 25
90c ⊕ well cen. 2 perfs. trimmed	10 00
1870 6c ⊕ 1 90; 7c ⊕	1 90
1893 \$1 ⊕ 2 00; \$2 ○	1 80
1894 \$1 P. O. state no wmk.	1 00
Unpaid 30c claret P. O. state	30
Envelope 1864 24c blue ○ cut corner	1 00
1870 90c on white cut corner	1 75
1887 90c on amber "	1 37½
Agriculture 2c block of four P.O. state	2 00
3c block of four P. O. state	90
6c " " " " "	1 80
30c " " " " "	10 00
Executive set 1-10c specimen	5 50
set 1-10c thin paper proofs	2 50
Interior set ○ P. O. state	3 00
Justice 1c practically P. O. state	95
10c o. g.	1 50
Navy 2c green perfectly centered	20 00
7c ○ but no gum 6 75; 7c ⊕	3 75
15c P. O. state	1 55
24c " "	3 10
24c " " (block of four)	12 40
30c " " "	1 62½
90c " " 7.00; 90c ⊕	5 00
Post Office 1-90c set selected copies	4 00
P. O. state	1 37½
State 1c practically P. O. state	3 00
2c " " " "	3 00
3c dark green " "	2 00
6c practically " "	95
7c " " " "	1 55
10c " " " "	1 85
12c " " " "	2 62½
15c " " " "	2 00

State 24c Practically P. O. state	5 25
30c " " "	4 10
90c " " "	7 50
set 1-90 ○ o. g. list \$63.50	29 62½
Treasury set 1-90c practically P.O. state	6 00
War set 1-90c P. O. state	2 25
<i>Revenues:</i>	
3c Playing Cards perf.	3 70
\$1 Life Insurance imperforate	2 00
\$1.60 imperforate	3 75
\$5 Mortgage imperforate	1 25
\$5 Conveyance imperforate	1 25
\$10 " "	1 50
\$15 Mortgage perf. deep blue	2 75
\$15 " " milky blue	4 75
\$15 " " ultramarine practi.○	5 25
\$20 Conveyance perf. uncanceled	1 30
\$25 Mortgage " "	2 25
\$50 U. S. I. R. ○ o. g. perf.	3 50
\$50 imperforate	3 60
\$50 " block of four	10 00
\$200 vertical pair	21 00
Second Issue \$1.30, 3.50; \$1.60	8 00
\$1.90, 2.35; \$3.50	2 62½
\$10	1 40
Proprietary 5c green paper	1 75
5c violet paper	1 50
10c	3 87½
<i>Confederate States:</i>	
Mobile 5c on original cover	2 50
New Orleans 5c on white on o. c.	1 50
5c on bluish on original cover	1 60
10c light blue ○ o. g.	75
FOREIGN.	
Antigua 1863 1d (No. 4) ○	75
Argentine Republic 1864 5c ⊕	90
1864 15c imperf. ⊕	6 25
1891 20 pesos ⊕	13 10
Austria (Lombardy) 1863 15s perf. 14 ○	3 10
Azores Islands 1868-70 5c ○	1 00
1868-70 120 ○ o. g.	1 05
1871-75 100 ○ o. g.	90
Baden 18kr ○ no gum	1 25
18kr ⊕	1 10
Bahamas 5sh P. O. state	1 70
Barbados 1852 1p No. 2 ○	1 10
1874-78 3d (No. 54) ○ no gum	1 40
1882 4d gray ○ o. g.	5 00
1882 6d olive ○ o. g.	95
1882 5sh ochre ○ o. g.	4 25
Bavaria 1849 1kr broken circle ⊕	1 00
Belgium 1881 5 francs postal can.	3 75
Brazil 1843 3or black ⊕	2 50
1843 6or black ⊕	87½
1850 2or (yellowish) ⊕	70
1850 18or (yellowish) ⊕	70
1850 30or grayish ⊕	1 00
1854 28or red ○	2 50
1854 430 ○ o. g.	4 12½
1866 2or dull violet ○ o. g.	1 62½
1866 " " " ○ o. g. (pair)	3 40
1878-9 200r ○ no gum	1 25
1878-9 260r ○ o. g.	65
1878-9 1000r ○ no gum	1 00
Br. Bechuanaland 1887 5sh P. O. state	1 75
1887 10sh P. O. state	3 40
1887 £1 " "	8 00
British Honduras 1873-4 3d brown	1 12
12½ ⊕	1 12
1873-4 1sh green perf. 14 ⊕	1 50
1888 50c on 1sh No. 31 P. O. state	75

Bremen 1866 3gr ○ o. g.	2 20
1866 2gr ⊕	4 40
Canada 1858 ¼d perf. ⊕	3 87½
1868 1c brown laid paper pen can.	5 00
1868 12¼ blue watermarked ⊕	1 00
1897 \$1 P. O. state	1 20
Registered 8c ○ o. g. (2) 1.30;	1 50
Cape of Good Hope 1853-64 1d carmine ○	90
1853-64 1d carmine ○ pair	1 70
1853-64 4d blue ○ o. g.	1 05
1853-64 6d gray ○	4 00
1853-64 6d violet ○	3 25
1853-64 6d lilac ○ o. g.	2 75
1853-64 1sh yellow-green ○	10 00
1885 5sh orange (dark shade)	1 25
Ceylon 1857 4d rose ⊕ "good" copy	10 00
as these stamps run	10 00
1861 5d (No. 20) ○ no gum	3 75
Chili 1862 20c P. O. state (No. 18)	1 50
Columbian Republic Bolivar 1882 10 pesos ⊕	1 50
Garzon 1894 1c P. O. state	1 00
" " 1p " "	1 75
Cyprus 1880 ¼d ⊕	75
Danish West Indies 1885 3c (No. 1) ○ o. g.	1 75
Dominica 1882 ½ on ½ of 1 (No. 11) ○ o. g.	1 10
1883 2½ claret CA ○ no gum	1 25
Dutch East Indies 1864 10c No. 1 ⊕	70
Eastern Roumelia 1881 2pia (No. 4) P. O. state	1 70
Egypt 1867 5 piastres ○ no gum	2 25
Finland 1889 5M ⊕	1 10
French Colonies 1876 2c (No. 20) P. O. state	1 90
Gambia 1869 4d (No. 1) ○ no gum	2 35
1880 6d blue practically P.O. state	2 50
1880 another no gum	1 75
German Empire 1875-7 50pf slate-green practically P. O. state	1 65
Gibraltar 1886 6d (No 6) P. O. state	2 87½
Gold Coast 1880 10sh P. O. state	2 70
1887 1 on 6d orange	1 62½
Great Britain 1856 1sh (No. 41) ○ no gum	3 75
1872 6d (No. 92) ○ o. g.	2 00
1882 £5 superb ⊕ copy	14 12½
1882-4 9d P. O. state	85
1887 £1 brown wmk orbs. ⊕	2 62½
1887 £1 green ⊕	1 40
Revenue type R2 blue ⊕ on o.c.	1 00
Mulready 1d wrapper ⊕	2 00
Levant 12pi on 2sh 6d P. O. state	80
Grenada 1875-81 2¼d ⊕	75
1875-81 4d ○	90
" 4d ⊕	80
" 1sh ⊕	1 35
1883 1sh ⊕	4 25
Hawaiian Island 1883-6 25c ⊕	70
1883-6 \$1 ⊕	2 30
Hong Kong 1876 5 on 18 practically P. O. state	62½
India 1854 4a (No. 7) ⊕	45
Jamaica 1883 1d blue CA practically P. O. state	1 55
1883 2d rose CA ○	2 30
Labuan 1882 6c CC ○ no gum	80
1883 12c CA ○ no gum	75
Mauritius 1859 1sh vermilion ⊕	1 25
1878 2r 50c on 5sh P. O. state	1 40
1879-80 1r 50c P. O. state	1 10

Mecklenburg-Schwerin 1856 5sh blue practically P. O. state	2 60
1866 2sh lilac practically P.O. state	1 75
Montserrat 1876 6d green P. O. state practically	1 80
1879 4d blue CC ⊕	1 60
1884 1d perf. 12 ○ o. g.	2 30
Natal 1874 1d (No. 45) ⊕	1 25
1878 5sh P. O. state	1 50
Netherlands 1896 5 gulden P. O. state	2 30
Nevis 1861 grayish paper 1d ○ o. g.	1 50
1861 grayish paper 4d ○ o. g.	8 50
1861 " " 6d ○ o. g.	11 00
1861 " " 1sh ○ o. g.	12 75
1867 engraved 4d ○ o. g.	7 00
1882-3 1d violet ⊕	1 10
1882-3 2½ brown ○ o. g.	1 00
1882-3 4d blue ○ o. g.	5 00
New Brunswick 3d ⊕	1 90
Newfoundland 1857 1d violet-brown ○ o. g.	1 60
1857 2d orange ○ o. g.	4 80
1863 2d lake ○ o. g.	4 00
1863 4d ⊕	75
1866 5c brown ○ o. g.	4 55
1867-73 1c lilac ○	1 30
1867-73 3c red ○ o. g.	2 05
1867-73 5c black ○ no gum maker's imprint	1 75
another practically P. O. state	2 00
another ○ no gum	1 75
Cabot set complete P. O. state	2 75
North-Borneo \$10 ⊕	2 70
Nova Scotia 1860-4 5c P. O. state practically	3 00
Oldenburg 1852-5 1-15th rose ⊕	80
1858 ½g green ⊕	19 25
Poland 1859 10kr ⊕	1 00
Prince Edward Island 4½d ○ no gum	62½
6d ○ no gum	1 50
12d ○ no gum	55
Queensland 1862 1d orange practically P. O. state	1 12½
1875-81 2sh blue (No. 75) practically P. O. state	3 25
1882-5 5sh ○ o. g.	1 40
1882-5 £1 ○ o. g.	4 75
Russia 1888 1r P. O. state	80
1892 3¼r P. O. state	2 30
1892 7r " "	4 10
1892 7r ⊕	2 25
Livonia 1863 (No. 3) 4kr ○	2 45
Saint Lucia 1860 star wmk. 6d ○ o. g.	10 75
1864 4d yellow CC 12½ ○ no gum	1 45
1864 1sh ○ no gum	3 75
1882 2½d ⊕	70
1883-5 4d ⊕	1 05
Saint Pierre and Miquelon 1885 5 on 4 (No. 10) P. O. state	1 00
Saint Vincent 1885 4d red brown ⊕	1 35
1885 5sh P. O. state	1 40
South Australia 1859 1d (No. 11) ○ no gum	1 37½
Sweden 1855 3s ⊕	7 00
1855 6s ⊕ 2.35; 8s ⊕	1 10
24s ⊕	6 75
Tasmania 1895 10sh P. O. state	2 60
Tobago 1883 5sh P. O. state	1 40
Trinidad 1896 5sh P. O. state	1 50
Tunis 1890 5frcs ○ o. g. not precisely centered	1 25
Turks Islands 1881 4d ⊕	1 60
Two Sicilies 1858 20g lake ⊕ (2) 1.50;	1 20
1858 50g ⊕	10 00

Uruguay 1857 240c ○ (No. 12)	1 10
1857 240c ○ (No. 13)	2 00
1859 60 lilac ⊕ (No. 15)	65
1859 80c yellow ⊕ (No. 18)	1 87½
1859 100c ⊕ (No. 19)	1 37½
1859 120c ⊕ (No. 20)	1 10
1859 180c ⊕ (No. 23)	1 37½
1859 240c ○ (No. 24)	1 87½
1859 100c rose ⊕ (No. 32)	1 20
1890 1 peso ○	1 12½
Victoria 1856 1d P. O. state (No. 36)	2 10
1886 2sh olive P. O. state	1 00
Virgin Islands 1867 4d ○ full gum	1 55
1880 2½d ⊕	3 00
1883-8 6d ○ P. O. state	1 00
1887 4d on 1sh practicaly P.O. state	4 50
Western Australia 1884 4d red-brown P. O. state	1 10
Wurtemberg 1851 18kr ⊕	3 75
1866 7kr ⊕ pair	2 50
Zanzibar 1895 3 rupees P. O. state	1 30
1895 4 rupees P. O. state	1 70
Zululand 1890-2 5d ○ no gum	80
1890-2 1sh ○ no gum	1 00
1896 4sh P. O. state	1 40
Total of sale of 498 lots, \$1,448.15	

April 7th was next read, which was to consist of reception and collation to be followed by an informal auction sale. Meeting adjourned at 9 30 p. m. Resp. submitted,
 HOWARD PAINE,
 Secretary.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

No. of members in good standing. 64
 No. resigned since Jan. 1st, 1898, 4
 The following members are in arrears three payments or more: Nos. 11, 12, 40, 50, 63, 71 and 84.
 The Supt. of Exchange reports that members are very dilatory in forwarding books, which makes it very inconvenient for him in regard to putting in new ones. If the members would be a little more prompt and forward books as soon as possible, better service would be obtained both in regard to receiving them more regularly and in getting the new ones started.

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 Room of the Philatelic Society, front.
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 THIRD FLOOR.—Guest Chambers.
 BASEMENT.—Billiard Room.

Admittance by Membership Card.

Notices of coming events and applications, for membership will be found posted on the bulletin boards. For special information inquire of the House Committee.

Twenty-fourth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, April 11, Messrs. Bruner, Deats, Luff, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary being present.

Called to order at 8.30 by Vice-President Bruner, the Secretary read letters from Rev. Mr. Bell, and cards from Zanzibar collectors and stated that he had issued a visitor's card to Mr. John F. Seybold, at the request of Mr. John W. Scott.

The Treasurer's report showing balance in bank of \$361.46 was then received.

The report of Chairman of House Committee was also received.

The application of Mr. John F. Seybold, Syracuse, proposed by John W. Scott, seconded by Walter S. Scott, was reported and upon ballot he was unanimously elected a subscribing member of the Club.

Mr. John W. Scott was authorized to prepare a suitable entertainment for the Club members and to spend as much as necessary within the sum of \$50 which amount was duly appropriated for the purpose.

Adjourned at 9.25 p. m.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 56th meeting of the O. C. P. S. was called to order April 6th at 8.30 p. m. with President Smiley in the chair.

The attendance was very fair. The Secretary's report read and accepted, the Treasurer being absent no report was submitted.

The following resignations were read and accepted: Walter L. Roberts, North Adams, Mass.; W. H. Hawes, Skowhegan, Me.; and E. H. Coleman, East Providence, R. I.; the resignation of D. W. Cobb, Jr., was not accepted and voted his name be dropped.

Nos. 51 and 81 dropped for non-payment of dues.

Vice President Estey and Secretary appointed to see local members in arrears and report at next meeting the result of their investigations.

The call for a special meeting, to be held

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published in the duplicate lists. All these have been referred to the owners of the papers. I now have the pleasure to announce that I have had placed in my hands for disposal a collection of some 1100 papers which will be sold separately or as a whole. A catalogue will be sent for inspection upon receipt of stamp for postage.

Can any of our members supply the *Indian Postage Stamp News*, Vol. I. No. 1? Also any of the *Hongkong Philatelic Journal* or a paper published some years ago and called the *Oceanic*?

Respectfully submitted,
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REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

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New York City, April 9th, 1898.
1,055 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Apr. 2nd, valued at \$40,260.63
38 books received since Apr. 2nd, valued at \$869.71
\$41,130.34
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DONOGHUE, FRANCIS D., 366 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass.; age 26; occupation, Physician. References: Fred L. Pratt, Ernest M. Carpenter.
HOLMES, J. B., Bloomington, Ills.; age 51; occupation, Brick Mfr. References: Beile Plumb, Joe F. Beard.

Deceased.

144. **CALMAN, G. B.**, 299 Pearl St., New York City.
1037. **CUSTER, L. G.**, Bloomington, Iowa.

Changes of Addresses.

400. **GROSSMAN, HENRY L.**, from St. Augustine, Fla., to Ashville, N. C.
366. **MORGAN, WILLIAM F.**, from Cooperstown, N. Y., to 67 Nahant St., Lynn, Mass.

253. **MORGANTHAU, MAX**, from Chicago, Ills., to 29 W. 87th St., N. Y. City.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	684
Deceased	2
Present membership	682

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

MONTHLY STATEMENT, APRIL 1, 1898.

Stock Fund.

Balance on hand March 1, 1898, \$1480.00

Entertainment Fund.

Balance on hand March 1, 1898, 125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand Mar. 1, '98, \$282 25
Dues for March, 25.20
307.45
\$1913.34

Disbursements.

H. G. Smith, Treas., 500 stamped envelopes, etc., \$ 11.40
Cash on hand, 1901.94
\$1913.34
H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE.

April 10, 1898.

Since my last report I have received quite a number of replies to the list of wants published, and also applications for papers

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, April 12th.

I think I have run across the best posted collector of Match and Medicine stamps that there is in Boston. He has been a collector of these stamps for a great many years, and he has accumulated the largest stock of this kind that there is in this part of the country. He promises to give me a few items, from time to time, in regard to Match and Medicine stamps, and they may be of interest to some of your readers. He states that the 1c green, Bagley and Dunham Match stamp comes on pink paper and also that the 1c blue J. W. Eisenhart Match stamp was catalogued last year, on silk paper, at \$5.00. In this year's catalogue it is priced at 5 cents. He states that the publishers of the catalogue will not supply it at that price, and that it will probably be catalogued at \$1.00.

An importation of New South Wales Jubilee stamps was received here today. The 2d is an ultramarine. The 1d and 5d are from the new steel plates, and there are many noticeable differences in the engraving from the old set. The 1d, 2d, 2½d and 5sh of the 1888-91 issue have been demonitized, and the 2½d and 5sh are in demand by the speculator, and there seems to be very few of them in the market.

The 6d green of Queensland now comes with a white background and numerals in the corners. The 6d green with a colored background will no doubt be in active demand, as each block of 4 shows the die varieties. There is expected a boom in a great many of these stamps, when the new work by the London Society is put on the market.

I see by the New York notes of one of your contemporaries that "the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. recently sent out a circular inviting opinions from the dealers as to the advisability of including in the next edition of the International Album watermarks and other varieties; and the extent to which these might be included," etc. You will note that this was sent to the dealers. I know of several cases where Massachusetts dealers opinions have been asked in making prices for the last two catalogues, and in each and every case that has come to my notice later events have demonstrated that the prices were boom prices. I suppose it will always be so as long as dealers only are asked for opinions. Now, how would it do to ask the collectors' opinions on some subjects? Does the average collector want an album for watermarks and other varieties and to what extent in this line will the majority of collectors consider proper? There are some dealers who would sanction having an album giving all varie-

ties of watermarks, perforations and shades imaginable. But I think the majority of collectors would put some restrictions on it. And even in regard to prices, I think there are many prominent collectors who know something about the market value of stamps, and they are less liable to have a stock of certain lines that they would like to see quoted at high prices.

I was once told, by a prominent dealer, that it "is no use of you small fry kicking at what these great philatelic dealers do, because they take no more notice of it than a duck would of a smart April shower." But that has always been the trouble with the stamp collector, he has been too easy. If the collectors did but know it, they hold the balance of power.

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I see another Philatelic writer is misleading the public, and his name is Clay, who furnishes notes for the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. He kindly makes mention of the ERA's correspondent about the Cabot stamps, but there is not a word of truth in his statement as far as it concerns the ERA. I wonder if these philatelic scribes will ever learn to write the facts of the case?

S. E. L.

GOOD THINGS IN STAMPS AT UP-TO-DATE PRICES

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Baden 1851 1kr buff.....	\$0.45	*Lubeck 1863-5 ½s green.....	.30
Baden 1864-68 18kr green.....	2.00	" " " 1s orange.....	1.23
Bavaria 1840 1kr gray black.....	2.25	" " " 2s rose.....	.23
" 1850-58 12kr red.....	.50	" " " 4s stone.....	.50
" " 18kr yellow.....	.55	" " " 1864 ½s brown (imperf.).....	.50
" " 1862 12kr green.....	.25	*Congo 1894 5 frs carmine & bl'k (face value \$1)	1.15
" " 18kr vermilion red.....	.38	*Ionian Islands 1859 ½p orange, o. g.....	.75
" " 18kr pale red.....	1.00	" " " 1p blue, o. g.....	.92
" " 1867 9kr stone.....	.25	" " " 2p carmine, o. g.....	.38
" " 12kr lilac.....	.63	Two Sicilies " ½g orange.....	.63
" " 18kr red.....	.62	" " " 1g olive green.....	.50
" " 1874 1m violet (imperf.).....	.50	" " " 2g blue.....	.10
Belgium 1866 1fr lilac.....	.62	" " " 5g vermilion.....	.63
" 1867 1c gray (imperf.).....	.75	" " " 5g carmine.....	1.00
Brunswick 1863 ½g green.....	.45	" " " 10g blue black.....	.50
" " 1g rose.....	.45	" " " 50g dark brown red.....	3.95
Danish West Indies 1845-67 3c carmine.....	.18	*San Marino 1877 10c blue.....	.10
" " 1872, perf., 3c carmine.....	.50	" " " 30c brown.....	.75
" " " 4c blue.....	2.00	" " " 40c violet.....	.63
Denmark 1853-7 16s lilac.....	.38	" " " 1892 5c on 10c blue.....	.30
*Denmark, Official, 1871 16s green, o. g.....	2.50	" " " 5c on 30c brown.....	.50
Egypt 1866 5 pa slate green.....	.38	" " " 10c on 20c vermilion.....	.18
" " 10 pa brown.....	.50	Prussia 1866 10g rose.....	.30
" " 20 pa blue.....	.43	" " " 1967 1k green.....	.25
" " 2 pa orange.....	.42	" " " 2k orange.....	.75
" " 1 pa rose.....	.10	" " " 3k carmine rose.....	.13
" 1867 5 pia brown.....	2.00	" " " 6k blue.....	.15
" 1872-75 5 pia green.....	.30	" " " 9k gray brown.....	.15
" Unpaid, 1884 5 pia vermilion.....	1.00	*Sarawak No. 1, 1869 3c brown on yellow.....	.62
" " 1885 1 pia light blue.....	.30	" " " 3, 1873 2c mauve on lilac.....	.25
" " 1885 5 pia gray.....	3.75	Saxony 1851 3p green.....	.43
Hamburg 1859 64 ½s black.....	.75	" " " 2n g pale blue.....	.20
" " " 1s brown.....	.37	" " " 2n g dark blue.....	.20
" " " 2s red.....	1.00	" " " 1855 5n g vermilion.....	.20
" " " 9s orange, o. g.....	2.50	" " " 10n g blue.....	2.23
" " 1867-69 ½s black.....	.12	" " " 1863 5n g blue gray.....	.25
" " " 1s brown.....	.25	Poland 1859 10k blue and rose.....	.75
" " " 2s red.....	.25	*Schleswig Holstein No. 1, 1850 1s blue.....	3.20
" " " 3s ultramarine.....	.43	" " " 1865 ½s rose.....	.50
" " " 4s green.....	.25	" " " 1 ½s mauve.....	.99
" " " 7s orange.....	2.95	" " " 2s blue.....	.74
" " " 7s violet.....	.25	" " " 1863 4s bistre.....	.87
" " " 9s yellow.....	.13	*Herzogth Schleswig 1864-5 1 ½s rose.....	.50
Hanover 1850 1s g blue.....	.30	" " " 2s blue.....	.38
" " 1859-64 3p rose.....	.43	" " " 4s bistre.....	.38
" " " 3p green.....	3.00	*Herzogth Holstein " 2s blue.....	.62
" " 1859-61 10g green.....	9.00	" " " 1865-6 1 ½s carmine.....	.63
" " " ½g black.....	1.00	" " " 4s bistre.....	.50
" " 1864 perce en arc 3p green.....	.50	Switzerland No. 24, 1850 5r dark blue.....	.75
" " " ½g black.....	2.50	" " " 30, " 5r light blue.....	.10
*Hawaii 1882 10c black.....	1.00	" " " 34, " 5r red.....	.15
" " " 15c brown.....	1.45	" " " 37, " 5cts vermilion.....	1.25
" " 1883-6 12c mauve.....	.63	" " " 38, 1854 5r red brown.....	1.50
" " " 25c purple.....	1.00	" " " 43, 1855-62 2r gray.....	.50
" " " 50c red.....	3.00	" " " 56, " 1fr lavender.....	.63
" " " 1d rose red.....	2.50	Roumania 1869 25b orange and blue.....	.18
*Iceland 1873 2s blue.....	1.50	" " " 50b blue and vermilion.....	.60
" " 1876 40s green.....	.75	Wurtemberg 1851-52 18kr violet.....	3.50
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The *Philatelic Chronicle* usually contains a few valuable notes and the February number is no exception. There are quite a number of interesting varieties in the stamps of Queensland pointed out and several valuable facts concerning English stamps.

Kirby & Benton have just issued the fifth number of *Philatelic Literature*, and as usual it is full of interest to us literature fiends. The supplement to Jones' Check List is brought to an end and there are reports of auction prices of papers and other kindred matter. It is too bad the paper cannot appear at regular monthly intervals.

The "Stamps of Norway" is brought to a finish in the last *Philatelic Record* and I hope it will be issued in monograph form. It is the first thorough dissection of the stamps of a comparatively unfashionable country and one which can be said to possess no stamp outside the reach of any collector of moderate means. A. F. Basset Hull commences a series of papers on the stamps of Tonga, another unfashionable country, and one which perhaps his articles will place in a far different light from what it is now regarded. Only introductory matters appear in the first article.

A reprint from the *Times* on the Indian postal system occupies a couple of pages and they are by no means the most uninteresting part of the number. The beginner's page is mainly devoted to a list of the stamps of Barbados.

The "cheir" stamps of Turkey are the subject of one of the leading articles in *Der Philatelist* and still there's more to follow. The capped varieties of the 1890 2 cent United States is illustrated with enlarged diagrams of the numerals. The literature department is good as usual and there is another list of duplicate papers covering three pages. The index to articles on the stamps of Germany is a very valuable feature and one which I hope will be taken up by some paper on this side of the pond.

It is to be hoped that the *Post Office* under its new management will brace up a little, for it has been rather thin for the past few months. The present number completes the seventh volume and with it the editorship of Mr. Capen. It will be hard to fill his place.

Raymond Baker contributes a chapter on the "Literature of the Past Five Years" in the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* and it is very interesting reading indeed. Every Paget has an article on "Watermarks for the Beginner" and S. A. D. Cox discourses on the Croker and the harm he does. Instead of natural scenery there is a view of the Independence mine at Victor, Colo., on the cover.

Gordon Smith contributes to the *Monthly Journal* a reference list of the stamps of Holland which is the most exhaustive treatise on the subject I have seen. The work published by the Dutch society some years since is not accessible to most collectors and but few could read it if they had it. Besides as Mr. Smith remarks, it is a disappointing work as far as the adhesives are concerned. But the present treatise is in such a shape that it can be obtained by all at the moderate cost of three pence. All the varieties of perforation are gone into very fully as well as the papers, and the varieties in the types of the figures on the 1867 issue are shown by enlarged numerals. Subsequent papers will deal with

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The portrait adorning the April number of the *Virginia Philatelist* is that of William Penick Shelton another prominent collector of the old Dominion. Gilchrist contributes an article on West Indian fake fiscals and Mr. Stearns' historical account of the War stamps of Germany is brought to a close. For a paper only eight months old it will be hard to find one that can hold a tallow candle to our Richmond contemporary.

(Continued on next page.)

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The Ontario Philatelist, after a rest of some months, has once more started out in business. The leading article is a sketch of the envelope stamps of Canada, and there are "Notes" from various parts of the Dominion, Virginia and Connecticut.

The Pennsylvania Philatelist presents as a frontispiece likenesses of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ruehlman of Sharon, Wisconsin. It will be remembered that Mr. Ruehlman was formerly Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A. Why is it, by the way, that there is never a statement in the official reports of the actual paid up membership of the Society? The numbers run up above 1200 now, but the actual membership must be very much less. The Exchange Department does not seem to be doing very much and taken as a whole I fail to see just where the Society offers any great inducements to collectors aside from the official journal.

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learn from a perusal that a Mrs. Joe is his latest acquisition. Our best congratulations! Eight portraits are also given of the officers of the newly formed Empire State Philatelic Society, two being so modest that they had to be omitted. The usual departments are fully up to the standard.

The second installment of the Schleswig-Holstein article in the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain deals with the issue of the 1 and 2 schilling stamps of November, 1850. Of these stamps 1,300,000 of the 1sch. and 700,000 of the 2sch. were printed. A die was also prepared for a 3sch. stamp but it was never used. This series of articles by the way is being reproduced in the Post Office commencing with the February number.

The March number of the official journal of the Postal Card Society appears under the new title of the Postal Card Bulletin, which is rather more expressive of its character than the former Monthly Bulletin. The constitution of the Society is published in full in this number.

With the January issue, the Revista Philatelica do Brasil begins a new volume and celebrates it by giving a reduced facsimile of its Vol. I. No. 1.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly for March 5, is one of the best numbers of that paper that I have seen for a long time. It is plum tull of good things. The famous Jacobite "stamp" is illustrated and a sketch of it given, the quantities of stamps required by the Russian Empire for the current year, and the continuation of the article on the Amoy Local Post. The various surcharges are fully illustrated, and the number of each stamp issued is given.

Stamps does not contain yellow reading even if it has a cover of that hue. There are some very well written essays on Australia, Simon Bolivar, San Marino, Uruguay, Bermuda and Famous Citizens of Latin America. Some of our older periodicals should take some lessons from the youthful writers on the staff of this valuable little journal.

The English Stamps contains many interesting things, but what pleases me most is the new department which has just been started, which is devoted to fiscal stamps. I acknowledge to be a crank on fiscals. And by that I mean foreign fiscals. Those who do not collect them miss lots of enjoyment. A. Preston Pearce is to conduct the department and he includes in the first number a list of some uncatalogued varieties which have been noticed in the exchange books of the Fiscal Stamp Exchange Club.

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Continue to come in from Special Sale List No. 1 That I have decided to continue it a couple of weeks longer before sending out No. 2.

Write Today for a Copy. It offers many fine stamps in fine condition, new and current issues, stamps on the cover, etc. Canada Just Obsolete

1/2 to 50c mint state, 9 var. \$1.50 MANY FINE STAMPS ON MY APPROVAL BOOKS. GILT-EDGE STUFF IN FINE CONDITION IS MY SPECIALTY.

George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

GLANCE OVER THESE AND STOP WITH US!

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Includes items like Play Card 1st issue, Prop'y, p. p., imp., very fine, Foreign Exchange, Conveyance, Life Ins., Probate of Will, Life Insurance, Manifest, Convey., Mortgage, Postage 1888 purple, Prop'y green and black, Cent. Envelope green, Bank Check, blue and black 2nd issue, extra fine, Money back if stamps don't suit, stamps taken in amounts less than 25c, above that M. O. or bills. Postage extra on orders less than \$2.00. BURTON OSBORNE, - - Camden, New York.

1897 List

Now ready. No dealer can afford to be without it. If you have not yet received it, send a card and you will get it by return of mail.

G. B. CALMAN,

Wholesale Dealer in

POSTAGE STAMPS,

42 East 23d St., New York City.

Drop me a Postal Card for the CHEAPEST PRICE LIST OUT.

My prices will be sure to please.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas.

If you mention this paper when writing I will enclose a good stamp with list. [18]

MAIL AUCTION of Rare Stamps.

I offer the following lot of rare stamps to be sold to the highest bidder without reserve,

Wednesday, May 4th, 1898.

Send in your bids now, so they can be placed on file until day of sale.

ALL UNITED STATES.

Table with 2 columns: Lot number and Price. Includes items like 1-1c State, unused o. g., fine; 2-2c; 3-6c; 4-7c; 5-10c; 6-12c; 7-1c Executive, unused o. g., fine; 8-2c; 9-3c; 10-10c; 11-24c Navy, unused o. g., fine; 12-1c Justice; 13-3c; 14-3c; 15-6c; 16-10c; 17-12c; 18-\$1.30 Foreign Exchange, slight tear. 40.00

Successful bidders will be notified on day of sale to remit in advance. All specimens guaranteed or money refunded. [59]

C. A. STEGMANN, St. Louis, Mo.

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WHOLE No. 258.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

NOTES ON PLATE NUMBERS.

After allowing the supply of 1c stamps to run down prior to the change of color, a number of new plates were required. Hence we chronicle the following new numbers:

542 1c.
543 1c.
544 1c.
545 1c.
546 1c.
547 1c.
548 1c.
549 1c.
550 2c.
551 2c.
552 2c.
553 2c.

It might prove interesting to know about how many plates and what numbers are now being used. On April 18th the following were at press:

1c, four sets, Nos. 534 to 549.
2c, eight sets, Nos. 480 to 487, 501 to 503, 505 to 517, 522 to 525, 550 to 553.
5c, one set, Nos. 389 to 392.

As frequently stated before, a set consists of four plates.

Plate 504 will probably be another to add to the list of those never used, but I have been unable to secure any definite information on that point.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, April 20th.

Frank P. Brown, the well known dealer, has made some alterations in his office, and this will change the number of his entrance to 333 Washington St. I think it is a decided improvement, and is undoubtedly the best location for a stamp business in Boston.

I see that another philatelic scribe is jumping at conclusions. Mr. Gregory in the New York notes of one of your contemporaries, in speaking of pen-cancelled

stamps of English Colonies, says: "Of course in such cases the penmark or rubber stamp (bank) cancellation indicates revenue use and are to be avoided by the collector of postage stamps." Now, I have no desire to enter into any controversy with Mr. Gregory, but will say that if he had taken the trouble to investigate the subject he would have found out that a great many of the stamps of English Colonies are pen cancelled for postal duty; and I think any large firm in New York who does an export trade with the West African Colonies will substantiate this, from their correspondence. A friend of mine, who is in the export trade with those colonies, tells me that it is a common occurrence to receive the stamps pen cancelled. He has kindly given me some that he received within a few weeks from English Colonies, that brought letters to him, and they are cancelled with a cross in pen and ink. Now, no one can say that these are revenue stamps. In regard to pen cancelled U. S. stamps, all of the registered letters that I have ever seen which came from Portland, Maine, bore pen cancelled stamps, and I have received one within a week. Letters which are not registered coming from there, are cancelled in the regular way.

I have been told that the new issue of New Zealand postage stamps are to be sold in London, to the amount of several thousand dollars worth. If this is the case, may I ask some of the shining lights of the philatelic world why these stamps are any better than Seebecks? They were never in New Zealand, and they will be of about as much value to a true philatelist as a label off of a spool of thread. I do not want some smart collector to say that these will be all right because they will be receivable for postage, because the Australian Colonies have recently made a ruling that on the issue of a new series of stamps, the old issue shall be demonitized. Seebecks are receivable for postage as long as the set is current. The London print of the picturesque New Zealand stamps are evidently good things to let alone, unless one knows that they come from New Zealand.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. As it came on the eve of a holiday, and a stormy one at that, there was a very small attendance. The only matter of importance that came before the meeting was

that of the official organ, which was laid on the table until the next meeting.

There has been several great finds of stamps in Boston within the last year, and there are liable to be a great many more. One collector here states that he has found where there is stored an extensive correspondence of an old business firm, dating from 1820 to 1872. The letters are all neatly tied up and packed in cases. He says that he has been allowed to open one of the cases, and the package of envelopes that he looked over bore what he called a 5c Mustard, 1861, and there were hundreds of them. If this is a fair sample, what will he find when he strikes the 1847-55 lot? I know where there is a very large lot of documents containing revenue stamps. I have looked over some of them, and many of them contain imperforate pairs, and a good many stamps up to the \$10.00 values. I suppose there are a great many nice stamps stored away among old papers and letters.

S. E. L.

FOR THE WEEKLY ERA.

How to Advertise.

SOME SUGGESTIONS IN THAT LINE TO
STAMP DEALERS.

It is an undisputed fact that if you have anything to sell it must be advertised. It makes no difference what it is. There are very few things that the public are going to raise up and demand, and if you want to reach any portion of this public you must advertise in a business like way. Advertising creates a demand. Advertising in a very large measure brought British Colonials, Canada Revenues, and Match and Medicines into popularity.

Advertising is business. It is not literature or humor. Advertisements are published for the purpose of telling somebody something about something. The plainest English is not any too plain for this purpose. The best advertisement is written as if it was written without effort and it should sound like plain talk. It is easy to recognize this style, because it is good, but there are ads you have all seen that are about as far away from this style as possible. One greatest trouble some dealers have in writing advertisements is that they forget what they are going to say in the

thoughts of how it is going to sound. If the dealer would talk earnestly, plainly, naturally and honestly, he would think he was not writing an advertisement at all; so they concoct something grandiloquent and forced, and the good the ad might create is lost.

Advertising is the life of any business. It is the connecting link between the dealer and the stamp collecting public. If it is broken and the connection is lost, the dealer is sure to suffer. A successful advertisement writer expresses the opinion that it is hardly possible to do too much advertising so long as the business is capable of development, and so long as the advertising bills can be paid. This statement is certainly applicable to the stamp business, for I have never heard of a dealer who could not possibly do more business. How much can be judiciously spent for stamp advertising depends largely on the capital and consequently on the possibilities of the business. Where the field is limited and only a certain amount of business can be developed anyway, as in the stamp business, the advertising should be governed accordingly. Dealers should use advertising the same as medicine is used in sickness. If a small dose is not large enough, give a larger one; if the dose is too big, diminish it. The simile cannot be carried out to the end, because while the patient may get well and not need any medicine, the business never arrives at that stage.

Brevity is a good thing in advertising, but sense is better. You can make a thing so brief that it does not tell the story and that is a poor plan. What you want is something that will tell the story, and if it is brief and smart at the same time it is all right, but the chances are against it. It is not enough to attract attention unless you are trying to advertise some certain stamps into popularity as in the case of Match and Medicines or Canada revenues, and even in that case, the name of the firm gets some value as well as the article advertised. It might be considered a good plan to have an ad that ten people would see and thoroughly understand than have one a thousand would look at and receive no strong impression.

Advertisements should be plain or easy to understand. There is no use in writing a lot of stuff that is going to require much concentration of thought before the meaning can be ferreted out. If a dealer has got some stamps to sell he need not be afraid of describing them too plainly. The nearer he can make the advertisement represent the goods—the better it is. The plainer the offer he makes the more takers he will get. The easier you make it for collectors to get your stamps, the more you will attract. One of the things that keeps advertisements from being plain is the use of technical or trade terms in describing the stamps advertised. The dealer knows so well what the term means that he thinks everybody else does. Probably nine out of

every ten would be ignorant of the meaning, so it is a good scheme to avoid all of those expressions, not absolutely necessary in an honest description. At one time in the history of philately, it became necessary for someone to publish a philatelic dictionary, and at that time philatelic advertising was full of those technical terms. Make the advertisement as easy as possible to understand. If you are writing your advertisements for the benefit of dealers these terms would be expressive and all of that, but the stamp collecting public cannot follow you. I believe dealers make more money out of the collector under twenty-one years of age than out of the so-called advanced collector. Put yourself in the collectors place and see what you would like to know about the stamps if you were looking for something of the kind. If you have to use a word that might not be understood, take a little space and explain that word. It will not be wasted.

C. H. WATTS.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

1869 24c, used, fine, except slight tear, almost imperceptible on face. Will exchange for ten dollars' worth U. S. and Foreign in fine condition, cat. not less than 25c each. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., New York.

I have a Columbian Cyclopaedia, costs \$65.00, Chambers' Encyclopaedia, cost \$25.00, Dr. Johnson's edition of Shakespeare in 7 vols., cost \$22.00: will exchange any or all for U. S. Revs., Match or Med. Good books for good stamps. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61

Will give five good philatelic papers for each old copper penny sent me. Good value given. What papers do you need? Double action revolver for pennies also. Judson N. Burton, Madison, New York. [59

Navy 90c, repaired, a very fair looking specimen, cat. \$10.00; even exchange for your duplicates if in fine condition, cat. not less than 25c each. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., New York.

During the last five years I have subscribed for all the good stamp papers and have accumulated a large number and I will give ten papers for every copy of the following magazines sent me: Munsey's, McClure's, Cosmopolitan, Harper's, Century, Scribner's; any number taken. Write me. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. Will trade back if unsatisfactory. Splendid value given. [61

Have 50 or more running numbers (to date) of the Scientific American and Supplement to exchange for better class United States Revenues. Wm A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., New York City.

2c Executive "Specimen" fine, will exchange for four dollars worth Foreign Postage or good U. S. Adhesives, cat. 10c each and up. Must be in fine condition. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., New York.

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio. [67

Good Exchange. I will give fine exchange from books in either U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonials and good Foreign, for U. S. Revenues which I can use. Only copies in fine, perfect condition wanted. Particularly desire 5c Proprietary, 25c Bond and Warehouse Receipt, 50c Probate of Will, and any \$10; also 1, 3, 4, 6 and 15c Second Issue; 4, 6, 15 and 30c Third Issue and others. Write what you have. Also want any Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Colonies. Write me. Fine exchange and fair treatment assured. Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. [2517

We will give you better catalogue value in unused entire envelopes for double class of Match and Medicine stamps. Write us. Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn. [58*

Any person having files or odd numbers of Arena, Forum, or North American Review can get good exchange in magazines, stamps or stamp papers. Send for my want list of magazines. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61

24c purple 1870-71, unused, cat. \$17.50, no gum, perf. 3 sides, will exchange even for Foreign Postage or U. S. Adhesives, fine condition, cat. 25c and up. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., New York.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

War on United States! Yes, our prices are sure war.—Read: 1883 4c, per to 5c; 1888 4c, per to 8c; Rev. 2c orange, per 100 5c; Mexico, per 100 16c; Egypt, per 100 12c; Canada Reg. green 5c, per to 4c; 1000 U. S. 7c. Send quick! Stamps bought and sold. JUDSON N. BURTON, Madison, New York. [59

U. S. 50c orange ('95) 9c; 10 copies 75c. \$1 black ('95) 35c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Great Offer! 12 Canada's all different, 10 cts. Also 4 Peru and 4 Mexico, 6 cts. All for 15 cts. Fine copies or money back. Post paid. JOSEPH DUGAN, 1024 So. 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Fine sheets of Match and Med. on approval at 50%. Ref. Unique Stamp Co., 28 Brainard Ave., Cleveland, O.

One Dollar's worth, catalogue value, Match and Medicine, on receipt of Fifty Cents. WM. O. SEMPLE, 114 So. Bank St., Easton, Pa. c

1855 10c green, new o. g., fine, \$1.20
1882 5c brown Garfield, new o. g., fine, .20
1888 5c blue Garfield, new o. g., fine, .20
1894 \$5 green, no wmk., new o. g., fine, 4.50
A. C. GOODRICH, Manitou, Colo.

Wanted: Fine U. S. and Br. Colonials for spot cash. One or more copies of each. Have also some fine stamps for sale. Aug. Schlachter, 230 5th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

MEXICAN REVENUES

No. R.	IN SETS.	Var.	Price
11	1874 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 \$0.15
12	1876 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 .10
13	1877 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 .10
14	1877 1, 3, 5, 10 (new color)	.....	4 .10
15	1878 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 .10
16	1879 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 .10
17	1880 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 .10
18	1881 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 .10
19	1882 1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	.....	6 .15
20	1883 1, 3, 5, 10	.....	4 .10
21	1883-4 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	.....	7 .15
22	1885-6 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	.....	7 .15
23	1886-7 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	.....	7 .15
24	1887-8 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	.....	7 .15
25	1888-9 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25	.....	6 .10
26	1889-90 1, 2, 5, 10	.....	4 .10

The 16 Sets, 80 Varieties..... \$1.00
M. C. BERLEPSCH,
Room 1. 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

NIGER COAST

1897 unused o. g., Set of 3, 12c

GAMBIA

1887 unused o. g., Set of 8, 95c

ITALY

'79 30c brown, unused, 25c

U. S. Departments at 50% Off.

LIBERTY STAMP CO.,

GEO. FLAGG, Manager, Boston, Mass.

170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

AGENTS WANTED!

I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan. BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. Send for Circulars and Price List. [17*

C. H. MEKEL, St. Louis, Mo.

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COLLECTING AGENT'S REPORT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Apr. 11, '98.

DEAR SIR:

Since being reappointed Collecting Agent of the American Philatelic Association, I have received thirty-nine claims amounting to \$761.46, and I have collected six claims amounting to \$125.01.

Some of the remaining claims are against noted frauds chief of whom is A. A. Thompson of Laconia, New Hampshire.

Yours fraternally,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agt. Am. Ph. Assn.

To **JOE F. BEARD**, Secretary.

Now then..

In order to induce the readers of this paper to try our fine 50% approval sheets, we will present **FREE**, to the first twenty-five (25) applicants for sheets, a **fine unused copy of the scarce obsolete Sierra Leone 6p red violet 1895**, catalogued at 50 cents.

PROVIDING

1st—That the applicant furnishes two good references.

2nd—That the applicant can afford to purchase in amounts of 50 cents and over.

3rd—That the applicant mentions this paper.

As to the quality of our 50% sheets, just try them. **THEY CAN'T BE BEAT!**

Address,

The Queen City Stamp Co.,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

N. B. When writing for sheets, state size of your collection.

10c STAMP FREE!

A U. S. Dept. stamp, catalogued 10c, free to each applicant for sheets who gives good reference and encloses 2c stamp.

Quality equal to any. Good variety (7000 var. in stock) and at prices in accordance with the times. Give them a trial. (15c)

PRICE LIST FREE.

W. S. KINZER, Canton, Ohio.

Match & Medicine

35 varieties, Catalogue \$2.00..... \$0.50
40 " " " 3.00..... .75
50 " " " 4.00..... 1.00
60 " " " 5.00..... 1.50

We have been picking up these desirable stamps for the past three years and have an elegant assortment. SEND WANT LISTS. (15c)

Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn.

\$200.00 Per Day

Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face
50c to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
\$2 " 15% " " "

We are buying these stamps to use for postage and can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly on the day of receipt. (15c)

F. H. MASSOTH & CO.,
651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

*** POSTAGE & STAMPS. ***

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. (15c)

◁ DIRECTORY. ▷

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. (15c)

W. K. MIX, U. S. Postage & Revenues—Wholesale, sale and Retail. 69 John Street, Bridgeport, Conn. (17c)



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 16th.

New Stockholders.

1508. **COCKRELL, EWING**, 1518 R St., Washington, D. C.

1509. **ESCHMANN, CLEMENS**, 250 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

1510. **ETTINGER, MAX C.**, San Francisco, Cal.

1511. **GOECKER, C.**, 305 Scott St., San Francisco, Cal.

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417. **BURTON, JUDSON N.**, Madison, N. Y.

1155. **KELEKIAN, DIKRAN**, 390 Fifth Av., New York City.

1239. **LEE, S. L.**, Carson, Nevada.

911. **MANWARING, LOUIS L.**, Stillwater, Minn.

881. **MERRILL, H. F.**, 76 Commercial St., Portland, Me.

1348. **PALMER, H. L.**, 620 Oak Park Av., Oak Park, Ill.

28. **PALMER, JNO. W.**, Oak Park, Ill.
763. **PHILLIPS, WM. H.**, Box 230, East Liverpool, Ohio.

1114. **WELLES, E. F.**, 848 Equitable Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Change of Address.

370. **MAYER, EMIL**, 674 Broadway, New York City.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	682
Added since	4
Reinstated	9
	— 13
Present membership	695

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, April 16th, 1898.

1,071 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Apr. 9th, valued at \$40,102.95

30 books received since Apr. 9th, valued at \$1,058.23

19 books retired since April 9th valued at 435.79

Total number of books in circulation 1,082 valued at \$40,725.39

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

Read What a Michigan Dealer has

TO OFFER. Catalogue My price. price
Canada 1857 1/2 pink, fine..... \$4.00 \$2.25
1875-77 5c olive green, very fine... .60 .50
British Honduras 1882 1p blue, fine..... 2.50 1.50
Tobago 1881-84 1/2 and 1p, fine..... 1.00 .65
Dominica 1883-90 1/2 bistre & 1p lilac, fine 1.50 .95
Virgin Islands 1883-88 1/2 & 1p, very fine 1.45 1.00
St. Christopher 1870 6p green, fine..... .75 .45
New South Wales 1853 6p green, very fine 1.00 .60
Western Australia 8p 4p red brown " .85 .50
Newfoundland 1866 10c black, good 1.50 .60
" 1887 10c " fine..... .25 .20
*Means unused.
Cash with order. Your money refunded, if you are not satisfied or stamps are sold. Order at once.
Anthony Theato,
535 Grandy Ave., DETROIT, MICH.

MAIL AUCTION of Rare Stamps.

I offer the following lot of rare stamps to be sold to the highest bidder without reserve,
Wednesday, May 4th, 1898.
Send in your bids now, so they can be placed on complete until day of sale.

Table listing various stamps from ALL UNITED STATES with lot numbers and prices. Includes items like 1-rc State, unused o. g., fine \$3.50 and 11-24c Navy, unused o. g., fine 6.50.

Successful bidders will be notified on day of sale to remit in advance. All specimens guaranteed or money refunded. [59]
C. A. STEGMANN, St. Louis, Mo.

JUSTICE 90c "SPECIMEN" \$6.00

30c "SPECIMEN" \$4.00
24c "SPECIMEN" \$3.00
YOU CAN HAVE THE THREE FOR \$10.00.

STATE

CARD BOARD PROOFS
1c to \$20.00, COMPLETE, - \$6.00

Table listing various State stamps and their prices. Includes 1869 90c used, good condition, fairly well centered \$6.75 and Agriculture 15c, unused, fine, off center 1.25.

Cash with order. Money returned without question if stamps don't suit.
If your order comes after stamps are sold I return money by next mail and pay expenses both ways.

My Bargain List is free. It will save you many a dollar if you are a cash buyer. Prices positively 10% to 50% below any other dealer.

C. B. MERRILL,
130 W. 14TH ST., NEW YORK.

ACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS.

Two Vital Points

in an auction sale are "accurate descriptions" and a "comprehensive catalogue." I have always observed them, and also introduced other features favorable to buyer and seller. My sales are the most popular in the U. S., and if you have not bought at auction, you should send your name and address with a request to be placed on my mailing list. Two, possibly three more sales this season.
DO } Wolsieffer's Approval Cards?
YOU } Left Page Stock Books
USE } Wolsieffer's Blank Album

Specimen page of album sent on receipt of stamp. 12 style, \$2 to \$5.
P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.
COMPREHENSIVE CATALOGUES.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

25 and 50c 1886, catalogue value 60c. The two stamps in fine condition for 25c postpaid.
Good foreign on Sheets at 66% and 60% discount. Fine books of U. S. at 50%. Send good reference.
MICHIGAN STAMP CO., Fennville, Mich.

LOOK AT THIS!

War Dept. 15c.....Cat. 30c Our price 18c
Interior Dept. 6c....." 10c " 6c
" 2c....." 10c " 6c
New Brunswick 17c....." 25c " 13c
We have a fine stock of approval sheets at 20%
Why not send for a selection today?
WE SELL CHEAP.

Croton Stamp Co., Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

manded against them by either Crown prosecutor or the party who bought the stamps. However, the matter became so public and the penalty was found to be so severe that nobody else in this country will try it."

I see the current Post Office quotes its correspondent in St. Johns as saying it is the intention of the government to destroy all three cent stamps (unsurcharged) of the type used in surcharging that may still be on hand. It is sincerely to be hoped that this will be done as the 3c remainders of the type A23 on hand in the general post office are of the same shade as the provisionals; but the agitation for their destruction, together with the reprints of last November and other remainders of the old types has been on foot now for two or three months and the desired result seems no nearer.

Stamp collectors have contributed generously to the treasury of Newfoundland during the past year and on the principle that one good turn deserves another and in the interests of honesty it seems to me that the Postal Dept. ought to destroy all these remainders of the 3c type A23 before further numbers are sold perhaps to unscrupulous persons who might attempt to counterfeit the surcharge on the correct shade thus provided.

The collector who has not already got a copy of the 3c A23 lilac-gray Scott's No. 69 unused had better get it now if he can. While this stamp is quite common used it is a hard stamp to get in mint state. If you don't believe me ask your dealer or some of the prominent dealers of Boston or New York to supply you a single copy or a block. If the stamp is offered you 9 chances to one it will be the dull lilac shade of the provisionals which is not the lilac-gray

Hang On

to your U. S. Revenue stamps of all kinds. The stamp tax of 1866 will be re-enacted, and new collectors will crop out as thick as the hair on our whiskers. Collectors of Canada Bill stamps are coming thick and many, also. We are parent people of CANADIAN REVENUES, if we do live outside of the Old Dominion.

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No 69, any more than blue is red, but a much later printing of A23. I have seen this stamp chronicled in one of our prominent monthlies as an 1898 re-issue. As a matter of fact it was issued months ago and was the stamp used for the surcharge and these so-called 3c pale violet re-issues and the remainders placed on sale in sets when the change of government took place last fall. The lilac-gray followed the slate and is a softer, warmer color, entirely different from any of the several shades of the slate and equally different from the later dull lilacs.

To revert to the forged surcharge my correspondent adds that no surcharges have been forged in sheets because there is only one printer in the country who has the types and that is the Queen's printer. The forged stamps were made by an employe in that establishment and printed in pairs in only the one type.

GEO. S. McKEARIN.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

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International Philatelist, March-April, Vol. VII. No. 1.

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Monitor Filatelico, January-February, Vol. VI. No. 34.

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Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, March, Vol. VIII. No. 87.

Revista Filatelica do Brazil, February, Vol. III. No. 2.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. IV. No. 92.

Stampman, Vol. III. No. 1 (13).

Stamps, (Rushden), March, Vol. II. No. 3.

The most interesting article in the *American Collector* is Chas. E. Jenney's reminiscences of an old-timer. This personage was a little old man who was attracted by a small frame of stamps in Mr. J's window and who was an old time philatelist back in the '70's in New York City. He was at one time in the employ of a paper firm that bought up all the waste paper from the post offices and his account of the transactions he had with J. W. Scott are very interesting. Being told by Mr. S. that he would pay him 25 cents per 100 for P. O. stamps he took in 10,000, and the next day 20,000, and the third day 100,000. This caused a reduction in the price paid to 15 cents a 100, all values, and he said he probably sold him half a million.

On and after July 1, 1898, the "Record Reign" stamps of 1, 2, 2½ pence and 5 shillings of New South Wales will be the only valid stamps of those denominations. So says the *Australian Philatelist*, and also adds that the same course will probably be followed in the case of all future new issues.

American Young People is a new comer of four pages and contains a column of stamp and coin news. Published by the Johnstown Stamp Co.

George Maximilian has a very entertaining article on the abbreviations found on postage stamps, in the last issue of the *Boston Stamp Book*. One little slip is in stating that I. R. on the British official stamps means Internal Revenue. It should be Inland Revenue. Grenada forms the subject of Mr. Kilbon's essay on type and die varieties and it is a prolific subject.

Ever since war has been threatened with Spain over the Cuban question I have been expecting some one would propose a commemorative set of stamps. And now the editor of the *Evergreen State Philatelist* has gone and done it! Wonder if the date at the head of the editorial column has any reference to the suggestion?

Ewen's Weekly Circular reports that railway letter fee stamps are very much in demand. The number of stamps used by the various railways varies greatly. The Cambrian road used 565 stamps last year, the Barry railway 660, the Cleator & Workington Junction only 12. A North Eastern stamp recently received bore the control number 119,637. Unused copies of each of these are all held at the same price, ninepence. No prices quoted for used specimens which are of course worth much more.

The *Herald Exchange* has become the official organ of a new society entitled the American Souvenir Card Society "Liberty."

The *International Philatelist* presents quite a portrait gallery this month. Clifford W. Kisseger, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Aldrich, J. A. Wainwright, Emil Gerlich, Chas. Beamish, O. K. Carstarphen, H. A. Chapman, H. A. Bullard, H. J. Lawall, D. E. Hazen, L. Brodstone, V. J. West, C. E. Shaw, J. H. DuBose, O. F. Peterson, D. H. King, J. S. Davis and B. A. Wilson.

M. P. Castle has a very interesting and complete essay in the *London Philatelist* on the Roumanian essays of 1877-79. There are enlarged half tones showing the 5 and 10 bani in an unsevered pair with other varieties.

It has been some time since *El Monitor Filatelico* has visited me and the present number is dated some time back, January-February. Aside from the chronicle, there is little of interest. It is mainly an advertising sheet.

One of the answers in the "Inquiry" department of *Mekeel's Weekly* omits mention of a most important work in enumer-

ating the authorities on the Nesbitt envelopes of the U. S. The London Philatelic Society some time since issued a work in four parts by the late Gilbert Harrison. It was gotten up in magnificent style, was fully illustrated, and sold for 10 shillings. I am not certain whether it can still be obtained or not.

The *Ontario Philatelist* presents a portrait and sketch of Jas. H. Peckham, a Halifax dealer. The Ottawa letter contains a description of the new 3 cent envelopes soon to be issued to the public. "The stamp embossed in the upper right hand corner is oval, with the relief parts in white and the sunk parts in the same bright red as the current 3 cent envelope. The Queen's head occupies a central oval 18mm. high by 15mm. wide. The head is a left profile with veil and very small crown. The medalion is surrounded by a very pretty engine-turned band finished off outside with a white and colored line. Above the head the word *Postage* and below the words *Three Cents* in white block letters on solid curved labels with straight ends are let into the ornamentation. At the top of the stamp the word *Canada* in colored lines stands outside the design, following the curve, the outside colored line being broken to admit it."

J. D. Hubel and S. P. Lev are the subjects of the *Pennys* write up this month and good portraits of each are given. R. L. Payne writes on early stamp collecting and E. J. Scott discourses on plate numbers.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* contains some interesting notes from Peru and its English department is as good as ever. It is a pity however that so old a paper cannot publish more long articles.

Philatelic Facts is to be under the management of H. I. Watts hereafter and it will be made "an exclusively philatelic paper." I trust that means that we shall have no more of those horrible stamp romances that have been its main stay in the past.

Editor Brown of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has an article dealing with Roumanian stamps which contains the discoveries and additions made since the publication of the articles some months since on the same subject. The Schleswig-Holstein article is continued to the issue of May 20, 1864, of Holstein (Period D). The *Review of Reviews* is condensed to only three pages. The first years issue of this supplement was its best. Of late it has been rather scanty.

The last number of the *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* has on the first page of the cover a half tone of the entire new set of

New Zealand stamps that have been so much talked about. And they are beauties! The values range from a half penny to five shillings and the designs are all different. There are mountain views, birds, lake and sea views, the famous terraces, a Maori war canoe etc. Tonga is not in it with this set! And the best of it is they are not a commemoration set, but are for every day use. The 5 pence and 5 shillings are similar in shape to the 5 franc Congo, and the 2½ and 9 pence and 2 shillings about the size of our Columbians. The other values are of the ordinary shape and size.

From the *Stampman* (yellow journal) comes the news that the library of the Colorado Philatelic Society has been donated to the Denver Public Library. Donations are requested and all publishers are requested to donate their papers for the good of the cause. Unless a society has rooms of its own in a place like the Collectors Club of New York, the library seldom amounts to much. From the writer's experience in the Springfield, Mass., library he is convinced that stamp literature will be read by many collectors if it is known to be in the library. Stir up your local library and get them to subscribe to one or two of our first-class papers and see if the boys don't call for them as soon as they are known to be there.

Stamps announces that a series of articles treating of the United States will be commenced in the next number of that paper. The Revenue stamp department publishes a partial list of catalogues of such stamps with the prices at which they can be obtained. I notice that Hall's and Adams' lists of Canadian fiscals are not included. They are far superior to Ketcheson which is out of date. The best work on the United States revenues is Adenaw's but its high price, \$1.50 or \$2.00 according to binding. E. B. Sterling's catalogue issued some dozen years ago is one of the best things issued and even now the prices are as near right as the average "standard" catalogue.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. ○ means unused, ⊕ used. ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 98th Sale—N. Y.
 Saturday Afternoon, March 19, 1898.
 UNITED STATES.
 Philadelphia Carrier "U. S. P. O.—
 prepaid—One Cent—Despatch"
 red on white env. entire 60 00
 Baltimore Carrier horseman 1c bl'k ⊕ 2 25
 1 sent black ⊕ 9 00
 1847 10c ⊕ on orig. letter 2 15
 1851 1c very wide margins line at bot-
 tom is partly broken ○ 3 00
 3c imperf. ○ o. g. 1 00

1855 10c unsevered vertical pair ⊕ imp. 1 00
 1857 5c brown with full ornaments ⊕ 2 10
 10c ○ o. g. 1.60; 12c ○ o. g. 1 60
 1860 24c ○ o. g. 3 75
 30c ⊕ evenly cen. lightly can. 3 75
 90c ○ o. g. 13 00
 1861 5c red-brown ⊕ 1 85
 90c ⊕ evenly centered 2 50
 1868 3c grilled all over ⊕ on orig. env. 9 50
 1868 30c ⊕ 2 00
 90c ⊕ strong grill 8 50
 1869 15c without diamond ⊕ 2 10
 24c ⊕ lightly cancelled 4 00
 90c ○ splendid color 33 25
 90c perforated proof 2 30
 1870 7c grilled evenly centered ⊕ 2 10
 10c grilled evenly cen. ⊕ 4 25
 1873 12c ○ evenly centered 6 00
 90c ○ evenly centered o. g. 6 00
 1893 \$2 ○ with plate No. 105 2 10
 \$3 ○ evenly centered 3 10
 Agriculture 30c ○ evenly centered 6 75
 Executive 2c ○ o. g. 5 40
 Interior complete ○ 2 60
 Justice 15c evenly centered ⊕ 3 00
 24c evenly centered ⊕ 8 25
 30c evenly centered ⊕ 8 25
 90c evenly centered ○ o. g. 30 00
 Navy 90c deep blue ⊕ 10 00
 Post Office complete ○ 5 00
 officially sealed Post Obitum ⊕ 3 25
 State 12c ○ 2.50; 24c ⊕ 4 30
 30c ⊕ 4.30; 90c ○ 9 25
 \$2 ○ evenly centered o. g. 15 00
 1857 1c with full curve at bottom ○
 evenly centered o. g. 7 25
 1861 5c brown ○ o. g. 2 10
 15c ○ 1 70
 1869 15c ○ part of o. g. 2 50
 6c reprint ⊕ 3 10
 Newspaper 1865 10c on pelure p. ○ 5 00
 1865 25c red ○ 3 30
 1895 \$20 wmkd. can. with small
 holes 7 10
 Interior complete proofs 70
 Seabury & Johnson without "porous"
 erased ○ 2 00
 R. & G. A. Wright 3c lake old paper 1 30
 R. & G. A. Wright 4c green old p. 1 05
 Envelopes, Cut Square.
 War 1873 15c on white paper ⊕ 1 00
 1853 3c wide label on buff ⊕ 6 00
 1855 10c narrow label on white entire ⊕ 6 00
 1860 1c patent lines N. P. S. No. 51
 Horner's No. 31½ ⊕ 10 00
 1861 6c on white paper ○ 4 60
 1861 10c on white and buff ○ 1 20
 1861 12c ○ 3.10; 24c ○ 4 00
 40c ○ 5 30
 1863 2c U. S. Postage on manila ○ 2 00
 1864 18c ○ 2.00; 24c ○ 1 50
 30c ○ 1.50; 40c ○ 1 50
 1870 1c on amber ○ 1 00
 15c white ○ 3.10; 24c white ○ 3 80
 30c white ○ 2.50; 90c white ○ 4 20
 1874 2c die A brown on manila ○ 1 25
 2c die B3 on orange ○ 1 25
 2c die C brown on white ○ 1 50
 2c die C brown on manila ○ 1 50
 2c die C red on cream ○ 1 00
 5c Taylor die A on fawn ○ 5 00
 24c white ○ 4 30
 30c amber ○ 2 00
 90c amber ○ 5 00

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In this space each week.

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1886 5c Garfield on blue entire '82
 water'mk, bidder's sample with
 "Specimen" ○ 1 10
 5c Garfield on blue ○ 2 20
 1887 30c brown on oriental buff ○ 1 00
 30c brown on blue ○ 1 10
 30c brown on amber-manila ○ 1 10
 90c purple on amber ○ 1 70
 Blood's City Despatch Post 1847 ⊕
 on orig. letter 10 25
 small stamp with "Paid" in cen.
 ⊕ on envelope 2 00

Revenue Stamps:
 Imperf. 50c Surety Bond 3 75
 \$1 Lease wide margins 1 00
 \$2 Mortgage wide margins 1 25
 \$50 dark green wide margins 5 00
 \$200 good margins 22 00
 Perf. 1c Playing Cards ○ 1 40
 \$1 Passage Ticket 3 00
 \$15 Mortgage 3 20
 \$50 U. S. I. R. 2 00
 \$200 revenue 10 00
 Second issue \$1.60 9 00
 " " \$1.90 2 30

Confederate States:
 Memphis 5c ⊕ 3 00
 Mobile 5c ⊕ 3 00
 1863 2c red-brown ⊕ 1 00
 "Ten" cents ○ 2 90

United States Proofs:
 On Bristol Board.
 1861 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c,
 30c, 90c 1 70
 1869 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c,
 30c, 90c 2 25
 1870-5 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 10c, 12c,
 15c, 24c, 30c, 90c. Unpaid 1 to 50c 2 50
 Agriculture complete 1 00
 Executive complete 1 20
 Interior complete 90
 Justice complete 1 60
 Navy complete 1 30
 Post Office complete (2 sets) .70; 60
 State 1c to 90c complete 1 50
 State \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 2 50
 Treasury complete 1 00
 War complete 80
 Newspaper 1875 2c to \$60 complete 3 75

FOREIGN.
 Brazil 1891 100c blue and red, head
 inverted ○ 1 40
 Canada ¼d imperf. ○ part o. g. 2 50
 Colombia 1892 10p blue ⊕ 2 00
 Antioquia 1883 2½c green laid paper ⊕ 5 00
 1890 2p black on carmine ○ 1 85
 Total for 584 lots, \$1728.65

It is perhaps well to state that in this sale we find quite a large number of single stamps that were listed without any particular description as to condition—other than a general one at the beginning of the list stating that such were "ordinary specimens". yet they brought in many instances 50 per cent. and over of catalogue.—ED.

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SECOND ISSUE.

Table listing various stamp denominations and prices, including 1c Blue and Black, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 5.00, 10.00, 20.00, 25.00, 50.00, 100.00, 200.00.

Inverted Medallion.

Table listing inverted medallion stamps: 50c Blue and Black, 1c black and claret, 2c orange, 4c brown, 5c orange, 6c orange, 15c brown, 30c orange, 40c brown, 60c orange, 70c green, 1.00 green, 1.50 green, 2.00 vermilion, 2.50 claret, 3.00 green, 5.00 vermilion, 10.00 green, 20.00 orange.

FOURTH ISSUE

Table listing 4th issue stamps: 2c black and orange on green.

FIFTH ISSUE.

Table listing 5th issue stamps: 2c blue, Rouletted, Silk, Wmk. \$0.25 1/2c.

SIXTH ISSUE—Playing Cards.

Table listing 6th issue stamps: 2c lake, \$0.08 \$0.04; 2c ultramarine, .05 .03.

PROPRIETARY STAMPS—1871-75.

Table listing proprietary stamps: 1c black and green, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 1.00, 5.00.

1878 Issue.

Table listing 1878 issue stamps: 1c green, 1c wave paper, 2c brown, 3c orange, 4c red, 4c red brown, 5c black, 6c blue, 6c violet, 10c blue.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, April 18th.

Mr. F. Bopp who has been representing the German Empire here as Vice-Consul for almost two years has been promoted to be Consul at Montreal.

We can commend him to the Montreal boys as an earnest philatelist and fine fellow and the best wishes of the Chicago Society follow him to his new home.

The C. P. S. Treasurer, Mr. F. J. Lefever, who has been confined to his house for the past four weeks with an attack of partial paralysis, is, I am glad to say, now able to get down town; and while he is still suffering a little, I hope will soon be as good as ever. Frank has had a narrow escape and is to be congratulated on getting off so easily as he has.

The boy collector who has been particularly active this past season, is now beginning to lose his interest to some extent and is transferring his affections (as will shortly his older brethren) to the wheel.

I do not remember a season for several years when so many of the younger element have been collecting.

Dealers here are very fearful that the war will have a depressing effect on the stamp trade, but I cannot see that it will injure business in general to any great extent. But as stamps are always regarded in the light of a luxury, it is very probable that our hobby will be among the first lines to suffer.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has moved back to his old stand at 75 State St., which he occupied for several years and which has for the past two years been occupied by Mr. F. Wendt.

Mr. Wolsieffer is still doing his mail order and auction business from 201 Clark St., but will shortly give up his offices there and conduct his entire business from the State St. store.

Mr. Wendt has left for Paris, France, so I am told.

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Wholesale Lots for Dealers

Table listing wholesale lots: Cyprus 1/2pi green, CA, used; 181 rose, CA, No. 21, used; 1/2pi green '86, No. 26, used; Newfoundland 3c slate, used; 3c lilac gray, used; 1c green, used; 1/2c black, unused o. g.; Cabot 1c & 2c, unused o. g.

Not less than 5 at to rate or 50 at 100 rate. All in good order. Cash with order and goods not satisfactory can be returned. Orders under 25c respectfully declined.

George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

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D. W. OSGOOD, Box 50, Pueblo, Colo.

Confederate States... On Original Covers.

Table listing Confederate States stamps on covers: Scott's No. 91 10c N.E. corner gone, on cover \$1.00 \$0.20; 99 Pair 5c London Print .30 .20; 100 5c Local .20 .12; 101 5c .20 .14; 105 10c, on cover. .25 .15; 106 10c, .50 .30; 111 10c, .10 .07; 112 10c, .15 .10; 117 10c, .25 .15.

Entire Envelopes.

Table listing entire envelopes: 1353 6c pink. .60 .30; 1451 5c .25 .12; 1706 2c black Wrapper. 1.00 .40; 1810 Postal Service. .70 .04; 1845 3c War, amber. .25 .10; 1862 1c Wrapper. .05 .03; 1301 3c " used. .25 .12; 1305 3c " .10 .04; 1310 3c " .25 .12; 1314 3c " .05 .02; 1350 3c " .05 .02; 1352 3c " .05 .02.

CUT SQUARE.

Table listing cut square stamps: 1464 5c on cream. 4.00 1.20; 1410 5c on white. .50 .15; 1483 6c on fawn. 2.00 .70.

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Phoenix Stamp Co., 8 June St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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WHOLE No. 259.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, April 25th.

Mr. Fred G. Ross of New York City writes me that he has severed his connection with the American Collectors Company of New York, thus resigning his position as Vice President and Director of that concern.

Mr. Ross states that as he is away from New York City about nine months in the year, he therefore cannot give any time to the affairs of the Company and in justice to both the Company and himself he deems it best that he resign his positions in order that they may be filled by some one who is on the scene of action all the time.

I made a nice little find last week. In a bundle of old Kellog (1884) envelopes, collected while they were current, I discovered a fine entire used copy of the 2c die B ("round bust") on white.

I know of no reason why I have kept this old stuff for fourteen years as the whole lot was worth little or nothing. But it sometimes pays to keep even common stuff. Another proof of this was my finding a very good copy of the 3 cent 1861 on laid paper among a hundred or so that I had had knocking around my desk for years. Not as good a stamp as the Kellog but just the same it was worth looking over a hundred common stamps to discover.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht was here last week and attended the C. P. S. meeting on Thursday evening.

He came out West in the interests of the American Souvenir Card Co. and reported a very pleasant and profitable trip.

I understand he regaled the boys at the meeting with many good philatelic tales and am only sorry I was not present to have heard them.

And now we will have another new issue of revenues and I believe it will stimulate the collecting of revenues as well as all other stamps in general,—that is if the war does not do up philately altogether, but I hardly think this will be the case.

In a special edition of the *Chicago Journal* of yesterday there was a picture and

article regarding a small Chicago lad named Aaron Garfinkel who is collecting stamps which he will sell and send the proceeds to the aid of the Cubans. The *Journal* dubs him "Cuba's Philatelic Friend."

Recent visitors have been Mr. A. L. Schuyler of Clinton, Iowa, and Mr. N. H. Withee of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Both of these gentlemen were in town last Saturday to attend Wolsieffer's auction.

Others who have been here in the last week were: Mr. O. C. Rasch, Cincinnati; Mr. P. G. March, Fern Bank, Ohio; and Dr. S. G. Caswell of Rock Island, Illinois.

Mr. Wolsieffer's twelfth sale, held last Saturday evening, brought out one of the largest crowds of the year and the bidding was particularly active on the floor as well as from the auction buyers' table.

Thirty-four of those present secured lots, and Mr. Wolsieffer alone held commissions from 135 parties.

The following lots brought \$5 or more each, or over catalogue:

Columbian Rep. 1881 50c No. 135,	2 00
○ full cat.	
Antioquia 1868 2½c No. 1 pin hole ○	25 25
Bolivar 1879 20c No. 13a off center ○	7 50
Cauca 1882 5c No. 2 ○	17 50
1883 5c No. 3 ○	6 05
Tolima 1870 10c No. 2 ○	7 05
1870 5c No. 5 ○	5 15
Col. Republic 1861 2½c No. 15 (cat. \$22.50)	23 15
1870 5c No. 82	5 25
Antioquia 1868 5c No. 2 cut close	23 55
1868 1p No. 4 crease	10 05
another cut close	7 90
" good copy	11 05
1875 5c No. 25	6 25
1875 5c No. 26	8 55
1878 10c No. 32 pin holed	21 75
1883 2½c No. 40	7 15
1883 5c No. 41	7 25
another, fair	5 55
Cundinamarca 1883 1p on 10c No. 12,	5 80
Col. Rep. 1872 2½c No. 79 pair ○	8 45
U. S. Agriculture ○ o. g. set	18 25
Justice 90c small tear	17 00
War Set in blocks of 4 ○ o. g.	8 00
Rhodesia 1891 8d No 6, sheet of 60 ○	19 00
Br. E. Af Nos. 26, 27, 28 (cat \$3.80) ○	3 50
Guadalajara 1868 2r No. 60 on o. c.	5 40
New York 5c pair on o. c. one torn	7 05
Baltimore Carrier 1c No. 806 on o. c.	5 65
Confederate 1863 2c fine on o. c.	6 25
TEN, strip of 3 ○ o. g.	8 25
Trinidad 1855 1d No. 12 on o. c.	17 15

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Pacific Northwestern Items.

Saturday, April 23rd.

The first annual meeting of the Portland Philatelic Club was held on Tuesday evening, April 5th, and proved to be one of the most successful gatherings of philatelists held in this vicinity. The following were elected officers for the next year: President, Dr. M. Fried; Vice President, C. H. Precededer; Treasurer, F. C. Drews; Secretary, L. A. McArthur; Auction Manager, W. L. MacMullin; Trustees, Mrs. M. V. Russell, D. M. Averill, H. Moeller.

Two new members were admitted, making the total membership at the close of the year fifteen. This is all first growth body fir, all dead timber having been eliminated several months ago.

After the routine business Mr. MacMullin rattled off the thirty-four lots of the Club's Sixth Sale at a very lively gait and showed that he was in his element while wielding the hammer. Prices realized were very fair, some revenues in strips coming very close to catalogue quotations.

Mr. Averill added to the enjoyment of the meeting by exhibiting a collection of Chinese stamps which he had recently acquired. We may not be in love with Chinese locals, but when seen in pairs, blocks and strips, new and used, they certainly make a very handsome display.

The Club's auctions are undoubtedly its "piece de resistance," as they are continually gaining in popularity, bidders from all sections of the country being represented at the sales.

Philatelic public sentiment in these parts seems to be very much in favor of the Omaha labels, in fact, it is hard to find anyone who has not a sneaking regard for them, while with the most it is quite open. The ethical standing of such an issue does not worry the collector hereabouts particularly. The stamps may be unnecessary, but what of that? As for the pronouncements of that ancient body of old fogies, the Society of the four S's, are the collectors of this free and independent country to submit to dictation? Are they not to collect whatever their sweet will chooses, be it wall paper or Waterlow issues? Seriously, however, I fear for the morals of the Northwestern collectors when the subject of speculative or unnecessary emission

is on the tapis, in fact, I sometimes doubt whether they have any.

Mr. F. C. Drews, the new Exchange Supt. of the Interstate Philatelic Association is meeting with well deserved success in his Department. The average sales of stamps in circulation are 25.1% to date, but this will no doubt be raised hereafter as many sheets of cheap stamps, too common to be bought singly, were put in circulation when the season opened. These have now been withdrawn and won't weary the spirit of the circuit member again. The results of Mr Drews' sales are especially gratifying at this time in view of the frequent assertions that the bottom has fallen out of the stamp business. Evidently there is still a demand for stamps if prices are right.

The 5c blue Grants have been on sale at the Post Office in Portland for about two weeks and collectors are making a rush for the plate numbers. The 1, 2, 4 and 5c Columbian adhesives and 5c envelopes were to be had at the Woodlawn Post Office, one of Portland's suburbs, a short time ago.

The President of the I. P. A., Mr. H. L. Geary, is getting quite a reputation as a globe trotter. While his headquarters are in Seattle, he may be expected anywhere. He swooped down on us quite unexpectedly on Easter Sunday and by this time is probably returning from a visit to the Twin Cities of Minnesota.

Even in the Klondike doth the stamp man reign. Mr. D. E. Brown, of Fort Townsend, Wash., was successful in crossing the passes and found on the other side, not a fortune as yet, but a philatelist from San Francisco. Of course, the usual discussion of matters philatelic ensued.

Messrs. D. M. Averill & Co., the Morrison St. dealers, (Portland), have moved from their old location up to the Marquam Building, where they have larger quarters at their disposal.

VERITAS.

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

YELLOWS.

About the right name for the postage due stamps of Chili.

Just received a fine lot, and can offer a limited quantity only as follows:

- 1c to 1p complete (12 pieces) cancelled..... \$3.50
1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20c, unused..... 1.00
40c unused..... .75
50c, 60c, 80c, unused..... 3.50
1 peso, unused..... 2.00

These stamps are rare, unused, 100 centavos; of these only 800 were made. I have one new and one used which I offer, each, for \$7.50.

W. F. GREGORY,

71 Nassau St., Room 4, NEW YORK.

Chicago Philatelic Society.

851 Marquette Building.

- L. H. MILLER, President.
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The 271st regular meeting of the Society held April 7th, was called to order by President L. H. Miller.

Present, Messrs. Massoth, Michael, Miller, Pierce, Schlieckert, Severn, Smack, Sonntag and Wolsieffer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Upon balloting, Messrs. Hartman, Schlieckert and Smack were unanimously elected to active membership Nos. 449, 450 and 451 respectively

The Governing Board approved the application of Mr. A. H. Nelson for active membership and ordered it posted.

The resignations of Messrs. Dahlberg and Morgenthau were accepted.

After recess the meeting adjourned at 9 45 p. m.

C. E. SEVERN, Secretary pro tem.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Wanted, a camera (loaded) with finder, for same will give "Happy Days" No. 1 to 182. Papers are in excellent condition. Also stamps for outfit. Write Wm. Hoffman, Jr., 393 Case Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. *

Will exchange rare U. S. Postage, Revenues, Departments &c., for Foreign Postage or almost any kind U. S. in fine condition, cat. 10c and up, allowing you 50% to 60%. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., New York. [60]

A slightly used printing-press, 6x8 platen, revolving ink-plate, and good assortment of type; costing with accessories about \$30.00, suitable for printing small paper; for best offer U. S. or Foreign Stamps. G. D. Cabot, 126 W. 48th St., New York City.

Will give a 12c State in good condition for "Kombi" Kokak complete. Send particulars inclosing stamp for reply. Other good stamps to exchange for any old thing. Harold S. Lewis, Unadilla, N. Y.

I will exchange U. S. and Foreign stamps for "records" for a National Gramophone. Also have stamps to trade for anything. Write what you have to offer. Lawrence J. Ickes, 309 1/2 Perry St., Davenport, Iowa.

Sheets of 20 drug store Revenues, all different, cat. \$3.16, for same value in U. S. or Foreign from sheets, my choice. Dallas M. Keppel, Tiffin, Ohio.

Will exchange ancient Copper coins over 2000 years old for every 50 Beer or Cigarette stamps sent me. Windom Stamp Co., Box 440, Windom, Minn. [60]

I have a Columbian Cyclopaedia, costs \$65.00, Chambers' Encyclopaedia, cost \$25.00, Dr. Johnson's edition of Shakespeare in 7 vols., cost \$22.00; will exchange any or all for U. S. Revs., Match or Med. Good books for good stamps. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61]

Will give five good philatelic papers for each old copper penny sent me. Good value given. What papers do you need? Double action revolver for pennies also. Judson N. Burton, Madison, New York. [59]

During the last five years I have subscribed for all the good stamp papers and have accumulated a large number and I will give ten papers for every copy of the following magazines sent me: Munsey's, McClure's, Cosmopolitan, Harper's, Century, Scribner's; any number taken. Write me. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. Will trade back if unsatisfactory. Splendid value given. [61]

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio. [67]

Good Exchange. I will give fine exchange from books in either U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonials and good Foreign, for U. S. Revenues which I can use. Only copies in fine, perfect condition wanted. Particularly desire 5c Proprietary, 25c Bond and Warehouse Receipt, 50c Probate of Will, and any \$10; also 1, 3, 4, 6 and 15c Second Issue; 6, 15 and 30c Third Issue and others. Write what you have. Also want any Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Colonies. Write me. Fine exchange and fair treatment assured. Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. [25214]

Any person having files or odd numbers of Arena, Forum, or North American Review can get good exchange in magazines, stamps or stamp papers. Send for my want list of magazines. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

I sell choice stamps 60% to 70% below Scott. My bargain list costs you a postal. I may save you many a dollar. C. B. MERRILL, 130 West 14th St., New York.

Original covers are the coming rage. Have complete line U. S. and Confederate States, some rare Confederate Locals. Send us your want list while they last. WINDOM STAMP CO., Box 440, Windom, Minn. [60]

Wanted, high grade fishing reel, Kentucky make preferred, for U. S. stamps in exchange. DR. CHAS. GEUDTNER, 1026 Evanston Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Look through a drug store and see if you can find any M. and M. stamps—but for 25c I'll send you a packet containing 7 to 11 varieties, and cataloguing 50c, post free. WM. OLIVER SEMPLE, 114 So. Bank St., Easton, Pa.

Wanted. Complete set Agriculture used or unused, fine condition. Must be cheap. Address, 1166 E. Madison Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Wanted. Cash or exchange. Common U. S. except 2c by 100 or 1000 in good condition & cheap. W. W. MacLaren, 682 E. of Minn. Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

U. S. 50c orange '95, only 9c. Dealers, 14 copies \$1. 50 varieties U. S. 25c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Send reference and ask for sheets at 60 and 75 % discount. Will give 80% in exchange for your duplicates, stamps cataloguing 25c given with first order, if you purchase 50c worth. ALLEN KOCH, Box 347, Conshohocken, Pa.

100 blank Approval Sheets, 30 cts. With printed Heading 50 cts. Royal Stamp Co., Norwalk, Conn.

War on United States! Yes, our prices are sure war.—Read: 1883 4c, per 100 \$ 888. 4c, per 100 \$ 8c; Rev. 2c orange, per 100 \$c; Mexico, per 100 \$ 16c; Egypt, per 100 \$ 2c; Canada Reg. green 5c, per 100 \$c; 1000 U. S. 7c. Send quick! Stamps bought and sold. JUDSON N. BURTON, Madison, New York. [59]

Match and Medicine Stamps

Largest Stock in New York.

- PACKETS:
X. 15 varieties Match, cat. \$0.82, for \$0.30
XI. 15 " Medicine, " 1.84, " .60
XII. 20 " " " 3.60, " 1.25
XIII. 7 " Play Cards " .78, " .25
The four packets, 57 var. " 7.04, " 2.25

Want Lists Solicited. Send for selection, with reference. Approval Books Ready. M. C. BERLEPSCH, Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

DIRECTORY.

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. W. K. MIX, U. S. Postage & Revenues—Wholesale and Retail. 69 John Street, Bridgeport, Conn.

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bution which alone made the present victory possible, I am,
Faithfully yours,
JOHN W. SCOTT.

Following the above communication was a report of the counsel and transcript of the Judge's decision printed in circular form.
Yours truly,
JOE F. BEARD.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, April 23rd, 1898.
1,082 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Apr. 16th, valued at \$40,725.39
31 books received since Apr. 16th, valued at \$762.87
\$41,488.26
10 books retired since April 16th valued at 342.57
Total number of books in circulation 1,103 valued at \$41,145.69

There is a great demand for Match and Medicine stamps, U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, also U. S. and Foreign unperforated in pairs and blocks. Members having any of the above stamps, would do well to put them in circulation through our Sales Department.
GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

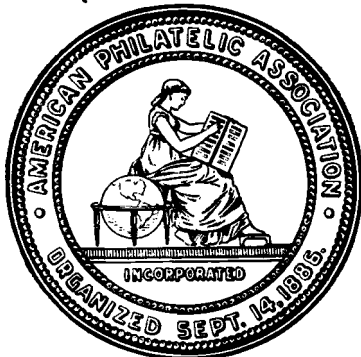
Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
* POSTAGE & STAMPS. *
411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.
February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [14]

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.,
LIMITED,
18 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y.
Novelties at Low Prices.

THE SET

Porto Rico, 1898, 1, 2, 3, 5m.....	\$.05
" 1898, 1, 2, 3, 6, 8c.....	.35
" 1890, 10, 15, 20, 40c.....	1.20
Philippine Islands, 1898, 1, 2, 3, 5m..	.05
" " 1898, 1, 2, 3, 6, 8c ..	.35
" " 1898, 10, 15, 20, 40c.	1.20
Nicaragua, 1896, 1c to 2 pesos, 9 varieties	.50
" 1896, official, 1c to 5 pesos, 9 varieties .....	.50
Nicaragua, 1896, unpaid, 1c to 50c, 7 varieties.....	.50

Vasco da Gama Issue.
Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis65
Africa, 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis .65
Azores, 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis .65
Macao, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 24 avos .. .65
Madeira, 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis .65
Portuguese India, 1½, 4½, 6, 9 reis, 1, 2, 4, 8 tangas65
Timor, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 24 avos .. .65
These are considered a speculative issue.
Postage due on orders under \$1.00.



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 23rd.

New Stockholders.

1512. ARTER, THEODORE J., Cr. Standard Oil Company, No. 1 Works, Cleveland, Ohio.
1513. CRAIGER, SHERMAN M., Linden, Montgomery Co., Md.
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Changes of Addresses.

526. BATCHELDER, A. W., from 265 to 292 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
1141. BRADLEY, ROY B., from Abilene to 125 Franklin St., Waco, Texas.
1151. CARPENTER, ERNEST M., from 265 to 292 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
1495. CHAPMAN, HENRY A., from Hartford to Box 72, Rockyhill, Conn.

1139. McCULLOCH, R. A., from 5 W. 83rd St. to 258 W. 73rd St., New York City.

240. STILSON, E. S., from 510 S. Figueroa St., to 1234 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, Cal.

1321. WICKS, GEO. H., from 1514 Columbia Av., to 2027 Ridge Av., Philadelphia, Pa

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report 695
Added since 3
Present membership 698
JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The following communication will explain itself:
40 John St., NEW YORK CITY,
April 21, 1898.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:
Dear Sirs: I beg to inform you that the case of the United States against the Walter S. Scott Stamp Company has at length been brought to trial, and that our efforts have been crowned with success, the Judge having found for us on every point named.

I herewith submit you the report of our counsel and a transcript of the Judge's decision. On the expiration of the sixty days which the government has in which to appeal, I shall render a full account of receipts and expenses.

Thanking you for your generous contri-

REVENUES at 50% & 75% off Cat.
 2c Play. Cards perf. pair on orig., very fine color, \$2.25
 2-cent Playing Cards orange, perf., each..... .40
 2-cent Certificate orange, perf., each..... .20
 2-cent Bank Check, blue, part perf., each 7c, per 10 .50
 2-cent Certificate, blue, imp., each 10c, per 10... .75
 5-cent Express, red, part perf., each 5c, per 10... .40
 5-cent Certificate, red, part perf., each 5c, per 10 .40
 Cash must accompany all orders. Orders above 25 cents send Money Order, not stamps. **HARRY L. STORKE, JR.,** 143 North St., Auburn, N. Y.

HAVE YOU
 SENT FOR MY APPROVAL SHEETS?
 They are filled with just the stamps you want.
 Discounts 50% and 60%.
 I am giving a set of 3 stamps to all who answer this ad.
JOHN J. OESCH,
 34 Wabash Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.
 Be sure and mention the ERA.

MICHIGAN STAMP CO., Fennville, Mich.
 Nice U.S. in books at 50¢. Send reference.
 Good foreign on sheets at 60 and 66% discount.
 The 2 Stamps in good condition for 15c
 Catalogue value..... 45c
 Paragary 5 on 7c Prov..... 10c
 Bolivar 40c 1882..... 35c

WE WANT TO BUY
Collections of Stamps for Cash.
 We are not looking for snaps but are willing to pay fair prices on single stamps or collections. If you have anything to offer, send it to us with your lowest price. If we can use it we will remit cash by return mail or return stamps at our expense. [17c]

Chesapeake Stamp Co.,
 230 E. Balto. St., Baltimore, Md.

PLATE NUMBERS
 2c Plate Numbers from 170 to 525 at 10c per Plate. 1c Plates, blue, from 110 to 455, only 6c per Plate.
HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.
 NATHAN CORE & Co.

Try My 18c Packet.
 + 115 VARIETIES +
 Many unused, Asia, Africa and Australia, also Cuba, Porto Rico, Hayti (unused) U. S. Dept. (cat. 5c) etc., price only 18c post free. **W. P. TODD,** Morristown, N. J. [59c]

CASH.

We Buy Stamps and Collections and for desirable ones will pay liberal prices. Send on your lots with lowest price and if reasonable we will remit at once.

The TROJAN STAMP CO.,
 TROY, OHIO.
 Reference, First National Bank. [60c]

1,000,000

* STAMPS FOR SALE CHEAP. *
 At expense of purchaser:
 10,000..... \$1.00
 25,000..... 2.25
 50,000..... 4.00
 100,000..... 7.50
 If sent by mail postage is 3 cts. per 1000.
 1000 by mail postpaid... 18 cents.
W. F. GREGORY,
 71 Nassau St., Room 4, NEW YORK.

THREE.
Three Good Things
 as long as they last. Only a limited quantity to sell at these prices.
 Canada Envelope, 1860 10c brown, entire, unused only..... \$3.10
 Centennial (U. S.) envelope 1876 3c red, entire, unused only..... .50
 U. S. envelope 1834 2c red, entire, unused (retouched) on fawn round "O" in TWO, only 1.60
 POSTPAID! POSTPAID! POSTPAID!
 DO } Wolsteffer's Approval Cards?
 YOU } Left Page Stock Books
 USE } Wolsteffer's Blank Album?
P. M. Wolsteffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.
THREE. **THREE.**

same as the Columbians, namely 2 20 by 3-40 cm. The sheets will only contain 100 stamps.

Revenue collectors may soon expect a new series to be added to their collections. The war funds are expected to be considerably augmented by the revenue tax on documents of all kinds.

The first shipment of the smaller size postal cards bearing portrait of John Adams was made about April 6th. On 16th inst. the first printing of 1 cent reply cards was made, but the cards for foreign correspondence will not be required for some time to come. The Bureau engravers are responsible for the poor workmanship in engraving our present postal-card issue, but it is rumored that hereafter the contractor will be authorized to have their own engravings made.

The envelope contract for the coming four years has again been awarded to the Purcell Company who will undertake the manufacturing themselves and not sublet the contract to the Plimpton and Morgan Company. They are now thoroughly equipped with a new plant and able to do their own work. It is stated that they will use the same knives as they did formerly which now distinguish the Holyoke issue. The number of varieties will be greatly curtailed and it is probable that oriental buff, manila and amber manila paper will be no longer used. Changes may also be made in colors to conform with the postage stamps of same denominations.

The new commemorative sets of the Portuguese Colonies are making their appearance in the Department mails. They are beautiful engravings.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip has directed the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prepare, subject to requisition by the Post Office Department, the following postage stamps of the trans-Mississippi series: 1 cent, 100,000,000; 2 cent, 200,000,000; 4 cent, 5,000,000; 5 cent, 10,000,000; 8 cent, 2,000,000; 10 cent, 5,000,000; 50 cent, 500,000; \$1, 50,000; \$2, 50,000; total, 322,600,000

THE DEVIL
 Is now actively engaged in sprucing up his foreign language, cleaning out the furnace and getting everything in readiness for a large influx of summer boarders from Spain. War and rumors of war fill the atmosphere, but as long as we are able to hustle while we have the legs, the chances of a Spanish bomb hitting us with any effect are reduced to a minimum.
 Prices on **CANADIAN REVENUES** are now reduced to a minimum. Send for our Catalogue, 10c.

LEWIS ROBIE,
 208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.
 Look out for "STAMP HUNTING"!

TREASURY
 90c Used, Cat. \$1.00..... 45c
WANT LISTS.
 Kindly send us your Want List. Our selection is large and we can please you sure when you send your list. If in trading with us you are pleased don't be afraid to tell us, if displeased tell us so we can correct the errors.

STAMP CO. Coldwater, Mich.

Match & Medicine
 35 varieties, Catalogue \$2.00..... \$0.50
 40 " " " 3.00..... .75
 50 " " " 4.00..... 1.00
 60 " " " 5.00..... 1.50
 We have been picking up these desirable stamps for the past three years and have an elegant assortment.
 SEND WANT LISTS. [58c]
Royal Exchange Stamp Co., Winona, Minn.

\$200.00 Per Day
 Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face
 50c to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
 \$2 " 15% " " "
 We are buying these stamps to use for postage and can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly on the day of receipt. [17c]
P. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
 652 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Thursday, April 28th.

For the last two evenings we have had auction sales, supposed to be the last of the season. Although some say that it was a fairly good sale, it all depends upon how one looks at it. Taking catalogue prices for a basis, I should call it a very poor sale. I will give a few of the prices which good copies brought: 3c pink 1861, very fine, sold for \$2.75; 5c yellow, fine, used, for \$4.00; 30c, unused, finely centered, for \$1.00; 6c 1869, very fine, unused copy, for \$1.60; 90c carmine, perfect, o. g. American print, for \$2.25; 25 copies, 1890, 30c, unused o. g., sold for 25 cents each; \$5, unwatermarked, 1894, unused, o. g., sold for \$4.00; 5c Newspaper, 1867, unused, sold for 60 cents; unused set of Agriculture sold for \$14.50; 90c Justice, fine, used copy, little off center, sold for \$15.00; 90c State, unused, for \$7.50; used, for \$4.25; \$20 State, unused, o. g., fine, reserved at \$25.00, was not sold as no bid was received as high as \$25.00. A fine collection of Peru of 885 stamps, said to be worth full catalogue value which was \$177.55, sold for \$37.00; Antigua 1sh, fine, used, for \$3.00; 1 pound Bahamas, unused, o. g., fine, for \$2.25. How is this for price? On the other hand a 1c grey Belgium, 1867, sold for \$1.10; Gambia stamps, recently current, brought from 30 to 60 per cent. over face; Newfoundland, 8d, scarlet, unused, very fine, \$3.00; New South Wales, 8d, No. 54, fine copy, mammoth margins on 3 sides, sold for \$17.75; 10sh, unused, o. g., 1885, No. 105, sold for \$2.00; Nova Scotia, 12 1/2c, unused pair, sold for 70 cents each; a collection of U. S. stamps, none later than 1893, good condition, many unused, catalogued at \$126.27, sold for \$20.00; a collection of U. S. revenues, 141 varieties, good condition, catalogued at \$95.00 sold for \$10.25.

The stamp business in Boston is very dull. There is a considerable demand for the late issue of Cuban stamps and there does not seem to be any in the market. I have been shown this week the new issue of Portugal and Colonies. The stamps are somewhat similar in design in most of the

values to our Columbian issue, and are very attractive. As this is a commemorative set, I suppose it will be taboed by some.

S. E. L.

A Newspaper Clipping.

Second Annual Convention

OF THE TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The second annual convention of the Texas Philatelic Association was held in New Braunfels Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday. Mr. Oscar Janasch of Waco, was elected president pro tem. After the routine business of the convention was transacted the election of officers was held, resulting as follows: President, Otto Staerker; Vice Presidents, H. G. Askew and Roy B. Bradley; Secretary, Edward W. Heusinger; Treasurer, Emil Gerlich; Supt. of Sales, A. Richter; Board of Trustees, Nelt. Mackey, Jr., and John G. Roth.

After a lively debate Austin was selected as the seat for holding the third annual convention, which will be held in April of next year, probably on San Jacinto day. It is understood from local Philatelists that Waco will enter the race for the convention in 1900.

The *Lone Star State Philatelist*, published at Waco, was selected as the official journal for the ensuing year by an almost unanimous vote.

During the convention a photograph of the members was taken. The new Braunfels members deserve thanks of all for the warm hospitality and favors shown the visiting delegates, and the second annual convention will always remain a tender spot in the memories of all who were fortunate enough to be present.—*Telephone*, Waco, Texas, Monday, April 25.

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Official Reports. April, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 16, 1898.

Mr. L. K. Anderson of Spartanburg, S. C., having declined to act as Librarian of this Society, members will please send in nominations for a librarian.

Below is text for proposed change in

Article V. Section 5 of the Constitution as approved by the Official Board. Postal cards will be sent to each member of the Association that a mail vote may be taken on the proposed change.

Proposed change in Constitution Section 5 of Article V. which now reads: "to accept all stamps offered him" to be changed to read "to accept such stamps as he may deem advisable to place on circuit."

F. E. NEWBURY, Sec'y.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

All papers are April issues unless otherwise noted.

Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. VIII. No. 4.
Ewen's Weekly Circular, No. 27.

Filatelie Facts and Fallacies, March, Vol. VI. No. 6 (66).

Internationales Briefmarken Offert-enblatt, Vol. VII. No. 187.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XI. No. 16 (381).

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 2.

New York Philatelist, Vol. IV. No. 1.
Perforator, Vol. II. No. 2.

Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXIV. No. 4 (280).

Stamp Collectors' Figaro, March, Vol. I. No. 4.

Stamps (New York), March, Vol. II. No. 6.

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, March, Vol. VIII. No. 93.

Texan Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 2 (49).

The account of the German field post during the war of 1870-1 is the leading article in the *Briefmarken Sammler*. It is not yet finished and covers the ground in a very thorough manner.

Ewen's Weekly Circular states that a recent notice of the values of official stamps kept in stock omits mention of the 4½ pence. This is not needed since the reduction of the parcel post rates. The O. W. stamps are also said to be obsolete. Several items of interest in regard to railway letter fee stamps are given.

Filatelie Facts and Fallacies presents the best number I have seen for many months. The leading article is devoted to a full account of the history of the first issue of United States periodical stamps. Extracts from the law are given, and the whole matter is thoroughly dealt with. A comparison of prices of these stamps at some eight different dates between 1876 and 1898 shows what a rapid increase there has been in them.

One can always find matter of interest in the Inquiry department of the *Weekly Stamp News*. The use of such low values as the milesima values of Cuba, Puerto Rico etc., are fully explained in the number for April 21. Think of sending a 3 ounce newspaper anywhere in Cuba or Puerto Rico or from one to the other for the infinitesimal sum of one tenth of a cent and that in a depreciated silver currency. Philatelic papers ought to flourish with such cheap rates of postage! But why is it we see so few used specimens of these stamps?

While the second number of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* is not quite so large as the initial one it is by no means any poorer. The notes from all over the country are there as well as a good chronicle. Subscriptions are reported to be rolling in at a rapid rate.

The *New York Philatelist* commences its fourth volume with the current number. A portrait and sketch of John F. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y., forms the leading article. The enumeration of some of the good things in his collection is simply aggravating to us poor mortals who have none such. The other side of the "Revenue and Telegraph Stamps Used for Postage" is given by Veritas in reply to the article in the February issue.

John Warren Stowell of Federalsburg, Maryland, has purchased the *Perforator* and will issue it hereafter with only slight changes in the staff. His portrait adorns the first page. R. W. Ashcroft proposes certain changes in the designs of the United States stamps and suggests the following: 1 cent, White House; 2 cent, Niagara Falls; 3 cent, Capitol at Washington; 4 cent, Statue of Liberty; 5 cent, Pres. McKinley; 6 cent, Brooklyn Bridge; 8 cent, scene from the "Midway"; 10 cent, Pikes Peak; 15 cent, Golden Gate; 50 cent, a locomotive; 1 dollar, a buffalo; 2 dollar, cruiser New York or Columbia; 5 dollar, Washington's tomb. All to be in two colors and the 5 cent value to be changed with the accession of each new president. But, Ralph, did you know it was against the law to print the portrait of any living person on any of the securities of this great and glorious country? Fact. It was once proposed to print Grant's picture on some of our bank notes but he objected so strongly that the law was passed by Congress as above stated.

The *Philatelic Monthly* goes for a recent article in *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies* which called the \$2 and \$5 stamps unnecessary and speculative. On any European mail day packages varying in number from ten to one hundred or more will be presented at the registry window of the New York Post Office franked with stamps amounting to from \$10 to \$50 each. Seeing is believing.

It has been so long since a copy of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro* has been received that I had begun to think it had given up the ghost. The contents are largely reprints, a list of prices from Sterling's 1884 catalogue being the principal other article.

Stamps (New York) is as full as ever of good original papers written by young collectors but by no means uninteresting to

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old ones. Borneo, Bahamas, Congo, Ceylon, Trinidad, birds, and the palm tree are the subjects this month. Although the cover is yellow the contents are not.

Donald A. King has a very interesting article in the *Monthly Journal* on the Canadian Jubilee stamps in which he gives the full history of these labels with especial attention to the charges that the dollar values were unnecessary. Mr. King was and may still be employed in the Halifax Post Office, and what he says about the need of such values for actual postal uses is therefore the results of his own observations in an office which has an enormous export trade and consequently a correspondingly large foreign mail. The remarks made in the review of the *Philatelic Monthly* will apply equally here. As to the manner in which the stamps were sold I do not pretend to agree with him.

Some extracts of postal rates in the year 1739 in England and the colonies, etc., form a very interesting chapter.

The *Texan Philatelist* has an article on the British revenue stamps of 1765 for the American colonies. The description of the stamps is not exactly correct as it so happens that the illustration in Sheldon Barns History is that of an English stamp and not the special one for the colonies. I am some-



what interested in this subject myself and have been some years preparing an account of the Stamp Act and its reception in the colonies and have secured the annexed cut to illustrate my article when it is ready.

The stamp described in the last half of the article is simply a patent medicine stamp used about the commencement of this century. They are similar to our own medicine stamps except that the designs are all the same. There were several issues of them, the first being in 1783 and they were printed in black. There are 10 varieties in each sheet.

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For the WEEKLY ERA.

More U. S. Revenues.

By the new war revenue bill recently introduced in Congress, collectors are promised a new series of revenue stamps similar in character to those called forth by the civil war. In fact the rates of taxation on documents etc., are practically the same as those set forth in that law. From a careful perusal of the bill I should judge that quite a variety of values will be needed to meet the requirements of the act. The following rates of taxation are mentioned as applicable to different legal papers, and other objects which are to be taxed by means of adhesive stamps: 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70 cents, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20. And in addition proprietary taxes of 1, 2, 3, 4 cents with an increase of 2 cents on each 50 cents increase in the price over and above one dollar. Section seven of the act also permits proprietors of patent medicines etc., to furnish their own dies or designs for stamps which of course means more private proprietaries to collect. Carry the news to Robie!

Of course the bill may not pass in exactly the shape it is now in, but the probabilities are that by June 1 we shall have our new stamps ready to use. Hope they will not use the old dies.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

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Regular advertising rates will prevail and an advertisement is bound to pay if the advertiser has the right kind of an announcement.

If YOU have ever tried our Specials and are still desirous of increasing your business, it is unnecessary for us to say more; but, if you haven't, then you ought to send us a trial ad. Look at our Specials of past months and see the extent of their popularity.

All Copy for May Special Must be in On or Before Wednesday, the 18th.

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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1898.

WHOLE No. 260.

JOE F. BEARD

Died Friday, May 6, at 8 A. M.

News of the death of Mr. Joe F. Beard, the secretary of the American Philatelic Association, reached us Saturday forenoon, and was at first hard to believe as we had just received a letter from him and, although being in close correspondence with him, we were not aware that he was even sick. The cause of his death we have not yet learned.

Joe Beard as he was commonly known both locally and by his correspondents throughout the nation, was born in Salineville, Columbiana county, Ohio, February 29th, 1852, and is therefore 46 years old. He moved to Muscatine in 1856 and has been associated with the Fire Department of that city ever since, being its Chief at the time of his death.

By trade he was a printer, having worked in every position from devil to editor, and having served as foreman on the *Journal and Tribune*, two of the leading papers of Muscatine.

He has been closely identified with philately for many years and has a world-wide reputation as an enthusiastic collector and a prompt and business-like dealer. Mr. Beard was elected secretary of the American Philatelic Association at the eleventh annual convention, held at Minnetonka Beach, Minn., in August, 1896, and filled the duties of the position in a highly satisfactory manner up to his last day.

He was only recently married, and his early death will be a sad blow to his wife, who will have the heart-felt sympathies of the entire stamp collecting fraternity in this hour of affliction.

EDITOR.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, May 3rd.

The stamp business here shows an improvement over the last few weeks. There is more or less demand for stamps of Spain and colonies, especially the Philippine Islands and Cuba. None of the dealers seem to have a very big stock of these stamps, and they are bringing good prices.

Several of our importers have tried to obtain these stamps, but owing to recent rulings of the post office department all letters to Spain and colonies are not forwarded, but are returned to the writers. A great many of the collectors are now trying to complete their sets of Spanish stamps. It is surprising to see how many of the collectors there are who neglect to purchase certain stamps until they have to pay a fancy price for them. One of them was heard to remark that when stamps are easy to be obtained he did not care for them; but when he had to hunt all around to obtain a certain stamp he rather enjoyed it, and did not care anything about the price asked.

I understand that the committee on entertainment for this month's meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society have arranged for a pleasant entertainment, consisting of a talk by one of the members on his former travels in Europe, and a display of philatelic treasures by a well known collector, and at the conclusion refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, will be served.

If Commodore Dewey was an up-to-date philatelist, we might have some Philippine stamps surcharged U. S. A. The above is written supposing that the head-lines seen in newspaper row are correct. As the leading stamp offices are situated near newspaper row, many of the collectors find it interesting to watch the bulletin boards daily.

Up to date none of the New Zealand stamps have made their appearance in Boston, as all of our importers sent their orders to New Zealand, not knowing that they were to be Seebeckized in London.

The Vasco de Gama commemorative set of Portugal seems to be meeting with general approval. I do not know whether it will be listed in the new catalogue or not. Listing certain stamps depends a great deal on whether the makers of the catalogue have a chance to make a deal with the promoters of the set or not. The Greek Olympian Game set was listed in the catalogue, and there never was a more speculative issue or a bigger fraud put upon the philatelic public than the listing of these stamps, that is, if it is a fraud to list any

speculative or commemorative stamps. I have always claimed that the St. Antonio issue of Portugal was more worthy to be listed than the Olympian Game set.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, May 3rd.

The Bureau has been printing 3 cent stamps, using the new set of plates Nos. 447 to 450.

A party in Detroit, calling himself "Merchandise Broker and Manufs. Agent" has been writing to dealers here requesting large selections of rare stamps on approval. We believe him to be a fraud from information received.

It is not generally known that the U. S. ever surcharged any of its postage stamps, however such is the case. A Western postmaster ran out of one cent Postage Due stamps in October, 1895, and pending the arrival of a new requisition had "Postage Due 1 cent" printed twice vertically across the 2 cent Due which were subsequently cut in half and used as one cent stamps. We have seen three of these stamps which bear the date Oct. 11th, 12th, 1895, and were undoubtedly used in the regular way, being affixed on circular matter addressed and re-directed to parties who had removed to Jefferson, Iowa. Upon request the postmaster has furnished the following statement:

[COPY.]

F. R. MCCARTHY, Postmaster. W. C. HULSE, Deputy.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE.

JEFFERSON, IOWA, Feby. 12, 1898.

To Whom it may concern:

This is to certify that about the 6th day of October, 1895, my supply of one cent postage due stamps was exhausted. I had made requisition for a new supply and expected them daily, and pending their arrival had a local printer print "Postage Due 1 Cent" on a few half two cent due stamps and these half stamps I used on matter requiring one cent due stamps until arrival of one cent due stamps. Not more than twenty of these one half stamps were used, as I only had thirty printed and had about a dozen left, when the new supply arrived, after which the half stamps were not used. I am not a stamp dealer or collector; know

nothing about it and am not in any way interested in it.

Yours,
(Signed) F. R. McCARTHY,
Postmaster, Jefferson, Ia.

These stamps may in time to come be classed among the rarest of all U. S. and are as much worthy of recognition as many colonials now catalogued at marvelous prices.

LOU PAYN'S CONTRACT HELD UP.

POSTMASTER GENERAL SMITH MAY ADVERTISE FOR NEW PROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Lou Payn, of New York, is on the anxious seat. The contract awarded by Postmaster General Gary the day before he resigned to Lou Payn's company to furnish about \$2,000,000 worth of stamped envelopes has not been signed, and Payn is apprehensive that it will not be.

It was with great reluctance that Postmaster General Gary awarded the contract to the Payn company, and he was glad to escape responsibility for such action by leaving the signing of the contract to his successor, Charles Emory Smith.

The new Postmaster General has indicated by the delay in executing this contract a repugnance to having it put into effect, and he will not sign it until thoroughly satisfied that Payn's concern, the

Purcell Envelope Company, of Holyoke, Mass., is fully prepared and equipped to carry out to the letter the requirements of the contract.

Versatile as Lou Payn is in resources, it is believed that he will have great difficulty in satisfying Postmaster General Smith that his company should receive the fat contract.

When asked about the affair today, the Postmaster General informed the *World* correspondent that the contract had not been signed, and that he would follow his usual business custom of examining thoroughly into the contract before he would sign it.

In the Post Office Department the impression prevails that Postmaster General Smith will refuse to make a contract with the Purcell Envelope Company, and that all the influence that Lou Payn and Senator Thomas C. Platt can bring to bear will be insufficient to prevent the Postmaster General from rejecting all bids and re-advertising for new proposals.—*N. Y. World*.

The Editor's Shears.

THEIR CORRECT STATUS.

While we ourselves have been as strongly opposed as it was possible to be to the contemplated issue of Omaha, or Trans-Mississippi Exposition stamps, which our government intends to foist upon the public in the near future, we must protest against the expressions used in regard to this issue by the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps. We ourselves agree with the view that there is no excuse for this issue but we must decidedly disagree with the last sentence contained in the edict in regard to these stamps, issued by the Society, which states that they are issued mainly for the purpose of sale to collectors and speculators. The exercise of ordinary common sense should certainly convince the Society that the government of the United States is superior to such considerations and that, while from the standpoint of postal necessities the contemplated issue is inexcusable, the purpose of its appearance can be only the commemoration of an event, and not the speculative purpose imputed.—*American Journal of Philately*.

CUBAN POST OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Eben Brewer of Pittsburg has been appointed by the Postmaster General a special agent of the department to establish a postal service in the Cuban ports first occupied by the United States. The service will cover not only the army mails for troops ordered to Cuba, but business mail of the ordinary character for the territory temporarily under the authority of our army.—*Boston Daily*.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A special meeting of the O. C. P. S. was called to order at 8.20 p. m. at 191 Westminister St., Providence, R. I., April 7th.

Secretary's report read and accepted, the Treasurer's report being the same as at last meeting.

Several bills were read and approved and the motion made and carried that the Society pay the balance, due on the supper, of \$2.50.

Mr. G. A. Round was appointed auctioneer to serve later in the evening.

Mr. G. H. Hope was appointed clerk.

The application of Mr. A. C. Chase, East Providence, was read and recommended. Meeting adjourned at 9.15 p. m.

The above meeting was followed by a collation which had been very tastefully prepared and it was evident that the Providence members had done not a little towards making it pleasant for those who attended from out of town and it was very much appreciated by them.

The auction sale which followed was full of snap and very interesting. It was run until a late hour in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD PAINÉ,
Sec'y.

Special.

BOSTON, May 9.

An importation of the new issue of New Zealand stamps received today shows an error in the 2½d blue: Lake Wakatipu is spelled "Wakitipu." There is also an inscription at the bottom of the stamp, "Mt. Earnslaw." The color of the stamp is a blue green. Those received from London last week have the name of the lake spelled correctly, and in place of Mt. Earnslaw are the words "Postage and Revenue."

S. E. L.

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Revenues, nearly everything.
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Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

A CORRECTION.

NEWTON, MASS., May 6th, 1898.

DEAR SIR:

I notice in your Boston letter that the 20d State was not sold at Drew's last sale as no higher bid was received than \$25.00 (Reserve Price).

Please correct that statement. The stamp was withdrawn for other reasons although over \$30.00 was bid on it by mail. (I examined the stamp before the sale and know whereof I speak.)

F. E. SMITH.

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Official Reports. May, 1898.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT RULES.

All members participating in the Exchange Department must comply with the following rules.

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2 Members desiring to have their names placed on circuit must advise the Exchange Manager and receive from him a supply of printed envelopes to be used in forwarding Exchange Books. Envelopes for sale 1 cent each, 10 cents per dozen.

3 Should a blank space be found it is the member's duty to notify the one preceding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount.

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Space will also be provided for a report of amount of purchase. Postal cards will cost 2c. each and will be charged to the account of members. Members will be required to report promptly upon mailing books. A member retaining a book in circuit over 48 hours, will be fined five cents for each twelve hours or fraction thereof, over time. This rule will be strictly enforced, in all cases.

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7 Members removing stamps from sheets will write their names in ink in space from which stamps are removed. Stamping names with rubber stamp will not be permitted.

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February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [16

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Our 8-paged list, ready in June. Agents wanted to address and mail this to all active dealers and collectors in their localities. Name number required and apply at once.

We will pay liberally for thorough services.

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Casilla 989, [61*] LIMA, PERU.

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Seychelles, unused, prov., 3c on 4c, 12c on 16c, 15c on 16c, 45c on 45c, 90c on 96c (Cat. \$3.48) .. 1.65

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" " 20, " fine..... 5.50

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

I was in error when I stated in Number 258 of the ERA that Mr. Wolsieffer would, after May 1st, conduct his entire business from 75 State street.

His retail branch will be at that number in charge of the experienced "Stan" who is well known by all local and visiting philatelists, but the mail order business will be conducted by Mr. W. himself at 201 Clark St., his present address, but he will occupy Room 14 instead of Room 12, as at present.

In looking over some of my old notes from the ERA, I find that in February, 1896, Plate 170 was being picked up as fast as it could be obtained and that one Chicago collector had bought 40 half sheets of 50 stamps each. I wonder if he is still holding them. I've no doubt he is sorry if he still has them, for such things are used for postage at present, to judge by the way Mr. Massoth is buying the 1888 and 1890 issues at 5% below face.

I notice by the daily papers that Capt. C. A. Coolidge, our philatelic friend in the Seventh Infantry, U. S. A., has been promoted to the rank of Major.

Unused Foreign.

Honduras official (1890) complete .. \$0 30
Central Am. Steamship Co., complete ..15
Corea 1886 25, 50, 100 mons07
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W. LEDYARD SCOTT,
40 Laclede Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

STATE.

The Ship of State

seems to be in no immediate danger of sinking through the efforts of Spain, but catalogue prices are in danger on these State Department stamps.
6c State used [Cat. \$1.00] \$0.40
15c " " [" 4.50] 1.50
Only 17 copies of each for sale at this price. Good used specimens and money refunded if you are not satisfied.

Last Sale May 28th.

The last auction sale of the season will be May 28th Catalogue free.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

STATE.

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Our noted Chicago writer and correspondent, Mr. Charles Esterly Severn, was in St. Louis for a few days last week.

The collecting of stamps on covers and in pairs seems to have "caught on" again to some little extent.

I know of at least three prominent collectors who are buying old issues on o. c. and a collection of the early U. S. makes a fine showing in this way, and I notice that some of these can be picked up almost at the price of the ordinary condition and they will never be cheaper than now.

And in fact the 1847 and 1851 issues are interesting in pairs and strips whether on the cover or not and the higher values—five cents and up—are not easy to find in strips of three or more. Mr. Tiffany in his History, speaks of knowing of a strip of three ten cent of the '47 issue and says it is quite rare thus; I remember however, of a strip of four of this stamp in the A. P. A. exhibit at the World's Fair and of calling his attention to it one day when I met him in the Government Building.

He at once made a note of the specimen, intending no doubt to mention it should he ever issue a second edition of his work.

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Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 99th Sale—N. Y.
Saturday Afternoon, April 2nd, 1898.

UNITED STATES.

Eagle carrier ⊕	90
Providence 5c ○ no period after cents large margins	3 00
1869 15c reprint ⊕	3 25
1893 \$1 ⊕	2 20
\$2 ○ 2.10; \$3 ⊕	2 90
Periodical 1895 no wmk. \$2 ⊕	2 50
1895 with wmk. \$10 ⊕	4 00
Wharton's Post Office Despatch blue-green ○	5 00
Envelope 1864 9c orange ○	1 25
1864 24c ○	1 00
1864 30c ○	1 35
1864 40c ○	1 25
1875-9 5c on fawn paper die B ○	1 40
1875 15c on white paper ○	1 00
1884 2c recut red on blue two links ○	75
1884 2c recut red on fawn two links ○	75
1886 5c Garfield on oriental buff ○	4 00
1886 5c Garfield on blue ○ wide margins	2 50
1886 30c on amber ○ wide mar.	1 75
1886 30c on white entire ○	1 30
1886 90c red on amber-manila ○ wide margins	5 00
1886 90c on manila ○ wide mar.	4 00
1889 90c purple on amber ○ wide margins	1 50
1889 90c purple on amber-manila ○ wide margins	1 50
1889 90c purple on manila ○ wide margins	1 50
1889 90c on white ○ wide mar.	1 60
Locals Blood's 3d type of man stepping over houses ⊕	1 30
Blood's 2nd type of man stepping over houses ⊕	1 25
prepaid envelope red on white ○ entire	2 10
Agriculture 30c ○ evenly cen. o. g.	3 10
Executive 3c postmarked evenly cen. 3c penmarked evenly centered	2 00
Interior 2c soft paper entire ○ sheet	1 50
2c on hard paper entire ○ sheet	1 90
Justice 30c ⊕ evenly centered	8 00
Revenues:	
50c Surety Bond imperf. wide mar.	2 50
\$2 Mortgage imperf.	1 00
\$3 Charter Party imperf.	50
\$2.50 Inland Exchange part perf.	1 00
\$15 Mortgage perf.	3 00
Second Issue \$1.90 evenly centered	3 00
FOREIGN.	
Alsace 2c inverted net work postmarked "Strassburg" on piece orig env.	25
20c with inverted network postmarked on piece of orig. env.	25
Barbados 1859 1d blue pin perf. ⊕	1 35
1878 3d violet ○	1 50
1874 6d yellow ○ o. g.	1 25

Br. Central Africa 1891 2sh ○	80
1891 2sh 6d ○	1 10
1892 3sh ⊕	1 30
1892 4sh ○	1 80
1895 1d on 2d ○	1 70
1895 nigger type 3sh ○	3 30
Br. Honduras 1874 3d brown perf. 14○	2 00
Ceylon envelope 2d ○ cut square	1 40
Antioquia 1889 1c blk' on gr'n error ○	75
2½ black on blue imperf. error ○	75
1889 5c blk' on red imperf. error○	75
10c black on blue perf. error ○	75
1897 1p carmine and black ○	85
1896 1p blue and black ○	85
1896 2p orange and black ○	1 50
1896 2p green and black ○	1 50
Cyprus 1896 6pi slate die B ○	3 00
Egypt 1866 10pa brown imperf. ○	2 70
Gambia 1880 4p brown ⊕	1 40
Gibraltar 1889 5p ○	2 00
Grenada 1883 1d ○ o. g.	95
Liberia official 5 on 6 scarce variety with straight tail to the "5" ○	1 85
Mexico 1867 1r blue ⊕	1 60
1895 12c yellow-brown error ○	2 25
Montserrat 1884 1d carmine perf. 12 ○	4 00
New Brunswick 3d ⊕	2 10
1897 1 on 3 "ordinary" condition ○ o. g.	75
Parma 1854 5c yellow on white ⊕	1 00
St. Helena 6d blue perf. 14 ○	4 00
Shanghai 20 on 40c brown surcharge in frame ○	1 85
Trinidad 1sh orange perf. 12½ ○	3 00
Turks Islands 1881 1sh green ○	5 00
4d blue ⊕	2 50
Blood's Despatch black on green with dove carrying letter ⊕ on part of original letter	2 50
Total for 553 lots,	\$1,021.15

Our supply of Scott's 58th Catalogue is very low and if you haven't secured a copy better send at once. Remember we supply a copy of the catalogue prepaid (with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the ERA for \$1.00.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Have many duplicates; wish to exchange them, at catalogue value, for foreign stamps issued prior to 1892 and not in my collection; latter numbering 3500. Best reference given and required. C. M. Tice, 3 So. Front St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Kodak wanted in exchange for \$50.00 worth of rare stamps. Must be in A1 condition with a good lens. Send full particulars and sample picture, if available, to M. P. Capen, 4 Wright St., Cambridge, Mass.

Will exchange rare U. S. Postage, Revenues, Departments &c., for Foreign Postage or almost any kind U. S. in fine condition, cat. 10c and up, allowing you 50% to 60%. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., New York.

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio.

Will exchange ancient Copper coins over 2000 years old for every 50 Best or Cigarette stamps sent me. Windom Stamp Co., Box 440, Windom, Minn. [60

I have a Columbian Cyclopaedia. costs \$65.00, Chambers' Encyclopaedia, cost \$25.00, Dr. Johnson's edition of Shakespeare in 7 vols., cost \$22.00; will exchange any or all for U. S. Revs., Match or Med. Good books for good stamps. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61

During the last five years I have subscribed for all the good stamp papers and have accumulated a large number and I will give ten papers for every copy of the following magazines sent me: Munsey's, McClure's, Cosmopolitan, Harper's, Century, Scribner's; any number taken. Write me. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. Will trade back if unsatisfactory. Splendid value given. [61

Good Exchange. I will give fine exchange from books in either U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonials and good Foreign, for U. S. Revenues which I can use. Only copies in fine, perfect condition wanted. Particularly desire 5c Proprietary, 50c Bond and Warehouse Receipt, 50c Probate of Will, and any \$ro; also 1, 3, 4, 6 and 15c Second Issue; 4, 6, 15 and 30c Third Issue and others. Write what you have. Also want any Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Colonies. Write me. Fine exchange and fair treatment assured. Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. [25211*

Any person having files or odd numbers of Arena, Forum, or North American Review can get good exchange in magazines, stamps or stamp papers. Send for my want list of magazines. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

U. S. 50c orange ('95) 9c; '62 Jackson 2c black, 5c; '67 rose 3c, grt led, 5c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Stamps on approval at 40 to 60% discount. Reference required. Cash paid for stamps. Write to me. S. E. MEDFORD, 435 North 41st St., Phila., Pa. [70

1869 2c Horseman, original cover,	5c
1862 2c Jackson,	2c
2c embossed,	6c
1879 90c carmine,	40c
Lot for 50 cents.	

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Make money on approval books. 100 fine stamps mounted in best approval book on the market, cat. over \$2.00, only 35c. Blank Books, 35c per 12. Post free. H. B. RIEBE, Rochester, Minn.

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No. R.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1174	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1176	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1177	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1177	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1178	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1179	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1180	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1181	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
1182	1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50
1183	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10	1, 3, 5, 10
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1185-6	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50
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Concerning Our West Virginia Incorporation.

Under date of March 1st, 1898, Mr. L. M. La Follette, Auditor of the State of West Virginia, notified Mr. N. W. Chandler, formerly Treasurer of our Association, that our license tax for the year beginning May 1st, 1898, must be paid prior to that date, and that its amount was ten dollars (\$10).

Mr. Chandler forwarded the papers to Mr. Smith, at Winona, Minn., who on March 23rd forwarded them to Mr. Beard, who on March 25th replied to Mr. Smith as follows: . . . "You send ten dollars to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia at Charleston, W. Va., L. M. La Follette, by purchasing a draft on any of the West Virginia State depositaries mentioned in the list, whichever is handiest for your bank."

" . . . This was authorized at our meeting in Boston last year, and instructions given on page 62 of our Year Book to pay ten dollars on or before June 1st, 1898, (that should have been May 1st) to the Treasurer of the State of West Virginia for succeeding year. It had better be attended to at once, so as to be sure and be there and receipt received from the Auditor before May 1st."

Next comes a letter, dated April 9th, from the cashier of the Bank of the Ohio Valley, at Wheeling, W. Va., to Mr. Smith, enclosing him a certificate of deposit for ten dollars, "which you can forward the Auditor of this State as payment of your license tax"

Under date of "Charleston, April 13th, 1898." Mr. Smith receives the following letter:

"AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,
"Care H. G. SMITH, Treas.,
"373 Main St., Winona, Minn.

"Gentlemen: We have your favor of the 11th inst., and return herewith your letter and certificate of deposit. If your Company has its principal place of business or chief works in this State, we can receive ten dollars tax, but if not, the tax is fifty dollars.

"It will be necessary for you to furnish us proof that you are a domestic corporation or that you pay us fifty dollars. If you are classed as a domestic corporation, you must return your property to the Assessor of the County where located for assessment.

"Very truly yours,
(Signed) "L. M. LA FOLLETTE,
"Auditor."

(Dictated, L. B.)

The above letter was accompanied with a printed circular letter, dated Feb. 21, 1898, addressed to the Auditor, and signed by the Attorney General, of West Virginia. The gist of this is that, as we pay no other taxes in the State and our principal office is not located therein, our tax for license should be fifty dollars instead of ten dollars. This, it is to be understood, does not apply solely to the coming year, but a claim



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 30th.

Application for Membership.

SINKLER, CHAS., 1606 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; age 24; occupation, Lawyer. Recommended by R. C. H. Brock, W. A. MacCalla.

Reinstated.

558. **HASKELL, F. W.**, 819 Carnegie Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

797. **ROOD, P. E.**, 222 Floyd St., Toledo, Ohio.

Changes of Addresses.

251. **DUNNING, A. W.**, from Cambridge, Mass., to Box 1026, Los Angeles, Cal.

1490. **PALMER, LINCOLN B.**, from 206 Broadway, N. Y. City, to 77 Lincoln Av., Newark, N. J.

Membership Summary.

Total membership last report	698
Reinstated	2
Present membership	700

JOE F. BEARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, April 30th, 1898.

1,103 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Apr. 23rd, valued at \$41,145.69

20 books received since Apr. 23rd, valued at \$501.33

13 books retired since April 23rd valued at 371.59

Total number of books in circulation 1,108 valued at \$41,275.43

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS., April 27, 1898.

MR. JOE F. BEARD,
Sec'y American Philatelic Association,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Dear Sir: Two matters, both of considerable importance, were brought up and voted upon at a meeting of our Board held to-day, and deeming their early publication in our official journal important, I am in-

is made that we owe the State *back taxes* at the rate of forty dollars per year "and this sum can be recovered by legal proceedings, except that back taxes cannot be recovered for a longer period than five years." These papers were forwarded to Mr. Beard by Mr. Smith on April 16th and referred to us by Mr. Beard April 18th, being received by us April 20th or 21st. Owing to Mr. Kilbon's present illness and Mr. Toppan's absence from the city, it was impossible for us to consider them until to-day, and we have decided:

First: That there is no time for any further correspondence with the officials of West Virginia as our charter there is forfeited unless all claims are settled by May 1st.

Second: That as the vote of the Convention of 1897 distinctly named the sum to be paid to the State of West Virginia as ten dollars (\$10.00), we have no power to increase the same without the consent of the full Official Board and, probably, of the Stockholders.

Third: That, as we are now incorporated in, and acting under the laws of the State of Minnesota, the West Virginia charter is practically of no value to us; certainly not worth an expenditure of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) which would be necessary to continue it (five years' back taxes at \$40.00 per year and \$50.00 for 1898), and that, for these reasons, we have concluded to allow the said charter to be forfeited.

New versus Old Stock Certificates.

It has been brought to our attention that some of the members are doubtful of the legality of the new certificates of stock. We, therefore, deem it advisable to state

that at the Convention of 1897, the following vote was passed: "that as soon as incorporated under the laws of Minnesota, the Association shall be conducted under the laws of that State." (cf. Year Book, 1897, p. 62.)

In accordance with this vote, the Board of Vice Presidents instructed the Secretary to have a new seal and certificate of stock prepared, and, as we would then be incorporated in two States, it was thought best to omit both the dates of incorporation and the State, or States, in which we were incorporated.

This was done; and since the incorporation in Minnesota was completed, the new certificates have been issued to all new members. It was also thought advisable to retire all the old certificates, if possible, and replace them with new ones, as this course would greatly simplify the work of the Secretary.

Both certificates are equally good and legal. We can only ADVISE, not COMPEL, the exchange of the old for the new. That is a matter which rests solely with the individual. We would suggest, however, that those who have received the new ones and have not yet sent in their old ones for cancellation should return them to the Secretary at once.

An opinion has been expressed that, owing to the new certificate not containing the name of the State, or States, under which the Association is incorporated, it is illegal. There is absolutely nothing in this objection. The same thing exists in nearly all railroad stock-certificates, many of which are incorporated in several different States, and whose certificates bear no indication whatever as to *where* or *when* they were incorporated.

GEO. L. TOPPAN,
Sec'y pro tem.

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5,000 Copies to 5,000 Collectors.

Remember the ERA does no individual begging for ads nor does it make cut rates and special inducements to dealers. All are treated alike and an examination of any of our Specials will attest our popularity among live dealers.

You surely will want an ad in the May Special, if still pushing your business, and don't forget that

All Copy for May Special Must be in On or Before Wednesday, the 18th.

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WHOLE No. 261.

From Our Special Correspondent.

A New Issue for Hayti.

A new issue of postage stamps is now being engraved in the U. S. for Hayti, the values being the same as of old with the exception of \$1.00. They will all bear the picture of Pres. T. Simon Law. The 20 cents orange has been surcharged 2 cents; and also the 20-cent brown. This was done in order to use the sets up as quickly as possible to make way for the new issue. There were only 20,000 printed of the 20-cent brown and it will probably be a scarce stamp. The 7-cent stamp now comes unperforated horizontally.

D. S. FARRINGTON.

"Well, Did You Ever!"

"The Vasco de Gama commemorative set of Portugal seems to be meeting with general approval. I do not know whether it will be listed in the new catalogue or not. Listing certain stamps depends a great deal on whether the makers of the catalogue have a chance to make a deal with the promoters of the set or not. The Greek Olympian Game set was listed in the catalogue, and there never was a more speculative issue or a bigger fraud put upon the philatelic public than the listing of these stamps, that is, if it a fraud to list any speculative or commemorative stamps. I have always claimed that the St. Antonio issue of Portugal was more worthy to be listed than the Olympian Game set."

The above note appeared in last Saturday's issue of the ERA and has called forth the appended correspondence, which is fully self-explanatory.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 11th, 1898.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

To the Editor of the PHILATELIC ERA:

We have just received your number for May 7th, and we find in your Boston letter a statement in regard to our firm which is distinctly libelous. The words referred to are the following: "listing certain stamps depends a great deal on whether the makers of the catalogue have a chance to make a deal with the promoters of the set or not," and we demand from you a public apology in the next issue of your paper, or else we shall have to take such steps as are usually taken in cases of libel. It is not our practice to pay any attention to the slurs which are unjustifiably cast upon us in stamp papers, but occasionally they go too far, and

in such cases we feel compelled to protect ourselves against a recurrence.

We also beg to warn you that if statements of this character appear in future numbers of your paper we shall not delay by asking for an apology, but shall immediately proceed to seek such remedy as the law provides in such cases.

Yours truly,

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., LD.
HENRY L. CALMAN, Sec'y.

PORTLAND, ME., May 12th, '98.
SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., LD.,
N. Y. City.

Gentlemen: Yours of the 11th inst. at hand and contents noted. The haste with which you accept the remarks made by our Boston correspondent in our May 7th issue as referring to you would look very much as though you consider it a case where the "coat fits." It may be due to a superabundance of conceit, and if such dealers as Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., Moens, Senf, J. W. Scott Co., Mekeel et als, are equally gifted I may expect to be favored with several similar notifications.

As the matter stands I do not feel that an apology is due you unless you can prove to me that your catalogue was *the* one specifically referred to (and possibly, incidentally, that your firm is guilty of the accusation made). Failing to receive such proof from you I shall be obliged to allow the matter to rest where it now is, as far as I am concerned, and continue to allow my correspondents full liberty of thought within the law without regard to my opinions as editor of the ERA.

Respectfully yours,

W. W. JEWETT.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes on Newfoundland.

I am informed that the three cent stamp A23 dull to reddish lilac, which was on sale in sets at the general post office in St. Johns, Newfoundland, has been withdrawn. Whether these remainders have been destroyed I do not as yet know, but for reasons before mentioned it is to be hoped that they will be if they have not already.

Not a few dealers and collectors have been looking for the violet-brown shade, the probable error, of A23. One well known New York firm has quite a number

of them in mint state, but will not sell as several collectors and searchers for a "good thing" have found out to their disappointment.

There is quite a marked difference between the gum of the 3c lilac gray, Scott's No. 69, and the 3c dull and reddish lilac used for the provisionals. The latter have a very dark yellowish gum while the gum of No. 69 is lighter and whitish.

The 1c gray brown, 1880, comes in two distinct shades, also the 2c green re-issue, Scott's No. 66.

There are also two distinct shades of the 3c 1887. One is a decided burnt amber, the other lies between that and the violet brown re-issue, No. 68, being what might be termed a raw amber.

There are at least five very distinct and different shades of the 1 cent green not including the reprints of last November.

Collectors should be careful that they do not buy this last reprint for No. 65 and the ½c black and 2c orange reprints as originals. The 1c are a much paler shade than No. 65 and easily distinguished when one has a copy of 65 for comparison. The ½ and 2c are very fine imitations, difficult to tell from the originals unless one has the latter, and in blocks preferred, for comparison and even then it takes careful inspection to bring out the difference. In the reprints of the ½c, the stamp is not quite as deep a black as the originals, being more grayish in shade. This difference is most pronounced in the dog's head and the lines of shading in the four corners. The 2c reprints differ but very slightly in shade from the originals and there is a slight difference in paper and gum. There is also a 2 cent of a dull shade differing more from either of the first two, than from each other. Whether this stamp is a reprint or a shade of the originals, I am at a loss to say, but the difference is quite noticeable.

The fact that there were some of the 2 cent originals returned from the smaller offices when the Cabots were issued and these remainders were put in with the reprints and sold in the sets makes it about impossible, unless one has for comparison originals secured prior to the reprinting of this stamp, to separate the reprints.

These reprints are government re-issues receivable for postage and collectible the same as the other re-issues but collectors do not want to buy them and place them in their collections as something else.

There are two distinct shades of the ten cent black '87. One being a handsome glossy black, the other, probably a later printing, a dull black with a slight yellowish cast.

GEO. S. MCKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, May 10th.

It was with feelings of sincere regret that the collectors of Massachusetts, who met Mr. Joe Beard at the Convention in Boston last summer, learned of his sudden death. Philately has lost one of its good men.

The stamp business here seems to be unusually good. If there are one or two more victories like Dewey's, we may expect a boom in the stamp business in the fall.

I heard a collector say, in a stamp dealer's office on the day when the official news was received from Dewey, "I felt so blue about the war this morning that I would not buy a cent's worth of stamps, but, after reading the latest news, I would like to see some sets of stamps." and he bought several dollars worth. So, I predict that the stamp business will evidently be on the boom in the fall.

An importation of the new stamps received from New Zealand shows in addition to the error in the 2½d (chronicled in my Special letter in last week's ERA) that they are of different colors or more pronounced shades than the London edition. The 5d is a red brown, London stamp is dark brown; the 4d is pink; the ½d is a different shade. A letter from a correspondent there states that the 2½ and 5d are being all bought up. The 2½ error is selling in Boston today for 50 cents. The New England Stamp Co. and the Colonial Stamp Co. were the first here to receive any of the New Zealand stamps. If the stamps in future are printed in New Zealand, and should be on N. Z. water-marked paper, we may have a great many varieties of a very handsome set of stamps.

I read a great many stamp papers, and I notice that the *Herald Exchange* of New York and the *International Philatelist*, of St. Joseph, Mo., are both publishing advertisements of counterfeit stamps. The former has an advertisement advertising

counterfeit Hawaiians of the Numeral issue.

The *International* has an advertisement of a counterfeit Brattleboro. and the editor of the paper has the unmitigated gall to give about two inches of reading matter recommending the stamp. My opinion is that any stamp paper that will publish advertisements of counterfeit stamps ought to be boycotted by the fraternity.

It has been reported that there are to be 50,000 of the \$1.00 Trans-Mississippi stamps printed. I have heard it mentioned here that several speculators intend to make a corner on this denomination. Your readers should remember the remark that I have quoted before, that "the time to buy stamps is when they are current," and if anyone ever expects to purchase one of the \$1.00 values of this commemorative set, the time to buy it is when they are sold by the government.

It has been called to my attention by a correspondent of New Zealand, that the ½d is not in the color authorized by the Postal Union. The color of this stamp will undoubtedly be changed in the future, and also the color of the current 1c New-foundland.

I have also been shown a new set of Rhodesia stamps from ½d to 8d. This is the so-called re-engraved set, which is a misnomer, as I have been informed that an entirely new plate was made by another engraving company.

S. E. L.

EXCHANGES.

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Would like to hear from collectors who have any of the following to exchange: Revs. 1st issue, 1c Playing Cards, \$15.00 Mortg., \$200, want all perf.; also the \$20.00 3rd issue. I have fine unused 1869 1c to 30c and others, also rare foreign. Jas. Mikolasek, 21 Fisk St., Chicago, Ill.

Camera, Homing Pigeons and Fancy Pigeons. Will exchange for good stamps from approval sheets or small collection. I. Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass. [62*

Stamp Exchange: Exchange your duplicates for others. Send stamp for particulars. This is not a money making scheme, it is for the benefit of collectors, Frank Winter, 3000 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo. *

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio. [67

I have a Columbian Cyclopaedia, costs \$65.00, Chambers' Encyclopaedia, cost \$25.00, Dr. Johnson's edition of Shakespeare in 7 vols., cost \$22.00; will exchange any or all for U. S. Revs., Match or Med. Good books for good stamps. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61

During the last five years I have subscribed for all the good stamp papers and have accumulated a large number and I will give ten papers for every copy of the following magazines sent me: *Munsey's*, *McClure's*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Harper's*, *Century*, *Scribner's*; any number taken. Write me. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. Will trade back if unsatisfactory. Splendid value given. [62

Good Exchange. I will give fine exchange from books in either U. S. Postage and Revenues, British Colonials and good Foreign, for U. S. Revenues which I can use. Only copies in fine, perfect condition wanted. Particularly desire 5c Proprietary, 35c Bond and Warehouse Receipt, 50c Probate of Will, and any \$10; also 1, 3, 4, 6 and 15c Second Issue; 4, 6, 15 and 30c Third Issue and others. Write what you have. Also want any Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and Colonies. Write me. Fine exchange and fair treatment assured. Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. [2521*

Any person having files or odd numbers of *Arena*, *Forum*, or *North American Review* can get good exchange in magazines, stamps or stamp papers. Send for my want list of magazines. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [61

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The Editor's Shears.

A NEW BRITISH POSTMARK.

Some few months ago a new British postmark was tried experimentally. This consisted of a number of horizontal lines with the letters V. R. in the centre. It seems from the following paragraph in the *Christian World* and other papers that there is a likelihood of this new postmarking system being permanently adopted.

Postage stamps will be obliterated by machinery instead of being smudged by hand, if negotiations which the Post Office is carrying on with a colonial company come to a successful termination. Five horizontal lines, one-and-a-half inches long, with the letters 'V. R.' in the centre, will cancel the stamp or stamps, and an exceptionally neat postmark will be printed upon the envelope. The work can be done four or five times faster than by the present process. The machines cost something like £40 apiece. In Canada, where they have been in use for some months, the obliterating device takes the form of a picturesque flag.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.*

A Newspaper Clipping.

EXPOSITION STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10, 1898.—The special stamps to commemorate the Trans-Mississippi exposition will be of single colors. This was decided upon at the postoffice department today, in lieu of the system of black centres with colored borders which was at first proposed.—*Boston Herald.*

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MONTHLY STATEMENT, MAY 1, 1898.

Stock Fund.

Bal. on hand Apr. 1, '98, \$1480.00
Rep'y'd by Joe F. Beard, Sec., 27.00
\$1507.00

Entertainment Fund.

Balance on hand April 1, 1898, 125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand Apr. 1, '98, \$242.36
Dues for April, 30.10
272.46
\$1905.35

Disbursements.

Fees West Virginia Charter, 10.00
Cash on hand, 1895.35
\$1905.35
H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, May 7th, 1898.

1,108 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Apr. 30th, valued at \$41,275.43
29 books received since Apr. 30th, valued at \$895.40
\$42,170.83
23 books retired since April 30th valued at 936.60

Total number of books in circulation 1,114 valued at \$41,234.23

Books containing stamps from Spain, Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands are in request, members having same would do well to put them in circulation in the Sales Department.

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Hereafter advertisers **MUST** have all copy for new ads or changes in our hands by Wednesday to have them appear in that week's ERA.

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL.

If you have not yet sent in copy for an ad in next Saturday's Special and still have time to catch a mail that will reach Portland anytime Wednesday, the 13th, better not neglect the opportunity but send in an ad *at once*. Don't let some other dealer

secure all the trade of the 5000 collectors the number will reach through your not being represented in the number.

To be successful you should keep your announcements constantly before the eyes of the collecting fraternity. The ERA circulates to live collectors, and is also read by them; two facts that cannot be questioned, and cannot be applied to every stamp paper.

Oh so thin and late, too, in the bargain, is the weekly *Metropolitan* becoming. From twenty-four pages for No. 1 it has dwindled down to eight pages for No. 6, and our copy of the last issue did not reach us till Tuesday the 11th, three days after its issue. We wonder if that vast host, which Brother Scott recently referred to as congregating at his office on Saturday mornings at 10 o'clock, *always* then invest their single cents—or do they come around again Mondays?

While the last thing we would wish for would be ill to the latest and very acceptable addition to our weekly contemporaries, yet we cannot help thinking of that old saying, "misery likes company."

One of our advertisers writes us requesting us to warn the fraternity against J. C. Wiggin. He states that on Feb. 25th he sent one J. C. Wiggin, Box 468, Gardiner, Mass., a lot of rare stamps (upon his written request) valued at over \$49. by registered mail and received customary receipt in due time. Not receiving any returns, after waiting a reasonable length of time, he wrote Wiggin. This letter was returned by the P. O. Thereupon the dealer wrote the postmaster, who replied informing him that said Wiggin had left the town and was a much-wanted man by the U. S. government officials, who were unable to locate him.

RECEIVED:

From Mr. A. Lohmeyer, the *Postal Card Reporter*, No. 2, for April. It consists of twelve pages of reading matter and announcements of his business, which as about everyone knows is Postal Cards.

Mr. Paul W. Gardner, the exchange manager of the United States Philatelic Association, sends us a list of a stamp collection recently placed in his hands by a member of the Association to be disposed of by him; and also circular giving the rules of his Department, same as published by us in our last issue.

The J. T. Starr Stamp Co. of Coldwater, Mich., have just issued a compact 32-page and cover price list (No. 10) of packets, sets, albums, U. S. postage and revenues single stamps, etc. A copy can be had by dropping them a postal.

D. W. Osgood's *Stampman* for May is just as original (yellow) as ever.

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We came near overlooking acknowledging receipt of "Paul Kohls Freimarken-Katalog—Europa," which we received some two weeks ago. It consists of some 424 pages bound in cloth, with indexed leaves, and is a very complete, comprehensive and handy volume. It is apparently intended as a companion volume to his "Permanent-Briefmarken-Album." Address of the publisher is Paul Kohl, Weststrasse, 16, Chemnitz.

In the "Weekly Review" in the May 12th issue of the *Weekly Stamp News* Mr. Hopkins laments on the scarcity of papers to fill up his space with and, apparently to prove the same, he devotes a considerable space—considering the past and the paper in the case—to a very frank and therefore acceptable review of the *WEEKLY ERA*. There are, however, a few remarks made that show the *ERA*'s policy in an untrue light. It is one that some of our rival editors appear to delight in persisting to spread among that portion of the collecting public that is not thoroughly familiar with the *ERA*. Mr. Hopkins' reference to this matter is as follows:

" * * * We have several times indicated "the one thing lacking" in the constitution of the *ERA*, the fact that it practically has no constitution, no settled policy. Anybody can write anything he pleases and rely on its being published in the *ERA*, if he doesn't want pay for it. No paper can command any respect as a solid, reliable newspaper, when two correspondents of the same are allowed to call each other names, throw mud at each other, cast reflections on each other's motives and question each other's veracity as "S. E. L." and Mr. McKearin have done in the Newfoundland surcharges controversy.

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"The correspondence column of the *ERA* may always be relied upon to present some novel view on some current topic, the Louisville and Washington correspondents always have something of philatelic value to report, and Mr. Smiley's essays are always well written and make interesting reading."

Now what Mr. Hopkins terms "the one thing lacking" has always been considered by us as our strong point. The *ERA* is a collectors' paper, first, last and all the time, and therein it differs from all other old established stamp journals, although Editor Dodge has adopted the same fearless independent policy as made the *ERA* what it today is.

But to revert to our policy. Ye editor is not a "shining light" in the philatelic arena (even if the *ERA* is) and does not attempt to pose as such. Instead we have always maintained a regular staff of reliable correspondents of more or less standing as philatelists in various sections of our country and they each conduct their respective departments unhampered by the dreaded "blue pencil" generally wielded by editors. In this manner it has been possible for the *ERA* to become recognized distinctively as a collectors' paper and as a whole showing a composite of a dozen heads and localities instead of one.

Our supply of Scott's 58th Catalogue is very low and if you haven't secured a copy better send at once. Remember we supply a copy of the catalogue prepaid (with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the *ERA* for \$1.00.

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You will soon be howling for the new private proprietaries. With our drug connections we ought to have a stock of these stamps on hand as soon as anybody. Keep in touch with us.

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Saturday Afternoon, April 16th, 1898.

UNITED STATES.

Baltimore horseman 1c black ○	3 50
New York 3c blue glazed paper wide margins ⊕	10 00
U. S. Mail 1c on buff paper ⊕ on original envelope	5 00
Honour's Penny Post black on blue ⊕ on part orig. env.	6 75
Philadelphia U. S. P. O. prepaid 1c Despatch large type without eagle on top red on white, entire envelope ⊕	41 00
Louisville Wharton's U. S. P. O. blue-green ○	13 00
Baltimore, Buchanan env. entire 5c blue on buff slight tear in upper right corner ⊕	220 00
Providence entire sheet showing eleven varieties of the 5c and one of the 10c ○	50 00
St. Louis 5c die 2 realtered plate 3 on pelure p. has a slight tear at bottom mended so as to be almost unnoticeable, cancelled with letters "PA" in red	400 00
10c die 1 on gray-lilac paper with large margins all around, the margin on top being nearly 4 millimeters ○	275 00
1855 1c blue perf. with full ornaments at bottom ⊕	1 50
5c red-brown perf. ornaments entirely cut away ○	3 10
1860 90c ○ fine	10 00
1861 August issue 3c red-brown ○ o.g.	30 00
1869 15c with diamond ○	3 50
24c ○ well centered	10 00
reprint 6c evenly centered ○	4 00
reprint 10c ○	5 50
reprint 90c ○	18 50
1870 3c with grill ○	2 25
6c with grill ○ part o. g.	7 00
10c with grill ⊕	4 00
90c with grill ⊕	3 25
1875 re-issue 7c hard paper ○	15 00
re-issue hard paper 24c ○	17 00
<i>Envelopes:</i>	
1853 3c wide label straight ends on white □ wide mar. lightly can.	7 00
1860 10c on buff ⊕	15 00
1861 3c entire small size with patent lines N. P. S. No. 66 ⊕	21 00
1878 3c die C on amber wide margins lightly cancelled	3 20
1884 July 2c die B on blue entire ○	10 00
1886 30c black on blue ○ □	1 85
90c red on blue ○ wide mar. □	6 00
30c black on manila ○	1 80
90c red on manila ○	4 50
30c black on amber-manila ○	2 10
90c red on amber-manila ○	4 25
5c Garfield on blue paper ○	1 75
5c Garfield on oriental buff ○	3 75
1887 2c die A on manila ⊕	15 00
90c purple on blue ○	2 50
2c die A on oriental buff entire ○	5 00

1887 90c purple on oriental buff ○	2 75
Justice 15c ⊕	3 00
90c ⊕ lightly cancelled	16 75
90c ⊕ part o. g.	25 00
State 2c ○ o. g.	2 50
<i>Revenues:</i>	
\$1.60 Foreign Exchange imperf. wide margins	4 10
\$50 U. S. I. R. imperf. wide margins	4 50
\$200 U. S. I. R. carmine and gr'n perf.	9 25
\$200 U. S. I. R. brick-red and gr'n perf.	10 25
Second Issue \$20 unsevered pair	10 00
5c evenly centered	7 75
1878 5c rouletted	18 00
<i>Locals:</i>	
Bouton's first issue 2c black on blue ⊕	3 00
City Despatch Post 3c on white p. ⊕	8 50
City Despatch Post surch. C. C. 2c on white paper ⊕	10 75
Swarts' first type blue on white paper ⊕ on original envelope	6 10
<i>Confederates:</i>	
Mobile 5c dark blue ⊕	3 50
New Orleans 5c brown on blue unsevered pair ⊕	3 25
Petersburg 5c red ⊕	10 25
<i>FOREIGN.</i>	
Antigua 2½d brown CC wmk. ⊕	6 25
Azores 1868 80r orange wide mar. ⊕	5 25
Bahamas 1861 1d no wmk. perf. 13 ⊕	2 00
1862 4d perf. 12½ rose-lake ○	2 75
1882 1d perf. 14 CA wmk. ○ o.g.	5 00
Barbados 1852 4d red on blue paper wide margins	3 35
1861 6d orange o. g.	5 50
1874 6d orange perf. 12½ ⊕	2 00
1885 5sh ○ o. g.	4 25
Bolivia 1867 50c light blue ⊕ wide mar.	12 50
1867 100c green ⊕ wide margins	2 50
1867 100c pale green ○ wide mar.	2 60
Br. Central Africa 1895 no wmk. 2sh 6d ○	2 90
1895 no wmk. 5sh ○	4 10
1895 no wmk. 3sh ○	2 60
Br. Guiana 1875 2c orange perf. 15 ○	2 00
1881 2 on 12 official with double surcharge of two ⊕	7 30
British Honduras 1872 6d perf. 12½ ○	5 25
1872 3d brown perf. 14 ○	3 25
1872 6d rose perf. 14 ○	11 00
Buenos Ayres 1859 (in) peso blue on original envelope but uncan.	5 00
1859 (in) peso blue ○	5 00
1860 4r on bluish unsevered pair ⊕	4 00
Canada 1852 6d violet on thick wove paper wide margins ⊕	4 00
Ceylon 1867 5d green ○	1 55
Chili 1853 5c red-brown ○	3 50
1862 1p red-lilac ○	10 20
Tolima 1870 5c buff laid batonne p. ⊕	8 00
1870 5c on blue oblong quadrille paper ⊕	4 00
Cuba 1855 ¼ orange-red with wide "Y" ⊕	9 75
Cyprus 1886 6pi die 2 ○	2 50
Denmark 1864 8s stone ○	5 00
Dominica 1890 6d orange ⊕	4 25
Egypt 1866 10pi ⊕	6 00
Gibraltar 1886 1sh ○	8 25
1886 second issue 1sh	5 00
Great Britain 1856 1d red wmk. large crown, perf. 16 ○ o. g.	10 00

Grenada 1883 1sh violet ○	6 00
Guadeloupe 1877 25c black on white ○	7 00
Hanover 1859 10g green ⊕ wide mar. postmarked	10 00
Hawaii 1853 5c blue on bluish ⊕	5 25
1859 1c black on blue ○ wide mar.	7 50
Hong Kong 1882 10c violet CA wmk. ○	2 50
Italy 1851 5c black ⊕	5 50
1851 40c rose ⊕	9 00
Jamaica 1897 5sh violet block of four ○	5 90
Japan 1871 48m brown wove paper ○	1 25
1871 500m yellow-green laid p. ⊕	2 35
1871 200m vermilion wove p. ○	2 25
1875 ½s slate plate No. 4 ○	4 00
Labuan 1880 12c ○	5 75
1883 16c blue CA wmk. unsevered pair ○	3 50
Lagos 1882 4d rose CA wmk. ○	7 75
1885 4d lilac ○	2 25
Madeira 1869 240r violet ○	7 50
1869 240r violet ⊕	7 25
Mauritius 1848 1d red on bluish first state of the plate showing both diagonal and vertical lines ⊕	19 25
1849 green stamp surch. 4d wide margins lightly cancelled	10 00
1sh on 5sh bright violet ⊕	6 00
Mexico 1864 3c brown ○ no surch.	15 00
1892 5p blue-green ○	5 00
1895 12c yellow-brown error ○	2 60
1895 5p rose ○	3 00
1895 10p blue ○	5 00
Guadalajara 1867 2r on pink wove p. ○	2 50
1867 2r on rose quadrille p. ○	2 00
4r on white quadrille paper ○	2 25
1868 2r on rose laid paper ○	2 25
Montserrat 1879 2½d brown CC wmk. ○	6 50
1879 4d blue CC wmk. ⊕	2 25
1876 6d green block of four ○	7 00
1884 2½d brown CA wmk. ⊕	4 60
1884 4d blue CA wmk. ⊕	14 50
1884 1d carmine perf. 12 ○	3 00
1862 1d revenue pink ○	6 75
1862 1d revenue claret ○	7 00
Modena 1859 80c orange error "8" instead of "80" ○	6 25
Nevis 1861 6d gray on grayish paper	5 00
1861 6d gray on grayish paper ○	10 00
1867 4d yellow ⊕	4 75
1867 1sh gray-green, litho. ○	6 25
1879 2½d brown CC wmk. ○	6 50
1882 2½d brown CA wmk. ⊕	4 25
1884 6d brown ⊕	5 50
1884 6d brown ○	3 00
1884 1sh violet ○	10 00
New Brunswick 1851 3d red ⊕	2 10
1851 6d yellow ⊕ good margins	12 50
Newfoundland 1857 1d brown ○	2 00
1857 1d violet-brown ○	2 60
1863 1d red-brown ○	2 50
same a light red-brown	2 50
same a still lighter red-brown	2 60
1863 2d lake ⊕ wide margins	4 25
New South Wales 1850 1d red on yellowish paper plate No. 1 ⊕	10 00
1850 1d on bluish paper plate No. 1 retouched ⊕ lightly can.	10 00
1850 1d plate No. 1 retouched on bluish paper ⊕	10 00
1850 3d on yellowish wove p. ⊕	4 75
New Zealand 1862 1d vermilion ○	2 75
1862 6d red-brown ○	8 25
Nova Scotia 6d yellow-green ⊕	7 60

Oldenburg 1860 2g rose ○	5 00
Persia 1878 5k violet-bronze ⊕	4 75
Peru 1858 ½p orange ⊕	6 00
1871 2c blue ⊕	5 00
1884 50c rose surch. with horse-shoe only not catalogued, ○	13 75
Prince Edward Island 2c blue ⊕	2 00
Queensland 1860 3d perf. 14 ○	2 00
1862 registered stamp olive-yel. ○	3 00
Roman States 1853 5ob blue good impression ⊕	2 25
Russia 1868 3k green with "V" in groundwork ○	4 30
Livonia 1862 4k green ○	3 00
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St. Helena 1d imperf. surch. 19mm ○	4 00
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6d ultramarine perf. 12½ ⊕	2 40
St. Lucia 1864 4d yellow ○ per. 12½	3 50
1883 4d black on yellow per. 14 ○	3 25
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1861 4d orange ○	10 00
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Straits Settlements 96c perf. 12½ ○	5 00
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1866 5sh ⊕	4 10
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1881 4d blue ○	4 00
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1851 4c green ○	1 00
1853 1c carmine ○	3 50
1853 2c greenish-blue ○	2 75
Uruguay 1858 18oc green thick numerals ○	8 80
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All members having claims against the Association are requested to forward same at once to the President, stating nature of claim and net amount due.

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Twenty-fifth meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, May 9, 1898, President Wm. Thorne in the chair.

Called to order at 8.20 p. m., Messrs. Bruner, Calman, Luff, Scott, Stebbins and the Secretary being present.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary was directed to acknowledge with thanks the gifts of bound volumes of the *Post Office* and *Metropolitan Philatelist*, received from their respective publishers.

The Treasurer's report, showing a balance in bank of \$401.80, was then received. Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the name of McCoy S. King was dropped from the rolls for non-payment of house dues.

Report of Chairman of House Committee was duly received.

The matter of book binding was referred to the Chairman of the Literary Committee with power.

The Entertainment Committee reported progress.

Adjourned at 8.45 p. m.

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Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, May 11th.

Work on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition stamps is rapidly progressing, and many of the plates have been completed, especially the 1, 2 and 4 cent denominations. I am glad to be able to inform our readers that the stamps will be printed in two colors, consisting of frame and center piece.

No special series of plate numbers will be started in connection with this set, but they will run in among the numbers of the regular issue. It is believed that most numbers between 360 and 590 will be Omaha plates.

So far we have heard of no 1 cent green Nos. 441 and 442 being found, although it is claimed by the Bureau that they were printed. 442 may turn up in a batch

shortly as a second small printing is said to have been made recently, while one of the regular plates was undergoing repairs. It seems quite certain now that no more back numbers of the 1 cent green will be used as sufficient plates are now on hand.

5 cent plates, Nos. 351, 353, 357 and 359 are doubtless scarce and may be good property. It seems that only a small quantity could have been printed. 389 to 392 in blue will be a little scarcer than the brown. 407 to 410 came in blue only. 10 cent plates 518 to 521 have not yet been used and may be printed in another color.

There are a few plate numbers priced at five dollars and less which seem to be absolutely unobtainable, namely 2 cent Columbian. Nos. 124, 127 and 128, 2 cent, unwatermarked, bottoms of 88, 146, 150 and 156, but they will no doubt turn up in time.

The latest mail from Hong Kong brings the 30 cent green surcharged "10 cents" and chinese characters, similar to other recent issues.

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Bilateral Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

MARCH MAGAZINES.

Australian Philatelist, Vol. IV. No. 8.
O Colectinoader de Sellos.
Coleccionador de Sellos, Vol. III. No. 3.
Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, (200).
Columbian Philatelist, Vol. IV. No. 5 (23).
Revue Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 1.
Revista Filatelica do Brasil, Vol. III. No. 3.
Revue Postale, Vol. I. No. 3.
Rocky Mountain Stamp, Vol. III. No. 11 (35).

The constitutional convention which has been in session for some little time in Australia has concluded its labors and the bill is now ready to be submitted to the colonies. The *Australian Philatelist* says it seems doubtful whether all the five colonies which took part will accept the bill, but New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania will probably do so. If I am not greatly mistaken the assent of these three will be enough to send it to the imperial parliament for enactment. If that is so, the others will probably soon fall in line, and we shall have only one series of stamps where are now half a dozen. Give Waterlow the contract please.

I do not read Portuguese much, but from what I have been able to make out from the *Coleccionador de Sellos* they have been having some trouble concerning stamp cuts with the authorities. It has evidently been settled all right for the seized cuts appear in this number of the paper. They were four in number and of the *imposto do fumo* series of fiscals.

Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste contains a long and interesting account of the Vasco da Gama issues of Portugal and its colonies, including a sketch of the events which call for the issue of the same. While the stamps are interesting enough in their designs they are about as rank a speculative issue as we have yet had.

The leading article in the *Columbian Philatelist* contains a number of suggestions to our post office department concerning some improvements which might

be made in our stamps. Bi-colored stamps for the Omaha series and changes to Postal Union colors in the 1 and 2 cent envelopes are among the leading improvements suggested.

The first number of the *Revenue Philatelist* bears date "First Quarter, 1898" and therefore number two ought to be with us before long. A half tone frontispiece of the different types of Canadian bill stamps accompanies the first installment of the catalogue of the revenue stamps of the world. The brief paragraph giving the substance of the duties imposed by the act of 1864, is the first real bit of history I have seen concerning these stamps. The only other long article is a reprint from the *Metropolitan Philatelist* of the list of stamped documents issued by our own country during the civil war.

La Revue Postale, hailing from Geneva, is a new comer this year and is a very readable and nicely gotten up magazine. The contents include a history of the Thurn and Taxis post, a translation of an article on the Japanese stamp history which appeared in *Filatelica Facts and Fancies* not long since, a continuation of a list of Swiss philatelic papers and a colored half tone of an entire sheet of the 7 grote Bremen.

The *Revista Filatelica do Brasil* reprints from the *Diario Oficial* of March 5 an advertisement of obsolete stamps which the government offers for sale at prices taken from Senf's catalogue. There is said to be no discount for quantity!

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* brings to a close Mr. Baker's history of philately during the last five years, and proposes the formation of a new Pennsylvania state society "free from politics and ring rule."

APRIL MAGAZINES.

American Collector, Vol. IV. No. 3 (18).
Bric a Brac, Vol. XXIII. No. 4 (232).
Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXI. No. 2 (122).
Ewen's Weekly Circular, (28, 29).
London Philatelist, Vol. VII. (76).
Lone Star State Philatelist, Vol. VI. No. 3.
Madrid Filatelico, Vol. II. (16).

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XI. No. 17 (382).

Montreal Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 1.
Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. I. No. 8.
Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. VII. No. 7.
Philatelic Messenger, Vol. II. No. 3 (9).
Philatelic Record, Vol. XX. No. 4.
Philatelic West, Vol. VI. No. 1.
Philatelist, Der, Vol. XIX. No. 4 (241).
Post, Die, Vol. V. No. 8.
Post Office. Vol. VIII. (85).
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. IV. (93, 94).
Stamp Collectors' Journal, Vol. XX. (234).
Stamp Reporter, Vol. I. No. 8.
Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. II. No. 7.

The *American Collector* has two good articles this month, which if they are not about stamps ought to be read by all stamp collectors. The first is Every Paget's "What is Perfection in a Collection" and the other S. A. D. Cox's "The Pessimists of Philately." Get a copy of the paper and read them. They will do you good.

I judge from the last number of *Bric a Brac* that J. W. Palmer will soon retire from business. Who will look after the forgers then?

Dr. Cottlow treats of the grilled issue of 1868 in the *Eastern Philatelist* and starts out by remarking that the above title is a misnomer as the grilling machine was first used in 1867. A good description is given of the method of impressing the grille, and a table from Tiffany's history shows the comparative number of these stamps issued, as well as those of the 1869 issue. If the catalogue values were fixed in strict accord with the number issued, the 90 cent grille would be worth three times as much as the same value of the 1869 set. But as a matter of fact it is listed at ten per cent. less. Why is this thusly?

"War, Horrid War" is the subject of the leader in the *London Philatelist* this month and our squabble with Spain furnishes the text. Stanley M. Castle has some interesting notes on U. S. stamps but I do not find anything new in them. Oliver Firth's paper on the Registered Envelopes of Great Britain, or rather the dies used for these envelopes, is an exceedingly interesting one. Half tone illustrations are given of dies I., III., IV. and V., die

II. not having been used at all. Lists are given showing the dates of printing of each of the dies and sizes. The Chronicle contains half tones of the New Zealand novelties and other new comers. There is another chapter in the Sierra Leone 5sh on 1sh green controversy which has been going on for some months.

Oscar Jannasch is to furnish the *Lone Star State Philatelist* with a series of articles on Match and Medicine stamps, and starts off by calling attention to the Mansfield & Co. and Mansfield & Higbee stamps which are listed in Scott as only appearing in one form, a 1 cent value. But the stamps come perforated singly, in horizontal pairs, and in blocks of four, making three values for each firm. These varieties are all listed in Sterling's Standard Revenue Catalogue of 1888. It is a great pity some one cannot get out another edition of this valuable work. It is seldom met with now except in the libraries of collectors of that day and of literature fiends. I am informed by the author that he still has a few copies left.

"Todo por la Patria" is the subject of the leader in *Madrid Filatelico* and an appeal is made to Spanish collectors to help swell the national defence fund. The editor heads the list with 50 pesetas and there are quite a number of other subscribers for smaller amounts

The second of the brown cover series of special issues of *Meeke's Weekly Stamp News* has for illustrations the new issue of New Zealand and the three members of the firm of Burton & Burton. The catalogue of Moreau's 17th auction sale fills three pages and a half of this issue. There is no special feature to the number but all the departments are there and as entertaining as usual.

A new Canadian paper is the *Montreal Philatelist* and if it is the "best German American paper in the world" what must the others be? The first page has a sketch of Rudolph C. Bach with a very poorly printed portrait. The next page contains short notes, reviews, clippings, etc., and editorials fill the third. Of the contents of the German page I can only say it looks thin.

The Easter number of the *Philatelic Bulletin* is gorgeous in its orange and purple inks and the paper is a vast improvement over its initial numbers. If they would only get some one else to write its leading articles besides Heinsburger II., or F. P. as he signs himself, it would be a still greater improvement.

Second class rates have been granted the *Philatelic Messenger* but it seems to have

had a bad effect on the paper, for it is far from being as good a number as those which were issued previously. But perhaps friend Knight had a night off to celebrate! Burnham, who furnishes the Massachusetts items seems to be pretty well posted on Springfield matters. Wonder who he is!

The *Philatelic Record* contains five full page plates of illustrations of Norwegian stamps which were due with the last number but could not be gotten ready in time. They are finely printed and will be of much help to specialists in these stamps.

H. R. Oldfield commences a series of stamps on "How to Collect Bolivian Stamps" which will be welcomed by many of us who lack the means of distinguishing the various prints etc. of the early set. Another installment of Mr. Hull's Tonga paper is given and is full of statistics showing the quantities issued, etc. There is also a handsome half tone showing the new issue of New Zealand.

An illustration of the Agricultural building at the Omaha Exposition forms part of the cover design of the *Philatelic West*. An extract from the *Omaha Bee* gives a description of three values of the exposition stamps. Literature collectors will be interested in the list of philatelic papers published in Nebraska. No less than 21 publications have been issued, the earliest coming out in 1887. Two only are now in existence, the *Philatelic West* and the *Kid*. R. L. Shepard is in camp with the National Guards at Lincoln, which probably accounts for the suspension of the *Omaha Philatelist*.

Der Philatelist contains an interesting article describing and illustrating a 1/2 sgr envelope essay for Prussia which was prepared in 1854. It was similar in design to the first issue envelopes but had the inscription "Stadt Post Brief" above.

There is another installment of the continued article on Turkey and a short article on the triangular Cape of Good Hope issues with diagrams showing the watermark and arrangement of the sheets. The literature department is as interesting as ever.

Collectors of German stamps will be interested in *Die Post* which has several illustrations accompanied by an article on the colonial postmarks.

The first number of the *Post Office* under its new management is a very good one and contains a "Revised List of the Stamps of Peru," with many explanatory notes, a continuation of the Schleswig Holstein article and an illustration of the forged Newfoundland surcharge.

Queensland varieties of 1883-96 are quite clearly shown up in the *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* by means of minute descriptions and enlarged cuts of the letters, etc., which make the variety. The issue for April 30 contains an illustrated article on the private stamps issued by Dr. Thebussem, the great Spanish postal reformer. The gray cover on this number is an improvement over the blue formerly in use.

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Colombia 1866 10 lilac, postmarked.....	15 "
Costa Rica 1863 2c scarlet ".....	5 "
" 1887 Official 40 blue.....	22 "
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Louisville, Ky., Items.

Monday, May 16th.

The last two meetings of the Louisville Philatelic Society were the smallest, in point of attendance, that we have had within the last eight months. The attendance at the former was six; at the latter seven members, those attending being the "old guard," the true philatelists in all respects. One of them was so enthusiastic as to make a motion to denote our entire library to Congress, so that it could be sent to Admiral Dewey, to be used by him as wads in his cannons against the Philippine Islanders, thus distributing philatelic literature among the natives. The motion was *laid* on the table and the person who made the motion compelled (by a rising vote) to denote a gallon of *ice water* (?) for the next meeting. The younger element of the society seem to be losing interest in philately of late. The camera and the bicycle are being shown the preference, consequently philately is side-tracked with them until the summer months are over. The "kid" trade, as it is termed, is very good in this city. A great deal of missionary work has been done and the fruits of the sowing is beginning to appear. This is especially true in the public school pupils.

E. B. Duncan, one of the members of the Louisville Philatelic Society, has left the city to go west. His first stop will be Omaha. His intentions are to stay there until the Exposition is over and from there go to California, where he has a number of relatives. He is the gentleman who found the 10c Baltimore and such a quantity of 5c and 10c 1847 and other good stamps. He is a specialist in United States and Confederate States stamps. He stated before leaving, that if there was anything *good* of a philatelic nature, which was hid about Omaha, he would try and hunt it out sure. So you Omaha boys had better keep your eyes open, because he is a person of action and not one of many words.

One of our local collectors had an oddity sent him from the south recently. It comprised six envelopes used during the Civil War, each one being prepaid by the ordinary 1863 10c blue Confederate stamps, but they were cut round, or rather the shape of the medallion, and were sent through in this shape. They seem to be thentic, appearing to come from the same party, but at six different times.

R. B. Geoghan, a member of the Louisville Philatelic Society, struck a streak of good luck this week. He had given to him stamps cataloguing over \$250.00. It came about in this manner. Mr. Geoghan several weeks ago stopped on the street to purchase a paper, and among the change

he was given, he noticed a copper cent which was a double strike. Its appearance was very odd. While looking at it, an old friend of his came up and Mr. Geoghan showed it to him. The gentleman remarked that he would like to have it as he was a collector of all sorts of curios, including canes, watches, coins, pictures, stamps, etc. Upon the gentlemen making this remark Mr. Geoghan asked him when he began collecting stamps. He had known him for nearly fifteen years through business transactions and never knew he was a stamp collector. The party remarked that he had collected in 1867 and kept it up for about five years, but had not paid much attention to it of late. Mr. Geoghan stated that he was a stamp collector, stating the size of his collection, length of time a collector, etc. He stated that he had a quantity of duplicates, and suggested an exchange if the gentleman had anything he did not have. This remark led the gentleman to state that if he had anything in his stamp collection which he (Geoghan) did not have he was welcome to it. The gentleman asked him to call at his house that evening and he would show him his collection. Mr. Geoghan went and, to make a long story short, he was given the above stated amount of stamps. The gentleman gave them to him as a matter of friendship refusing to take a remuneration of any kind. Among the stamps were the set of 1869 unused from the 1c to and including the 15c, also first issue Austria, unused, Denmark, first issue, unused, and a good many first issue British Colonials, used. Mr. Geoghan exhibited them at the last meeting of the L. P. S. Mr. Geoghan is the luckiest member of the Society. He has a collection of about 6000 varieties, which practically have cost him nothing. He has bought several old collections for a mere song, the duplicates realizing more than all together have cost him

Speaking of old collections one of our local cranks bought a collection which was in an old Centennial album, dated 1876. This collection, if all had been well, would have been worth \$7,700.00. But, alas, there were over one hundred counterfeits in the collection, including the 2c blue Hawaiian, the two Post Office Mauritius, the two Reunion Islands, the entire set of first issue Liberia, from 1c to 24c, complete set of Buenos Ayres, Nova Scotia shillings, all the first issue of British Colonies, also a good many first issue South Americans, such as Pacific Steam Nav. Co., U. S. of Colombia and Venezuela. This magnificent collection of counterfeits is the possession of the writer and at some later day I may possibly give some comparisons of counterfeits not generally known of. Everyone of the stamps have the regular cancellation marks.

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many a business man a hypocrite. I know of a certain dealer in the state of Wisconsin, who in his advertisements generally wants references whenever sending out his stamps. But this self same gentleman bought a certain stamp from one of our local fraternity for about \$30. The stamp was sent to this gentleman about June 10, 1897, and our local man is yet waiting for a balance of \$2.50 Our northern brother paid for it \$2.50 and \$5 at a time. If this is not a hypocritical way of doing business what is it?

There appears to be a gang of boys in Yorkshire, N. Y., who are playing havoc among the dealers, sending for selections of stamps, holding them two months, deducting a few cents worth, and then returning without any remittance accompanying same.

E. B. S.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, May 18th.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. At the close of the regular business an entertainment was furnished by the committee, which consisted of an informal talk by Mr. Wylie, descriptive of portions of his travels in Europe. At the conclusion he received hearty applause. There is no doubt but that Mr. Wylie has missed his right vocation; he should have been a public lecturer.

Then followed a display of several volumes of English caricature. These books were kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Richardson of Salem, and are undoubtedly the finest collection of old caricature prints that are owned in New England. Many of them are rare and could not be duplicated at any price. At the close, refreshments were served. The committee, consisting of Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., Mr. Lyons and Mr. Wylie, are to be congratulated upon their successful efforts.

A letter received here this week from the Postmaster General of Zululand states that the non-obsolete stamps of that Colony are to be sold to the highest bidder as remainders. Natal stamps are now used in Zululand. As I have mentioned in a former letter that these stamps were to be superseded by those of Natal, I hope that many of your readers improved the opportunity to complete their set while they were current.

It is very evident that the ERA secured a lap on the other philatelic journals in first mentioning the 2½d New Zealand error. One of your contemporaries, several days after your paper went to press, made mention that they had received an error of the 2½d that they do not pretend to understand, and judging from the description that they give of it, I do not think they do, as they make no mention of the most prominent feature that is different from the corrected stamp. Stanley Gibbons' magazine, received last Saturday, does not mention the error at all. The Post Office, received today, although listing both stamps, have got the cart before the horse, in that they call the error re-engraved when it is the first print.

It may be of interest to some of your readers to know that I have in my possession a letter, received several months ago from the American Bank Note Company of New York, the makers of the Newfoundland Cabot issue of postage stamps, and this is what they state: "The 3c Cabot stamps all have one edge of sheet not perforated."

It is very amusing to see publishers of stamp papers advertising to issue what they call a representative issue of Boston and vicinity. All of these editions that have been published have been representative of the dealers to a limited extent. There are several prominent dealers in Boston, who carry a larger stock than many of those who have been mentioned, and there is one dealer here, Mr. Morey, who has been in the business longer than the majority of those mentioned. I hope if the ERA ever undertakes to publish a Boston edition that all the dealers here will be represented.

Now, a few words in regard to what has rather become a chestnut, "The Newfoundland Provisionals." I have read today a copy of the Montreal Philatelist, in which is published a letter addressed to Mr. Bach from the Postmaster of St. Johns, in which he states: "a limited number were surcharged in black to keep us going until new 1c stamps ordered were received. But these were not sold to dealers, being kept solely for mail purposes. I have no doubt dealers acquired some early by purchasing small lots," etc. Mr. Bach in commenting on the letter says: "From above it will be seen that in nine cases out of ten, the stamps of those dealers who have large stocks, or have them in sheets, as some Boston dealers claim to have, are forgeries." Here is a case where Mr. Bach makes a statement of which he knows nothing about, and presumably he has not even tried to find out any of the facts. This is rather a poor start for a new philatelic paper to have the editor make such a statement. It is also quite evident that the Postmaster of St. Johns is not fully posted on the workings of his office. A great many entire sheets were bought direct from the post office, and of the many hundreds of the stamps sold in Boston, I have never seen or heard of one of them being forgeries. The Boston dealers are fully competent to tell whether they are handling forged stamps or the originals. Any remarks that I have made in regard to these Provisionals, I can substantiate.

Mr. Flagg, the manager of the Liberty Stamp Co., I understand, is doing military duty at Fort Warren in Boston harbor. George is in great hopes that he will be ordered to Cuba, and if there is any looting to be done in that vicinity he has in mind the general post office at Havana.

S. E. L.

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Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Pittsburg Branch No. 5, and that a copy of the same be furnished to the bereaved widow and to the Official Organ of the American Philatelic Association.

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FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, May 14th, 1898.
1,114 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of May 7th, valued at \$41,234.23
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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

RDSOLUTIONS BY BRANCH NO. 5.

A Special Meeting of Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, American Philatelic Association, was called by President C. P. Krauth, Thursday Evening, May 14, 1898; the object of the meeting, to take action on the death of Mr. Joseph Beard, Secretary of the American Philatelic Association.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary of the Branch instructed to send a copy to the widow of Mr. Beard, and have same published in the Official Organ and inscribed upon the minutes of the Branch:

Whereas, It has pleased Providence to remove our valued co-worker in the cause of Philately, Mr. Joe F. Beard, and,

Whereas, as Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, and in kindred capacities, Mr. Beard rendered useful and honorable service, therefore be it,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Beard, we recognize a serious loss to the philatelic world, and that we hereby express our deep sense of regret over the untimely ending of his career of usefulness, and further, be it,

For the WEEKLY ERA.

An Experience in the Nutmeg State.

It was Friday and the 13th of the month when I struck —, Conn., a lively and ominous combination, the Philatelic Directory had 13 names of philatelists; hence, I expected to do some trading here, when I met one of the collectors, I found, however, there was a philatelic club here of 21 members, but whether it was the 13s or Friday, the result of a day's persevering effort and calling on all twenty-one I got one sale of just 25 cents which I presume paid a profit of 5 cents. Some of the people were "not at home," "were at school," "had lost interest," "had no money," "it was too warm weather," "the catalog was wrong," one "was a dealer himself." These were the excuses. The dealer, who had advertised some, had his stock in an envelope, he had a few fifteen-cent sets and a copy of a 3c 1869, with gum, which he proudly told me was worth a dollar in 1896 and he didn't know how high it was catalogued for now. These goods he would sell low, had advertised low and probably was one of many dealers who advertise low and whose ads people read and imagine they can get each and every stamp ever issued, in immaculate condition, equally cheap, from this or some other dealer. None of these people were disposed to sell except the "dealer," whose collection numbered "over three hundred all different" and which catalogued at thirty dollars, he told me, before he sold some of the higher ones.

About seven in the evening I called on a gentleman whose name was not in the directory, who knew no other collector in the place, knew nothing of the Philatelic Society, who really had a fine collection of British Colonies, Virgin Isles, Nevis and West Indies complete with but four exceptions; a superfine lot. He, however, had arranged to sell his collection already. At ten in the evening I had finished the city and very weary I was. So we have at last a fine lot of philatelists in this city of 40,000 people, a dealer, whose stock he can easily handle, for he keeps it in an envelope and who organized or promoted the club here, and has done a good deal to encourage the collectors. As I had spent several dollars car fare, hotel bills and electric fare, the five cents profit I made here was very gratifying, and it may interest the readers of this paper to learn of the success that attends the efforts of a brother philatelist to do a little trading in a place that would seem to promise very well. Showing the experiences one sometimes has. Having just returned from the South where I had done very well and succeeded in picking up some nice things and collections, so I presume this was to even up. In future I do not experiment with any strange cities on Friday the thirteenth.

WILLIAM B. HALE.

Tahiti.

COUNTERFEITED SURCHARGES.

Counterfeits of the provisional stamps of Tahiti have been seen quite frequently of late and notwithstanding they are not well enough counterfeited to deceive any experienced philatelists: as very happily, like in many other cases, the counterfeits have overlooked some of the most important features: it may not be out of order to give a few points so to enable collectors to detect the forgeries.

The 25c on the 35 yellow of the 1882 imperforated issue had its first and second types of surcharge pretty closely imitated but in most cases the counterfeited surcharges seen were on the *reprints* of the 35 cent stamp of the 1877 imperforated issue of French Colonies which are deep violet brown on orange instead of being gray violet brown on yellow, and this alone should be sufficient to detect the fraud, but in the counterfeits the top bar measures 17mm. and the bottom bar 16mm. instead of being of an even length and measure 15 to 16mm.

The figures 25 are only 6½ mm. high instead of 7mm. The space between the figures and the bottom bar is of 3mm., where it really ought to be of 2½ mm.

Cancelled specimens of these are easier yet to be detected, as the bogus postmark used, has its inner circle made out of dots, the forger probably not knowing that it should be a continuous lined circle.

All the above points apply to the 25 on 40 vermilion on straw; but here only *reprints* of the 40 centimes stamp of the 1877 imperforated issue were used by the counterfeits, and as they are of the second type with N of INV placed under U of REPUBLIQUE instead of having the N of INV placed under B of REPUBLIQUE, like in the first type the forgeries can easily be detected.

The 5c on 20 green, perforated, of the 1884 issue, which comes in four different types of surcharge, has also tempted the imitators, but in all cases known, they have added a bar to the A of TAHITA which does not exist in the genuines. In the 10c on 20 green of the same issue, which also originally came in four different types, they have overlooked the peculiar shape and wideness of the A and the characteristic narrowness of the H in the word TAHITI. Of the two last provisionals the surcharging stamps were engraved on better said cut with a penknife in some kind of ordinary wood in two blocks of four, one for each value, but after some use one, two and later on three of each stamp got broken, the wood used for the engraving not being as hard as such usually used for that kind of work and of course they were at the same time withdrawn from use thus explaining why some of the varieties of

surcharge are more commonly found than the others.

Notwithstanding the 25c on 1 franc, bronze green, imperforated, is listed as 1882 issue, it was really issued in 1884 at the same time that the 5c and the 10c on 20 green. In the counterfeits the figures 25 are of an even height, when in the genuines the 5 is about 1mm. higher than the 2. Also the squareness of the letters in the word TAHITI usually betrays the counterfeits in the three stamps of the 1884 issue.

There are numerous types of the diagonal overprint TAHITI of the 1893 issue, among which, three very distinct varieties are known; but the forgeries always measure differently from the genuines, the counterfeits which are more commonly met with have about 3¼ mm. high and fully 20mm. width from the first stroke of the T to the end of the I when the genuines have from 3½ to 3¾ mm. high and from 18¾ to 19mm. width according to type of surcharge. The counterfeits of the rare imperforated can easily be detected as in previous cases *reprints* of the corresponding issues of French Colonies were only used by the imitators.

Of the two lines over print 1893 TAHITI there are also a number of minor varieties in the figures 1893 or in the letters of the word TAHITI, sometimes the stamps were overprinted two by two with a double hand stamp which appears to be a metallic one probably lead, when in some other cases the stamps were singly overprinted.

Here the counterfeits known had their overprints 9mm. high, 15¾ mm. width with a space of 3mm. between the bottom of the figures 1893 and the top of the word TAHITI when the genuines measure invariably 8mm. high, 14½ to 15mm. width

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according to type, and only 2½mm. space between the figures and the letters. All the surcharges and overprints were hand stamped and sometimes show great differences between each other, this could be accounted for in the way the hand stamp has been applied on the postage stamp, the more or less of ink used or wear of the hand stamp; so we have surcharges with T or I final broken at top or at bottom, T with one or two strokes missing, one or three broken but these are infinitesimal and accidental varieties which certainly are not worth being collected even by the more fastidious and I merely mention them so that they would not look suspicious if they should sometimes be met with.

When specimens are cancelled the post-mark is of a great help in detecting the counterfeits as it never has been well imitated, the principal break being in the word at the bottom of the post-mark which spells TAITI in the genuines and in central letter I which is surmounted by a double period which when heavily inked does not show but makes the letter I appreciably higher than the other about ¼mm.

The information above given will certainly enable anybody to tell the counterfeits from the genuines in most cases but it may be well to say that these imitations come principally from Bordeaux, Marseilles, Brussels, London, Cleveland, St. Louis and New York.

GEORGES CARION.

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U. S. OF AMERICA

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MESSRS. SCOTT, ANDREINI & CALMAN,
Law Committee of Philatelists.

Dear Sirs:

I have the honor to report that the trial of this action before Mr. Justice Lacombe and a jury (April 14 and 15, 1898,) resulted in the direction of a verdict and entry of a judgment for defendant.

In rendering his opinion on the questions of law involved, Judge Lacombe held as follows:

1. That newspaper and periodical stamps issued prior to 1874 are presumed to have been lawfully acquired, whether cancelled or uncanceled; and that plaintiff had therefore very properly abandoned its claim to possession of these varieties.

2. That the Government cannot repudiate the sales of "reprints" or "specimens" made by the Third Assistant Postmaster General: (a) Because there was no law prohibiting such sales; (b) Because the Government received and retained the purchase money and thus waived all irregularities and ratified the sale.

3. That foreign governments, members of the "Postal Union," who have received postage stamps of our government in accordance with the terms of the Postal Convention, may sell or give away such stamps to private individuals. Accordingly, the possession of such stamps by dealers and collectors is not presumptive evidence of wrongful acquisition.

4. That the possession of newspaper and periodical stamps which bear apparent marks of cancellation is not presumably unlawful. The simulation of an official cancellation is a simple matter and, however immoral, is not prohibited by statute. Every man is entitled to the presumption of innocence. Accordingly, if purchase of a cancelled stamp from an officer of the government is unlawful, then the mere possession of a stamp with apparent cancellation marks must be treated, *prima facie*, as evidence that the marks were imposed by private act and not officially.

On the argument, I contended strenuously that the Postal Regulation prohibiting the sale of newspaper and periodical stamps by postmasters was inconsistent with the Federal law and therefore illegal, if not indeed unconstitutional. The view taken by the court on the other questions raised, rendered it unnecessary to pass on this more radical proposition. But I feel confident that my contention will be sustained, whenever an opportunity is pre-

sented for a more direct presentation of the point.

Whether or not the government will appeal rests with the Attorney General to who the record will be forwarded by the District Attorney. I am inclined to believe that the positive terms of the decision rendered by Judge Lacombe will induce an abandonment of further prosecution. But a stay of 60 days has been procured in order to determine whether an appeal shall be taken.

I desire here to record my sense of obligation to Hon. Frederic R. Coudert, whose advice and co-operation as senior counsel has been of great value to me in the preparation of the case for trial. Mr. Coudert's illness deprived us of his services at the trial and in the argument; and it was with reluctance that your committee directed me to proceed alone in order to prevent a further postponement of the case until the June term. Mr. Coudert was represented at the trial by Mr. Adams.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO. G. ROSENBLATT,
Atty. for Deft. and of Counsel.

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Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

As a large number of collectors who are not at present subscribers to the WEEKLY ERA will receive a copy of this issue, we wish to ask them to give our little paper an examination and shall be pleased to be favored with their subscriptions. We know from hard experience that 50 cents per

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Better send now, even if you are not actively collecting you should keep posted on real stamp news and the honest condition of the stamp market. For this the ERA excels all competitors.

The Queen City Stamp Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, sends us a letter received from the Postmaster of the Morganfield, Ky., post office, in reply to enquiries made as to one N. Williams connected with the Southern Book Co., who had obtained sheets of them and failed to settle. It states that he has departed under somewhat of "a cloud."

"Our new weekly trots right along regularly and seems to be prospering and is going into the boom number business. Some of our brethren of the quill seem to think it won't pay Mr. Scott. Bro. Jewett says * * * that it takes 8 days out of every week to get up a paper like that, and Bro. Pinkham says the subscription price is too low. The editing, and making up for the printer, of such a magazine as this, takes 4 to 6 hours, the printer, if right here, could have it off the press in 24 hours and it could with proper help be mailed 12 hours afterward, so we don't see why Mr. Scott needs any sympathy."—*Columbian Philatelist*.

It is quite evident from the above that Brother Dodge takes it that we were treating the matter in a light vein when we made the above quoted statement. His statement that a paper like his *Columbian* can be issued inside of 36 hours is too ridiculous to consider. If it only takes 6 hours, to quote him, to edit it we fail to see the justification for the lateness of his monthly publications which have been from one to two months late.

RECEIVED:

Catalogue of Wolsieffer's May 28th Auction Sale, to be held in Chicago. It lists 535 lots, comprising U. S. postage, revenues, proots, essays, etc. and foreign.

Burton's 38th mail sale will close on Thursday, the 26th. The catalogue lists 133 lots.

"Our National Songs 1898" is the title of a little song book received from Mr. G. H. Watson, which he advertises elsewhere in this issue.

From Mr. R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va., we have received Catalogue of Old Paper Money and Confederate Stamps. It consists of 16 pages and cover.

We also acknowledge receipt of a lithographed Worcester (Mass.) semi-centennial postal card. It is printed in colors on the reverse side of an ordinary postal card

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Mr. Cox also sends us an official circular "Memorandum to Postmasters" concerning these new envelopes, with prices and instructions as to sale of them. There are three values, 1c, 2c and 3c, and they are not to be supplied to or sold by any office until its supply of the old issue are disposed of.

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- \$4 " " " " " " 17.50

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P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

DELUSIVE. DELUSIVE.

The Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg, Pa., will celebrate its tenth anniversary, Saturday afternoon, June 4th, by an excursion trip up the Monongahela River to Elizabeth. Music will be in attendance and a supper is to be included we believe. Some thirty members have already promised the committee to go.

Mr Howes Norris, Jr., a Cottage City, Mass., subscriber writes us that he has purchased 8c stamps plate No. 555 from his post office.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of, and extend thanks and regrets at our inability to accept, the kind invitation of the St. Paul Philatelic Society to attend their reception in Parior B, Windsor Hotel, on Friday, May 20th at 7 o'clock p. m.

Just a few copies of our stock of Scott's 58th Catalogue remain. Remember we will supply you with a copy (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for One Dollar.

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"Have you given any thought to the possibility of the Metropolitan becoming the official organ of the A. P. A.? Perhaps it would be well for Bro. Jewett to look to his laurels. If this idea of the brain is a mote in 'Our Eye,' I shall gladly cast it out."

The above appears in the last Columbian Philatelist under the heading "Our Eye" contributed by Mr. William O. Wylie, the Boston correspondent of the Metropolitan. It might be best to consider well before deciding to thrust any additional burden onto the shoulders of our struggling metropolitan three-month-experiment weekly.

The Spanish Navy

reminds us of a woman. You never know what she is going to do next. And after you do know, she generally changes her mind. We know what we are going to do next in the stamp business. Our wires are out for the new Private Proprietaries in every direction, and we shall be the first to the front with a stock of 'em.

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12c 1856.....	" " " " " "	.48
2c 1860.....	" " " " " "	.07
3c 1881.....	" " " " " "	.05
12c 1872.....	" " " " " "	.24
30c 1870.....	" " " " " "	.07
30c 1890.....	" " " " " "	.05

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The Editor's Spears.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of England, is evidently ignorant of the use made of the Great Britain 1£ and 5£ stamps as it says they are used for postage about "once in a blue moon." We have never seen the moon have the blues but our contemporary probably means that these values are very seldom used for postage, a statement which is far from the facts. We know of one lot of over 25 of the 5£ stamps having been received on mail matter addressed to New York and we have several times bought large quantities of the 1£ stamps which came to this country on mail matter, one purchase having contained over 125 of the 1£. While on this subject we ought to add that a package went through the Philadelphia Post Office a short time ago requiring over \$100 worth of postage and in our 103d auction sale is an unsevered sheet of seventy used 90c stamps.—*Philatelic Monthly* and *World*

THE TAX ON PHILATELY.

There is an excellent society usually alluded to, for brevity's sake, as the "S. S. S. S.," but properly styled the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps. With the aims of that Society we are in full accord; indeed, as the bulk of our readers are aware the Society owes its existence in great part to the initiative of the *Fortnightly*. Now the S. S. S. S. is doing its level best to further its founders' aims. It is fighting the good fight for all philatelists; but if the fight is to be effective the collectors themselves must rally round the Society's banner and give their champions not only their moral, but also their material support.

We are most anxious not to say or do anything which would hamper the S. S. S. S. in its good work; but we feel that no useful purpose is ever served by blinking facts. We cannot blink the fact that the Society is not at present the power that it should be; it is not even so strong as it was in its earlier days. When all the leading collectors and all the leading dealers of this country were as one on the question of "gumpaps," then we had an ideal S. S. S. S., strong in organization and influence, all-powerful as a force practically controlling the whole philatelic community. The dealing members were pledged not to sell the stamps condemned by the Society; the collecting members agreed, by virtue of their member-ship, to boycott all "gumpaps" issued from the date of the Society's inception. For a time all went well; the Society was slowly but surely becoming a real power, and the evidences of its strength were beginning to be felt by the Finance Ministers of small gumpap-making countries, when lo! there came the rift within

the lute. One or two dealers transacting a considerable business in new issues found that the task of "turning away money" was a particularly uncongenial one. They discovered that there are many young stamp collectors who will buy anything that is pretty and cheap: that is the rock on which the good ship "Suppression" is like to founder. One secession began, dealer after dealer discovered that his membership of the S. S. S. S., with its implied engagements, was opposed to his "business interests," and to bring the story to a prompt conclusion, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons announced their intention of keeping a "free hand" with regard to new issues in the future.

The sequel is well known. The S. S. S. S., or what is left of it, is now a collectors' organization, pure and simple. This is to be regretted because collectors, having no shop windows, are not able to exercise any appreciable influence over the purchases of their fellow collectors. When the "trade" joined the Society in force and vowed to sell no gumpaps, the Society was strong, because that which is not for sale cannot be bought. The "trade" being now indifferent, "moral suasion" is virtually the only weapon left to the S. S. S. S., and so far as outward and visible signs are to be trusted this "moral suasion" of the new S. S. S. S. is represented solely by the circulars which are sent out at intervals to the members of the Society and to the philatelic Press.

Meanwhile, the gumpap game goes merrily on, and the whole world combines to lay philately under contribution. Of late our own colonies have been sore offenders, despite a welcome tendency in official quarters to frown down anything that savours of official speculation.

There are three distinct ways in which philatelists are mulcted in a tax not payable by any other class in the community:

- 1.—By the issue of gumpap, *i. e.*, stamps not intended to fill a legitimate postal need.
- 2.—By the sales of Government Reminders, which in many cases are promptly demonetised.
- 3.—By postmarking to order.

To abolish, even to minimise, such an evil may seem at first glance an impossible task; but it is nothing of the kind. A united effort on the part of all collectors all over the world would accomplish the desired result. Excellent work is, we believe, being done by the S. S. S. S. We qualify the statement advisedly, because we have at the present moment no means of knowing what is being done apart from the dissemination of occasional circulars. But the S. S. S. S., as at present constituted, may work its hardest without appreciable result. Until the collectors themselves gather in their thousands and work also, the net gain will be small.

Every collector owes it to himself and to Philately, not only to identify himself with the Society's work by becoming a member, but also to act as an S. S. S. S. recruiting

sergeant for his particular town or district. Unfortunately, "what is everybody's business is nobody's business"—the old adage holds good here, as in every similar case. Many enthusiastic philatelists, thoroughly in sympathy with the Society's aims, are content to leave the work of forwarding those aims to "the others," forgetting, alas! that the others are just as listless and apathetic as themselves. Again, there are many who do not properly realize the full danger of what Mr. Castle aptly called, "The Rock Ahead," and there are also some (though these must be few) who either openly or in secret oppose the aims of the S. S. S. S. All might be brought into line, showing a united effort to the foe, if only the right man came forward to head the movement. But who, where is that man?—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

NEW ISSUE OF NEW ZEALAND.

Before these lines are in print, it is not improbable that a good many of our readers will be in possession of some, at all events, of the values of the new issue for this Colony, which is supposed to surpass in beauty all that have gone before it. A very pretty series it undoubtedly is; indeed, the designs possess enough of that "fatal gift of beauty" to render them eminently suspicious to the philatelist, even if they had not been brought forth avowedly as an advertisement of New Zealand and its resources. We believe, however, that the issue is to be a permanent one—as permanent as issues of stamps generally are—and in these days of limited numbers, limited periods of issue, and limited liability on the part of the issuing Governments, this is something to be thankful for. The values are not only each of a different design, but there are numerous variations of size and perforation, even those of the or-

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dinary rectangular shape differing in the actual size, and when we get later on local printings in varieties of shade, &c., the specialist in the 1898 Issue of New Zealand will find his work cut out for him. Mountain peaks are prominent on several of the stamps, Mount Cook (not, we believe, named after Mr. Cook, of New South Wales) figuring on the ½d and 5s and other mountains, whose names are not told, upon the 1d, 2d, 5d and 2s. Lake Wakatipu, with more snowy mountains in the distance, is shown on the 2½d. On the 3d is a pair of birds, with very long bills, which we are informed are not tailor birds, as their long bills might lead one to suppose, but the sacred Huia (or How are yer), whose notes give such a friendly tone to the New Zealand forests. The 4d and the 9d show the celebrated Pink and White Terraces, destroyed, alas! in the great eruption some years back—the lower of these two values being in an appropriate colour. The 5d, a very fine and large stamp, has a view of Otira Gorge—where the Missionary Feasts of old times used to take place—and, as a kind of side show, a miniature of Ruapehu, who is not a native chief, but an active volcano. For the small sum of 6d a portrait of that wingless and featherless bird the Apteryx can be obtained, while the 8d bears as a device a large figure "8" with a Royal Crown in the upper portion and a native canoe in the lower—the reference being evidently to the upper and lower circles of New Zealand society. On the 1s are a pair of the carnivorous parrots of the Colony, appropriately named Kaka birds; and the 2s shows a beautiful view of Milford Sound, with the name thoughtfully given beneath it in large letters. The paper is unwatermarked, but this defect will no doubt be remedied in subsequent editions.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

WAR AND PHILATELY.

There are few parts of a man's life which are not touched by a war between two great nations. The difference in the business world is something enormous. The difference in the expense necessary to live in comfort is a matter which a good many of us are likely to find out something about before long. The effect of the war upon the gratification of this and that taste is likely to become more and more manifest as the days go by. Even if the war should be as brief as the most optimistic hope, it cannot fail to touch our lives at many points.

All that is matter which has doubtless occurred to many of our readers. It has also doubtless occurred to them that they can already see some results of the war in its influence upon their own philatelic experience. We have not yet seen in this country any stamps of the new issue of Spain or the Philippine Islands. That state of affairs is a direct result of the war. It

is to be hoped, from the American standpoint, at least, that the date '99 on the stamps of Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippines may be proved to be a hollow mockery. Our ambition hardly goes so far as to care to make that date on the Spanish stamps a mockery also, though it must be confessed that there are indications that it will be appropriate to have some other head than that of Alphonso XIII. on the Spanish stamps by the time that 1899 opens.

If the war should last for two or three years, we should doubtless find a good many other results upon the status of this and that class of stamps. It is probable that the price of United States stamps would show a still greater decline than they have yet manifested, great as that has been. It is probable that there would be a considerable rise in the stamps of Spain and the Spanish colonies, especially the colonial stamps. It is probable that a good deal of water would be squeezed out of American philately, and that the squeezing would seriously hurt some good people towards whom we have the best of wishes. It is probable that the revenue stamps of the United States would be sought for with renewed interest. But we hope that the war will be over in a good deal less than two or three years, and that its influence on philately may be confined to making the stamps of Spanish colonies which have ceased to be Spanish colonies more interesting than they would otherwise be.—Editorially in *Boston Stamp Book.*

INFLATED PRICES.

There has been a great deal of serious discussion recently on the subject of the absurdly inflated prices of a great many stamps in the catalogues of the leading firms, particularly Gibbons and Scott, and it is very evident that the feeling is growing amongst collectors that these prices must no longer be regarded as the real normal value of the stamps. And indeed if we look at the matter from the publisher's standpoint we shall see that they do not profess to do anything more than quote at the prices at which they are willing and anxious to sell. A very erroneous impression appears to exist that catalogues are published to state the price that stamps are really worth, and to inform the collector that it would be robbery of anyone to charge him more. This is not the case. A dealer may hold an opinion as to the value of a certain stamp, that is quite different to that held by his nearest competitor, who may have better knowledge as to how the stock is held. The latest development in the matter that has come under our notice is in a circular issued by a London dealer stating that he will be happy to supply any obsolete stamp catalogued at under £1 at one-half the price asked by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. in their latest catalogue. This is a large order, but we do

not share in the doubt expressed by a contemporary as to his ability to carry on the idea for long. We think it quite probable that he may make a handsome profit even then out of a great majority of obsolete issues.—*Stamps (Eng.).*

N. S. W. JUBILEE STAMPS OBSOLETE AFTER JUNE.

When the new issue of postage stamps was made at the time of the Diamond Jubilee, it was intended says the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, that the stamps in use previous to that time should not be legal tender to the Post Office after six months from the new issue. One or two cases have occurred where persons have used stamps of the old issue for postal purposes, and the letters have been surcharged, as though they were insufficiently stamped. However, the Postmaster General has taken executive action to extend the time during which the old ones will be current until June next. At the same time persons having stocks of the old issue in their possession may exchange them for the new on application to the postal authorities.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Monday, May 16th.

It is believed that one of the new revenue stamps will show a battleship, at any rate, such a design with "Proprietary" at the top has been seen at the Bureau. No denomination had been assigned to it.

The following items will be of interest to stamp collectors:

The war revenue bill has been reported to the Senate, the committee on finance having had it under consideration for two weeks. All the provisions in the House bill for the issuance of bonds and certificates of indebtedness were stricken out, and Mr. Allison, in reporting the measure, made a minority report giving authority for the bond issue.

STAMP TAXES.

The changes made in schedule A, relating to stamp taxes, indicate that the committee devoted very careful attention to it, and as a consequence almost every line is changed.

"Upon each sale, contract, agreement or other evidence of a sale of any products or merchandise at any exchange, or board of trade, either for present or future delivery, for each one hundred dollars in value of said sale, 1-cent, and for each additional one hundred dollars or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars, 1 cent."

A proviso is added requiring stamps to the necessary amount be affixed to the bill, memorandum or other evidence of sale

The House exemption of bank checks under \$20 is stricken out, leaving all checks, drafts, etc., subject to the stamp of 2 cents. The rate on domestic bills of exchange of less than \$100 is reduced to 2 cents, and 2 cents is added to this rate for each additional \$100. This provision is made applicable to post office money orders. The rate on foreign bills of exchange is made double the rate levied on domestic exchange.

A uniform rate of one cent is required on all bills of lading, manifests, receipts, &c., for packages issued by railroad, steamboat, express companies, etc. A tax of one cent is also imposed upon conversations over telephone lines, where the charge exceeded fifteen cents.

The rate on indemnifying bonds is increased from twenty-five to fifty cents.

The provision for taxing deeds of conveyance is changed so as to make the rate fifty cents where consideration is below \$500 and adding fifty cents for each additional \$500.

A uniform rate of one cent is made on telegraphic dispatches, the official dis-

patches of telegraph and railroad companies and official government dispatches being the only exceptions.

The rate on ordinary life insurance policies is increased from 2 cents on the \$100 to 10 cents. On fire insurance companies the rate is fixed at one-half of 1 cent of each dollar of the premium, and the same rate is made on the premiums of casualty, fidelity and guarantee companies.

The tax on mortgages of less than \$1,500 in amount is fixed at 25 cents, and like sum added for each additional \$500.

The penalty for a violation of section 4, relating to adhesive stamps is increased so as to make the offense misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for a year or both. *Failure to cancel stamps* is also made a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$50 or by imprisonment of six months. *The paragraph authorizing private dies is stricken out.* Imprisonment is also added as one of the penalties for issuing or accepting unstamped documents. Indeed this addition is made to almost all the provisions for violating any portion of the bill, the effect being to make the bill far more stringent than it was as it came from the House.

The commissioner of internal revenue is given authority to procure stamps from private persons until January, 1899, when they cannot be supplied by the bureau of printing and engraving.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. ○ means unused, ⊕ used. **All Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.**

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Justice 24c ○ evenly centered	1 75
Navy 90c ○ dark blue o. g.	2 00
State 2c ⊕	8 75
Newspaper 1865 10c dark green ○	10 00
1879 \$3 ⊕	2 10
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1853 3c wide label on buff ⊕ □	1 80
1863 2c U. S Postage on manila ○ □	1 85
1874 1c die A on white ○ □	2 05
2c die C brown on white ○	1 55
2c pink 2c vermilion on blue ○	1 10
2c brown die B3 on orange ○	1 05
90c purple on amber ○	1 80
1886 1c on amber-manila ○	45

1884 2c red on fawn with two links under right "2" ○	1 10
1884 2c die A on manila ○	1 30

Locals:

Blood's small stamp with "paid" in center ⊕ on original envelope	2 00
Bouton's 2c black on white first type ⊕	5 00
Prince ⊕	90

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\$1 Passage Ticket perf.	3 00
\$1 Lease imperf. wide margins	1 00
Confed. States 1863 Ten cents blue ⊕	2 20

FOREIGN.

Barbados 1885 5sh ○	3 50
Colombia 1862 10c light blue ⊕	3 00
Cuba 1855 ¼rp carmine ⊕ on orig. env. wide surcharge	2 30
1855 ¼rp carmine ⊕ on orig. env. narrow surcharge	1 50
Labuan 8c red CC watermark ○	1 50
Mauritius 1880 13c slate ○ wide mar.	3 50
Mexico 1867 1r green on laid bantonne paper ○	60
Modena 40c blue error "cene" ○	2 00
25c yellow with the bottom label nearly blank showing only the "c" ○	2 00
40c blue error "4c" ○	2 00
Montserrat 1884 1d perf. 12 ○ o. g.	3 50
Persia 1878 5k violet-bronze ⊕	3 00
St. Vincent 1d black perf. 11x15 ○	3 00
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Something About Stamp Fiends.

BY LEWIS ROBIE.

[By special arrangement with the author we have secured the exclusive right to print sections from the manuscript of "STAMP HUNTING".—ED.]

From Chapter I.

"How about their man Ball, who used to be with Seabury & Johnson?"

"I know him. Smokes a pipe and is always busted?"

"Yes, that's the fellow. Not so talkative a cuss, and not half so much of a liar as you are, either, I reckon, but as you say, he is always busted. I had to let him have \$2.00 to enable him to get out of town when he was here last, but it was returned all right."

"Yes, it certainly would be. I would rather he would owe me \$500.00 than \$5.00, and he is awful handy to have around if you are busted yourself. If you want a dollar and he hasn't it, he will borrow \$2.00 from some one else and give you half. He is a salesman too, but a mystery to most of us how he sells anything at all. He doesn't say much, and when he does speak he talks in such a low tone you have to guess at half what he does say. He is so slow and indifferent that if a house fell on him he wouldn't be surprised or would he move any quicker. Start us all out at the same time and at the same gait, we'll fall all over him the first two or three days, but in a stretch of ten days or so, he will bring in more business than any one in the bunch. He is a determined sort of a cuss, too. I used to work with him for S. & J. around Chicago with an open buckboard. One day it was cold enough to freeze the ears off from a jack rabbit, and I was beefing to pull in and quit, but he was determined to get in his average number of orders, and he kept at it long after dark, till he finally landed his man. It was after nine o'clock though before we got thawed out, and had something to eat. But speaking of Seabury and Johnson reminds me of the old revenue stamp they used on their Benson's plasters years ago. Have you any of them, Doc? or any old perfumery bottles, pills, face powders or patent medicines with the stamp on?"

"I don't believe I have. I used to have a lot of old stuff but I got so tired seeing it lying around here so long, that last fall I made a big cart load of it and dumped the whole shooting match into the river. Most of it had stamps too."

"You probably threw away several hundred dollars worth of old stamps, Doctor. Between you and me, there is a value put on these old revenue stamps."

"Is that so. I didn't know that. Who pays any money for them? You can't use 'em for postage, and the government wont redeem them, as I tried to have them do so, myself, several years ago."

"No, but collectors demand them, and

the comparative scarcity of these medicine stamps now, fixes a price, and some of them are worth more than you ever dreamed of, such as the six cent orange proprietary used on Osgood's India Chologog, Wilhoft's Fever and Ague Cure and a few other dollar and a half remedies. There were so few issued, finding one is like finding thirty dollars in cash."

"You're joking. Do you mean to tell me that there's any old revenue stamp worth thirty dollars? You're crazy!"

"Dig one up here, and see if I am. And then take Seabury & Johnson's stamp. I will give you five dollars apiece for all you will trot out, of a certain kind."

"You don't mean it. Well come to think of it, I believe I have an old box of these plasters and I'll just call your five dollars. Let us step back into the back room and find out. Yes, sir, here you are; one, two, four, yes, eight of them. Trot out your forty dollars, old man."

"But they are not the right color. Doc. The rare ones are a lake, sort of reddish brown color. These are black and are only catalogued five cents. The other is catalogued eighteen dollars, and worth it, because of so few known. In fact, outside of a few in the leading collections, I only know of a dozen or so copies scattered through the country. None of the stamp dealers have any that I know of. You see, the law was repealed before many of these were used, but thousands and thousands of the black ones were issued, and are comparatively common."

Another thing, here are three of the lot, different from the rest. Do you see any difference?"

"No."

"Look again. See the word porous erased or obliterated on these and not on those. That was done because the Alcock people finally obtained through the courts the exclusive right to the words "porous", compelling Seabury & Johnson to erase the word from their stamps. First it was done with a pen, which fact made that stamp more valuable than the latter method of a die being used like these."

"Well, I want to know; and people pay money for these old stamps. I can understand how one can become interested in coins, as there is value in them, but I thought this stamp fad was confined to "kids" and postage stamps, and had died out long ago. Tell me who collects them, what class of people, etc. You may have these. Bring up your chair and sit down. It is stormy outside, and my clerk will watch the front. I'll give you an order for a few things; but tell me more about these stamp fiends you call 'em. The retail drug business is so confining that here in a small country town we never hear of what other people are doing, outside of the newspapers."

"Stamp collectors, Doctor Bailey, are made up of all kinds of people in all parts of the world. It is a hobby once fastened can never entirely be shaken off. You may

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Hostetter & Smith	6c black, silk
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Hazeltine, E. T.	4c " old
Hiscox & Co.	4c " wmk.
Kerr, Jas. C.	4c blue, old
Merchants' Gargling Oil	1c black, old
Pierce, R. V.	1c green, old
Schwartz, J. E., & Co.	1c lake, pink
Wilder, Edward (uncut)	1c green, old
" "	4c lake, wmk.
Wilson, E. A.	12c blue, wmk.
Zelins, J. H., & Co.	2c red, <i>perf.</i>

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lose interest for awhile, perhaps altogether. but there will come a time when you will be back again, more enthusiastic than ever. I received a letter from one of Minnesota's leading business men the other day, who said: "A few years ago I had a very fine collection of foreign and United States stamps, but the large number of new issues, and other varieties, induced me to part with it, and stop collecting. For awhile I had nothing to do with stamps, or collecting them but the old craze again took hold of me and I made a specialty of United States. Again the minor varieties, etc., induced me to stop and sell out. For two or three years I made good my resolve, not to collect stamps again, but at last the hobby has come back in full force, and I am at it now worse than ever."

"I know many of my boyhood friends, who collected stamps twenty years ago, dropped it as they entered business life, but lately have had the mania come back, and are now collecting and as enthusiastic as when they were school boys. You would be surprised to know of the prominent men collecting stamps and stamp enthusiasts. The Czar of Russia is a stamp collector. The Duke of York has one of the largest and best collections known, valued at several hundred thousand dollars. Other members of the nobility of all foreign countries, are ardent lovers of stamps, and in this country, many of the wealthy and prominent people in public and business life, of all vocations, sexes and ages, are stamp collectors. It is hard, however, to educate an interest in them. Stamp fiends are generally born, not made, though of course many have become interested by seeing others interested, but they probably had the inward hobby or inclination towards it beforehand, and like a smouldering log, it needed only a fan to start the flame. I have a friend, a leading dry goods merchant in Highland, a little town near St. Louis in this state, who has a very fine collection of stamps, especially in United States Revenues, and is a very enthusiastic collector, but, try as he will, he cannot get his young son interested in them at all, and he calls his father an "old chump," collecting old stamps. Not far from him is another business man, who has no use at all for stamps or stamp collectors, but has a boy who is as crazy over stamps as his business competitor, and his father thinks he has "wheels."

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

ARE THESE NEW DIE VARIETIES?

W. W. JEWETT.

Dear Sir: In looking over a lot of stamped envelopes of 1861 issue, I found several of which the left circle around the figure of value is more or less broken, as the enclosed envelopes will show, especially the one marked No. 3 of which 1/4 of the circle is missing.

Will you kindly let me know whether these are all different dies? I have only found them on buff and not one among 130 white nor among the patent lined envelopes.

Very truly yours, FRED FUESSEL.

An examination of the specimens sent show the differences mentioned very plain, they may possibly have been caused by imperfect dies or by the filling up of relief lines with ink.—Ed.

Omaha Notes.

By "Ro."

Monday, May 16th.

Nebraska collectors are busy preparing their stamps for the N. P. S. exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which opens June 1st.

The exhibit is divided into ten classes as follows: U. S. Postage; U. S. Departments; U. S. Envelopes; U. S. Revenues; 50 Rarest Stamps; fine classes of foreign, as most complete country, most interesting exhibit, etc.

A subscription either cash or stamps is being taken up for prizes. There will be a first and second prize in each class.

Catalogues of the exhibit will be prepared and given free to all comers as long as the supply lasts.

As free space could only be secured in the Nebraska building, on condition only Nebraska collectors exhibit, it was necessary to bar other collectors. This is to be regretted as a national exhibit would have done much for Philately. However, half a loaf is much better than no loaf at all and Nebraska will not need to be ashamed of her stamp exhibit.

All collectors are cordially invited to come and may be assured a hearty welcome. Bring your stamps along, as there will be a big stamp meet with lots of buying, selling and exchanging. Everybody come.

The Omaha Philatelist is no more, having been consolidated with the Phila-

telic West, as Shepard enlisted in the state militia.

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Who wants a new bicycle, camera, watch, jewelry, firearm or "Battleship Maine" souvenir spoon in exchange for stamps? If you do, just write me the particulars. W. Herman Wiesman, Millbury, Mass.

Exchange desired with collectors all over the world. Send sheets marked after Scott, Senf or Gibbons' cat. and receive mine. I have 7200 var. in my collection. Simon Blum, Cold Spring, Stearns Co., Minn., U.S.A.

Wanted: Old Copper Cents. Will give good exchange in rare stamps for same on a new exchange basis. Write me if you have any pennies or 1/2 cents. Judson N. Burton, Madison, New York.

Will exchange rare Confederate bills and buttons for Confederate stamps, broken bank bills and fractional currency. Send list what you have and condition they are in. R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va.

Send what Special Delivery, any Dues, also 6, 8, 15 and 50-cent present issue, clean copies, you have. Will send good Match, Medicine, Revenue or Postage in exchange. Charles King, 105 East 10th St., New York City.

I have collection of fossils and minerals, as well as stamps to exchange for good stamps. Foreign exchange respectfully solicited. Send want lists with your stamps. Prompt reply to all consignments. J. W. Witty, Box 1354, Springfield, Mass.

Camera, Homing Pigeons and Fancy Pigeons. Will exchange for good stamps from approval sheets or small collection. I. Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass. [62]

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio. [67]

TRADE COLUMN.

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1894 2c lake Playing Cards, No. 2968, new o. g. 5c 1873 3c green Continental, P. O. state, cat. 75c for 25c A. C. GOODRICH, Manitou, Colo.

Complete sheet of 100 War 1c unused, o. g., margins all around, Continental, plate No. 48, \$5.00 post free. If you wish to sell your collection of stamps or duplicates for spot cash, write to me. References, Bradstreet or Dun. Agents wanted to sell stamps from sheets at 50¢ commission. Reference required. JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H.

United States—All fine. 1851 3-cent rose, 1 cent. 1853 3-cent rose, 1 cent. 1859 2c (Jackson) black, 3 cents. 1867 2c rose (grilled), 2 cents. 1893 50c orange, 8 cents. Special Delivery 1st issue, new o. g., 13 cents. Special Delivery 10c orange, new o. g., 13 cents. Special Delivery present issue, used, 2 cents. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Our city has a Souvenir Postal Card to commemorate its 50th Anniversary. It is a beauty and will be sent you (unused) for five cents. FRANK E. STIMPSON, Publisher, 28 Sever St., Worcester, Mass. [64]

I am starting in the philatelic literature business with a very fine stock, which has been accumulating during the past seven years. Have hundreds of complete volumes and files and thousands of odd numbers, including many "old timers" that are hard to get now at any price; also several publishers' complete stocks of back numbers. If there is any chance for a deal (I buy, sell and exchange) write me. The first number of a circular which I expect to get out occasionally to advertise my business is ready. It is a sort of cousin to the only "Stampman." Let me know if you want a copy. Just as a starter I will sell you a complete file (24 numbers) of the "Diamond Philatelist," regular price 50c, for 25c. E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

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United States Stamps

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

**Cottlow's...
Chicago Correspondence.**

Thursday, May 12th.

Much sorrow was felt here last Friday on the receipt of a telegram by Mr. Wolsieffer stating that Joe F. Beard had died that morning.

A special meeting of Chicago Branch, No. 1, of the American Philatelic Association was immediately called and passed the following

RESOLUTIONS:

Whereas, death has removed from our number, Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Ia., Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, a philatelist whose sterling qualities were such as to endear him to his fellow men and

Whereas, we feel a sense of personal bereavement in the untimely death of Joe F. Beard aside from an appreciation of the loss that philately at large has sustained; be it

Resolved, that the Chicago Branch, No. one, American Philatelic Association, deeply deplores and subscribes its sorrow, at the death of Joe F. Beard; and be it

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and also that copies be furnished to the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, *Weekly Metropolitan* and *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News*.

P. M. WOLSEFFER,
C. E. SEVERN,
B. A. COTTLOW,
Committee.

A suitable floral tribute was sent to Muscatine at once.

"Joe" was very well known here personally as he was a frequent visitor to our city, and that he was universally liked is not saying enough.

Personally, he was a good friend of mine and I appreciated that friendship most highly.

The A. P. A. loses a valuable officer in Joe F. Beard.

Visitors recently were Mr. August Weis of Davenport, Iowa, Director of the Saengerfest of that city, and Mr. C. K. Davis of Cincinnati.

Mr. Wolsieffer's next sale will be held on the 28th inst., and catalogues are now out.

Beside many other interesting things, it contains a very fine line of U. S. proofs and essays.

CONTINENTALS.

We have secured an especially fine lot put up by a European dealer who was not afraid to give the collectors of the U. S. a **BONANZA**

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" 1889 3sh,	5.00
Falkland 1sh no wmk., used.....	2.50
Zululand 1890 1sh, used.....	.90
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" " 6d,25
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" 90c carmine.....	1.00	.40	.60
" Postage Due 30c brown, unused.	1.50	.60	.90
" " 50c " "	3.00	1.20	1.80
" " 50c " " used ..	2.50	1.00	1.50
" P. O. Register (green) ..	.25	.08	.12
Hawaiian Islands 10c '82 black "	2.00	.80	1.20
" 15c '82 brown, used	3.00	1.20	1.80
" 12c '75 black, unused	1.50	.60	.90
Island 40 aur '76 green.....	1.50	.60	.90
Newfoundland 3c '76 blue, rouletted..	1.00	.40	.60
" 1c '76	1.50	.60	.90
U.S. Postage Due 1c claret '94, unused	.03	.02	.03
" 2c " '94,05	.03	.05
" P. O. Dept. 3c gray paper, "	.15	.05	.07
" Columbians 1c to 15c, unused...	.60	.20	.30
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For Beginners : 25 " unused "	.05	.02	.03
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- F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 272d meeting of the Society, held April 21st, was called to order by President Miller.

Present: Messrs. Doneyson, Michael, Massoth, Miller, Pierce, Severn, Smack, Schlieckert and Wolsieffer.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Reports from the Room Committee and Treasurer were received and accepted.

Mr. A. H. Nelson was then elected to Active Membership (No. 452.)

Mr. R. F. Albrecht of New York, who was present as a visitor, entertained the members by a recital of some of his philatelic experiences.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 p. m.

C. E. SEVERN,
Sec'y pro tem.

The 273d meeting was called to order at 8.15 p. m. May 5th, 1898, by President Miller.

These members were present: Messrs. Miller, Lefever, Severn, Massoth, Michael, Wolsieffer, Schlieckert, Hartman, Smack and Cottlow, with Mr. Seelig as visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting approved as amended.

A motion prevailed to send notices to active members only quarterly instead of semi-monthly; such notices to contain a list of the meetings for the ensuing quarter with statement of amount due the Society from each member.

Communications were then read from Messrs. G. B. Ward and C. F. Richards presenting their resignations. Referred.

A motion prevailed that the Treasurer prepare a list of all members delinquent in their dues to January 1st, '98, and that the Governing Board expell all such delinquents at the next meeting.

After recess the Board ordered accepted the resignations of Messrs. Richards and Ward, the latter to take effect Jan. 1st, 1899. Adjourned at 9.30 p. m.

B. A. COTTLOW, Secretary.

U. S. Periodical Stamps.

1895 issue, watermarked, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c and 50c. Set of 6 Values for \$1.25.

All the above are in fine condition.

I have a few sets which are not as fine as above and are perforated at three sides only which I offer For \$1.00 for the Set of 6 Values.

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I will give you the proof of it. Take the catalogue prices of Nos. 668, 1463 and 1728 deduct 50%, divide the amount after deducting 50% by 3 and you will have the proof of my statement.

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No.	58th Catalogue Price.	My Price
41	1851 3c red.....	\$2.00 \$0.50
41	" 3c unsevered pair.....	2.00 2.00
41	" 3c block of four.....	6.00 6.00
70	1857 3c brown.....	7.50 3.75
104	1862 2c black60 .30
124	" 2c block of four.....	2.00 2.00
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124	" 1c block of four.....	20.00 20.00
181	1869 1c re-issue.....	2.50 1.00
181	" 1c block of four.....	5.00 5.00
193	1870 1c ultramarine.....	3.50 1.25
193	" 1c block of four.....	10.00 10.00
195	" 3c green.....	2.50 .50
195	" 3c block of four.....	4.00 4.00
197	" 7c vermilion.....	8.00 4.00
270	1879 15c red orange.....	.50 .25
270	" 15c block of four.....	1.50 1.50
272	" 30c black.....	2.00 1.00
272	" 30c block of four	5.00 5.00
295	1882 6c rose.....	1.50 .75
295	" 6c block of four.....	4.00 4.00
297	" 10c brown.....	.50 .25
298	" 10c yellow brown.....	.50 .25
299	" 10c black	5.00 2.50
350	Executive 3c carmine.....	7.50 3.75
350	State 1c green.....	3.50 1.25
626	Treasury 1c yel. brown.....	3.50 1.50
626	" 1c block of four.....	5.00 5.00
668	Interior 10c vermilion.....	1.50 .25
1036	1879 2c black Periodical.....	.35 .15
1037	" 3c " " .....	.75 .37
1038	" 4c " " .....	.50 .20
1039	" 6c " "	1.00 .40
1040	" 8c " "	1.00 .50
1043	" 24c red	3.00 1.50
1046	" 60c " "	6.00 3.00
1059	" 1c black .....	.25 .10
1060	" 1c carmine	1.50 .75
1061	" 24c " "	1.50 .75
1213	1879 30c brown Due.....	1.50 .65
1214	" 50c	3.00 1.25
1217	1889 3c red brown.....	3.00 1.50
1220	" 30c	1.50 .65

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1440	1864 20c on amber.....	.50 .20
1453	1850 2c on cream.....	2.50 .35
1458	1875 1c on fawn.....	.75 .10
1494	1853 4c on white.....	2.00 .30
2504	1884 2c red on fawn.....	1.00 .20
2509	" 2c brown on blue.....	1.50 .30
2513	" 2c, die B, amber.....	2.00 .75
2515	" 2c, " B, fawn.....	5.00 1.00
2526	1886 10c on o. buff.....	.50 .20
2527	" 30c on "	5.00 2.00
2530	" 10c on blue.....	.50 .20

WRAPPERS, Cut Square.

2706	1864 2c, die 2.....	1.00 .25
2717	1874 2c, " B3.....	4.00 1.75
2758	1884 2c, " B.....	5.00 .75

Nos. at left refer to 58th Ed. Catalogue.
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, May 24th.

The first printing of Omaha stamps was made on Friday, May 20th, consisting of about 700 sheets of the 1c denomination from plate No. 590.

The color of the 2c Omaha is to be copper red and that of the 4c orange. It is a matter of regret that the stamps are not to be bi-colored. No reason has been given for the change which may be partially attributed to the fact that the Bureau is crowded with work. New bonds and revenue stamps have to be rushed out as fast as possible and have necessitated a delay in the work on postage stamps. Much time is saved by running the sheets through the press but once instead of twice.

Yesterday we were honored by a visit from a party named Walters from Boston who offered his services to stamp dealers in various ways.

His stock in trade included quantities of counterfeit stamps, perforating machine, "original" gum etc. We engaged him in conversation for some length of time in order to familiarize ourselves with his modus operandi and found him to be one whose services are a great detriment to our hobby. The sooner and more thoroughly he is exposed the better.

He removes ink cancellations from stamps, giving them the appearance of unused by adding "original" gum, professes to have manufactured used Prince Edward Island stamps on "original" covers, says he has a cancellation of Hamburg without stars, etc. He is also anxious to buy proofs, especially India, which he gums and perforates, and states that there are many 10c 1847 unused o. g., floating around the country which he has doctored. His efforts to work up any trade in Washington seem to have been an utter failure and we hope that the fraternity elsewhere will likewise fight shy of his services.

Our remarks in reference to G. Kohn of Detroit, Mich., have brought us several communications from parties who had sent him stamps without receiving any returns.

Mr. Irving E. Patterson, 46 Adams Ave., East, Detroit, Mich., has kindly volunteered to take the matter in hands and collect claims if possible.

A Newspaper Clipping.

A POST OFFICE RULING.

AN ORDER REGULATING THE SECOND-CLASS NEWSPAPER PRIVILEGE.

The Post Office Department has issued an order to publishers of periodicals and papers commanding them to have their business offices at the places where they secured their permit to use the mails with the second-class privilege. In other words, if a paper is "entered" at the post office of Cincinnati, the publisher cannot advertise his office at "So-and-so, Such-and-such Street, New York, where all communications should be addressed."

This order is made for various reasons. One is that a certain class of not too reputable journals are ostensibly published in some Western or Northern town, when the persons responsible for them are far out of the way in New York or some other big city. The papers attack citizens of the city where these papers are supposed to be published, and when the irate or wronged individuals who have been made the object of attack seek for reparation or justice they find that the owners of the papers are out of reach.

The Post Office Department believes that if a publisher is given the second-rate privilege in a certain town, he ought to transact his business there.

A Newspaper Clipping.

SALE OF REVENUE STAMPS.

IT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

It has practically been decided by the Post Office Department to undertake the sale through the post offices of the revenue stamps provided by the war revenue bill.

It was puzzling to the revenue department how these stamps could best be distributed. All through the country there are countless post offices which could very well regulate the sale of these stamps. The absence of revenue collectors made the sale of these stamps only possible through the post offices or by the appointment of revenue officers. This latter item would have required a very large sum of money, and the estimated revenues would have been correspondingly diminished. Recently the

post office officials were consulted in the matter, and finding they could handle the stamps without much detriment to the regular service, agreed to do it.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

TORONTO, May 23rd.

The report of Mr. Mulock's branch of the public service shows that the Postmaster-General issued public stamps during the past year to the value of \$444,057, the revenue from stamps thus artificially stimulated made the income from that source \$277,486 more than that of the previous year. Mr. Mulock's deputy calls attention to the fact that the departmental deficit under these conditions fell from \$781,152 in 1896 to \$586,539 in 1897, in other words having had an increased revenue of \$277,486, the department saved \$194,013 of that sum. Mr. Mulock therefore saved \$72,873 less than he could have saved had he kept the expenditure of his department down to what it was in 1896.

The second number of the *Montreal Philatelist* comes to hand on time. So far as the reading matter is concerned it is a decided improvement over that of the first number, but looking at it from a typographical point of view it is very poor. Under the heading "Condemned Stamps," Mr. Bach tries to convince that the so-called speculative and Seebeck stamps are the proper ones to collect. I am afraid that in his heart Mr. Bach does not mean this and is only inviting criticism, thereby receiving free advertisement.

Is it war or what is it? Well, at all events it is something extraordinary that has caused the sudden slackening in business that has taken place here during the past week. Everything seemed on the boom until this happened. Nothing seems to sell at any price now. The storm came before the calm this time all right. But dealers don't be disheartened, there is another storm brewing somewhere and I should not be surprised if "Jubilees" were blown into popularity.

The Proclamation made by Postmaster-General Mulock without proper authority,

reducing the postage on letters transmitted between Canada and the United Kingdom, cost the country \$91.95. This amount was lost by the government through having to carry the letters at a reduced rate until announcement was made to the effect that the proclamation was not valid.

There is a stamp catalogue called the "Standard." Many is the philatelist it has nearly made swear with its 101 different shades of one color. This will soon put an end to its brilliant career.

Two cent postage is all right.

But we ought to have one cent postage for drop letters.

Postage on newspapers is one of Postmaster-General Mulock's pet ideas.

We carry Yankee newspapers free through the mails in accordance with the Postal treaty which gives the revenue to Washington because the Yankee papers come into Canada free of duty and pass through the mails free of postage. The late government decided that Canadian papers should also pass free through the mails.

It was also felt that by putting Canadian and Yankee papers on an equal basis, in so far as postage was concerned, the public would prefer the Canadian to the Yankee journals.

Mr. Mulock is going to carry the Yankee papers free through the mails and charge postal rates for Canadian papers.

Lucky Uncle Sam.

Friend Widdicombe has dropped me a card saying he expects to be in Toronto for the 24th and will favor me with a visit. He will be a most welcome visitor. We hope his journal, the *Ontario Philatelist*, will be the successful candidate for official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association and also hope the same as regards his being appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the above society.

In the comparatively short time that Postmaster-General Mulock has held office 521 Postmasters have been discharged.

A sad accident happened in Toronto. A young lad in crossing a railroad track was struck by a train and instantly killed. When searched the contents of his pockets consisted only of some foreign stamps. Is this a case of true till death—"Eh?"

Mr. Fred G. Garraty has been appointed Auction Manager of the D. P. A.

Mr. L. S. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer, has withdrawn his resignation tendered some time ago and will serve his term out

W. J. PORTER.

The Bidders' Battle.

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS ON THE TACTICS OF DEALERS AT AUCTIONS.

A well known and enterprising Scottish newspaper, the *Glasgow Evening News*, recently published a letter from the equally well-known and enterprising firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited.

The letter has reference to the prices realized for rare stamps at the periodical auction sales held by Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper, Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, Mr. Cheveley, Mr. Hadlow and others. It is a letter which will be read with mixed feelings by the philatelic public; and unless Messrs. Stanley Gibbons publicly retract what was doubtless a rash and ill-considered utterance, the letter is one that will cause its writers a long sequence of bad quarter-hours.

There is no occasion to give here a word-for-word reprint of this extraordinary epistle. It is written to the *Glasgow Evening News* as an answer to previous letters on the subject of philatelic values, and much of it is of no special interest. It is when one comes to Messrs. Gibbons' explanation of the fact that many stamps fetch less than their real value at auction that one's attention is rivetted. For this explanation constitutes a serious allegation affecting the commercial integrity of the whole of the stamp-dealing fraternity.

Messrs. Gibbons declare that dealers are able to buy at cheaper prices at auction sales than collectors because there is a general agreement amongst them not to oppose (that is to say, bid against) one another.

Now if language has any meaning this is tantamount to saying that the system known as the "knock-out," so prevalent among the Israelitish frequenters of furniture, art, and bijouterie sales, is a system followed by those stamp dealers who resort to the philatelic auctions as a means of replenishing their stock-books.

Even if this statement be true, one can only regard with amazement the utter tactlessness and want of faith shown by the firm who have given it publicity. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, somewhat at a loss perhaps to explain recent shrinkages in auction realisations, took the "bold" but scarcely many course, of making a statement which has the effect of implicating the whole trade in a vast conspiracy to hoodwink the collector. If true, I say, this statement should scarcely have been made public by one firm, giving to that firm in the eyes of certain slow-thinking people a sort of credit for having spoken out manfully.

But is it true? I am ready to bet that it's not. That "understandings" may be entered into between individuals I can readily believe; but I do not for a moment credit the assertion that there is any general agreement among "the trade" as a

whole, or any section of the trade, to keep prices down to a "trade" level.

Stamp dealers will, I think, be the first to resent this "revelation," which is not made a whit more welcome by the fact that it appears in a provincial evening journal not usually looked to for sensational disclosures concerning the inner workings of the stamp trade.

And what of our philatelic auctioneers? It seems to me that if there be any truth in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' declaration—which, as I say, I do not for a moment believe—the very existence of these gentlemen is threatened. For what collector will care to entrust his stamps to the tender mercies of a ring of dealers intent on securing "lot" after "lot" at a tithe of their market value? And, on the other hand, what collector will go to an auction to buy when he knows that the trade is allied against him to force him to pay full market value, or more, for the stamps he fancies?

This is a matter which cannot possibly be permitted to rest where it is.—PERCY C. BISHOP in *Stamps* (Eng.).

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2c,	-	"	.05
4c,	-	"	1.00
5c,	-	"	.90
8c,	-	"	2.00
10c,	-	"	1.25
50c,	-	"	.18

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I still have some foreign to trade for current U. S. and Canada, or foreign listing 10c up. W. C. Boulton, Box 222, Altoona, Pa. [64]

Wanted: Publishers to send sample copies. Dealers to send lists. To exchange Minerals, Shells, Coins, Curios and Papers, for U. S. stamps and 1/2 cents. R. L. Wheeler, 63 Cambridge St., Lowell, Mass.

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio. [67]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

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Philatelic Literature Collectors, I'm your honey-suckle. Try these: Diamond Philatelist, complete, 27 Nos., 25c; Bee Hive Phil., Vol. II, complete, 6 Nos., rare, 50c; Midland Phil., complete, 5 Nos., 15c; Fireside Phil., complete, 12 Nos., 25c; Stamp Exchange, Vol. II, complete, 2 Nos., 10c. I hold publisher's stock of back numbers of these and can supply almost anything wanted. Thousands of other snaps. Send want lists of papers. My priced list is both funny and free. Who wants Eastern Phil. or Post Office complete to date at a low figure? ERWIN LESTER SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

Our city has a Souvenir Postal Card to commemorate its 50th Anniversary. It is a beauty and will be sent you (unused) for five cents FRANK E. STIMPSON, Publisher, 25 Sever St., Worcester, Mass. [64]

Registration Seals, used, obsolete, 5c each; original cover if preferred.

Unused Special Delivery:
1893 10c orange, 18c
1893 10c lemon, 15c
Per 10, assorted, \$1.50, per 100, assorted, \$14.00
1890 10c blue, 5 lines, 15c
1885 10c blue, 6 lines, 16c
1 each of above, 60c

WM. OLIVER SEMPLE,
114 So. Bank St., Easton, Pa.

Stamps on approval at 40 to 60% discount. Reference required. Cash paid for stamps. Write to me. S. E. MEDFORD, 435 North 41st St., Phila., Pa. [70]

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United States Stamps

Packet.	Cat. value.	Price
I. 20 varieties	\$0.30 \$0.08
II. 20 different varieties80 .28
III. 20 "	.....	2.14 .78
IV. 20 "	.....	4.19 1.68
V. 20 "	.....	10.87 4.50
VI. 12 "	.....	11.80 5.00
The 6 packets, 112 varieties, no imp. or part perf. 30.10 12.00		
VII. 15 varieties imperf.	12.90	5.00
VIII. 10 " part perf.	2.70	1.00
IX. 9 " silk paper	2.90	1.00
The whole series I. to IX., 146 stamps, an almost complete collection .. 48.60 17.75		
PRICE LIST FREE. [62&3]		

M. C. BERLEPSCH,
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WE WANT TO BUY Collections of Stamps for Cash.

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Chesapeake Stamp Co.,
230 E. Balto. St., Baltimore, Md.

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are n. g. but mine are made up especially on receipt of the order and if you are not tickled half to death with them we'll finish the job and pay for the funeral.

No. 5, 50 var. Brit. Cols., cat. \$2.50, post free, \$1.00
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If you want the best grade of stamps at 50% discount, the place to find them is on my approval books.

The STAMPMAN will tickle you right smart I reckon. Free.

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If not, you should be. Every stamp collector can derive many benefits from it. It is reliable and safe, besides being incorporated, and its financial officers bonded. No other so-called "National" stamp society can offer the inducements that members of the American Philatelic Association receive. For application blanks, by-laws, etc., address the Editor of the WEEKLY ERA. Every stamp collector in the United States should be a member of this Association.

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Wanted: Horse-shoe, J. T., and cross-bow tobacco tags. 100 varieties stamps for every 25 tags; 200 var. stamps for 75; 500 var. stamps, a fine collection, for 250. W. W. MacLaren, 682 Bank of Minneapolis Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

\$12, \$24, \$36 and \$48 Newspaper proofs on thin paper, fine colors, 20 varieties rare foreign cat. about \$35.00, for a fine perf. copy of the \$20.00 Probate of Will Rev., or rare stamps on original covers. Jas. Nikolasek, 21 Fisk St., Chicago, Ill.

Will exchange United States stamps of all kinds for old coins, would like to get a few 1856 flying eagle cents. Please send list of what you have to John W. Curran, 318 George St., New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Fine U. S. Revenues and Adhesives, also Br. North Americans to exchange for equally good Foreign stamps. Stock catalogued over \$35,000.00 to select from. Edgar Nelson, Collector-Dealer, 137 East 12th St., New York.



REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, May 21st, 1898.

1,009 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of May 14th, valued at \$40,508.65
36 books received since May 14th, valued at \$871.90

\$41,380.55

3 books retired since May 14th, valued at 402.10

Total number of books in circulation 1,132 valued at \$40,978.45

The following stamps are in demand: U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, Match and Medicine, Imperforated of all countries in pairs and blocks, Old Germans, Philippines, Spain, Serbia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Hawaii. Sellers of above please fill books and send in. The Exchange Dept. will be run during the Summer this year.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

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PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their *old* as well as *new* address.

REMITTANCES may be made by Express, or Money Order, check, currency via registered mail or unrecorded low value United States postage stamps. Foreign patrons are requested to send small amounts in current issue low value stamps of their country, of as many different denominations as convenient.

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Important Notice to Advertisers!

Hereafter advertisers **MUST** have all copy for new ads or changes in our hands by **Wednesday** to have them appear in that week's ERA.

Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

We are informed that requisition blanks for ordering supplies of the Omaha series have been sent to Postmasters throughout the country. An official in a large city office is authority for the statement that it is doubtful if his office orders any of the issue as they will simply be a bother and a

nuisance, and there will probably be but small demand for them by the general public.

The *Postal Card Bulletin* for May has been received from the Secretary, Mr. Wm. C. Stone. As our readers are probably pretty generally aware this is the Official Journal of the Postal Card Society of America. The number before us gives besides the customary Secretary's report, chronicle of newly issued cards and editorial notes, the rules and regulations of the Purchasing Department of which Mr. Adolph Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, Md., is manager, and of the Exchange Department of which Mr. George H. Watson of Elizabeth, N. J., is superintendent. A "Biography of Postal Card Literature" is commenced. In this issue Part I. is given, which gives those coming under the head of Periodicals.

Just a few copies of our stock of Scott's 58th Catalogue remain. Remember we will supply you with a copy (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for One Dollar.

As a special inducement for you to order a catalogue of us *now* we will *give and send absolutely free* a copy of "Our Catalogue" issued a few years ago. This is really valuable for reference purposes, listing as it does many stamps not given by Scott, also pricing many rarities on the original cover. Or, if you have a Scott's Catalogue send us 5 cents (for postage), when sending your subscription for not less than a year, and a copy will be sent you free.

The 101st auction sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co., prices realized at which were given in our last issue under the customary heading of "The Market." was held at their Philadelphia offices, instead of New York as given at head of the list.

One of the neatest things in the stamp price list line that we have received for a long time is Mr. Geo. S. McKearin's "Special Sale List Number 2." It is set up artistically and printed in two colors, red and green, on heavy laid book paper with one side "deckle edge." Although but eight pages yet the pages are plenty large and roomy; each of the inside pages are arranged with list in green surrounded by red rule border, with marginal headings at left of page in red. You can examine one for yourself by simply dropping a postal to Mr. McKearin, at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and mentioning the WEEKLY ERA.

Mr. H. Edgar French has our thanks for a sheet of music "Dewey Victory March," by Eugene Rautenberg, dedicated to "the hero of the day." It is published by The Grand Piano Co., 1102 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo., price 50 cents.

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U. S. Rev. and issue, 1c blue and black.....		\$0.40
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" " " " " \$3.00 " " " " " " " " " "		.75
" " " " " 3.50 " " " " " " " " " "		2.50
" " " 3rd issue, 1c claret and black.....		.50
" " " " 4c brown " " " " " " " " " "		.60
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" " " " 40c brown " " " " " " " " " "		.35
" " " " 60c orange " " " " " " " " " "		.40
" " " " 70c green " " " " " " " " " "		.30
" " " " \$3.00 " " " " " " " " " "		.75
" " " " 3.50 vermilion and black.....		.40

Money returned if stamps are not satisfactory.

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1895 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 25, 50..... \$1.00
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Bolivia 1894 complete.....	\$0.25
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*Central Steamship Co. complete.....	.25
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New Zealand 1898.

$\frac{2}{3}$ d error, mint state.....	\$0.50
$\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2d, mint state.....	.12
$\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1sh with $\frac{1}{2}$ d error, 12 var., mint state....	2.30

Newfoundlands.

My stock of these from 1850 to date is one of the best in the country. **WHAT DO YOU WANT?**

George S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

CASH PAID FOR Stamps and Collections.

H. A. SMEDBERG, Kingsbridge, N. Y. City.
[65]

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, May 24th

Most of the dealers here report that the stamp business is improving.

Mr. Snow, the well-known collector of novelties in the stamp line, is showing the 1898 set of Thessaly. The design of the stamps is not very attractive, but they are unique, owing to perforations. The sheets are perforated horizontally and vertically, and diagonally both ways. One can thus have a stamp shaped to suit, by tearing off the margins. This gentleman is also showing the Soudan "Camel issue" in blocks. It would be expressing it mildly to say that these stamps are "as pretty as a picture." I predict a great sale for them, owing to their beauty and size, as especially in the low values any one will get his money's worth.

I have not noticed that any of the stamp papers have given the ERA credit for men-

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

STILL GOT 'EM.

FINE U. S. & B. N. A.
On Approval at 33 1-3 to 66 2-3 % Off.

A splendid Fowler bicycle and a few sundries at less than cost. Write at once.

WHITE, Stamp Man,

Box 187. LEWISTON, MAINE.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas,
OFFERS FOR CASH,

Postage Extra:

Egypt '79 5pi green.....	8 cts.
" '92 10pi violet.....	5 "
Fiji '82 1 ultramarine, perf. 10.....	7 "
Finland '75 20 blue, perf. 1 1/2.....	5 "
" '75 32 carmine, perf. 1 1/2.....	7 "
France '49 20 black on white.....	6 "
" '49 40 orange.....	50 "
" '53 10 yellow.....	12 "
" '53 50 carmine on yellow.....	6 "
" '70 lithograph, 1 olive.....	5 "
" '70 " 2 red brown.....	40 "
" '70 " 10 brown.....	6 "
" '77 5fr violet.....	8 "
French Colonies '70 30 brown.....	25 "
Germany '54 1gr light blue.....	5 "
" '54 3gr yellow.....	6 "
" '59 1gr blue.....	6 "

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- 100 Good Foreign Stamps,
- A Packet of Unused Foreign Stamps,
- A Good Set of Stamps,
- 20 U. S. Columbians,
- 10 U. S. 2c (without triangles),
- 20 Revenue Stamps,
- 20 Varieties Postmarks,
- Stamp Stickers,
- 20 Blank Approval Sheets and a Surprise Packet of Surprises.

A STAMP ALBUM FREE
TO FIRST TEN SENDING 25 CENTS.

Send 4 cents in stamps to help pay postage, etc., and we will insert your name in our Stamp Collectors' Directory.

ROYAL STAMP CO.,
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OMAHA.

Our Postmaster

has placed an order for Sixteen Million Dollars worth of the new "Omaha Exposition Stamps." This will enable us to select fine specimens for our customers who are unable to procure the set at their local offices. Our charge for this service will be 10% above face value, registration extra. Place your order now.

Better Try

the auction method for those stamps you have been trying everywhere to get. Our next Auction Sale will be in June, exact date announced later on. The catalogues are free. Send for one.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

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tioning the New Zealand error. The London correspondent for one of your contemporaries states that on the receipt of the *Australian Philatelist* he read therein a mention of this error, and was prompted to go to the London office where the New Zealand stamps are sold to buy up the issue containing this error. He looked at his copy and lo! it was no error; so he concluded by saying: "This is a world of disappointments." It is evident that this correspondent is one of those philatelic scribes who is regarded as one of the shining lights of Philately. But like some other philatelic writers he did not make any effort to find out the facts, which he could have done, as he was in the place where the stamps were made, and ought to have been able to ascertain full particulars. The *Metropolitan* makes mention of the error, but they have got slightly mixed on it, and after reading their description one cannot tell "tother from which." The stamp is bringing in Boston today from 20 to 50 cents. It all depends upon how many there were made to determine what it is really worth.

I am indebted to Mr. Wylie, through a friend, for the information that Grenada is to have a commemorative stamp of the denomination of 2 1/2d, to be sprung upon the philatelic public during the month of August, and, hoping that every one will buy one for his collection, they are going to print five hundred thousand copies.

It would be quite interesting to know if the Stanley Gibbons Ltd, when they issue the new catalogue, intend to list these commemorative stamps of the English Colonies, and ignore some of the stamps of Europe and South America that are commemorative issues. I think "Consistency thou art a jewel" could be well applied to these matters.

To show your readers that Boston is up to date in philately as well as other things, I enclose the following from the *Boston Globe* of tonight:

"Save your money, philatelists. The trans-Mississippi stamps will be sold from June 1 to Dec. 31, in denominations of 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 50 cents, and \$1 and \$2."
S. E. L.

OUR WAR POLICY.

Possibly the authorities in Washington know more about conducting war than we do, but if we had our say we would fire the Naval Board of Strategy the first thing, and put them on a Torpedo Boat, where they would have to fight in reality. We then would say to Sampson and Schley to put to sea on their own resources and discretion and sink or capture the menacing Spanish navy or never return. Then plug Cuba full of men. Put Brother Camp and the rest of the war machinery to work night and day on eight-hour shifts, till 150,000 men were landed on Cuban shores, if it took that many to make Blanco show the white feather. Support Dewey with 50,000 more, and the 4th of July would witness in this country an Independence celebration, that would make the shades of Nero sigh for his fiddle, and the last vestige of Spanish misrule in the Western Hemisphere, would be obliterated.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

U. S. POSTAGE.

1c 1851.....	Cat. \$0.30.....	.07
1c 1855.....	" .15.....	.07
12c 1856.....	" 1.00.....	.48
2c 1869.....	" .15.....	.07
3c 1887.....	" .12.....	.05
12c 1872.....	" .50.....	.24
30c 1879.....	" .15.....	.07
30c 1890.....	" .12.....	.05

OUR No. 10 LIST

is a fine one; it is brought up to May, 1898. Contains retail prices on all U. S., Postage, Revenue, Telegraph, &c., &c., over 800 packets, sets, &c. Scott's full line of albums priced (all collectors who do not live in the east can get their albums quicker and as cheap as to send to publishers).

If you send one cent for postage we send a set of Chili Telegraph stamps free. If you send 5c we include also the best Canada Revenue Catalogue free.

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Portugal and her Colonies, Cuba, New Zealand, Nicaragua 1896, &c. We fill orders or send on approval to reliable people.

WATCH AND MEDICINE.

We wish to buy and we wish to sell.

STAR STAMP CO. Coldwater, Mich.

COLUMBIAN PLATES			
4 Stamps to a Plate.			
1c at.....	14c	6c at.....	34c
3c ".....	22c	8c ".....	42c
4c ".....	26c	10c ".....	50c
5c ".....	30c	15c ".....	75c
1890-5 Stamps to Plate.			
3c at.....	25c	8c at.....	50c
4c ".....	30c	10c ".....	60c
5c ".....	35c	15c ".....	\$1.00
6c ".....	40c	20c ".....	1.90
HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.			

Gone to the War.

Will resume business when we have licked Spain.

LIBERTY STAMP CO.,

GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Cash is Ready!

I Want to Buy Stamp COLLECTIONS!!!

DO YOU Want to Sell YOURS?

If so, write me AT ONCE.

C. A. STEGMANN,

5941 Cote Brillante Av., St. Louis, Mo.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. ○ means unused, ⊕ used. ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 102nd Sale—N. Y.

Saturday Afternoon, April 30th, 1898.

UNITED STATES.

Providence 5c black ○	2 20
1847 10c red cancellation	1 90
1860 90c ○ "very nice" copy	8 75
1861 5c yellow "nice" copy	3 00
1868 9x13 15c new o. g.	1 80
1869 15c diamond ○ o. g.	2 75
Executive 3c ○ o. g.	3 75
Justice complete, a set of proofs that has been perf. and gummed	7 50
Post Office 1 to 90c complete ○	4 25
State 30c ○ o. g.	3 50
War complete ○	1 70
Perf. \$50 U. S. I. R. on thick paper	1 75

Envelopes:

1861 12c brown and red, lightly can. 24c ○	1 90
1864 12c brown on buff ○	1 90
18c ○ fine margins	1 30
1874 7c on amber good margins ○	1 30

FOREIGN.

Brunswick 1863 perce en arc 1/3sgr ⊕	4 00
Cape of Good Hope 1864 1sh emerald-green ⊕	1 90
Congo Free State 1887 5fr violet ○ o. g.	1 75
Cuba 1870 5c ⊕ on piece of o. c.	2 50
1879 10c ○ evenly centered	2 50
Cyprus CA die 1 6pi ○ o. g.	1 50
Ecuador 1882 10 on 50 ○ o. g.	2 00
France 1869 5fr ○ o. g.	2 60
Gt. Britain Mulready envelope 1d black	1 75
Hanover 1864 1/2g lightly cancelled	1 25
Hawaiian Is. 1853 5c on ordinary p. ○	1 20
Oldenburg 1860 1/2g ⊕	4 25
Saxony 1855 10ng ⊕	1 30
Turks Is. 1/2 on 4d ⊕ on piece o. c. with a half of 4d as 2 1/2d	17 00
Tuscany 1853 wmk. crossed vertical lines 9 crazia ○ tear at top	10 25
Virgin Is 1868 4d ○ o. g.	2 00
Western Australia 1861 1sh ⊕	1 00
Wurtemberg 1858 no silk thread 18kr good margins ⊕	4 00
1866 18k ⊕	2 25
Total for 566 lots, including about 125 lumped or miscellaneous lots, \$1,191.40	

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 103rd Sale—Phila.

Saturday Afternoon, May 14th.

UNITED STATES.

Whartons' U. S. P. O. Carrier ○	5 00
1847 10c ⊕	2 00
1860 30c evenly centered lightly can.	4 00
1868 2c grill 12x14 off center ○	5 00
5c ○	6 00
1869 30c ○	7 00
reprint 24c ○	5 50
1870 with grill 10c ⊕	3 25

Revenues:

Perforated \$1 Mortgage	1 50
Second Issue \$1.90	3 60
Park City Match Co. 3c orange ○	1 00

Envelopes:

1853 3c K die on buff ⊕	1 25
1855 6c red on buff ○	1 50
6c green on buff ○	3 00
1860 10c on buff entire ⊕	10 00
1864 30c green ○	1 25
40c pink ○	1 25
1870 24c on amber ○	4 00
1874 5c blue die B on fawn ○	1 75
15c on white ○	1 05
30c on amber ○	1 50
1882 10c and 90c on white entire ○	1 30
1886 5c brown on oriental buff	3 50
1c on amber-manila ○	60
90c red on amber-manila ○	3 25
1887 90c purple on manila ○	1 50
90c purple on amber-manila ○	2 25
90c purple on amber ○	1 50
Blood's third type of man stepping over houses ⊕	3 00
Periodical 1875 9c ○	8 00
1895 \$100 postmarked	15 00
Envelope 1855 10c narrow label on white □ ○	4 50

FOREIGN.

Austria 1858 2kr orange ⊕	4 00
Barbados 1859 1d pin perforation ⊕	1 00
1875 6d orange ○ o. g.	1 25
1878 3d ○ o. g.	2 00
British Bechuanaland 1887 2sh ○	1 60
1887 2sh 6d ○	1 80
1887 5sh ○	2 30
1887 10sh ○	4 30
Br. Central Africa 1891 2sh ○	90
1891 2sh 6d ○	1 00
1891 3sh ○ 1.25; 1891 3s ⊕	1 25
1891 4s ○	1 60
1891 1 on 2d ○	1 10
1895 nigger type no wmk. 3s ⊕	1 50
1897 2s 6d ○ 1.05; 1897 3s ○	1 25
1897 4s ○	1 60
Canada 1859 10c black ⊕	1 30
Ceylon 1861 9d star wmk. ⊕	2 00
Colombia 1883 5c printed on both sides	1 50
Antioquia 1866 2p ○	1 50
1896 2p ○	1 50
Cuba 1869 Habilitado 20c ○	1 50
1868 Habilitado 5c ○	1 50
1868 " 40c ○	1 50
1869 " 10c ○	1 50
1883 5c with double surcharge ⊕	1 00
Dominica revenue used for postage 1sh ⊕	6 10
German Empire 1871 1/4g with center inverted ○	2 00
Gibraltar 5p gray ○	1 60
Holland 1864 10c ○	2 00
Japan 1873 20s purple ○	1 00
1875 15s ○ .70; 1875 45s ○	95
Mexico 1867 1r blue ⊕	2 00
Montserrat revenue used for postage 1d	6 25
Newfoundland 1857 8d scarlet-vermillion ○	4 00
Peru 1850 1/2p orange ⊕	6 00
Prussia envelope 1852 4s brown with silk thread ⊕	50
Queensland 1875 1sh ⊕	1 50
Rhodesia 1891 2sh ○	1 25
1891 2sh 6d ○	1 50
1891 3sh ○	1 25
1/2 on 6d ○	1 60
1896 2s 6d ○ o. g.	1 00
2s ○ o. g. .90; 3s ○ o. g.	1 25

4s ○ o. g. 1.75; 5s ○ o. g.	2 00
10s ○ o. g.	4 80
Russia 1868 3k vertically laid p. ○ o. g	4 00
1892 7r ⊕	2 00
St. Christopher 1870 1d lilac-rose perf. 14 ○	1 60
2 1/2d brown CC wmk. ○ o. g.	5 00
St. Helena 6d gray-blue perf. 14 ○	4 25
St. Vincent 4d light blue star wmk. ⊕	4 00
5s CA watermark ○	1 75
San Marino 1892 1l carmine&yellow ○	1 30
Shanghai 20 on 40 with frame ○	2 00
Sierra Leone 2sh ○	65
Johor 1892 surcharged "Ketahkotaan" \$1 ○	1 15
Sweden 1872 4 ore gray perf. 14 ○	1 00
official 20 ore red perf. 14 ○	1 00
" 1871 30 ore perf. 14 ○	1 00
Switzerland 1850 5r black and red on blue with frame around cross ⊕	2 00
Tasmania 2s 6d ○ 1.00; 10s ○	3 00
Trinidad 1894 5s CC 14 ○	2 00
Turks Islands 1881 1s green ○	5 25
Victoria 1885 2s stamp duty ○	2 25
Virgin Is. 1879 1d ○	1 20
Total for 594 lots, including "122 lots for dealers,"	\$1,242.55

The Hankow Postage Stamps.

(From a Hankow Newspaper.)

It is to the machinations of Shanghai that Hankow is indebted for being able to boast of a set of postage stamps of her own, and not to any desire on the part of moderate-minded Teapopolis—although there are few more important places in China—to do the grand, as if she considered herself fit to be numbered among the world's great governing Powers. With cities as with men, some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. As regards this postal business Hankow comes in the last category. For many long years she had contrived to run her post office, as the people of the country have run theirs from time immemorial, without finding any use for a postage stamp. But a day came when the authorities who preside over the Shanghai institution decreed that all foreigners in "all under Heaven the eighteen provinces" must now stick stamps, and that those who had not got any must buy and use the Shanghai article. This was a brilliant idea, and must have brought much into their exchequer for, being thoughtful, far-seeing men, they had no doubt laid in an abundant store of stamps beforehand to meet the anticipated demand, and this was immediately exhausted. When Hankow applied for a supply there were none left. Here then was a fix. Stamps were insisted on, and none could be obtained. What was to be done? "Why not get stamps of our own," asked Hankow, "and thus save many a dollar which would otherwise go into the Shanghai pocket?" It was so resolved and so done, and the stamps in question have turned out an immense success.

It is true that some ill-instructed and thoughtless persons have tried to poke fun at them as being crude, inartistic, and what not, but a brief consideration will show that they are vastly superior to anything else in the stamp line in China.

First.—With regard to the model stamp, it ought to be the product of the place or country which it represents. Nowadays, we are so accustomed to having everything "made in Germany," that unless we see the familiar words staring at us from the face of it we are apt to imagine that it cannot be the proper thing. Hankow, however, resolved that her stamps should be real, honest, Hankow, in every sense of the word, and not German stamps, or American stamps, or even Shanghai; and this too in spite of the fact that there were none of the modern appliances necessary to turn out postages in the regulation way, and and after the regulation pattern, available. The designs selected had to be drawn, hand engraved, and printed by artists. It must be allowed that they lack the finish of the German article, but on the other hand they possess an interest entirely their own; an interest which no stamp could hitherto claim, and which none will ever be able to claim again, namely, they are the first stamps which have been made in China by Chinamen.

Second.—The design of the model postage stamp should be something specially characteristic of the place and country which it represents. It was quite open to Honkow to fall back, like her neighbours, on the regulation dragon, flag, figure head, or some of the other common refuges of the feeble imaginative faculty. But all these were eschewed, and for the five stamps three designs were adopted which are Hankow through and through. The first (for the two, five, and ten-cent stamps) is a coolie with his pole, carrying two boxes of Ningchow tea, on the ends which appear in Chinese characters "superior Heavenly tips." It is evident that this coolie is somewhat decrepit, and appears to be plodding his way along very wearily, on account of which some have found fault, not knowing that he is symbolic of the present condition of the tea trade, which alas! seems to be almost on its last legs. Only let that revive and the coolie will, no doubt, be seen to step out in a quite astonishing manner. The design of the twenty-cent stamp is the far famed and ancient Huang Hoh Leu (Yellow Stork Tower) pagoda, which up to eight years ago was the most conspicuous object in the Hankow neighborhood. It stood on the Wuchang city wall, on a rocky head jutting out into the river, and was held in great repute by the natives who came to visit it from far and near. They regarded it as the palladium of the province. Unfortunately there was an American gunboat in port one night which, thoughtlessly and recklessly, turned the electric light upon it, with the result that it caught fire the very next evening, and was burned

clean down. Since then large sums of money have been collected to rebuild it, but the immense timbers required are very costly and hard to get; besides collectors must live, so for some time it will not be possible to see it, save in native drawing, in photographic albums, or on this stamp. The third design, which has been used for the thirty-cent stamp, is the Municipal buildings, and a very handsome stamp they make. With their high tower and a higher there is no danger of being confounded with any building anywhere else, for the like is not to be found in all the East. Thus the Hankow stamps claim the full percentage of marks allowed for being characteristic.

Third.—The model stamp should have its value, and whatever other information it is intended to convey, printed on it in characters sufficiently large to be read with the naked eye. The Chinese which appears on the I. M. Customs stamps, and now on the new issue of the Shanghai L. P. O., can hardly be said to possess this virtue. A magnifying glass of considerable power is almost indispensable to any natives who wish to decipher them, while those of Hankow can be comfortably read by them even with their goggles on.

Fourth.—The model stamp should be accurate and intelligible. It ought not to say one thing in one language, and something different in another language; nor should it use terms which are not understood by the people to whom they are addressed. At present there are four kinds of postage stamps in circulation in China representing dollar values, namely those of Hong Kong, Japan, Shanghai and Hankow, and one representing tael values—the I. M. Customs. As to the former four they use no less than six different terms for the dollar cent in giving their values in Chinese. Compared with this the missionaries and their term question are nowhere. Hongkong, which uses two, simply transliterates the English word "cent." On some stamps it appears as *sien (genii)*, and on others as *sien-shi* (former times), both being alike unintelligible to the unintiated native. Japan uses but one term for cent, *tsien* (cash, coin), which is not so bad. Shanghai has two, one on the old and another on the new issue both of them alike quite wrong. On the old stamps the dollar is, **ying yang* (English foreign—coin being understood), and the values are given in fractions of this. Now this, *ying yang*, means, if anything, an English dollar, a coin with which we are at present unacquainted. The term aimed at is, no doubt, **ying yang* (eagle foreign-coin), or the Mexican dollar, so called from the bird of freedom which appeared so prominently on it. See the fourteenth lesson in Dr. Edkin's Primer, to go no further. But

*Note.—In the original article the various Chinese words are accompanied by the equivalent native characters. The characters *ying yang* are quite unlike in the two instances marked *, as will be evident from the English translations.

Shanghai can improve on that. On a stamp which reached us the other day there appears printed along the top as usual (six Chinese characters) which of course we know is intended to mean twenty cents of the above-mentioned English dollar. As a sentence, however, it is so constructed as to be unreadable whether we try it from the beginning as the foreigners do, or from the end as the Chinese do, or from the middle as no one does. Then across the face is further printed (three Chinese characters) one candarin, and below that in big letters "one cent" (Mex.) It would hardly be possible to get more blunders on, or to make them bigger, without vastly increasing the size of the stamp. As to the new issue, only one sample has come before us, a one cent. The Chinese on it reads (three Chinese characters) which again is one candarin. This is also to be found on the I. M. Customs stamps where, however, it really means one candarin, and costs half as much again as this latest product of the Shanghai Office. Either the Shanghai authorities have an idea of changing their stamps to tael values, or they have blundered again, for at present their Chinese has one meaning, and their English quite another. It need hardly be said that the Chinese on the Hankow stamps, although it differs from all the above, is perfectly accurate.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....

Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, May 23rd.

I should not be at all surprised if coins take a higher position in popularity than they have had for some years past.

There is no doubt that many collectors are not as enthusiastic regarding stamps as they were some two or three years ago. Whether it is disgust at the way some things have been manipulated, or just a natural lack of interest; getting tired so to speak, I cannot say. Now these fellows being inoculated with the collecting bacillus, have to collect something and having temporarily at least, laid aside philately, they take up numismatics. But there is one great advantage stamps have over coins, and that is the handy way in which stamps can be kept and displayed. Even the most bulky of albums containing a large valuable collection of stamps, does not take half or one-third the space that a cabinet holding a couple of hundred coins would.

People in general—that is, the laity—seem to take more of an interest in coins than stamps; the former represents something, a real value; whereas, "little bits of dirty paper" mean nothing to the great majority of people. A dealer here showed me a nice little lot of coins the other day and I was quite surprised at the low price of many of them. One in particular a U. S. ten dollar gold piece of early date (I think it was 1801), in very good condition; a really beautiful coin and priced only fifteen dollars. That made the price for collecting purposes only five dollars as its intrinsic value was face of course.

Look up in the catalogue any U. S. unused stamps over twenty years old and see how many times face it is priced.

There is really no comparison, and to the laity the ten dollar gold piece means ten dollars and 1801 is a date that would surprise them; while a 90 cent 1860 means no more than a 90 cent 1890. If used they comment on it only as a "piece of foolishness to collect such stuff," while unused they "cannot see what use there can possibly be for a ninety cent stamp" etc., etc.

Although I have not kept close watch of the coin market, it strikes me that there has not been much advance in price in the last twelve years. In 1885 or about that year, I was quite as enthusiastic a coin collector as I have been a "gatherer" of stamps since, and in that year I paid Scott \$5 for a set of large cents, lacking of course the three last dates, 1793, 1799 and 1804. I believe the same set can be bought today for not over seven or eight dollars. Wish I'd invested that V in Departments then, for they would have increased twenty fold since then—if I'd bought the right kind.

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WHOLE No. 264.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes on Stamps.

A slight printer's error was made in my notes of No. 261 due perhaps to my own carelessness in writing. In speaking of the two shades of the 3c 1887 Newfoundland the word amber should, in both instances, have read umber. Burnt umber and raw umber is the way I designated the two shades of the stamp which are quite distinct, just as raw umber differs in shade from that which has been burned.

I think the one cent Newfoundland gray green, type A17 is by far the scarcest of the one cent greens either used or unused. This shade has a peculiar cast which readily distinguishes it from any of the deep or yellow greens. Collectors who have not got it had better get it now. If you can strike this stamp in mint condition at full catalogue I should consider it a bargain. I would be glad to pay 50 per cent. over catalogue for them in mint state in quantity. I recently searched through a lot of 800 one cent greens and think there were not over 15 of the genuine gray green shade. There is another shade of a dark bluish green, very distinct from any of the others, which I consider nearly as good a stamp.

Several of the New Zealand 2½d "errors" were received last week in the mail of a manufacturing concern of this vicinity. The firm's agent writing by the same mail called attention to the "error" in the spelling of Lake Wakatipu and in substance stated that no more of the "errors" would appear. The New Zealanders were not slow to "catch on" and by this time the issue has probably been brought up unless the postal authorities put a stop to the run on them.

I note the ERA's Boston correspondent mentions the difference in the shade of the ½, 4 and 5d of the series received from London and those imported direct from New Zealand. I have also noticed quite as marked a difference in the shades of the six and nine pence and one shilling of the two importations. Further information and developments in the matter of this fine new issue of New Zealand, unquestionably one of the most beautiful series of stamps ever issued, will be looked for with interest by collectors.

The unpaid stamps of the Vasco de Gama issue of Portugal are at hand. They are not, as it was reported they would be, all in one color, blue, but each of the six values is in a different color. The design is the same throughout, a representation of the reception of Vasco de Gama by the Sultan of Samorin. The values and colors are as follows: 5 reis, black; 10r reddish violet; 20r, salmon; 50r, slate blue; 100 reis, claret on pink paper; 200 reis, brown on light buff.

Personally I do not consider that they begin to compare in beauty of design, engraving and printing with the other de Gama issues.

I note that Mr. Hopkins in *Mekeel's Weekly* criticises the editor of the ERA for permitting in the columns of the paper what Mr. Hopkins terms, to express it in plain English, a mud throwing, name calling and lie giving controversy" between the Boston correspondent, S. E. L., and myself in the matter of the Newfoundland surcharge. The controversy referred to was on my part entirely free from any feelings of personal animosity and I was not aware that I had done any mud throwing, called S. E. L. names or branded the Boston correspondent a liar. Neither was I aware that I had received any such treatment from my opponent in the controversy. I did not at any time feel that S. E. L. had written anything which I could construe as a personal affront. I merely wrote what I honestly believed to be the facts and reliable information about the stamps in question, and when it was questioned I naturally defended my position. As for S. E. L. I believe he was just as honest in the matter as I and that he stated the facts as he believed them to be. I did not nor was I called any names; I did not nor was I accused of intentionally stating what I knew to be untrue. There were no hard feelings on my part and I do not believe there were on the part of S. E. L. I should think that feeling of intense personal animosity would of necessity be the foundation of such a controversy as Mr. Hopkins pictures it to have been. If it was mud throwing, name calling, etc., I think Mr. Hopkins might with good effect resurrect some of his own writings, read them and ponder on the old saying of the pot calling the kettle black.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

The government has announced a tax upon newspaper readers. At present the reading public receives newspapers through the mail without any charge for postage. By charging ½ cent per pound for carrying newspapers, Postmaster General Mulock expects to extract \$82,500 a year from the pockets of the reading public. This is accompanied by a seductive proposal to reduce the ordinary rate of letter postage in Canada from 3 cents to 2 cents per ounce. The government is, however, not making that reduction now. Mr. Mulock in explaining said it was not proposed that the reduction in postage should go into effect on the passage of his bill, but on the issue of a proclamation. The restoration of the rate upon newspapers would be only partial, it would go into force in two instalments. The first consisting of one quarter of a cent per pound was to take effect on the 1st of January 1899, and the second on the 1st of July of the same year. It was thought advisable to allow this delay in order to enable the newspapers to make arrangements to meet the change. Free transmission would not absolutely be discontinued but would be circumscribed to within 10 miles of the point of publication. He believed that in the near future the expenditure and revenue of the P. O. Department would be placed on an equilibrium and by means of the re-imposition of the rate upon newspapers the department would prove to be self-sustaining; whether the burden of the postage upon newspapers would fall upon subscribers or publishers they would have the satisfaction of knowing that letters would be delivered at a cheaper rate. The tonnage of newspapers carried through the Canadian mails has grown to enormous proportions and in many respects the system is being very considerably abused. In the year 1889 the mails carried free, newspapers to the total weight of 9,000,000 odd pounds. In 1891 the weight went up to 11,000,000 pounds and in 1897 it had grown to the enormous weight of over 16,500,000 pounds.

In 1897 the weight transmitted was 16,557,490 pounds. The cost of free transmission of newspapers is becoming a very serious matter for the revenues of the coun-

try. There is a schedule showing the supply of bags we are called upon to furnish from time to time and I am sure it will be a revelation to many to be told that two newspapers alone sent in requisitions, one for 3000 bags and the other for over 2000 bags. The value of each of these bags is \$1.04½. We had the other day to supply 2500 bags to the two newspapers I have mentioned which cost in cash \$2,612.50, those same two newspapers a short time before got 3700 bags costing \$3,866.50. The capacity of each of the bags is 86 pounds and for those two newspapers alone we carried free during time those bags were in circulation, 318,000 pounds.

W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro, was among the visitors to Toronto on the 24th of May.

Mr. R. G. Widdicombe of St. Catharines did not show up in Toronto on the 24th of May as was expected, so my plans for a good time with him were knocked on the head.

The government has under consideration the proposition to insure letters but cannot see its way clear to introduce the system at present, as it has been found that among other things burglar proof safes would have to be placed in the offices and cars and these would cost from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. It is felt that the cost of registration is too high but the government is not prepared with any scheme to lessen it at present. In reference to the cost of remitting sums of \$1.00 and under that objection will be removed after July 1st, when the postal note system will go into force.

Mr. Geo. A. Lowe, a prominent Toronto stamp dealer, has opened a branch store on Yonge Street two doors from corner of King Street. This is the principal corner and business centre of the city. I doubt if Mr. Lowe will be successful in keeping his store going unless he pays a considerably lower rent than a great many do who have stores in that part of the city.

In future clerks employed in Post Offices can be promoted without undergoing the examination. They must however pass a satisfactory examination upon the general details of Post Office work.

The American collector who buys any of the stamps issued recently by Spain in order to raise money to carry on the war, is fighting against his own country.

The Toronto *World* says: "We take the liberty of suggesting to the Postmaster-General that we have a large figure indicating the value in cents of the various issues of Canadian stamps. It is hard to make them out at present."

This is only one of the numerous complaints made daily against our new issue. Some change ought to be made.

One of the clauses in Mr. Mulock's amendment bill provides as follows: "On all letters transmitted by post for any distance within Canada except in cases otherwise specially provided for there shall be charged and paid one uniform rate of 2 cents per ounce weight, any fraction of an ounce being chargeable as an ounce, and such postage rate of 2 cents shall be prepaid by postage stamps or stamps at the time of posting the letter. Letters wholly unpaid shall not be forwarded by post, but letters addressed to any place in Canada in which any postage has been prepaid by stamp, shall be forwarded to their destination, charged with double the amount of postage thereon not so prepaid which amount shall be collected on delivery."

The clause also provides that the reduction shall only come into force upon a proclamation of the Governor-in-Council to that effect.

Under existing conditions all dead letters have to be transmitted from all parts of the Dominion to Ottawa, which is the central point of distribution. One of the amendments in P. M. G. Mulock's bill contemplates a change by which they can be returned to the sender from such other places in the Dominion as the P. M. G. may from time to time direct.

There is not a down-town stamp dealer in Toronto that has a 2c new issue Newfoundland in his stock. Any person who has these stamps will find a ready market in the above city.

W. J. PORTER.

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The 27th regular meeting was held May 19th with President Miller in the chair.

Present: Messrs. Doneyson, Hartman, Lefever, Massoth, Miller, Pierce, Schlieckert, Severn, Smack and Wolsieffer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The Report of the Treasurer was received and after being discussed by the Society was referred to the Governing Board.

The Board carried out the recommendations of the Treasurer and in consequence the following members were expelled for non-payment of dues: P. H. Dilg, Chicago, E. W. C. Schreiner, Chicago, Iver R. Johnson, Chicago, J. W. Palmer, Oak Park, Ills., L. H. Palmer, Oak Park, Ills., all Active; G. Oberlander, New York City, J. M. Lindsay, Swiss Vale, Pa., P. G.

March, Fern Bank, O., J. E. Williams, Grand Rapids, Mich., L. K. Anderson, Spartanburg, S. C., C. L. Thurston, Omaha, Neb., all Passive.

These members can be reinstated on the payment of all dues in full. Other delinquents were given until the first meeting in July to pay their obligations.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Wolsieffer, Smack and Severn was appointed to prepare resolutions on the deaths of our members, Joe F. Beard and Carsten O. Jensen.

Adjournment at 9 40 p. m.

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United States 136r 3c August issue, unused.

" 10c " " "

" 1868 90c, used.

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Revenues, nearly everything.

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PRESIDENT'S CALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 31, 1898.
TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:
Gentlemen: The Thirteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held in New York, Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.
I appoint John N. Luff, R. R. Bogert, and P. F. Bruner, residents of New York, Committee of Arrangements.
I appoint Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J., William F. Gregory of New York, Charles W. Bowen of Providence, R. I., P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago, and J. Franklin Johnson of Boston Committee on Credentials.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 4th, 1898.

Petitions for Membership.

TOELKE, HENRY, Brooklyn, New York; age, 30; occupation, Letter Carrier. References: W. W. Jewett, Geo. R. Tuttle.

MUECKE, CHARLES, 468 Broome St., New York City; age, 52; occupation, Merchant. References: Joseph Rechert, R. R. Bogert, W. F. Gregory, Resident Vice President.

New Stockholders.

1515. **FRANCIS D. DONOGHUE**, M. D., 366 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass.

1516. **J. B. HOLMES**, Bloomington, Ill.
1517. **CHAS. SINKLER**, 1606 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Deceased.

464. **JOE F. BEARD**, at Muscatine, Iowa, May 6th.

Change of Addresses.

1139. **R. A. McCULLOCH**, from 258 W. 73rd St., N. Y. City, to New Brighton, Staten Island, New York.

1244. **JAMES M. SHERMAN**, from 69 Board of Trade, to 98 Board of Trade, Chicago, Ill.

152. **JOHN A. HOWARD**, from Neece, Ga., to Baldwin, Ga.

130. **C. E. OSBORN**, from 1425 Fairmount Avenue, to 14 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

412. **W. WEBER**, from 85 Emslie St., to 782 Eagle St., Buffalo, New York.

366. **WILLIAM F. MORGAN**, from Lynn, Mass., to Cooperstown, New York.

1281. **Rev. JOSEPH TOUPIN**, from Woodstock, Vt., to Valleyfield, P. Q., Canada.

129. **V. GURDJI**, from 35 East Ave. to 285 E. Main St., Rochester, New York.

Membership Summary.

Total membership as per last report .. 700
New Stockholders 3
Deceased 1

Present membership 702

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

New York City, May 28th, 1898.

1,132 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of May 21st, valued at \$40,978.45
19 books received since May 21st, valued at \$481.05

\$41,459.50

36 books retired since May 21st, valued at 2,087.52

Total number of books in circulation 1,115 valued at \$39,371.98

The following stamps are in demand: U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, Match and Medicine, Imperforated of all countries in pairs and blocks, Old Germans, Philippines, Spain, Servia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Hawaii. Sellers of the above mentioned please fill books and send in. The Exchange Department will be run all during the Summer.

BOSTON, MASS., June 3, 1898.

MR. WM. N. HOWE,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: We the undersigned, members of the American Philatelic Association desire to present the following as candidates for the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Recommended for
Frank F. Olney, Providence, R. I., President.
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H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn., Treasurer.
H. B. Phillips, Berkeley, Cal.
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We have purposely omitted nominating **George R. Tuttle** as a member of the Board of Directors expecting however that he will be appointed to his present position by the Board.

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A MEMORIAL.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 20, 1898.
The following memorial was reported to the St. Paul Branch, No. 15, A. P. A., by its committee named to take appropriate action on hearing of the recent death of **Joe F. Beard**, our late Association Secretary:

Whereas, we have heard with sorrow of the death of our brother philatelist, **Joe F. Beard**, whose genial disposition and business qualities endeared him to his many associates; therefore be it

Resolved, that the members of St. Paul Branch, No. 15 of the American Philatelic Association, hereby express their sense of loss, and their sympathy with the bereaved family. Some of us knew him personally. All appreciated his worth.

EDW. S. STEBBINS, } Committee.
J. WATSON SMITH, }

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PUBLICATION OFFICE,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

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RETURN POSTAGE should be inclosed in all letters inquiring for information other than of general interest and requiring a personal reply. This will insure our attention and a cheerful reply.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as new address.

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X EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTION. A cross on the margin of this page opposite this notice signifies that your subscription has expired, and we would greatly appreciate a prompt renewal.

Important Notice to Advertisers!

Hereafter advertisers MUST have all copy for new ads or changes in our hands by Wednesday to have them appear in that week's ERA.

Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the call of President Olney for the convening of the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association in New York City on Tuesday, August 23rd, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Only two and a half months away, and

as it's time that members began to "lay out" their vacations they want to include this convention if a possible thing. Mr. Luff promised at the last convention that the collectors of his "village" would give all attending the coming convention a royal good time, and we have it on excellent authority that they know right well how to entertain guests.

The Secretary of the St. Paul Philatelic Society, Mr. F. H. Friend, has kindly favored us with one of the card folders used at the Second Annual Banquet of that Society at the Windsor Hotel, Friday evening, May 20th. Below we reprint the menu and list of toasts.

WANT LIST.

"Tuttle" Soup.

- Celery, green Olives bistre Recently Uncovered. brown yellow Salmon Cutlets, Grilled, Great Scott, "Greasy Gravy" Sauce. Potatoes, Provisional Issue. Roast Lamb, a la Mekeel. Mint or P.O. Sauce Sa Moa Potatoes. Succotash, A Good Lot. Some Duplicates. "Capen" Croquettes.

- Punch. Achard & Howard. Game, au Chasseur Batchelder, Jela la bad. in Fair Condition.

- Salad a la Robie. More Piquant than Oily. "A Regular Pudding." Ice Cream, "Manila" Camaroons, Jumbles, and Snaps. Roquefort. Bent Crackers or Os good. "Some Damaged."

- Cigars, Surcharged "Spanish Belle." Coffee, Deep Black. Doebelin Stout and Obock Beer on the Side.

"SPACE FILLERS."

- H. G. NEAL, Master Interpolator. 1. Matters in General, F. H. Carleton. 2. Philatelic Drudgery, Chas. Stewart. 3. Expert Testimony, Oscar Gardelin. 4. American Collectors, Geo. W. Achard. 5. Convivial Side of Philately, C. E. N. Howard. 6. The Cloth and Philately, G. C. Rheinfrank. 7. Aesthetic Features, C. J. Ingles. 8. If Time Were Elastic, tC. L. Annan. 9. Finds, Adolph Edsten. 10. Speculative Issues, F. H. Friend.

RECEIVED:

Catalogue of Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 105th auction sale, to be held at their Philadelphia offices, 722 Chestnut St., Saturday afternoon, June 18th. There are 603 lots listed.

From Mr. E. L. Shove a copy of his List No. 1 of Philatelic Literature. He has gone into the stamp literature business and these lists will be made interesting as well as to advertise his business.

Mr. Lewis Robie is sending out a table of contents of his coming illustrated book entitled "Stamp Hunting," together with an order blank for a copy and a sample of his "Sarg's Corn Plasters."

Mr. A. E. Layman, who has contributed

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U. S. of Colombia 1c of 1894.

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SEI'S CHEAP.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Bolivia 1894 complete..... \$0.25 *Cuba 1896 Newspaper complete..... .08 *Commercial Union Telegraph complete..... .25 *China 1885 1, 3 and 5, perf. 12..... .75 *Central Steamship Co. complete..... .25 *Honduras 1891 1c to 1 peso inclusive..... .50 *Honduras 1891 2, 5 and 10 pesos..... .50 *Venezuela "Escuelas" complete..... .25 *Means unused. Postage extra on orders under 50c.

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Newfoundlands.

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COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

Wholesale Dealers in Postage Stamps, J. H. LYONS, Manager, 351 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

some to the ERA and other papers in the past, sends us an invitation to attend commencement exercises of the senior class of Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, of which he is a member.

Just a few copies of our stock of Scott's 58th Catalogue remain. Remember we will supply you with a copy (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for One Dollar.

As a special inducement for you to order a catalogue of us now we will give and send absolutely free a copy of "Our Catalogue" issued a few years ago. This is really valuable for reference purposes, listing as it does many stamps not given by Scott, also pricing many rarities on the original cover. Or, if you have a Scott's Catalogue send us 5 cents (for postage), when sending your subscription for not less than a year, and a copy will be sent you free.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THOSE TAHITI "FORGERIES."

MAGOG, P. Q., June 1st, 1898. MR. W. W. JEWETT, Editor of WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: In the May 21st number of the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA you published an article by Mr. G. Carion on "Tahiti" which contains a mis-statement I would like to correct.

Mr. Carion states that the 1884 issues of 5 on 20 and 10 on 20 come in four different types, due to the wood block used for surcharging being cut so as to surcharge four stamps at a time. I have specialized in French Colonials for the past ten years and besides having a few Tahitis in my collection, have had occasion to examine a number of genuine surcharged stamps, but never have I noticed a difference from the one type that could not be accounted for by the spreading of the ink, while in

Good Stamps at Half Price or Less.

Table listing various stamps and their prices, including items like '12 type II, vert. pair, o. g.', '13 black 1861, unused', etc.

AT AUCTION. At Auction Sales

you very frequently can pick up stamps that you look in vain for on sheets or in dealers' stocks, and better yet, you buy them at your own price. Ever tried the auction method? I hold another one this month. Better write me for a catalogue. It's free.

Don't forget that I select picked specimens for you of the new "Omaha" issue, and only charge 10% for the service.

If you are looking for a stock book or entire envelope album that won't fall to pieces while you look at it, send for my circular of sizes, prices, etc.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

AT AUCTION. AT AUCTION.

the case of letters and figures, roughly cut by hand in wood, there should be very marked varieties.

The French colonial stamps measure 20x24mm. from the outer edge of the perforations; the horizontal lines of the surcharges 5 and 10 measure respectively 1 1/2 and 18mm., so that in order to surcharge two stamps side by side the distance between the surcharges could only be 1 1/2 to 2mm.; the two values mentioned, 5 on 20 and 10 on 20 are as frequently found surcharged vertically as horizontally, in which case, as the stamps are 24mm. high, part of a second surcharge should always be found, which is not the case.

Again the hand stamps 5, 10 and 25 were used in 1884 for stamping newspaper wrappers when the values appear single or compound, but in every case the hand stamps used only give one impression.

Should collectors believe in the existence of four types, they would be in danger of accepting as genuine some of the numerous counterfeits that flood the market.

They should remember that there is only one type for each value and as the stamps are rare examine very critically those offered them.

The quantities of stamps surcharged in 1884 were as follows:

Table showing quantities of stamps: 1900 20 centimes stamps surcharged 5, 400 20, 10, 1850 1 franc stamps surcharged 25.

Hoping you may see fit to publish these lines for the benefit of those struggling with the intricacies of French colonials, believe me,

Very truly yours, WM. HERRICK.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 21, '98.

MR. W. W. JEWETT, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I note your remarks with reference to the sheet of 1847 in strips and blocks. I have in my collection a strip of 4 on the original 10c 1847, and many other blocks and pairs of other early issues. Perhaps the two most unique things that I have in this line is the strip above referred to and a block of 4 12c 1851, unused. I mention it to you because of your reference to Tiffany's work, but I am inclined to think that he under-rated the scarcity of the 1847 issue to some extent.

Yours truly, M. H. NEWARK.

"I only pray"

At night," says Little Willie, "as I am not afraid in the morning." Montejo and his outfit thought they weren't afraid in the morning, either—but their lack of prayers or something on that memorable May 1st is probably the main reason why Brimstone is so high as it is, at the present time.

Our Canadian Revenues, are not high. Latest Catalogue of these stamps 10c.

LEWIS ROBIE, 208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

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Right from Admiral Dewey.

New Issue Hong Kong.

Table listing prices for various stamps: \$2.00 on cover, \$1.00 96c slate, 50c 48c violet, etc.

REVENUES.

Table listing prices for various revenue stamps: 50c Foreign Exchange, 50c Lease, 50c Probate of Will, etc.

All the above mentioned stamps are in perfect condition and I stand ready to return money if not pleased.

If you want some good bargains in stamps write me, as I have a fine stock and will sell them as low as the next one. Send me references and receive a selection.

A. C. TOWNSEND, 1227 Conn. Ave., WASHINGTON, D. C.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

**Cottlow's...
Chicago Correspondence.**

Tuesday, May 31st.

It is a blessing at any rate that we are not to have envelopes, card, and 3, 4 and \$5 stamps of the Omaha series.

I wonder if the European nations will not begin to look on us as after the almighty dollar more than ever in issuing this series. If this sort of business is to be kept up every time a local exposition has a pull with the government, then I say that it is really too bad that the Columbian stamps, beautiful as they were, were ever issued. As a stimulus to stamp collecting, I don't think they will amount to much.

Too many were bitten when they invested in Columbians and if experience is anything like the teacher she is said to be I do not expect to see the 6 cent or any other unused value of the Omaha set, sell for \$5 per hundred used, as did the 6 cent Columbian at one period of its career.

Then too, there will not be any cornering of any values unused as our Canadian friends did. These Omaha stamps will be pretty well distributed all over the country.

The Chicago Postmaster has ordered 3,000,000 of the various values and one firm here has determined to use none but these stamps for several months.

I think the U. S. might just as well begin making its provisional or colonial stamps for Porto Rico and the Philippines because they will need them pretty soon, and it's a good idea to have a thing ready when it's needed.

It might probably delay the mails quite a little to wait with surcharging U. S. stamps for this purpose after the islands are occupied by our troops, so the authorities had better get the new provisionals (and a Hawaii set too, while they are about it,) ready at once.

Will some member please make a motion to this effect?

Owing to the inclement weather Wolfstetter's 13th sale last Saturday night had but a slim attendance. Prices ruled rather low as a rule. The war seemed to have the effect of booming Spain and the Philippines for they went proportionately well. Proofs also brought fair prices.

The following lots brought \$5 each and over:

- Entire Env., 5c Garfield on cream ○ \$5 00
- Re-issue of 3c 1861, ○ 13.25
- “ “ 30c 1869, 6 05
- 90c, 1860, ○ slightly damaged, 6.25
- 1872, 24c, ○ fine, 5.30
- Justice, 30c, trifle off centre, ○ o. g. 5.80
- Newspaper, 1865, 5c blue border, ○ 5.05
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- Justice, 24c, not centered, 5.20
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 58th regular meeting of the O. C. P. S. was called to order May 4th at 9 o'clock p. m., President Smiley in the chair.

The Secretary's report read and accepted. No report from Treasurer, Librarian, 1st Exchange Supt. or 2nd Exchange Supt.

The following bills read and accepted: those of W. W. Jewett and A. L. Lucas.

Application of A. C. Chase, East Providence, R. I., read and accepted by a unanimous vote.

Letter from Mr. W. O. Wylie of Boston, Mass., requesting a membership list, for purpose of sending copies of *The Boston Stamp Book* to each member, was next read and granted.

Mr. Round made the following motion: "That the Library be overhauled and a committee of three be appointed (the Librarian to be one) to put it in such a place as shall be designated by the committee, that it was a valuable collection and should be well cared for." This motion was accepted.

A committee of three consisting of Messrs. Round, Wheaton and Skinner was appointed to serve in connection with the Providence meeting, which is to be held June 15th, said meeting to be held in such a place as they may decide upon.

The motion was also made that each member should contribute some stamps (valuation restricted to not less than fifteen

cents) or some amount that the Society should fix, to go towards the auction sale of June 15th. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9.40 p. m.
HOWARD PAINE, Sec'y.

The meeting of June 15th of the O. C. P. S. is to be held at Providence. Supper is to be served at Mackenzie's Restaurant, 90 Dorrance St., at 8.30 p. m., and an informal auction is to be held at the close of the meeting. The Committee of Arrangements consists of Geo. A. Round, Providence, Herbert M. Wheaton, E. Providence, and William W. Skinner, Mansfield. Plans are being perfected to make this an auspicious occasion, and a large attendance is expected.

Following out a suggestion made at a recent meeting of the O. C. P. S., on the line of making up the small deficiency in the treasury of the Society, each member of the Society is requested to contribute one stamp, which shall catalogue at not less than fifteen cents, and all such stamps shall be sold at the informal auction at Providence, June 15th, and the total proceeds turned over to the treasury. It is but a small contribution from each member, but if all will contribute, the result is sure to be large. Members are kindly requested to mail their stamps for the above purpose, to Geo. A. Round, Auction Manager, 223 Carpenter St., Providence, R. I., before June 11th.

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Philatelic Press Review.

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APRIL PAPERS.

- Allegheny Philatelist*, Vol. III. No. 3 (12).
- Internationales Briefmarken Offert-enblatt*, Vol. VII. (189).
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, (210).
- Columbian Philatelist*, Vol. IV. No. 6 (24).
- Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*, Vol. VI. No. 7 (67).
- Stamps* (N. Y.), Vol. II. No. 7.
- Stamps* (Rushden), Vol. II. No. 4.
- Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, Vol. VIII. (94).
- Timbre Poste*, Vol. XXXVI. (424).

The San Francisco notes, and Georges Carion's description of the recently discovered Bolivian forgeries are about all there is of interest in the *Allegheny Philatelist*. It is several months since I have seen a copy of the paper and I had concluded it had given up the ghost.

The editorial article in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* is devoted to the United States and Spain, and M. Maury just goes for Uncle Sam with a sharp stick for being so greedy, etc. Did you ever hear of a country called Tunis, friend Maury? Or of the rectifying of the boundary between Siam and the French colonies in Tonkin? "First cast out the mote in thine own eye." There is also a very interesting account of the French telephone system.

Foster A. Lilley writes in the *Columbian Philatelist* on the subject of our postal stationery and asks the very pertinent question as to why our envelopes can not agree in color with the same values in the adhesive set. It would be a good time now to fall in line with the U. P. U. regulations which it would seem ought to include envelopes as well as adhesives.

Short notes again form the bulk of the reading matter of *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. Brace up Brother Sellshopp.

Australia forms the subject of the leading article of *Stamps* and historical and descriptive notes are given of each of the various colonies. Another good paper is that entitled "De Corona" which treats of, and illustrates the varieties of crowns found on postage stamps. Salvador is shown up by means of numerous Seebeck illustrations and the Orange Free State, Samoa and the Malay peninsular are the subjects treated of by other writers. Again I wish to urge all my readers to add this paper to their library whether they are beginners or thirty-third

degree philatelists. It ought to have ten thousand subscribers.

Stamps of England is another ever welcome visitor. And this month it is of especial interest to us because of the commencement of a series of articles on the stamps of our own country. The first installment comes as far as the 5 cent, 1855-6, and has life size illustrations of the three types of the 1 cent, two of the 3 cent and two of the five cent. The notes are well written but discover nothing new to an American collector who has had the chance of reading Luff's articles. But for the average English collector they will be of great interest. Percy Bishop asks: "Why not collect Telegraphs?" and advances many good reasons why we should. Many of the continental papers have for years included telegraphs in the chronicle of new issues. In this country, however, they are not much sought after. The writer used to chronicle them in the *American Philatelist* and other papers for which he wrote, and compiled a very full catalogue which came out in the *A. P.*

Donald A. King commences a very valuable account of the stamps of the Dominion of Canada in the current number of the *Monthly Journal*. The watermarked varieties are treated very fully and intelligently. Copious extracts are included from Luff's article on the same subject.

Le Timbre Poste has a long article on the re-impressions of the 1852 issue of Reunion with illustrations of the originals and two different series of re-impressions. To most of us this article is of but little interest as first issue Re-unions are in but few collections except those of the upper ten.

Note.—Space necessitates the holding over for next issue of list of May papers received, with review of same.—Ed.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.
Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, May 31st.

The stamp business here seems to hold its own. There is quite a demand for certain values of the new issue of New Zealand stamps. It seems to be a case where the speculator is guessing which of the stamps will be the most valuable in the future, those received from London or from New Zealand. There is a difference in shades of most of the values. The most pronounced are the 1/2d, 2 1/2d, 4d, 5d, 9d, and 1sh. The differences in the shades of the other values are so slight as to be hardly noticeable. So the speculator is one day laying in a stock of the London shades, and the next day he is around looking for the New Zealand shades. If he only knew how many of each value were retained in London, and how many of each value sent to New Zealand, he might be perfectly happy; and the acme of bliss with him would be if he could only ascertain when there is to be a new lot printed in New Zealand, and if they will come on water-marked paper. On the other hand, the regular collector simply buys one set. But who can tell, perhaps another season he may be paying a fancy price for first or second print.

I see that one of your contemporaries, in its so-called chronicle of new issues, under the head of "Hayti," states that it has learned from *Le Timbre Poste* that the greater portion of the late provisional issue was made on the 20c brown. Almost the entire reserve stock was used, so there is bound to be a big advance in the 20c brown unsurcharged, etc.

An importation of stamps from Hayti received in Boston last week, had the 20c brown unsurcharged in quantities, and all the surcharged stamps received were on the 20c orange. There were a great many other stamps received of different issues and denominations, and the official also sent what he claimed was samples of all the stamps in stock, and the 2c surcharged on 20c brown was not included. If the 2c has been surcharged on both colors, it looks to me as though the brown will be the rare type.

I understand that several of the Boston dealers are purchasing shot guns, not to take part in the war with Spain, but they are going a-gunning for the Boston correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. It is all on account of a new heading in the above mentioned paper, where the dealers are supposed to be represented.

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BY WM. C. STONE.

MAY PAPERS.

- Boston Stamp Book*, Vol. III. No. 12.
Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. VIII. No. 5.
Ewen's Weekly Circular, (30, 31, 32).
Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXI. No. 3 (123).
Evergreen State Philatelist, Vol. IX. No. 4 (53).
Herald Exchange, Vol. IV. No. 3 (21).
International Philatelist, Vol. VII. No. 2.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, (383, 384, 385, 386).
Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Vol. I. No. 5.
Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. IX. Nos. 6, 7, 8.
Moniteur Philatelique, Vol. II. No. 4-5.
New York Philatelist, Vol. IV. No. 2.
Ontario Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 3.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, Vol. XIII. No. 6, Vol. XIV. No. 1 (June).
Perforator, Vol. II. No. 3.
Philatelic Advocate, Vol. IV. No. 5. (21).
Post Office, Vol. VIII. (86).
Postal Card Bulletin, Vol. V. No. 3 (51).
Revenue Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 2.
Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. II. No. 8.
Stampman, Vol. III. No. 2 (14).
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. IV. (95).
Texan Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 3 (50).
Timbrophile Poitevin, Vol. IV. (38).
Virginia Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 9.

With the current number the *Boston Stamp Book* closes its third volume. The reference list of type and die varieties is very short this time, only including the 1881 issue of Guatemala, but some twenty minor varieties are found of these stamps. Mr. Toppan is not to continue his articles on the state of the market, his business being such as to prevent it. Other arrangements will probably be made to continue the department.

Der Briefmarken Sammler continues the article on the German field-post of 1870-71. The chronicle and reviews constitute the rest of the reading matter.

Aside from the advertisements of the

publisher, *Ewen's Weekly Circular* contains but little, except some additional information in regard to the railway letter fee stamps which have sprung into popularity recently.

Raymond Baker writes very interestingly about "Iceland and Its Stamps" in the *Eastern Philatelist*. I do not recall having seen an article on this subject before. It is full of interest and contains descriptions of the counterfeits which are found in so many collections. Percy Bishop's article entitled "Why Not Collect Telegraphs?" to which I alluded in my review of the April number of *Stamps* (Rushden) is here reprinted in full.

Still another paper presents us with the familiar countenance of E. B. Sterling. The *International Philatelist* adds this well known philatelist's likeness to its voluminous gallery. Several collectors contribute their opinions on the question as to whether auction sales are beneficial to philately or not. The majority seem to be opposed, although Dr. Cottlow sums up very strongly in their favor.

Recent numbers of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* contain very entertaining articles by Missouriensis on "Possible American Colonials" and the "Philatelic History of Cuba." Donald A. King's articles on Canadian stamps are also being reprinted from the *Monthly Journal*.

The *Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* is largely devoted to advertising matter but contains a short article on Maltese errors, which is of some interest. A government notice defining a newspaper is one of the things which our post office could copy with the result of wiping out considerable of the trash now mailed at pound rates.

Although the weekly *Metropolitan Philatelist* only contains eight pages regularly, in its issue of May 14 that number is trebled. The number is devoted to New England and contains portraits and sketches of F. F. Olney, W. C. Van Derlip, E. A. Holton, W. D. King, A. W. Batchelder, E. M. Carpenter, J. F. Capron, C. A. Howes, J. F. Puffer, G. R. Kennedy, B. L. Drew, S. R. Sircorn, W. C. Stone, F. H. Pinkam, H. K. Sanderson and W.

O. Wylie, together with several sketches not illustrated. The *Boston Stamp Book* is the only paper written up, and the Worcester, Lowell, Boston and Springfield societies have good sketches.

Collectors of shades are advised to secure *Le Moniteur Philatelique* for they will find in the list of Austrian stamps now running in that magazine all the varieties they want and more besides. Perforations are not overlooked either. Of the 3kr, 1890 issue, no less than twenty-seven varieties are given. Other values in proportion. The *Chronicle* is very full and well illustrated. This is decidedly one of the best of the continental magazines.

One of the most foolish things which I have seen in a stamp paper for a long time is the suggestion in the *New York Philatelist* that the revenue stamps which will be issued in consequence of the war revenue bill now pending in the Senate will fall under the ban of the S. S. S. because the issue is unnecessary and speculative. Such sort of talk is pure rot.

The *Ontario Philatelist* is out with an appeal to the D. P. A. members for support for the official organship. The amount of stamp matter in the paper is very small but the letters from various philatelic centers are quite readable. It seems a great pity that Canada cannot produce more real philatelic papers. News is all very well in its way but information about stamps is what we need far more.

Another publication which seldom publishes anything about stamps is the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*. It is always brim full of bright personal articles, portraits of big and little celebrities and philatelic politics, but the real stamp article is a rarity. Brace up friend Kissenger and get some good solid articles to tone up your paper a little.

The *Perforator* is a trifle weak this month in its solid articles, although the correspondence is as bright as ever and contains quite a number of bits of information concerning stamps. The article on minor varieties is evidently by a novice or he would have known that all the varieties he calls attention to have been listed in our catalogues as forming distinct issues

ever since they appeared. "The Gossid" announces the discovery of the small blue (Grant) postal card on griddled card. I never took much stock in griddled cards and am glad to see that Scott has omitted them from his new catalogue.

The *Philatelic Advocate* is very much improved. Articles on "Perforation" and a dictionary of philatelic terms, form interesting reading for the young collector while there are numerous illustrations of Hamilton, Ont., where the coming D. P. A. convention is to be held. Portraits of several candidates are also given. A little larger page and a little better quality of paper would make a great improvement in the journal.

Under its new management, the *Post Office* is regaining its old time plumpness. Eustace B. Power writes an exceedingly valuable article on the stamps of British Zanzibar giving full details of all the numerous surcharges and errors. Quotations from official letters and documents make it an authoritative reference list.

W. A. MacDonnell gives a list of U. S. match and medicine stamps with the sizes in millimeters to aid collectors in planning spaces for them in their albums. This is a feature which I have not seen since E. B. Sterling issued his last catalogue in 1887.

The second number of the *Revenue Philatelist* continues the catalogue of Canadian revenues and has several other clipped articles bearing on revenue matters. A list of Canadian oddities by "Era" is of interest and if I can find some memoranda which I have tucked away somewhere I shall send Mr. Staebler a list of several others for his next number.

Stamps (N. Y.) contains good articles on Tasmania and its famous orinthyornchus, Guatemala and the quetzal, Panama, Joaquin, Crespo, Crocodiles and Navigation as set forth on various stamps. Neptune on the current Barbados heads the list which is concluded with the Hawaiian 12 cent bearing a modern steamship. "Spain and Its Stamps" by Elizabeth Southworth is a very timely article and sure to be read by all. It is like all the rest, fully illustrated.

Under the head of "Eminent Men Who Have Never Met Us," the editor of the *Stampman* has thus far published four very spicy sketches. I. A. Mekeel is the subject of the latest and I have been expecting hourly to hear of friend Osgood's sudden taking off.

Some interesting facts about Gwalior stamps are given in the *Stamp Collector's*

Fortnightly by B. Gordon Jones of Calcutta. Mr. Jones was formerly publisher of one of the leading Indian stamp papers and I am glad to see that he is in the ring again.

Old Dominion stamp collectors must all be like the Baltimore girls if the sample illustrations which the *Virginia Philatelist* has been giving us each month are fair samples. E. P. Lyons, Jr., is the subject of the latest sketch. John Paalzow gives more information concerning the Bergeford stamps and replies to the recent criticism of his former article which appeared in the *Monthly Journal* for January. In the December number of the *Virginia Philatelist* Mr. P. gave some very strong proofs to the effect that the rare so-called first issue were nothing but proofs and to my mind he certainly proved his point.

The 1899 Edition Stamp Albums and Catalogues.

Do you want spaces in the 1899 Edition International Postage Stamp Albums for Registration and Post Office Seal stamps? Do you want to see them listed and priced in the 1899 Edition Standard Catalogues?

Some may prefer to have them omitted, but there are others who would like to see spaces in the Albums for their reception, and have them listed and priced in the 1899 issue of the Standard Catalogues, as they were in 1896 and previous editions of albums and catalogues.

It is a fact that albums and catalogues to a large extent have influenced many collectors to collect or reject stamps which are listed or omitted in albums and catalogues.

I believe that nearly all collectors of postage stamps who started their collection before 1896 and bought the Registration and Post Office Officially Sealed stamps because they were listed in catalogues and had spaces for their reception in albums will be disappointed if the Post Office Seal stamps are omitted from the 1899 Edition Albums and Catalogues.

There are thousands of postage stamp collectors who have bought Post Office Seal stamps, and paid fair prices for such seals as the U. S. Post Obitum and subsequent issues.

Some of us took as much pride in showing a complete set of these seal stamps as we did in showing complete sets of the stamps issued for the Departments of Interior, War, etc. The seal stamps were and are issued and used by the Post Office Department and their use by that Department is in my opinion of enough importance that spaces should be allowed for their reception in the albums under the heading of Post Office Seal stamps same as in the 1896 edition.

The publishers sent out circular letters to

the stamp trade asking their opinion about allowing spaces for varieties of stamps in the 1899 Edition of the International Postage Stamp Albums in order to meet the wants of the average collector.

The publishers state that they will meet the wants of the greater part of collectors in omitting the Post Office Seal stamps from their albums.

As a collector I am one who would prefer to have spaces for their reception.

As a dealer I do not agree with the publishers as many of my patrons have expressed their disappointment in having them omitted from their catalogue. I have advertised within the past twelve months, in THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA and other stamp papers, many foreign stamps. The orders received from collectors prove that I have sold more of three varieties of Post Office Seal stamps of two foreign countries which I advertised than any three varieties of foreign postage stamps of any two countries advertised within twelve months. This fact leads me to believe that the majority of collectors would prefer to have spaces for their reception.

Stanley Gibbons lists and prices them in their latest catalogue. Have you heard any complaint because they do? I believe that more than 90 per cent. of the collectors and dealers would rather see them listed and priced than to have them omitted. I would like to hear from the trade and collectors through the ERA whether they are in favor or against the omitting of Registration and Post Office Seal stamps from albums and catalogues.

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I appoint John N. Luff, R. R. Bogert, and P. F. Bruner, residents of New York, Committee of Arrangements.
I appoint Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J., William F. Gregory of New York, Charles W. Bowen of Providence, R. I., P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago, and J. Franklin Johnson of Boston Committee on Credentials.
FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 11th, 1898.

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WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, June 4th, 1898.
1,115 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of May 28th, valued at \$39,371.98
7 books received since May 28th, valued at \$284.25
\$39,656.23
8 books retired since May 28th, valued at 218 40
Total number of books in circulation 1,114 valued at \$39,437.83

The following stamps are in demand: U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, Match and Medicine, imperforated of all countries in pairs and blocks, old Germans, Philippines, Spain, Servia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Hawaii. Sellers of the above mentioned please fill books and send. The Exchange Department will be run all during the summer.

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" " 1 brown.....	30 "
" " 2 red.....	35 "
" " 3 ultramarine.....	60 "
" " 7 violet.....	35 "
Hanover 1856 1 green.....	7 "
" " 1-30 rose.....	15 "
" " 1-15 blue.....	30 "
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Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

On July 1st there will be inaugurated in Canada a Special or quick delivery of letters in cities at an extra expense of 10 cents.

The New England Philatelic Association

"Year Book" for 1898 gives a list of officers and members of that organization. There are 52 names given, being only those at present in good standing—those having paid their dues to January 1st, 1898.

RECEIVED:

From Messrs. Stevens & Co. of Chicago, Ill., a copy of their illustrated Coin Catalogue, giving prices paid for gold, silver, copper, nickel and provisional money of the U. S.

Price List of Bulgarian, East Roumelian and South Bulgarian from P. V. Karavanoff, 48 Rue Krum, Sophia, Bulgaria.

Our thanks are due M. Cornish, exchange manager of the American Stamp Exchange, for a copy of the "Year Book" for March, 1898, of that select and. we have good reason to believe, highly successful Exchange society.

The Metropolitan Philatelist from all appearances is a success. The editor of the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA. is apt to view this advancement with a tinge of jealousy.

The above appears in the New York correspondent's notes in the last Virginia Philatelist, and in thanking the writer for his concluding sentence, we wish to assure him that we are losing no sleep over fear of the loss of the official journalism of the American Philatelic Association.

We think the failure of the former official organ to make any "try" for a continuation at the last convention pretty clearly demonstrates that we are not alone in our experience which has revealed that there is no profit in the honor and especially for a weekly paper.

Our stock of Scott's 58th Catalogue is almost exhausted, and if you want one better order at once. Remember we will supply you with a copy (postage prepaid with

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From Our Special Correspondent.

Notes from Lima, Peru.

The remains of Pizarro, whose portrait is honored with prominence on the 5, 10 and 20c stamps of the 1896 issue, have been on view, in a marble coffin having a glass front, in the Cathedral of Lima, while this edifice has been undergoing extensive repairs the past two years. This exhibition has brought to light the fact that all the fingers of one hand are missing, having been sold (without doubt) to curio hunters, so a local newspaper states. Many stamps serve as object lessons in their country's history. In the 1896 issue we have first the picture of an Inca, then the conqueror Pizarro, and finally of General Bolivar, the liberator of several of the South American republics from the Spanish yoke.

One of the scarcest stamps of recent years, and one much underpriced in proportion to its scarcity, is the "1 sol 1894 Bermudez." Less than 1000 of these were issued of which some 300 were sent to the I. P. U. headquarters in Berne. It would be a good idea if all stamps sent to this office for distribution to the different countries in the Union were marked in some manner to distinguish them from those which have been regularly sold. Several sets of U. S. periodical stamps have lately reached our hands for sale which were probably of the specimen class from Berne.

The 1c Unpaid surcharged "Franqueo" bid fair to command a good price in the near future as such a limited number were issued and were in use for such a short time. They are already being retailed in Lima at ten to twenty times face value. They are scarcer used than unused and though the supply was exhausted a short time after issue; they are still available for postage as are also the obsolete varieties of the 1896 issue and the 5c green of 1897.

A rather curious misprint recently came to light in the form of an unused copy of the 5c ultramarine of the Bermudez (1894) issue, in which part of the surcharge is over the waste paper border which had become overlapped on the face of the stamp before the surcharging, so that the stamp proper received only part of the impression.

The last mail included several postal curiosities. One was a letter from Lille, France, it had in place of the stamp a scalloped post mark with the impression so indistinct that the P. O. officials passed it as a stamped cover; another from Germany was partly prepaid with the one and one and half piastres stamps of the German Levant. Still another from that country had been sent to Persia by mistake and occupied nearly five months in reaching its

U. S. REVENUES.
Combination Lots
 used and unused, another installment of Colombian Republic and a host of other fine things in my June 25th Auction Sale. Catalogue is out and it is free. It will be your loss if you do not investigate it.
 Later advices state that the "Omaha" set will not be out before June 15th. Selected sets \$4.35 registered. Advance orders kindly have a little patience.
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destination although the directions were written quite plainly. A tin lid embossed U. S. mail on top and filled with sealing wax showing the impression of a winged wheel and the words "Post Office New York" was used to seal the string about a packet of philatelic journals from Italy which had become loose. Although not in the form of a stamp this is on a par with the Officially Sealed labels.

If the successive editions of the Scott Catalogue continue to note the minor varieties as extensively as in the 58th, their "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" will soon be robbed of its importance. In a recent find here there were many split stamps of Peru and Chile which are not listed in the last edition; of two blocks from Chile one consists of a vertical pair of entire 10c 1853, the upper one having the upper diagonal half of the adjoining stamp on the right side and the lower one with the lower diagonal half of adjoining stamp on the right side forming a K; the other consists of adjoining vertical halves above and below forming an X. Both are on part of original covers, showing post marks. The ordinary split provisionals were too numerous to mention but will be illustrated in the coming catalogue of Peruvian postal emissions. Thirteen of the media peso yellow were considered the lucky part of the find notwithstanding their

"Stamp Hunting"

besides stamps, tells you lots of useful things. "How to take lice off from baby's head," "How far it is from Chicago to Hades," "Which way is north," &c. &c. "You talk to me every week in the ERA, though I never met you," says one of our customers. We expect "Stamp Hunting" to talk to you right through the book. Let us hear from you.

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number; the rare error of this stamp in rose color was not in evidence.

As a matter of fact it is a most unusual state of affairs to have what is regarded as a standard catalogue for prices, as well as the listing, and yet one from which nearly all the ordinary medium stamps can be purchased from the majority of dealers at about half the prices enumerated therein. In no other business of such magnitude is there a parallel case and this is rather a difficult, not to say awkward, matter to explain to a non-collector, whom one is trying to convince of the desirability of investing in stamps. It would probably be the same, though to a lesser degree, if the publishers were to drop their prices to the present market level and, furthermore, it would lead to more cornering and booming, to which stamps so readily lend themselves. The drop in prices of U. S. stamps in the latest catalogue, in many cases, surely show the state of the market as it is the older issues which are particularly affected. Over-valuation is productive of great harm to our hobby and it should be more carefully guarded against by compilers of our catalogues, as the prices are not always regulated by the demand or other such legitimate reason and there comes the drop till the proper level is reached. The one dollar Columbian is a fair example of this and it is very evident that the publishers

are much better philatelists than philanthropists.

In "Talks About Philatelic Advertising" in the November number of the *Eastern Philatelist*, the author gives advice which shows a thorough knowledge of the subject and which will repay reading on the part of dealers the world over. It is presumed he considers it superfluous to (or will in a future paper) advise against misrepresenting goods in the slightest degree; the making of catch offers with but poor prospects of suiting possible clients though possessing little or no stock of the same; and last, but not least, not to request consignments from foreign dealers and after such has been granted to fail to keep the promise to remit promptly, either through carelessness or otherwise. It is most important for a stamp dealer to consider his correspondents as himself and to make exact statements and live up to them. It is so very easy to make an announcement which can be read with a double meaning, that stamp dealers cannot be too careful in this respect. Stamp dealing is conducted principally through the post and is therefore a business in which confidence and good faith are most important factors. Permanency of business relations can only be established by paying strict attention to the Golden Rule of "doing unto others as you would be done by." The writer is speaking from experience earned by dealings with those who do not consider these points to any great extent and they have not always been the little known dealers either. Such a course is certainly fatal to the best interests of the advertiser as in several instances, had proper satisfaction been given, it would have been many a dollar in their pockets in years to come. After having gone to the expense of obtaining a customer or source of supplies it should be clear to all who give this point consideration that the proper course is to use every endeavor to retain their custom and not think of a temporary large profit only. Good customers and correspondents are not so plentiful that their rights can be ignored with impunity. By pleasing one not only is his subsequent trade secured but also his goodwill which will probably include that of his friends; on the other hand a dissatisfied customer can do untold harm. Working on the principle that a pleased client will be a source of future profits is not the least meritorious plan for laying the foundation of a prosperous business.

The three new stamps 1c blue, 2c brown, and 5c pink were issued on December 31st, 1897, and are, as to number (1,000,000 of each), purpose and length of time to be in use, a regular issue and necessary as the supply of the low values being in two cases exhausted, though they were also designed to commemorate the opening of the new Post Office building in Lima, and issued

on that day. The 1c Franqueo were provisionally issued to meet the demand until that date. There were also issued for permanent use 7 new post cards as follows: 1c red, 2c blue, 2 x 2c blue, 3c red brown, 3x3c red brown, 4c black, 4x4c black.

There were also issued, for local use, a 1c green; and for provisional use, a 2c orange, both having a New Years' greeting printed on the reverse and dated January 1st, 1898. All of the 9 varieties with the exception of the 3c and 4c cards (4) are surcharged on the old 5c black and have a view of the new post office building in the upper right hand corner. All the stamps and post cards of recent issues are still available for use.

WILLIAMS & Co.

The Editor's Spears.

Mr. C. A. Burger has handed us a memorandum showing the number of stamps contained on the sheets of the first issue of document revenue stamps printed by the U. S. government. It would appear from the variation in the sizes that all the values from 1c to \$50 were printed on sheets of the same size, as the number of stamps on each sheet appears to vary exactly in accordance with the dimensions of each different value. We think that the table will be of some interest to our readers, and therefore submit it herewith.

Denomination.	No. of stamps on sheet.	Value per sheet.
\$ cts.		
1	210	2 10
2	210	4 20
3	170	5 10
4	170	6 80
5	170	8 50
6	170	10 20
10	170	17 00
15	170	25 50
20	170	34 00
25	102	25 50
30	102	30 60
40	85	34 00
50	85	42 50
60	85	51 00
70	85	59 50
1 00	90	90 00
1 30	90	117 00
1 50	90	135 00
1 60	90	144 00
1 90	90	171 00
2 00	72	144 00
2 50	72	180 00
3 00	72	216 00
3 50	72	252 00
5 00	72	360 00
10 00	72	720 00
15 00	54	810 00
20 00	54	1,080 00
25 00	54	1,350 00
50 00	54	2,700 00
200 00	8	1,600 00

—American Journal of Philately.

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

They ought to be true blue, but are not. If the Postal Union authorities, who make and enforce rules in such matters, are critical they will not regard these new five cent stamps as complying with their requirements.

Nor will people of taste. The blue is muddy and poor. The paper is flimsy. The adhesive stuff on the back is nasty. The cheap and nasty together have prevailed, and the result is altogether discreditable to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, or, as it calls itself for economy's sake on the margin of the stamp sheet, "Bureau, Engraving & Printing."

It is not agreeable to American pride to discover that in such matters as these we should be so inferior to other countries. In Europe they take a pride in turning out good stamps—not for the collector only, though he is now an important person, but for the public use and convenience. They don't give you stamps which it makes you sick to touch with the tongue, or stamps which look as if printed in the backwoods. All our postage stamp issues are poor, and the newest one the poorest of all.—N. Y. *Herald*, June 3.

Not long ago a number of sheets of the Bahamas, 1sh green CC watermark, were found in the Post Office which has resulted in lowering the price of the stamp from \$3 to 50 cents.—P. M. and W.

Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M.

Entrance Fee 25c, Dues \$1 per year payable quarterly.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 59th regular meeting of the O. C. P. S. was called to order June 1st, 1898, at 9 p. m., President Smiley in the chair.

No reports received from Secretary or Treasurer and the Superintendents of 1st and 2nd Exchange being absent, no reports from those departments were read.

Committee of arrangements on Providence meeting report everything in order as far as known.

Application of Chas. Adams, East Providence, R. I., received and laid over. As there was no new business to come before the Society, the meeting adjourned at 9.30 p. m.

HOWARD PAINE, Sec'y.

◀ DIRECTORY. ▶

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [1/2c]

W. K. NIX, U. S. Postage & Revenues—Wholesale, sale and Retail. 69 John Street, Bridgeport, Conn. [9/4]

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, May 7th.

June 10th is the date fixed for the issue of the Omaha series. All values have now been printed and will be ready for delivery by that time.

Owing to the extraordinary amount of work now on hand at the Bureau it was found absolutely impossible to print the series in two colors as was first intended. This would require the sheets to go through the press and be handled twice. National Bank Notes, Revenue Stamps and Bonds are suddenly required in great quantities owing to the War and the Bureau finds it very difficult to cope with the work now on hand.

The figures recently quoted in regard to the quantities of each denomination to be printed have very little significance. They merely indicate the number of stamps that will probably be required according to the opinion of the officials. It is not like letting the contract to a private firm in this instance as was the case with the Columbians. No remainders are to be placed on sale at the expiration of the year, but will in all probability be destroyed.

It was my hope to be able to furnish a new list of plates today but will have to wait until next week. The first Omaha number seems to be 590, which is a 1c, 600 is the same. The \$2 is said to be 613.

A complete series of plates of this commemorative set should prove especially interesting, even if they do not commence with \$1.00. Probably many who do not collect plate Nos. ordinarily will find pleasure in completing the Omaha series, which will prove neither difficult nor expensive.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the serious illness of Mr. F. W. Bradley, one of the dealing fraternity of this city. He has been confined to his home for the last two weeks and his condition has been critical. Slight improvements have occasionally been perceptible, but his physicians give very little encouragement for his recovery.

The Herald Exchange for June 1st contains an ad offering counterfeit Hawaiian stamps for sale. It would be much more creditable to friend T. to decline such advertising patronage in future, to express our opinion mildly.

Please mention the ERA when writing advertisers.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. O means unused, ⊕ used.

ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 104th Sale—N. Y.

Saturday Afternoon, May 28th, 1898.

UNITED STATES.

Table listing various stamps and their prices under the heading 'UNITED STATES'. Includes items like '1847 10c ⊕ on orig. envelope', '1869 6c O o. g.', '1894 \$5 no watermark O', etc.

FOREIGN.

Table listing various foreign stamps and their prices under the heading 'FOREIGN'. Includes items like 'British Bechuanaland 1887 2sh 6d O', 'Br. Central Africa Co. 1st issue 2sh O', 'Congo 1894 5f O', etc.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 18 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Exchange wanted with collectors having from 2 to 3000 varieties of stamps. Have some good U. S. stamps and envelopes to exchange also. H. W. Boers, 389 Maple St., Detroit, Mich.

Wish to exchange with advanced collectors or dealers, by means of sheets, priced by Scott. Send registered. Have 7000 varieties in stock, to select from. Medium priced and new issues preferred. W. S. Kinzer, Canton, Ohio.

Exchange of foreign stamps desired with collectors having from 1500 to 3000 varieties, value for value. Send selections and receive mine by return mail. George D. Weeks, Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City.

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

A stamp collector who has no philatelic library always reminds me of a shirt without a tail. How about you, fellow citizens and citizenesses? I deal in literature only—no stamps. My price list is free and supposed to be funny. It would tickle me awfully to receive a list of your wants in odd numbers, volumes or files. "Mekeel's Weekly" I or II, complete, fair shape, \$1.50, or both for \$2.50. ERWIN LESTER SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

Here are bargains for cash buyers: \$2.00 Columbian, unused, full gum, \$1.50; \$3.00 Columbian, unused, full gum, 2.70; 1c Executive "Specimen," fine, .50; 5c V. E. Manger & Petrie, on pink, .12; 4c T. H. Barr & Co., fine, .32; Post Office 6c, unused, fine, .12; 50c Passage Ticket, good specimens, .06; Proprietary 1871, 3c, fine, .15; Western Union, 1882, fine, perf. 3 sides, 1.00; Money back without question, if you want it. I want to buy Departments, Revs., M. and M. C. B. MERRILL, 130 W. 14th St., New York.

2c Justice Dept., new o. g., little off center, \$1.50; 1c Periodical 1885, mint state, .08; 1 and 3c claret Dues 1891, mint state, .15; A. C. GOODRICH, Manitou, Colo. (P. S. of A. 622)

Stamps on approval at 40 to 60% discount. Reference required. Cash paid for stamps. Write to me. S. E. MEDFORD, 435 North 41st St., Phila., Pa. 170

The world is full of joyous cheer, But many times it lacks, The happy means of getting at The snappy inside facts: Soap enough in these?

U. S. Document Revenues in Packets.

Table showing 'U. S. Document Revenues in Packets' with columns for Packet, Cat. value, and Price. Includes items like 'I. 20 varieties', 'II. 20 different varieties', etc.

M. C. BERLEPSCH, Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., WHOLESALE DEALER IN * POSTAGE + STAMPS. * 411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md. February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, June 8th.

There is quite a demand for the New Zealand error. I received the other day the May number of the *London Philatelist*. This paper is considered by a great many collectors as one of the best, and I expected under the chronicle of new issues to find considerable mention made of the New Zealand error. Instead of this, I find a few lines stating that one of their correspondents has called their attention to an error, etc., but not a word about how many were made or any particulars. The first article is devoted to praising this new issue of stamps, and patting the S. S. S. Society on the back. After lauding the New Zealand issue, they also praise the new issue of Tonga, and the beauty of the stamps will condone for any other bad features. Then they mention the commemorative set of Portugal, and call it a purely speculative issue, and figuratively speaking, give it a black eye in general. Now when such a paper as the *London Philatelist* comes out offering words of praise for the pretty labels of Tonga, and decrying the commemorative set of Portugal and Colonies, it is apt to make a collector who has common sense disgusted. I have no doubt but that where one Tonga stamp is used for postage one thousand of the commemorative set of Portugal will be used. If Mr. Castle would come out in his paper and tell us something about the facts of the Tonga postal business, it might be interesting reading.

I have reasons to suppose that many of the commemorative stamps will be catalogued the coming season. I have been informed that one of the leading dealers of Boston has been asked his opinion in regard to cataloguing these stamps. Among

Snap 'Em Up, Quick.

- U. S. 1868 12c..... 35c
 - " 15c..... 75c
 - Nova Scotia 1 1/2c..... 78c
 - P. E. Island 5p rep'd..... 59c
 - Mexico 1872 5 var. 20c
 - Salvador 1890 *1, *2 and *3 Postals..... 9c
- Am still whooping up my
U. S. and B. N. A. Sheets at 3 3/4 to 6 6/8 % Off.
WHITE, Stampman,
 Box 187, Lewiston, Maine.

Wholesale 1898 List.

Our Wholesale Price List for 1898 now ready. Every dealer should have it.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

Wholesale Dealers in Postage Stamps,
 J. H. LYONS, Manager, [17c*]
 351 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

\$200.00 Per Day

Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face
 30c to 1.00 " 10% " " "
 1.00 " 2.00 " 15% " " "
 2.00 " 5.00 " 20% " " "

We are buying these stamps to use for postage and can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly on the day of receipt. [17c*]
P. N. ARSOTH & CO.,
 651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

the remarks he made was that he was selling more of these stamps than anything else, and that none of his customers objected to them. I think that all stamps should be listed, and leave it to the collector to decide whether he wants them or not.

I note in a copy of the ERA received today that Mr. McKearin takes exceptions to criticisms made in one of your contemporaries, in which Mr. McKearin and I were supposed to be at sword's points, etc. Now I have the kindest of feelings towards Mr. McKearin, and enjoy reading his articles in your paper. I think our late controversy was of interest to collectors. At least, I have been told so by several prominent collectors in this part of the world. I noted the criticism mentioned, but, knowing from whence it came, I did not think it worthy of any notice. The whole story is, they are a little jealous of the ERA, for more reasons than one, and one of them is that there is more news in the ERA, and I had to call them down once on their so-called "Chronicle of New Issues." Their compiler was not man enough to acknowledge that he was wrong.

I see that Mr. Smiley, under the head of Boston Notes, in one of your contemporaries, has written what seems to be a very curious article. I have not the space or the time to give the whole article, but one Boston collector says that it is like reading Browning, when one gets done he wants an interpreter. I will give a few quotations: "In the old days—up to about ten years ago, collectors bought stamps because they liked them. The price of a stamp was merely a consideration for the pleasure of possession, including, of course, cost of importation and profit to the tradesman. But that profit was a single profit, and the stamp dealer was not as he is today, a jobber to a large class of small retailers." About the time that the writer mentions I knew most of the dealers and a great many prominent collectors, and I fail to see any difference in the methods of the dealers and collectors of today. The dealer of any prominence in those days was a jobber to a large class of small retailers, and all of the buyers did not buy to keep, as I can cite many an instance where stamps were bought for speculation. There will always be speculation in postage stamps as long as they are collected. It depends a great deal on the speculator's knowledge of stamps whether he makes any money or not.

Mr. Smiley says it is an open question whether stamp collecting has degenerated or not, that it has certainly changed a great deal. There may be truth in that. What has injured stamp dealing and collecting more than anything else is auction sales and a class of dealers who have lately come into existence, both wholesale and retail.

When the next edition of the Standard Catalogue is issued, if the prices of current stamps are cut to about 20% above the face value, it would have a wholesome effect upon the stamp business.

I see that a great many of the dealers are trying to boom the stamps of Spain and Colonies. I wonder if the collector ever stops to think that there is an unlimited supply of the current issues to be obtained by foreign dealers? After the war is over you can buy all you want. Any enterprising dealer can buy all he wants of the Spanish Government.

S. E. L.

U. S. Periodical Stamps.

1895 issue, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and \$2.

Set of 7 Values for \$3.00.

All of the above are in fine condition.

U. S. Stamped Envelopes

USED, CUT SQUARE.

Under the heading of 1sts are my prices for envelopes in good condition with large margins; under the heading of 2nds with small margins or heavily canceled, under 58th are the 58th catalogue prices. By comparison you will find my prices are from

50 to 93 Per Cent. Discount.

No.	White paper.	58th.	1st.	2nd
1301.	1853 3c red, die 1.....	\$0.25	\$0.12	\$0.08
1302.	" 3c " " 2.....	2.50	1.25	.75
1303.	" 3c " " 3.....	40.00	20.00	10.00
1304.	" 3c " " 4.....	12.00	6.00	4.00
1305.	" 3c " " 5.....	.10	.05	.02
1308.	" 10c green, die 2.....	10.00	5.00	4.00
Buff paper.				
1310.	1853 3c red, die 1.....	.25	.12	.08
1311.	" 3c " " 2.....	1.25	.60	.40
1312.	" 3c " " 3.....	3.00	1.50	1.30
1313.	" 3c " " 4.....	15.00	7.50	6.00
1314.	" 3c " " 5.....	.05	.02	.01
1316.	" 9c green.....	4.00	2.00	1.50
1317.	" 10c " die 2.....	3.00	1.50	1.25
1318.	" 10c " " 4.....	3.00	1.50	1.00
1319.	1857-61 3c red on white.....	.25	.12	.08
1323.	" 3c " buff.....	.15	.07	.04
1326.	" 10c green on buff.....	35.00	17.50	6.00
1328.	" 1c blue on buff.....	1.00	.50	.35
1330.	" 3c pink on white.....	.15	.07	.04
1332.	" 3c " " buff.....	.15	.07	.04
1346.	1864 2c, die 1 on buff.....	.75	.35	.25
1347.	" 2c " 2 " ".....	.50	.25	.15
1348.	" 2c " 1 orange.....	.50	.25	.15
1349.	" 2c " 2 " ".....	.25	.12	.08
1350.	" 3c pink on white.....	.05	.02	.01
1352.	" 3c " " buff.....	.05	.02	.01
1353.	" 6c " " ".....	.60	.30	.20
1362.	" 3c brown on white.....	1.00	.50	.35
1364.	" 3c " " buff.....	1.00	.50	.35
1463.	1880 2c, die C on cream.....	1.50	.75	.50

UNUSED, CUT SQUARE.

1397.	1870 2c on orange.....	.40	.10	.08
1416.	1874 90c on white.....	2.50	1.25	1.12
1420.	" 5c " ".....	.50	.20	.15
1440.	" 10c " amber.....	.50	.20	.15
1494.	1883 4c " white.....	.30	.10	.07
1526.	1886 10c " o. buff.....	.50	.25	.20
1530.	" 10c " blue.....	.50	.25	.20
1563.	1887 4c " o. buff.....	.25	.12	.08
1564.	" 5c " " ".....	.25	.12	.08
1569.	" 4c " blue.....	.25	.12	.08
1570.	" 5c " " ".....	.25	.12	.08
1582.	" 4c on amb. manila.....	.25	.12	.10

Numbers at left refer to 58th Edition Catalogue.

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C. F. Rothfuchs,

66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

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WHOLE No. 266.

Omaha Plates.

[Special to the WEEKLY ERA.]

CONCORD, N. H., June 17, 1898.

The following plate numbers of Omaha stamps I found at our office today:

No. 590	1c.	No. 621	2c.
591	1c.	623	2c.
598	1c.	624	2c.
600	1c.	625	2c.
601	1c.	626	2c.
612	1c.	627	2c.
597	2c.	629	2c.
608	2c.	599	4c.
610	2c.	618	5c.
611	2c.	609	8c.
615	2c.	604	10c.
616	2c.	603	50c.
619	2c.	606	\$1.

CHAS. H. STONE.

U. S. Periodical Stamps to Become Obsolete.

Following close upon the decision that collectors can hold ownership of our Periodical stamps, comes news that the entire series will be done away with and become obsolete on the first of next month. This has just been decided upon and we give our readers below the entire text of this change, giving all the details, which appears in the Daily Bulletin of the Post Office Department of the 16th instant, as follows:

ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14, 1898.

ORDER No. 232.

Under authority of the act of Congress approved on the 13th instant, making appropriations for the postal service for the next fiscal year, it is hereby ordered that the use of newspaper and periodical postage stamps shall cease on and after the 1st of July, 1898. From that date postmasters will collect in money the postage on second class matter mailed in bulk by publishers and news agents, and will give receipts therefor, as they have heretofore done; but instead of including this money in the amount covered by the sale of stamps, as is now the practice, they must charge themselves with it in their quarterly returns to the Auditor, by a special entry to be inserted between items 1 and 2 of the official form.

Carrying out this change, Sections 103 and 130 of the Postal Regulations are hereby modified so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 103. POSTAGE-STAMPS; KINDS AND DENOMINATIONS—Of postage-stamps two kinds, each consisting of various denominations, are provided, viz: Ordinary stamps, which are used to prepay postage on ordinary mail matter of the first, third, and fourth classes, as well as on second-class matter mailed by others than publishers and news-agents, and the fees on registered matter; and postage-due stamps, which are used for the collection of postage due on mail matter that has not been fully prepaid at mailing offices."

"Sec. 130. Second-class matter, elsewhere defined, must be brought to the post office and there weighed in bulk, and the postage collected in money, for which receipts, made out on forms taken from books furnished by the Department, are to be given. No credit is ever to be allowed for newspaper and periodical postage; but for convenience the postmaster may receive from a publisher or news-agent the deposit of sufficient money in advance to pay for more than a single mailing. In every case where advance deposits of postage are thus made, the postmaster must charge against it every mailing, and must see to it that the amount on hand shall never fall below what is necessary to cover any matter that is offered for dispatch. Postmasters must transmit punctually at the end of each quarter, to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, by ordinary mail, in special envelopes provided for the purpose, the stubs of all receipts given for newspaper and periodical postage collected during the quarter, together with the statement required by Section 208."

"Before returning the stubs, the calculations and footings should be reviewed and made correct. The stubs should then be detached from the book, arranged in numerical order, fastened together at the upper left-hand corner, and the name of the post office, county, and state written thereon. The postmaster will continue to use what is left of the stub book."

Section 194 will be also modified so as to require postmasters to report specially on their quarterly returns to the Auditor the amount of money collected during the quarter as postage on newspapers and periodicals; and Section 208 will be changed so as to require the quarterly statement of postage sent to the Third Assistant Postmaster General to be made in duplicate.

CH. EMORY SMITH,
Postmaster General

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, June 14th.

Catalogues for Wolsieffer's 14th sale are out. It will take place June 25th at the usual place, Club Room L, Great Northern Hotel.

There is nothing particularly startling or rare in this sale; the greater majority of the 537 lots offered being combination lots which are snaps for dealers or traders, *if they go low enough*; but stuff of this class brings proportionately better prices than rare single stamps.

The 15th sale will be held next month and P. M. asserts that it will be positively his last offense this season.

Everybody is expectantly awaiting the Omaha set. Our postmaster here will have a stock sufficiently large to accommodate all comers and as many firms are intending to use them exclusively, I doubt if any will be very rare in a few months from now.

Mr. Charles Esterly Severn is now a full fledged editor having taken that chair in charge of the prosperous *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* with headquarters in the Chicago Journal Building.

I understand that Charlie will "set 'em up" to all callers, but as yet I have not been down for my share of the rake off. Here's success to you, Charles.

War envelopes are quite the thing. Heretofore paper illustrated and emblazoned with forget-me-nots and sprays of lily-of-the-valley have been affected only by the "Chimmie and Mame" class of society who use pink paper ruled in blue lines; but the swells who consider Hurd's or Crane's the proper thing are now using the military grey or blue papers with the national coat-of-arms at the head instead of "4114 Woodbine Terrace" in silver Old English letters.

Several very neat designs of flags, both the U. S. and the Cuban, singly and in groups are on sale at the stationers. Another has the eagle and national coat-of-arms, while another has a very elaborate picture of a kneeling soldier firing, with the U. S. and Cuban flags above his head while below is the familiar "Remember the Maine."

These war envelopes should be used by all patriotic stamp collectors as in future years they will be as eagerly sought after as the Civil War envelopes are now.

Mr. Wolsieffer has added to his numerous musical publications "Our War President March" by Geo. Schlieffarth.

The front cover is in the national colors with gold stars and an elegant portrait of

President McKinley, while below is his record in the Civil War from date of enlistment as private in June, '61, to that of mustering out as a Major in July, '65. The March is sold at 50 cents with the usual discount.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

At a recent debate on the postal bill the Postmaster-General in regard to drop letters said :

I have no proposal at present to submit in regard to drop letters, drop letters are local letters. We are now dealing with three-cent letters that effect the whole public. The drop letters are at present charged at two cents. That was the rate imposed some time ago by the last administration and while my own bent of mind favors the reduction of cost for postal communication within reasonable limits, I am not prepared at this moment to make any proposition in regards to rates on drop letters. I am aware there are two sides to that question. The public in cities enjoying free delivery have to pay more at present. If it were proposed to have free deliveries in the cities at one cent per letter, probably those not benefited by the delivery would feel they were being unfairly treated whatever may be the reason that moved the late government, for I presume there was some valid reason, they provided that cities having the benefit of free delivery should pay more than farmers in the districts, who had to travel to the post offices for their letters. I cannot say I have given any serious consideration to the matter of free delivery in the country. I am aware that in some countries free delivery takes place in the country districts. In Great Britain this takes place to a very large extent, but it is a different matter to adopt free delivery within comparatively small area inhabited by 40,000,000 of people than it is on a vast continent like Canada and a sparsely settled country at that. I was about to refer to the connection between the imposition of this rate upon newspapers and the reduction of rates upon letters. I submit that the reduction of rates upon letters is a decided advantage and that even if at times some people have to pay a little more for their newspapers, even admitting that argument the subscriber will have had the advantage at all events of the reduced letter rates. The Postmaster then went on to say regarding the imposition of postage on newspapers would only go a short way to make up the deficit. When I took charge of the department, he said, there was a deficit for the fiscal year ending 30 June, 1896, amounting to \$780,000, that deficit in the first year fell \$200,000, and for the year up to 30th June last the deficit was \$580,000. We are now closing another year and in six weeks the exact results of the year's

operations will be made known. I do not wish to speak with any degree of certainty as to the result, but I think I am not far from the mark when I say that the deficit of \$580,000 will be reduced to \$100,000 (he must have made a great profit out of Jubilee stamps) at the close of this year.

During the past week a most decided improvement in the stamp trade has taken place, although nothing to be compared with the winter trade, yet the improvement is easily noticeable. The demand for the recent Canadian issue is enormous. Dealers are paying surprisingly high prices for them and refuse to sell at even 50% to 100% profit. No doubt this is due to the expectations of a new series of stamps being issued with the denominations in numerals to take the place of the present issue. Although the demand for unused Jubilees is small yet there is a comparatively large one for these stamps in used condition, especially the lower values in quantities. One dealer in Toronto has been selling the full sets of New Zealand's new issue at less than face value. This will be a pull down for these stamps

An electric motor carriage has been purchased by the government to carry the mail through Toronto's suburbs This may put some postmen out of a job.

If you are a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association, Toronto collectors solicit your vote and influence in making their city the convention seat of the society for 1899.

Why not come to this year's convention of the D. P. A. at Hamilton, Ontario? Takes place July 1st. We are going to have a jolly time.

W. J. PORTER.

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[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THOSE POST OFFICE SEALS.

BALTIMORE, MD., June 16, 1898.

To the Editor of THE ERA:

I have read with much interest in your issue of the 11th inst. the article by our friend Mr. Rothfuchs, regarding the Postal Seals. He has made a very interesting and plausible plea for their re-admission into the next catalogues and albums, but it seems to me that he has overlooked or disregarded the vital question, *Are they postage stamps?* Let him prove that they are such or that by any reasonable stretch of the imagination they can be conceived to be such (and I am sure that there is no one better able to judge of their postal value than himself) and it is safe to say that he will be gratified by seeing them amply provided for in both the standard catalogue and albums.

The gist of Mr. Rothfuch's argument can be summed up under two heads:

1. He says: "The seal stamps were and are issued and used by the Post Office Department and their use by that Department is in my opinion of enough importance that spaces should be allowed for their reception in the albums under the heading of Post Office Seal stamps same as in the 1896 edition."

The Post Office department uses letter heads, envelopes and other stationery of various kinds. Are we to have spaces for them in our albums and list them in our catalogues simply because the Post Office Department issues or uses them? Then there are the Penalty envelopes of the different departments and the private franks of the different congressmen. They surely offer a wide field for the stationery collector and to be consistent they must be listed and provided for.

2. Mr. Rothfuchs thinks that as the Postal Seals were a philatelic fixture previous to 1896 they should still be such. To err is human, to correct our errors divine. Though disclaiming any authority for making this statement I think it can be safely said that the credit for dropping the Postal Seals from the catalogue and albums is due to that earnest student of stamps, Mr. John N. Luff. Surmising further, it is probable that he looked upon them in their true light, simply as labels used by the department to seal letters opened by mistake or that have been damaged by handling in the mails. Pins or patent fasteners might be used for the same purpose did they not in themselves constitute a menace to the mail and the clerks handling it. Then, perchance, we should be called on to list and provide for philatelic metal.

Credit should, I think, be given to the publishers of the standard catalogue for rectifying their error of judgment and withdrawing the "Officially Sealed" stamps from the catalogue.

Very truly,

F. G. SWEET

For the WEEKLY ERA.

Timely Topics.

Mr. Editor, this being my first say, and possibly my last one, kindly allow me to speak at random. Perhaps if I am again permitted to enter your columns, I will select a subject, and rigidly adhere thereto.

THE CATALOGUE.—Of course every writer learned in the mysteries of stamps, as well as those whose knowledge is not as deep as a well, are expected to attack the catalogue. I have for years been buying the "standard," and never, so far as my business is affected thereby, has it meant so little as now, that is the prices of the 58th, do not even approximate the value of a stamp—for instance the idea of a man advertising a stamp for a dollar, that is catalogued for \$5 or \$10. It is simply absurd. Read the advertisements of today, in any stamp publication, where stamps are offered for sale, by comparing his prices with those of the catalogue; it is so ridiculous as to discourage and disgust a boy or man from collecting stamps. In effect, it is like a man going into a store to buy a pound of meat, the market price of which is ten cents, but the merchant tells him that he has some that he can sell him for two cents a pound—why the would-be customer immediately suspects "something rotten." I am no prophet, but I believe that the nearer the prices of the dealer and the catalogue approach each other, the easier it will be to sell stamps.

As I see it now, the catalogue is deceptive, and a misnomer to the uninitiated.

It strikes me that the manner now generally adopted by dealers, and possibly collectors too, to dispose of their duplicates by showing the great difference of their prices, and the catalogue is a positive injury to the beautiful pursuit of stamp collecting.

WHAT TO COLLECT.—I say, anything you please, and it is not anybody's business either. Since the collection of stamps is largely a pursuit of pleasure, it remains with the collector alone to say what shall constitute that pleasure. If he wants to collect shades, varieties and even reprints, who has the right to say to him, "nay?" The idea that extensive diversified collecting will drive off the young collector, is a queer one. Doubtless the majority of young collectors as their knowledge of stamps increases, will be just as anxious as anybody else, to add shades and minor varieties to their collections, in proportion to their means to do so. But if they don't

want to, they don't have to—and if they are not able, is no argument that the man who is able should not; might as well say that a rich man ought not to eat pound cake, because the poor man is not able to do so indulge his appetite.

THE EXCHANGE OF STAMPS.—Is a good way for dealers and collectors to work off their duplicates; but it seems absurd to me, why I should give a stamp of mine catalogued at a dollar for one catalogued at eighty cents, even granting that the catalogue price don't voice the value of stamps; the pre-umption is that the price is as near correct in one case as the other. The only fair and square way to exchange stamps is value for value, in the humble opinion of the writer.

HARD TIMES.—Why are stamps low, and buyers not so plentiful as they once were? First money has for some cause apparently been scarce, but there is another reason, and that is that everybody nearly has been crying hard times, preaching hard times and writing hard times, until even the fellow with his pockets full of money has "jined" the procession, and is talking about the awful hard times too.

There is nothing like believing a thing is true, and if every stamp dealer and collector will give the ball a great big kick, and start it to rolling, no doubt but what it will go whirling over this country, and scattering the "dust" as it goes—and then we would see better times in stamp circles.

LASTLY.—Perhaps I have stepped on somebody's toes, but then as I don't weigh much, it won't hurt much; or in the language of our sable tribes representative of Africa's sunny clime. "Dar aint no use in making much noise about it, case ef you do, ebybody will know dat you is de bery pussun what's hit—and dat your *understanding* is much larger dan your *head-standing*."

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against one of the best posted members of our regular staff, who contributes over the title of "S. E. L." and is widely recognized, both locally and throughout our country, as a philatelist fully versed in stamp matters. For over a score of years this correspondent has been rapidly advancing as an authority on real stamp questions, and the attack was totally uncalled for. We are continually in receipt of words of praise and commendation as to the ability of S. E. L., as a thorough philatelist, from our readers, some of whom are personally acquainted with him.

Mail addressed to Henry D. Bennet, Parkville, N. Y., is being returned by the Post Office officials marked "Fraudulent."

Osgood's Stampman for June, consists of the usual eight pages, less than one of which is this time devoted to original reading matter.

Catalogue of Wolsieffer's June 25th auction sale came to hand just after our last number went to press. It lists 537 lots comprising U. S. postage and revenue and foreign.

Our stock of Scott's 58th Catalogue is almost exhausted, and if you want one better order at once. Remember we will supply you with a copy (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for One Dollar.

As a special inducement for you to order a catalogue of us we will give and send absolutely free a copy of "Our Catalogue" issued a few years ago. This is really valuable for reference purposes, listing as it does many stamps not given by Scott, also pricing many rarities on the original cover. Or, if you have a Scott's Catalogue send us 5 cents (for postage) when sending your subscription for not less than a year, and a copy will be sent you free.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, June 14th.

The Revenue Bill has been signed by the President and will take effect on July 1st. Private proprietary stamps will be issued again, provided that not less than \$2000 worth are taken at a time. One section in reference to same is of interest though not very pleasing to the collector: "In all cases where such stamp is used, instead of cancellation by initials and date, the said stamp shall be so affixed on the box, bottle or package that in opening the same, or using the contents thereof, the said stamp shall be EFFECTUALLY DESTROYED; and in default thereof the party making default

ANOTHER.

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shall be liable to the same penalty imposed for neglect to affix said stamp as hereinbefore prescribed in this Act." This will place them on a level with the present tobacco and beer stamps and will necessitate their being boycotted by collectors. Wonder whether friend Robie will be in such a hurry to stock up with them after reading the above.

The many friends of Mr. F. W. Bradley will be grieved to hear that at this writing (Tuesday noon) he is lying at the point of death at his home and his friends have been summoned to his bed-side. He has been unconscious and gradually sinking for some time and now the end is expected at any moment. Mr. Bradley will be greatly missed among Washington stamp men with whom he has been growing in popularity ever since he entered the dealers-ranks 18 months ago. Kidney trouble is the cause of his untimely death.

Mr. Daggett has favored me with copies of the new 1c reply postal card. The only difference from the old issue is the omission of the marginal border on both cards, the same die being used as before. A minor variety also exists: the dotted line for separating the two cards is once printed on the reply half instead of the message card. No information was obtainable as to which will be the permanent variety.

We are still waiting for the Omaha issue which is expected from day to day.

No list of plate numbers has been obtainable but may be looked for next week without fail.

The 6c, \$3, \$4 and \$5 Columbians are still on sa'e at this office.

The first blue 5c were received yesterday.

There are many who believe the Washington office to be about the first to receive new issues and consequently send their orders to the postmaster. The reverse is the case. New York and Chicago are always ahead of us and if there is any old stock to be worked off it is sure to be placed on sale at the Washington office.

AND NOW

the day of the summer boarder being upon the land, the young man with matted hair, dudine collar and no whiskers, hies himself into the country to "dally" with the summer girl. We are somewhat on the "dally" ourselves, but when it comes to gathering up a large and varied collection of hirsute mementoes, the facts appear at this time that Brother Pepper takes first place. The facts also appear that "Stamp Hunting" will have a large sale.

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- 1140. WARNER, C. B., 538 Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y.
- 1023. SHIRREFS, R. A., 571 Madison Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.
- 1308. KINNEY, CHAS. SPENCER, Middletown, N. Y.
- 974. SCHRADER, C. G., Knoxville, Tenn.
- 1376. NEWLAND, A. G. E., 6th Burmah Batta Meiktila, Burmah, India.

Change of Address.

- 285. BECKER, A. L., from Cambridge, Mass., to 163 Highland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Membership last report	702
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The forms for the Proxy and Official Ballot for use at the Thirteenth Annual Convention, as required by the By-Laws, appear in this issue of the ERA.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S CALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 31, 1898.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:

Gentlemen: The Thirteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held in New York, Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

I appoint John N. Luff, R. R. Bogert,



Know all Men by These Presents,

That I, a stockholder of THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, do hereby make,

constitute and appoint.....

a stockholder of said Association, my true and lawful attorney and agent, for me, and in my name, place and stead, as such stockholder to do and perform all acts and things, and to vote upon all questions at the Annual Convention and Stockholders' Meeting of the said Corporation, to be held at New York, in the State of New York, in the month of August, in the year 1898, as fully and with like effect as I might, as such stockholder, if personally present and acting.

And in case my attorney is or shall be for any reason at any time during said Convention unable to act on my behalf, I hereby give him full right and authority to substitute any other person in his stead for the same purpose, and the said substitute to revoke and renew at will.

Witness, my hand and seal this day of 1898.

(SEAL.)

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- Be sure to use *ink* in writing and marking the ballot
- The polls close, under a new By-Law adopted at the last convention, at 12 o'clock, noon, of the day *preceding* the convention, which, this year, is Tuesday, August 23rd. Therefore to be counted, ballots must reach New York not later than noon of Monday, August 22nd. They should be addressed to the Committee on Credentials, care of W. F. GREGORY, 71 Nassau Street, New York City.

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1,114 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of June
4th, valued at \$39,437.83
24 books received since June 4th,
valued at \$959.05
\$40,396.88
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valued at 1,709.83

Total number of books in circulation 1,104 valued at \$38,687.05

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- 2c Carmine, tops, Nos. 7, 10, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23; bottoms, 88, 110, 124, 146, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 156, 157, 158; 88 r, 89 l, 124 r, 126 r, 150 l, 154 l, 71 t, wm. 230 b.

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Plate No. Catalogue, 1898, 25c.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, June 14th.

The stamp business here is remarkably good for this season of the year. Up to date, the Omaha stamps have not put in an appearance in Boston. The officials at the Boston post office state that they do not expect them for two weeks yet, although they are liable to show up any day.

I have been shown today the new issue of postage stamps of Gambia. They are of the recent St. Helena type, with the exception that the names and values are in different colors from the body of the stamps, and owing to the bright colors and general appearance, they have rather a cheap look, although they are more striking in appearance than the regular Colonial type. It is quite evident that the person in charge of issuing stamps for the Crown Colonies is not a person of good judgment, either from an artistic or business point of view. There should be a distinctive issue made for each Colony, and each stamp should be of a different design. The sale of Colonial stamps is of such a quantity that it warrants the expenditure necessary to make a set of dies for each Colony. The present sameness of the Colonial stamps is slowly but surely turning the collectors' attention to more attractive stamps. The one great thing in favor of the new issue of New Zealand is the multitude of attractive designs, and I have no doubt but that there will be more of the New Zealand stamps sold this year than there has been for several years past.

I was shown today an entire sheet of the new 1c postage stamp of China. There were 12 panes of 20 stamps each, with a liberal margin between each pane, making 240 stamps to the entire sheet.

Mr. Flagg of the Liberty Stamp Co., now serving in Uncle Sam's army, was in the city today, on a few hours leave of absence. His company is now doing duty on the sea coast, but expect shortly to be sent to Newport.

I often wonder if the collectors of today know that most of the stamps are catalogued at a much higher price than the leading dealers of this country, or of London, thought, a few years ago, they would bring in 1902. It is acknowledged by anyone who knows anything about stamps that Mr. Chas. J. Phillips of London, and the late G. B. Calman of New York, were the two best posted men on stamp values in general in the world. In 1891-92 both of the above named gentlemen made a forecast of prices that a great many rare stamps would bring in 1902, and it may be of interest to some of your readers to compare

the prices prophesied and the prices of today:

Hungary, "litho.," 1871, 3kr, green, unused,	\$10.00
Schleswig-Holstein, 1850, 1sch blue, unused,	5.00
Schleswig-Holstein, 1850, 2sch, rose, unused,	10.00
New South Wales, 1852-53, 8d, orange,	20.00
Naples, 1858, 50gr, lake,	10.00
Sweden, 1855, 24sk,	6.00
New Brunswick, 1857, 1sh,	60.00
Nova Scotia, 1857, 1sh,	60.00
St. Vincent, 1869, 4d orange,	5.00
Tasmania, 1853, 4d orange, unused,	15.00
" " 4d " used,	3.00
Tuscany, 1852, 6oc,	30.00
U. S., 1869, 24c, unused,	10.00
" " 30c, "	5.00
" " 90c, "	25.00
Victoria, 1865, 8d orange, unused,	3.00
Western Australia, 1855, 6d bronze, unused,	50.00
Western Australia, '55, 6d bronze, used,	20.00

The above prices are those made by Mr. Calman, the prices given by Mr. Phillips, although in some cases were a little more or less, were in only one instance above the present catalogue price, that of the Tasmania, 4d, unused, which he quoted at \$25.

A comparison of these prices and those of today would have a tendency to show that rare stamps have been boomed. And where two of the most prominent men in the stamp line prophesied the above named prices for 1902, the present condition of the stamp market would indicate that their judgment was very nearly correct. There is no collector or dealer who has any knowledge of stamps but must know that the medium and rarer class of stamps will advance in price as the years go by. But the advance must be gradual and legitimate. Prices formed upon speculation and like causes cannot be permanent. We have lately seen this demonstrated in U. S. Revenue stamps. A \$1.60, second issue, blue and black, is catalogued at \$17.50. This stamp is really worth, in good condition, from \$9.00 to \$10.00. I have no doubt but what it will be quoted at about this figure.

An importation of Hayti stamps received here this week shows the 2 and 5c of the new set, and the 2c surcharged on both brown and red. I see by a number of the stamp papers that there seems to be a slight misunderstanding about the new issues of Hayti. One of your contemporaries says that the new issue now coming out is to be immediately superceded by a new set of stamps. The way I understand it is that the new set is to be a permanent one, and there are other and additional values being made by a bank note company in this country. They are undoubtedly unnecessary and high values. Does the postal department of Hayti require a \$1.00 stamp.

S. E. L.

U. S. Periodical Stamps.

1895 issue, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and \$2. Set of 7 Values for \$3.00. All of the above are in fine condition.

U. S. Stamped Envelopes

USED, CUT SQUARE.

Under the heading of 1sts are my prices for envelopes in good condition with large margins; under the heading of 2nds with small margins or heavily canceled, under 58th are the 58th catalogue prices. By comparison you will find my prices are from

50 to 93 Per Cent. Discount.

No.	White paper.	58th.	1st.	2nd
1301.	1853 3c red, die 1.....	\$0.25	\$0.12	\$0.18
1302.	" 3c " " 2.....	2.50	1.25	.75
1303.	" 3c " " 3.....	40.00	20.00	10.00
1304.	" 3c " " 4.....	12.00	6.00	4.00
1305.	" 3c " " 5.....	.10	.05	.08
1308.	" 10c green, die 2.....	10.00	5.00	4.00
Buff paper.				
1310.	1853 3c red, die 1.....	.95	.12	.08
1311.	" 3c " " 2.....	1.25	.60	.40
1312.	" 3c " " 3.....	3.00	1.50	1.30
1313.	" 3c " " 4.....	15.00	7.50	6.00
1314.	" 3c " " 5.....	.05	.02	.01
1316.	" 9c green.....	4.00	2.00	1.50
1317.	" 10c " die 3.....	3.00	1.50	1.25
1318.	" 10c " " 4.....	3.00	1.50	1.00
1319.	1857-61 3c red on white.....	.25	.12	.08
1323.	" 3c " buff.....	.15	.07	.04
1326.	" 10c green on buff.....	35.00	17.50	6.00
1328.	" 1c blue on buff.....	1.00	.50	.35
1330.	" 3c pink on white.....	.15	.07	.04
1332.	" 3c " buff.....	.15	.07	.04
1346.	1864 2c, die 1 on buff.....	.75	.35	.25
1347.	" 2c " 2 " ".....	.50	.25	.15
1348.	" 2c " 3 orange.....	.50	.25	.15
1349.	" 2c " 2 " ".....	.25	.12	.08
1350.	" 3c pink on white.....	.05	.02	.01
1352.	" 3c " buff.....	.25	.02	.01
1353.	" 6c " " buff.....	.60	.30	.20
1362.	" 3c brown on white.....	1.00	.50	.35
1364.	" 3c " buff.....	1.00	.50	.35
1463.	1883 2c, die C on cream.....	1.50	.75	.10

UNUSED, CUT SQUARE.

1397.	1870 3c on orange.....	.40	.10	.08
1416.	1874 90c on white.....	2.50	1.25	1.12
1420.	" 5c " ".....	.50	.20	.15
1440.	" 10c " amber.....	.50	.20	.15
1494.	1883 4c " white.....	.30	.10	.07
1526.	1886 10c " o. buff.....	.50	.25	.20
1530.	" 10c " blue.....	.50	.25	.20
1563.	1887 4c " o. buff.....	.25	.12	.08
1564.	" 5c " ".....	.25	.12	.08
1569.	" 4c " blue.....	.25	.12	.08
1570.	" 5c " ".....	.25	.12	.08
1582.	" 4c on amb. manila.....	.25	.12	.10

Numbers at left refer to 58th Edition Catalogue.

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W. P. TODD, Esq., of Morristown, N. J., entire stock of Plate 1890, 1893 and 1895 wmk. With this lot makes our stock still larger. SEND YOUR WANT LIST.

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WHOLE No. 267.

The Latest Stamp News.

The following information regarding another change is just received from our Boston correspondent

BY TELEGRAPH:

One cent Newfoundland change to green.

We have been favored with a specimen of the 1c green Canada of the new issue with the figure "1" in each of the lower corners in plain squares, without ground-work, in place of the leaves heretofore there. Whether the other values have yet appeared with this altered design we have not learned but they probably will follow shortly. For above mentioned specimen we are indebted to Mr. Rudolph C. Bach, publisher of the *Montreal Philatelist*.

Will Use Postage Stamps.

SEC. GAGE DECIDES THAT THEY MAY TAKE THE PLACE OF INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS TILL LATER ARE READY.

WASHINGTON, June 23—The secretary of the treasury has decided to make temporary use of postage stamps for internal revenue purposes under the new war revenue act, and today the first lot of about a million was delivered for shipment to collectors.

It is estimated that about 25,000,000 postage stamps will be required to meet the needs of the service until the regular issue can be furnished in sufficient quantities.

About 1,500,000 proprietary stamps of the regular issue already have been sent out, and hereafter large daily shipments will be made.

The Pacific coast will be supplied first and then points further east, until the whole country is covered.

The postage stamps will be largely of the 1 and 2-cent denominations, and will be imprinted with the initials I. R. Large quantities of these will be delivered to the telegraph, express, freight and palace car companies for distribution to their own offices.

It is now thought that practically the whole country will be supplied with all classes of stamps by July 1, or earlier.—*Boston Globe*.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, June 21st

The most important news this week is in regard to some changes in the colors of the regular issue. The blue 5c was found to be too dark and has now been printed in a very much lighter shade. The Department has finally come to the conclusion that the 4c is too dark a color for practical purposes and this stamp will henceforth be printed in the red brown color of the 6c which will necessitate a change in this denomination also. The 10c will be printed in an entirely new ink owing to the one cent being the same color, but we were unable to ascertain more definite information on this point.

The Omaha series was placed on sale in this city on the 16th inst. Those who have seen them seem to have only words of praise for the various denominations though they do not by any means eclipse the Columbians. Plate number collectors will note with delight that it only requires two stamps to cover imprint and plate number which appear only at top and bottom of sheet. This fact will no doubt stimulate the collecting of strips of this beautiful series and many who do not care for the regular issue will not fail to complete a set of these. Being all printed on hand presses the numbers will not run in sets of four as has been the case with most denominations.

No complete list of plate numbers has been yet obtainable owing to the unusual amount of work now on hand at the Bureau. So far I have noted the following Omaha plates: 1c, Nos. 590, 591, 592, 598, 600, 605, 607, 612; 2c, 610, 619; 4c, 599; 5c, 614; 8c, 609; 10c, 617, 620; 50c, 603; \$1, 606; \$2, 613.

Twenty per cent. of all Omaha stamps have a straight edge on one side.

Great progress is being made on the new revenue stamps and the first of July will find them on sale throughout the country. The design adopted is an entirely new one and, as intimated in these notes some weeks ago, will be a battleship. As might have been expected the ill-fated Maine is the one selected though the name does not appear on the stamp.

The size and shape of all denominations

is similar to the Omaha and Columbian series. The dimensions do not vary except that the dollar values are slightly larger to allow ample space for the dollar mark. The figures of value appear in the upper corners.

There will be two sets of stamps composed of the following denominations:

Document Revenues: ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 50c, 1, 2, 3, 5 and \$10.

Proprietary Revenues: ½, ¼, ⅓, ⅙, 1, 2 and 4c.

A United States Post Office has been established at Manila and henceforth all government mail to and from there will be entitled to the franking privilege. We are glad to see our country make such progress but will miss the new dollar value Hong-kongs which have been so abundant on Admiral Dewey's packages.

Souvenir Card admirers will rejoice to hear that on July 1st a law will go into effect permitting private mailing cards to go through the mails at the rate of 1c, though the restrictions are somewhat numerous. None of those on the market today will be allowed to pass as they are a quarter of an inch too large, the size being limited to that of the new 1898 1c card. The front has to bear the following inscriptions: "PRIVATE MAILING CARD.—Authorized by Act of Congress May 19th, 1898—This side exclusively for the address.—Place a one cent stamp here."

All papers copying any of the foregoing information will kindly give due credit to the ERA and writer.

F. W. BRADLEY DECEASED.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. F. W. Bradley, which occurred on Thursday, June 16th, at his home in this city. He has been suffering from Brights Disease for some time past and the last two weeks his death has been expected.

Mr. Bradley was 33 years old and leaves a wife who has the sympathies of a large number of stamp men in her bereavement. All who have met the deceased will remember him as a gentleman of culture and refinement and one whose friendship was highly cherished. Those who have dealt with him in business have found in him a man of the strictest integrity always aiming to do what was right regardless of personal interests.

American Philatelic Association.

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It was also voted that the suspension of E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., and New York City, be continued until August 1, 1898, unless this Board shall sooner receive notice of the satisfactory settlement of the claims made against him by S. M. Wood, of Ponta Delgada, Azores, and Buhl & Co., L'd. of London, Eng.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, June 18th, 1898.

1,104 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of June 11th, valued at \$38,687 05
17 books received since June 11th, valued at \$511 23

\$39,198 28

2 books retired since June 11th, valued at 43.12

Total number of books in circulation 1,119 valued at \$39,155.16

The following stamps are in demand: U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, Match and Medicine, imperforated of all countries in pairs and blocks, old Germans, Philippines, Spain, Servia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Hawaii. Sellers of the above mentioned please fill books and send in. The Exchange Department will be run all during the summer.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

N. Y. BRANCH NO. 2, A. P. A.

The regular annual meeting of Branch No. 2, American Philatelic Association, was held at the National Philatelic Society's room, Collectors Club, 351 Fourth Ave., on Tuesday evening, June 14, at 8.50 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by President Gregory, with fifteen members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Finance Committee reported progress.

The Entertainment Committee reported that several plans for the entertainment of the Convention had been talked over, such as excursions by land and water, and reported further that they were ready to spend all of the money raised by the Finance Committee.

The Reception Committee reported that they had secured the use of the Club Rooms for the Convention free of charge. A vote of thanks was given the Board of Governors for their generous offer.

The following ticket was unanimously nominated for Directors of the Association,

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department,
87 Nassau St., New York City, N. Y.WM. C. STONE,
Supt. Literary Exchange,
384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.JOHN W. SCOTT,
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40 John St., New York City.R. R. BUGERT,
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71 Nassau St., New York City.A. W. BATCHELDER,
Auction Purchasing Agent,
265 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Convenes in New York City on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 25th, 1898.

Change of Address.

1403. ROBINSON, P. O., from 734 East University Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich., to Plain City, Ohio.

Resignation Received.

NAHANT, MASS., June 18. '98.

MR. WM. N. HOWE,

Dear Sir: I hereby tender my resignation from the American Philatelic Association. I have joined the U. S. V. and cannot attend to anything in the stamp line. I may rejoin the society hereafter.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES W. CUTTER.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, MASS., June 23, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:

At a meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, held in Boston this day, it was made to appear that, during his tenure of office as Superintendent of Sales, George D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo., had incurred liabilities on account of the purchasing department of the Association, and had failed to meet those liabilities, having transferred them to the account of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., now in-

solvent. It was further shown that the attention of Mr. Mekeel had been drawn to these claims and that he had failed within reasonable time to make any answer or to give any assurance regarding their settlement.

In view of the state of affairs thus presented, the following votes were passed:

Voted, that the Secretary of the American Philatelic Association be instructed to take the necessary steps to secure the immediate payment by the Association to Mr. E. Georgieff, of Sophia, Bulgaria, the sum of f. 247.10, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum for two years, a total amount of f. 280: and also to Mr. S. M. Wood, of Ponta Delgada, Azores, the sum of \$42 40, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum for one year and six months, a total amount of \$46.22.

Voted, that George D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo., be and hereby is expelled from the American Philatelic Association for failure to settle the claims of Messrs. E. Georgieff, of Sophia, Bulgaria, and S. M. Wood, of Ponta Delgada, Azores, the same having been contracted by him as Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department of the Association, in 1896 and 1897 respectively.

Voted, that the Collecting Agent of the Association be and hereby is instructed to commence suit at once against Mr. Geo. D. Mekeel and his bondsmen, to recover the amount of \$ 02.22, with all costs and charges, the same being the amount of the claims against the Association by E. Georgieff, of Sophia, Bulgaria, and S. M. Wood, of Ponta Delgada, Azores, which have this day been ordered paid from the funds of the Association.

to be voted for at the coming Convention:
 F. F. Olney of Rhode Island.
 W. C. Van Derlip of Massachusetts.
 Geo. L. Toppan of Massachusetts.
 E. M. Carpenter of Massachusetts.
 Wm. N. Howe of Maine.
 C. P. Krauth of Pennsylvania.
 H. G. Smith of Minnesota.
 H. B. Phillips of California.
 P. F. Bruner of New York.

The Treasurer reported a deficit of \$3.36 in the treasury.

The following officers were elected for 1898-1899:

W. F. Gregory, Resident Vice President and President of the Branch.

O. H. Williams, 35 E. 17th St., Secretary-Treasurer.

A vote of thanks was given to the National Philatelic Society for the use of their rooms.

Adjourned at 9:35 p. m.

O. H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Chicago Philatelic Society.
 651 Marquette Building.

L. H. MILLER, President.
 C. E. SEVERN, Vice-President.

S. T. S. DONEYSON, Secretary.
 F. J. LEFEVER, Treasurer.

B. A. COTTELOW, Supt. Sales and Auction Department.
 F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 275th regular meeting was held June 2nd with President L. H. Miller in the chair. Present: Messrs. Lefever, Massoth, Michael, Miller, Schlieckert, Severn, Smack and Wolsieffer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Reports were received from the Treasurer and standing committees. The application of Mr. A. Caird, Chicago, for active membership was approved by the governing board. The President offered to present a number of lots of stamps to be sold at auction for the benefit of the Society's treasury. Other members volunteered to donate lots to be sold for the same purpose. July 7th was the date agreed upon for holding the sale and as from fifty to one hundred dollars' worth of good stamps will be offered, it is desirable that a large number of members be present at the sale. Mr. Wolsieffer as chairman of the committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the deaths of Jo: F. Beard, and C. O. Jensen submitted a memorial that was accepted by the Society. An exhibition of stamps and a discussion on stamp topics were held during recess.

C. E. SEVERN,
 Secretary pro tem.

The 276th meeting was called to order by the President at 8.15 p. m., June 16th, 1898. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Wolsieffer, Massoth, Severn, Schlieckert, Smack, Doneyson, Lefever and Cottlow. The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

Dr. Cottlow's resignation as Secretary was then read and accepted. The thanks of the Society were voted him for services rendered. Mr. A. Caird was then elected (Active) member number 453.

The committee on delinquent dues having fulfilled their duty were discharged with thanks.

Nominations for Secretary being called for the following were nominated: Messrs. Schlieckert, Smack and Doneyson; Mr. Schlieckert declining, a vote was then taken resulting Doneyson 6, Smack 3. A motion then prevailed to make the election of Mr. Doneyson unanimous. Adjourned at 9 p. m.

B. A. COTTELOW, Secretary.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Attention, Dealers and Collectors! Would like to receive sample copies of papers and catalogues. F. H. Weber, L. Box 347, Monroeville, Ind.

Collectors with 2000 or less, send sheets and receive mine. F. B. Stedman, Warsaw, N. Y.

500 Books, Theology, Science, Languages, German Literature, English Literature, History, Fiction, also Blank Approval Books and Sheets and Chinese Stamps to exchange for stamps of any country. Rev. Geo. C. Rheinfrank, 228 10th Ave., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn. [72]

Will give 12 fine different rare Philippines for 100 Special Delivery, or 100 8c present, or 500 1c green, or 2000 1c blue. Also want used Omaha stamps, good exchange. Charles King, 105 East 10th St., New York City.

Will exchange a collection of unused U. S. entire envs., cat. log over \$150.00, for a good professional microscope. Describe instrument. Henry D. Wheeler, M. D., King Ferry, New York.

A collection of 2000 varieties stamps, or any part of it, to exchange for a bicycle, small size. Send full description of wheel. J. W. Babcock, 198 Summer St., Paterson, N. J.

Foreign Exchange—Desire to exchange U. S. for Foreign stamps with Foreign collectors on basis of Scott's 1898 Catalogue. Send me a selection and receive one of equal value in return. S. C. Smith, Akron, Ohio. [67]

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 20 cents.

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1898 Omaha Complete set (registered),		4.15	8.05
1897 Canada Jubilee 1, 2, 3, 5c, the set,		.16	.40
1897 Canada Jubilee 1/2, 6, 8c, the set,		1.00	2.60
1897 Canada Jubilee 10, 15, 20c, the set,		.60	1.35
1897 Canada Jubilee 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 1c,			
15, 20, 50c,		2.25	5.30
1893 Columbian 1, 2, 3, 4c, the set,		.16	.35
1893 Columbian 1, 6, 8, 10c, the set,		.00	.00
1893 Columbian Entire Env. 1, 2, 5, 10c,		.30	.60
1887 Gambia 1 penny carmine,		.04	.08
Stewart's "Guide to the Colors of Postage Stamps," with Color Album, Post free 12 cents.			

For Sale: A Collection of 126 all different Pat. Med. stamps. Cat. \$63.00; 69 all different Match stamps, 15 all different Perfumer's stamps, 10 all different Playing Cards, cat. \$12.00; total \$115.00. Please send offer. HENRY L. KONTAR, 478 Orange St., Cleveland, O.

"Superior Stamp Mounts," 1000, 10c; 3000, 25c; 6000, 40c. I will exchange hinges for good specimens United States and Foreign stamps at fair discounts from catalogue prices. F. E. STIMPSON, 28 Sever St., Worcester, Mass.

I use 3/4c black, new issue, in mailing the following snaps: 6 var. Canada Post cards, entire, cat. about 25c, 8 cts.; 5 var. Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3, 5c and card, 11 cts.; 10 var. Canada Revs., (enc. Man. Law) only 16 cts. L. MILLER, Box 655, Vinden, Man., Canada.

Cash paid for Old Coins, or will give good exchange in rare stamps. Send list of what you have. N. R. BARTLETT, 45 Clinton St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Stamps on approval at 40 to 60% discount. Reference required. Cash paid for stamps. Write to me. S. E. MEDFORD, 435 North 41st St., Phila., Pa. [70]

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, June 21st.

The first of the famous Omaha stamps arrived at the Chicago Post Office last Friday afternoon and it was through the courtesy of Mr. Wolsieffer that I received specimens of the one and two cent values Saturday morning.

Well, some of them are pretty and others are not. They look as a whole rather "Seebecky," especially the fifty cent which is a very poor job.

The colors of the four lower values are all right but the higher values, where one ought to get better goods for the money are very pale and the shades are poor. The designs and subjects are very pretty but to my notion they do not in any way compare with the Columbians.

Let us however offer up praises that they have not been inflicted on us in two colors. We can be thankful for being spared errors, at any rate.

I see by the daily press that the Government intends to profit by its experience with the Civil War revenues and will issue but one variety of each value of document revenues which will do duty on any sort of a document. The values range from one cent to \$50 and there are 14 in the set.

But just look at that list of proprietaries in fractions of a cent. Won't it be a snap to collect them unused, the whole set of ten from 1/8 of a cent to 5 cents, amounting to 17 1/2 cents. It will certainly have a tendency to further boom the 1861-75 issues which have already been popular the last few years.

After July 1st private postal cards will go for one cent, under Act of Congress of May 15th, 1898.

The cards must not exceed 3 1/4 x 5 1/2 inches in size and must weigh about six pounds nine ounces per thousand. The only colors that are permitted are white, cream, light gray or light buff. The inscription at the top must be "Private Mailing Card—Authorized by Act of Congress, May 19, 1898." The other inscription to be the same as in the Government cards.

On account of other matters keeping me away from the C. P. S. meetings, I tendered my resignation as Secretary last Thursday night. At the beginning of the year I declined the nomination as I knew it would be impossible for me to attend the meetings; but consented to run providing Mr. Severn would help me with the work, that is take my place at such meetings that I could not attend.

One of our newly elected members, Mr. S. T. S. Doneyson signified his willingness to accept the position on my resignation and he was accordingly elected at the last

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will contain a splendid line of "Stamps on Original Covers," a very fine lot of "Entire Envelopes," a nice assortment of "Western Franks," used, entire, and many other splendid lots. If you have never bought give this sale a trial. The catalogue is free.

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P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

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meeting. He can be addressed in care of the Society at our rooms 651 Marquette Building.

I refer to this matter in order that my many friends in various parts of the country may know my reason for resigning, as I would not have them think it is through any lack of interest in the C. P. S., for which I have worked many years and which work I intend carrying on in the future in any capacity I may have time to fill.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

CURRENT PERU SET COMPLETED.

LIMA, PERU, May 23, '98.

DEAR SIR:

The 1c Unpaid surcharged "Deficit" is now in use, completing the set 1c to 1 sol.

Yours truly,

WILLIAMS & CO.

TO A. P. A. MEMBERS.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., June 18, 1898.

MY DEAR JEWETT:

I want to offer through the columns of your valuable paper a suggestion for the coming convention of the American Philatelic Association. At our last convention everyone wanted to sell, and no one except myself seemed to want to do any trading. Now trading is one of the best ways of increasing a collection and while I do not want to stop a dealer from selling yet I would like very much to have the members come loaded with duplicates for trading purposes. My own collection has some six thousand varieties but there are many stamps that I want that are catalogued at 1c and 2c each. Let some one, if no better way can be found, start a stamp exchange similar to the one run by the Mekeels, so that when we reach the convention we shall find credits and stamps awaiting us or let us bring our duplicates and have some fun with stamps as well as with other things.

Yours truly,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

Why does a hen

lay an egg? Because she can't lay a carpet, and we have our doubts that she would lay an egg anyhow, if she did not have to. Cevera wouldn't be at Santiago, half-starved, bare-footed and bare-legged, if he did not have to be there. You don't have to dig up "four Bits" for "STAMP HUNTING," but you will miss your money's worth if you don't. Read it anyhow, borrow it from your neighbor.

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are about to be annexed to the United States, and collectors will do well to govern themselves accordingly. I have the following as well as a great many others. Send me your want list.

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- " 54, "..... 12c
- " 55, "..... 3c
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- " 59, "..... 15c
- " 62, "..... 20c
- " 66, "..... 10c
- " 68, "..... 15c
- " 71, "..... 30c
- " 74, "..... 3c
- " 75, "..... 3c

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OFFERS FOR CASH,

- Postage Extra:
- Hong Kong 1862, 96 gray..... 9 cts.
 - " 1880, C.C., 5 blue..... 10 "
 - " " " 10 violet..... 5 "
 - " 1852, CA, 2 claret..... 6 "
 - " " CA 10 violet..... 35 "
 - Hungary 1871, 5 rose, lithograph..... 7 "
 - " 1872, 3 green..... 9 "
 - " " 15 brown..... 7 "
 - " " 25 violet..... 9 "
 - " 1859, 3/4 lilac and gold..... 10 "
 - Iceland Official, 20 green..... 5 "
 - India 1855, 4 black on blue p..... 15 "
 - " " no wmk., 8p lilac..... 15 "
 - " " " 1/2 blue..... 9 "
 - " " " 1 brown..... 8 "
 - " " " 4 gray black..... 10 "
 - " " " 8 rose..... 8 "
 - " 1855, 4 green..... 15 "
- And thousands of other good stamps. [11c]

Wholesale 1898 List.

Our Wholesale Price List for 1898 now ready. Every dealer should have it.

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Chesapeake Stamp Co.,
230 E. Balto. St., Baltimore, Md.

An Old-Time Stamp Hunter.

BY LEWIS ROBIE.

[By special arrangement with the author we have secured the exclusive right to print sections from the manuscript of "STAMP HUNTING".—ED.]

Chapter IXX. of "STAMP HUNTING."

"Well, well, I didn't know you. What did you do with that fine crop of red billy goat whiskers?"

"Doctor, what constitutes a chump, a large mouse colored chump?"

"Give it up, unless you constitute one."

"You're about right. I guess I've been one. Listen and I'll tell you how I might have made thousands of dollars out of those whiskers, or rather the absence of those whiskers."

"Wait a minute till I see what this customer wants. One of Sarg's Corn Plasters to send to his sister in Texas. Well, go ahead and tell me about your whiskers."

"It was this way, Doc. The last three months I have been out to the Pacific coast as far south as San Diego, California. Just after Christmas I bought a ticket in St. Paul, paying one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents for it, which was good for six months, allowing me to stop over as I pleased, and covering the Northern Pacific Railroad to Portland, Oregon; then on the Southern Pacific south to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego and returning via Sacramento the Central Pacific to Salt Lake and the Union Pacific east to Denver and the Santa Fee to the Missouri river, either Omaha or Kansas City. It was one of those ironclad contract tickets, giving my full description, habits of life and antecedents; color of hair and eyes, style of beauty, size and color of whiskers, etc. I had no trouble with it until on the return trip from Los Angeles. While in San Diego, it being warm and summery, and beards of my color and character being especially attractive to the Mojara flea that predominates in that country, I took a notion to get shaved without first getting permission from the Southern Pacific Railroad to do so. I boarded the north bound train for Sacramento, not thinking anything about my ticket. Well, the conductor punched it all right, but this road has a train agent who follows in after the conductor and fires off all those riding on scalpers' tickets, or on otherwise shady transportation. He lit onto me without any ceremony at all, a cuss weighing about two hundred pounds, and demanded my ticket. I gave it to him, and he looked it over, saw the whiskers punched but no whiskers on his joblots; coolly put the ticket in his pocket and said: 'you will have to pay your fare. This ticket don't belong to you, you bought it in Grunwald's ticket agency in Los Angeles.'

"Doctor, it makes me weep to think of the golden opportunity I then lost. Why didn't I keep still and let them throw me off as if I was a bale of hay, and sue the

road for twenty thousand dollars and get five thousand, as one fellow did under nearly the same circumstances; but my ire was up. I called him a liar in real bad language; that I got the ticket in St. Paul, that if I had to wear certain clothes or certain kind of a hair cut to please the Southern Pacific Railroad, I didn't know it. That I would defy him to put me off and so on, till he believed me by my explanations and gave me my ticket back."

"Well, I should say you were a chump, and with such a grasping corporation like the Southern Pacific Railroad, which runs pretty nearly everything in Southern California. You're a d— fool. You didn't know enough to pound sand into a rat hole, and traveling as you have all over the United States."

"I know it Doc. And traveling, too, as I have on all kinds of tickets, no ticket at all, passes that had run out, women's tickets and everything; and here, on my own signature. Well, like the fellow in jail, when his lawyer called and said, 'They can't keep you in here, you have no right to be here.' 'That's true enough,' the boy said, 'but I am here, so what are you going to do about it?'"

"Next time keep still. Start out with no whiskers and raise a fine line of 'em before you come back and see what they say. But how about your stamp hunts in that country? Haven't found a six cent orange Proprietary? My collection of the perforated revenues is now complete, excepting that one."

"Not yet, Doc, but I'll get there with them some day. No, I didn't find anything in California worth mentioning. You see in the match and medicine line, eastern preparations, upon which were the most valuable revenue stamps, never reached the Pacific coast to speak of, as the Overland Railroad was not completed till 1869. I told you of Mr. Ernest F. Gambs of San Francisco, as being one of the pioneer dealers. He is also one of the leading authorities of the day on United States Revenue stamps, especially the match and medicine varieties of which he has, without doubt, the largest and most varied stock in the country. He also was a great stamp hunter in the early days, and for rare valuable finds he has probably been more fortunate than anyone, at least that I know of. I have probably found more stamps in quantity than he, but, starting in when they hadn't been hunted for so much as now, gave him the advantage, and he was remarkably lucky and successful. I found him in a very reminiscent mood, and he told me all about his experiences with stamps, and I'll repeat to you, Doc, now that I have got time on my hands, if I am not boring you."

"No, not a bit of it. But come in after supper and I'll be more at leisure then. I also want to look up my plaster stock. I'll have quite a little order for you."

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"Mr. Gambs' first strike, which seemed

to him at the time his greatest find, was in 1873. It was an old collection found by chance in a second-hand book store in Baltimore, which he secured for five dollars. It was postage stamps only, but among others very rare indeed, were two of the rarest British Colonies, the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shillings, which now catalogue a hundred, and seventy-five dollars each, respectively.

"Another great find of his was a collection of very rare medicine stamps. An old-time druggist, a Mr. Habicht, who had a drug store in the old Barnum Hotel in St. Louis, had a clerk who was a stamp fiend, but got tired and quit, and was glad to part with his collection for four dollars. Among the stamps were Fleming Bros. Liver Pills, one cent black, cataloguing fifty dollars, Husband two cent violet fifty dollars, D. S. Barnes, one, two and four cent vermilion, U. S. Prop. medicine six cent, P. H. Drake two cent, cataloguing thirty dollars, and others equally rare. Mr. Gambs was dealing in stamps in St. Louis in those days, and although I have found some good stuff there myself, he systematically canvassed almost every drug store in the city, and has experienced many of my joys of rare finds, and also many of my sorrows in finding stuff with the rare stamp torn off or damaged, or that some other fiend had been ahead of him. He also struck many fine lots of match stamps. One day a boy came into his place of business in St. Louis selling matches. He was surprised to find each box had an Alligator Match Company stamp, rouletted, now catalogued at five dollars. It is needless to say the boy went out with an empty basket. He found one day in an Illinois town a lot of Barber Match Company's three cent long strip stamp, and of course, bought the whole business and sent it by express to St. Louis. Mr. Gambs was very shrewd. He found out that a Philadelphia drug house had on hand a lot of Scheetz Bitter Cordial, the jobbing price being seven dollars and half a dozen, but the stamp worth about sixty dollars a dozen. He would buy the medicine at the price, have it shipped out to St. Louis, take the stamp off and slap on in its place a four cent regular issue, costing of course only four cents, and then sell the medicine back again to the firm billed from some other name. He was as sharp as Forepaugh, the showman, who would buy up old plug street-car horses in Philadelphia, rejuvenate them on his farm and sell them back again to the same company and make fifty per cent. He obtained thirty-three copies of the six cent James C. Kerr stamp, worth seven dollars each, from the son of the old doctor, at face value. One time in hunting through St. Louis drug stores for stamps, he run across a lot of Marsden's four cent black, but could not get the stamp without buying the medicine, which he did, the stamp worth many times the cost of the nostrum. He was collecting accounts for

his uncle, who was in business, and one of his victims was an old woman, who would continually stave him off. One day he found her sick with a severe cold in the chest, but could get no money. Thinking she might die without paying his bill, he sent round a bottle of this Mar-den's Pectoral Balm. The next time he called the Balm had cured her, and was so full of glee over it she plunked up the money due, much to Mr. Gambs' surprise.

"He found many stamps from mere chance and sheer good luck, like our friend Gurley who found two four cent playing cards on the streets of Chicago.

"The St. Louis Drug Co. was gutted by fire along in the early seventies, and while gazing at the ruins Mr. Gambs picked out of some sawdust quite a number of Dr. M. Perl six cent black, worth fifteen dollars each, that the water had washed off from the bottles. Many times in his hunt for stamps he has been taken for a detective or government officer, as I have been. One day he was in a grocery store looking for match stamps. Up jumped the little German proprietor and said: 'Ach nein, get away from mein store oudt, already quick. I vas onto you, you vas ein detectif, spying roundt to see if mein goods vas stamped. I vant noddings to do mit you—get oudt.'

"In California he found some good stamps also. I thought I had picked up as many ten cent black and green proprietaries as anybody, but it seems that he discovered in 1891 over one thousand copies of this stamp in fine condition on cans of opium. Another San Francisco find of his was seven copies of the Fetridge two cent vermilion, which is found on Fetridge's Balm of a Thousand Flowers. I never have found this stamp, which, in good condition, is worth full catalogue price. I have run across many bottles of the Balm, but the stamps thereon were always the three cent green proprietary. At one time a large consignment of wax matches were shipped to San Francisco from New York via Cape Horn. Mr. Gambs had the good fortune to find one hundred of these boxes, each having a ten cent blue proprietary. One time he owned twenty-five copies of the three cent playing card, unperforated, probably the only known specimens, now catalogued at fifty dollars. Only a very few of the rarest, almost unobtainable, match and medicine stamps have never been in Mr. Gambs possession, such as the Caterson playing card, Thos. E. Wilson four cent black, Ayer four cent lilac and a few others. He has also made some extraordinary finds and deals in postage stamps. The three cent pink, 1861 unused, is now catalogued at thirty-five dollars. He once secured two hundred and thirty seven spotless copies for a few cents each. At that time, no one believed in this stamp, but Mr. John N. Luff, the expert on distinguishing varieties and dies and counterfeits, pronounced them the genuine pink and the stamp had a boom.

"Christmas 1884 was a lucky day for

him. He located in a California town five hundred of the seven cent envelope, entire, on amber, a full box of five hundred of the ten cent 1874 (Booby Die) on white, and a broken box of the ten cent 1874 on amber. An abandoned old hair trunk in Baltimore revealed to him a number of copies of the rare Baltimore Carrier stamp, horseman type, red. The now almost deserted village of Pacheco was, years ago, a prosperous California stage town. In 1883 Mr. Gambs stumbled into the post office there and came out with six hundred of the three cent chocolate envelope 1864 on white and amber. A week later he landed in Petaluma, California, about the same number of six cent purple, 1864, on white and amber; the twelve hundred cataloguing twelve hundred dollars. Among other rare stamp finds he obtained fifty-five copies of Moody Michel Co. four cent black, in Yellville, Arkansas, and sixty-five copies of the twenty-four cent 1855, the latter found in San Francisco in 1893 by the owner, who had put them away thirty-five years before and had forgotten their existence. Unused and perfect as these were, two hundred and twenty-five dollars is not over-estimating their present market value. This Moody, Michel stamp is much rarer than the catalogue price, seven dollars, would indicate. It only comes on silk paper, and very rarely seen in good condition. I consider the stamp worth ten dollars at least. Moody, Michel and company were wholesale grocers doing business in St. Louis, and this stamp was used on their West India Bitters. Later on they concluded to organize a sub company under the name of The West India Manufacturing Company, to manufacture and handle the Bitters. This necessitated a change of stamps, and the old one became very scarce in consequence. Mr. Gambs ferreted out these I speak about in a Yellville, Arkansas, drug store, and it was one time when he didn't have to buy the medicine to get the stamps. From this same firm he heard of three dozen bottles of the Red Jacket Bitters in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and after a good deal of correspondence he obtained the stamps thereon, the four cent Bennett, Peters and Company, but he had to buy the medicine too, paying a dollar a bottle for it—the full retail price. Perhaps the most interesting of Mr. Gambs' numerous stamp finds was that of the Humboldt Express stamp. In the good old days of '49 in California, a stage line ran from Sierra County, to Reno, Nevada. The tariff letters carried on this line was twenty-five cents, and on all such letters for a while, was a brown colored stamp of the Humboldt Express Company. Mr. Gambs labored hard to trace any of these stamps, but with no success, till along in the year 1888 he accidentally run across a party who was a former agent of the Company, and secured from him a dozen copies unused and perfect. A genuine copy of this stamp now cannot be obtained for less than ten dollars. He secured a large quan-

tity of the A. Beecher & Son match stamp, now catalogued at seventy-five cents. A Savannah, Georgia, grocer had a number of cases of these matches, which were imperfect, and did not light. Mr. Gambs got ear of it and purchased the lot for a mere song. The J. B. Kelly & Co. four cent black is a rare stamp, used on their Old Cabin Bitters, and worth ten dollars each at the least. He purchased a number of bottles of this remedy with stamps attached from a Belleville, Illinois, druggist. Unfortunately, however, in shipping them to St. Louis some of the bottles broke, and the stamps were badly stained. The most valuable and important postage stamp envelope find of his occurred in 1883 in Forest Hill, an off-shoot little town in Placer County, California. The ten cent green, 1861, United States envelope stamp has a market value today of about fifty cents on amber paper and the six cent of the same issue on amber is worth about one dollar, and the six cent on white paper about four dollars. Mr. Gambs stepped into the post office and asked for anything obsolete in old stamps for sale. You could hardly believe it, but among a lot of cheaper stuff he found six hundred copies of the ten cent stamp over five hundred of the six cent in amber and seventy-five copies of the six cent on white, worth over one thousand dollars, costing him about one hundred. Many times, though, he has just missed a lot of fine things. In the spring of 1894, a leading New York firm was endeavoring to corner all of the 56,000 one dollar Columbian stamps they could. Mr. Gambs learned of ninety copies at Fresno, California, post office, and immediately sent a money order for ninety dollars for the stamps, but the same mail brought to the post office a mail order from the New York firm for three hundred and twenty dollars, calling not only for the one dollar stamp, but all of the high value Columbians the postmaster had, and Mr. Gambs' money was returned. He wept copiously when telling me this as the stamp went up at once to six dollars.

"He also deals in old coins. Our old friend Mitchell you were telling me about, Doctor, had a coin the last time I saw him, the half-dime of 1802, he said was worth over five hundred dollars. I told him he was a liar, and he replied that he would give me four hundred and fifty dollars for all I could get. Well, Mr. Gambs happened to step into a grocery store for a cigar one day in St. Louis, along in the year 1877, and received in change one of these rare coins, the finest specimen known. He sold it to a New York dealer for fifty dollars. The dealer refused two hundred dollars for it, thinking it would bring a higher price at auction. It was sold, however, for one hundred and forty-seven dollars and fifty cents, but eventually landed in Mr. Garrett's collection in Baltimore, who paid six hundred dollars for it, so brother Mitchell is not so much of a liar after all.

"But the hour is late, Doc, and I'll have to quit for this time and say good bye. My train leaves in an hour. I'll see that your order is shipped promptly."

"All right, and make it fifty pounds of cotton instead of twenty-five. I am in hopes of selling the new hospital that opens up next week. Keep your eye peeled for a six cent orange proprietary."

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Wednesday, June 22nd.

The following are the denominations of the new revenue stamps: Documentary stamps, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents; 1, 3, 5, 10 and 50 dollars. Proprietary stamps, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2 of a cent; 1, 1 1/4, 2, 2 1/2, 4 and 5 cents. These stamps are to be sold to any person, either for use or resale, and when purchased in quantities of \$100 or more at one time, a discount of 1 per cent. is allowed. Proprietary stamps must be affixed conspicuously on the outside of the article or package, and, where practicable, so that the opening of the article or package will destroy the stamp. All such stamps must be plainly cancelled when affixed by writing or imprinting with a hand stamp the initials of the party or firm who paid the tax. Private dies for proprietary stamps will be furnished as desired. Designs for dies must be submitted to the department at Washington for approval. The engraving will be done by the government at the expense of proprietors. Deposits to cover costs of dies and not less than \$2000 worth of stamps must be made before the stamps will be printed.

The following is taken from the *Boston Stamp Book*, from "A Talk About New Issues," by Mr. Smiley: "This month I have chronicled seven new sets of uniform design from Portugal and colonies, that, if a little less attractive than the New Zealand set, are yet far in advance of anything that has come from the Spanish peninsula in all the past. The sets are commemorative as the Columbian stamps were commemorative, and will probably be of as truly a permanent character." Mr. Smiley also

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GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
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25 PACKETS.

In order to increase my sales for the summer I offer the following packets. Only 25 of each to be sold.
200 var. Foreign Stamps..... \$1.75

Contains such as Honduras Official 1890, unused complete, also many Br. Colonials and stamps that cat. from 5c to 20c each. All in fine condition.

300 var. U. S. and Foreign..... \$3.00

This packet contains many complete and nearly complete sets of U. S. and Foreign and is worth much more than the price asked.

No duplicates or damaged stamps in either packet.
Selections Sent on Approval.

FRED S. MARTIN, Greene, N. Y.

says: "Some of my English confreres object to the number of them, but says as the whole lot can be bought for about \$5; they ought to be within the reach of the average American who really wants them." I honestly think that if a collector should undertake to realize, at the present day, on these 62 stamps, he would receive a larger proportion of his money invested than he would on a set of Columbians. This may seem hard for some of our collectors of U. S. to believe, but it is nevertheless true.

The Omaha Exposition stamps have arrived. Of all the stamps that have been issued lately, they are the poorest specimens of workmanship that I have seen. The commemorative set of Portugal is as far ahead of these, in engraving and printing, as can be. It is quite evident that the work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing cannot be compared with the work done in London. The following are the plate numbers of the Omaha stamps that I have seen, in addition to plate list given in last ERA: 1c, No 592; 5c, No. 614. The 2c and 4c I have seen in two shades. The stamps come 50 to a sheet, with the sheet perforated on three sides.

Last evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. There was a small attendance. After the business meeting a collation was furnished by the Entertainment Committee. The Society adjourned to meet again next September.

Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. is on a visit to Denver, Colo., combining business and pleasure.

I have been shown the new Bechuanaland stamps. They are current Great Britain stamps surcharged "Bechuanaland Protectorate," 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6d and 1sh. In the chronicles of new issues that I have seen, I find all of the above mentioned excepting the 1sh. Why this has not been mentioned is one of the mysteries.

I have recently seen an unsevered pair of the 4c Proprietary of the 1878 issue. Each stamp had the letter H punched in it. They were taken off of a box which contained Holman's Liver Pad. Evidently a provisional revenue stamp.

Among the rulings made by most of the exchange departments is one that they are liable for loss of stamps caused by theft, fire, accident, etc., excepting substitution. An interesting question has been advanced by Mr. Burt of the Boston Society. He states that substitution is theft, and if an exchange department is liable for theft, they are liable for stamps substituted. I think he is correct.

S. E. L.

The SELLER'S SHOP

Old Cuba set of 13 *Cat. 134c, net 50c. The set comprises 1871 and 1874, 25c; 1875, 12 1/2, 25 and 1 pes.; 1876, 12 1/2, 1p; 1877, 25c; 1878, 5, 12 1/2, 25; 1879, 5 and 25c.

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 - 2c Playing Card, perf..... .20
 - 2c Proprietary, blue, perf..... .03
 - 3c Proprietary, perf..... .16
 - 3c Telegraph, "..... .17
 - 5c Exp. ess..... .04
 - 20c Inland Ex., imperf..... .10
 - 25c B. nd. perf..... .04
 - 25c Entry of Goods, imperf..... .12
 - 25c Life Insurance, perf..... .15
 - 25c Protest, imperf..... .40
 - 25c Waehou & Receipt, imperf..... .65
 - 25c same, perf..... .32
 - 50c Lease, imperf..... .70
 - 50c Life Insurance, perf..... .04
 - 50c Original Process, imperf..... .20
 - 50c Passage Ticket, "..... 1.90
 - 50c Probate of Will, "..... 1.25
 - 50c same, p. rf..... .45
 - \$1.00 Conveyance, imperf..... .15
 - 1.00 Lease, "..... .85
 - 1.00 Life Ins., "..... 2.15
 - 1.00 Manifest, "..... 1.20
 - 1.00 Mortgage, "..... .55
 - 1.00 Power of Atty., "..... .55
 - 3.00 Manifest, "..... .75
 - 3.00 Conveyance, "..... .65
 - 5.00 Manifest, "..... 1.50
 - 1c green and black (violet p.)..... .04
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 - 4c red..... .08
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WHOLE No. 268.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

The Use of Dollar Values.

I have seen frequent effusions from more or less well posted stamp writers, who, probably in good faith, write articles or notes to stamp papers stating in effect that the U. S., Canada or other countries do not have any use for the dollar denominations of postage stamps, notably a two or five dollar specimen. And in my regular circuit trips I meet many persons who think so, and lament the fact that such exist and they of course feel obliged to buy them to complete the sets. Many even deny the need of a ninety-cent value. Now while it is true that many offices do not need anything higher than a 50-cent value, and one or two content themselves with 15 cents as their highest value, in cities fairly large in size, for instance Bridgeport, Conn., a city approaching 100,000 in population, and a seaport as well. There are other city offices which require two and five dollar values for actual use, and which are smaller in size. Now I have in stock today a block of nine of the \$5.00 stamps making \$45.00 postage, used on a large and heavy package of bonds sent to England from N. Y., and probably a dozen of the \$5.00 stamps used which are single or pairs, and they are not cancelled-to-order, they sell so much under their face value as to prohibit any thought that they were so cancelled. Now if 15 cents were the highest value needed it would have taken three hundred of them to have paid the required postage that my block of nine \$5.00 ones covered, and which would have spread over a package of improbable size. I am personally acquainted with the wholesale stamp clerk at Philadelphia Post Office who assures me he frequently sells fifty of the \$5.00 value (for use, not to collectors) a day which often go on packages of size requiring \$20 or \$30 postage. I also am acquainted with the wholesale P. O. clerks at other cities who tell about the same thing, New York of course using more; Boston less.

I am also acquainted with several brokers and bankers who do a foreign business, who use about a thousand dollars value a year in two and five dollar stamps, some of whom recognize that these stamps have a value, even if used, to stamp dealers, and arrange to have their correspondents abroad save and return them and sell them to dealers for fair prices, although considerably below face value.

From such bankers I can get five dollar stamps, but the one dollar ones are not usually returned as they are cheap and do not bring in much of a revenue. These the European office boy or clerk secures and sells to the stamp dealers in his city, getting something for pocket money, and from these European wholesalers the American stamp dealer can buy used 50's or dollars by the dozen or hundred.

Many of these bankers are approached by collectors and speculators who have some unused Columbians or other high values as duplicates, hoping to sell them for a premium, but getting tired of holding them, have to sell to the banker for a discount from face value as the post office will not redeem them. This has absorbed a large part of the two dollar Columbian surplus which was on the market some time ago.

The bankers who have the used stamps returned do not keep them for sale piece meal but on the accumulation of a few dozen sell as a lump to some stamp dealer, usually establishing relation with one dealer, who gets all their offerings, as they will not use time to peddle or hawk the lots about whenever an amount is ready for sale.

The New York Life, for instance, have only one offering a year as a rule and it is large enough so these used copies bring in a very neat sum.

There are many firms who do a business having large Branches or agencies in principal cities, who report to the home or central office once a day or week, and whose "regular daily letter" with the multitude of vouchers, reports, et cetera, contained therein makes the weight even at our low rate of two cents per ounce demand considerable over fifty cents as a rule; these firms need fifty-cent and dollar stamps.

Fancy pasting a multitude of various small denominations on a letter three hundred days to the year, when a dollar stamp can be licked quite properly to the saving of valuable time and saliva.

And as to ninety-cent stamps, I have now on hand a block of thirty used 1888 purple and sold not long since a larger block of the 1872 red nineties. Now if five dollar stamps were then in use this twenty-seven dollars could have been paid with six stamps (five of the fives and a two) while if 15 cents was the limit, nearly two hundred would have been required.

As far as Canada goes I presume the same system is in vogue and for the various foreign countries. Great Britain, pound

(\$4.89) stamps are frequently offered to American dealers in used condition by business firms in the seaport cities and there are about fifty a year of the £5 yellow Gt. Britain (a stamp whose face value is nearly \$25.00) sold in New York, at a conservative estimate, to stamp dealers from business houses who receive them as actually used on incoming mail, large, registered first-class packages (there is no limit to the weight of first class matter). Mail from South America has a liberal sprinkling of the peso values, from France, the 5 franc well pasted over packages, and other countries in like manner represented.

Now while these stamps are plentiful in many places having heavy foreign trade or owing to various other causes, I recognize the fact that many people never saw a used \$5.00 stamp and what used ninety-cent stamps that have looked their way have caused them to wonder greatly "whatever could it be used for." and that many active towns and cities do not carry or seem to need a stamp higher than 15 or perhaps 50 cents. Such persons very justly do wonder at the issue of high values and to them it may seem a hardship that they exist and a blank space stares them in their album to be filled at the expense of \$5.00, as many do not think of a used one which may be purchased for less than face value.

For such I have written this article. To any of the people who have traded with me I could of course present visible evidence of what I write and will be glad to demonstrate to any collector that there is considerable real use of the dollar denominations, including the five dollar stamp, in the United States and high values of other countries. Perhaps I may have even larger combinations of value in the near future than are here mentioned.

WILLIAM B. HALE.

The Latest Stamp News.

HAYTI.

In recent editions of the ERA I have seen a number of statements in regard to the new issues of Hayti, in regard to the French print. It seems that Mr Firmin the latter part of last year while Secretary of State for Finance gave a contract to a Mr. Rene for an issue of stamps, with the condition that the latter was to retain a portion. Before the issue was out Firmin had resigned, and Rene only delivered to the Post Office the 2 and 5 values and a small quantity of

1 and 3 cents and a still smaller quantity of the 7 and 20 cents.

To make matters worse some of the P. O. employees bought up these four values, and will only sell at face value for gold and only one or two each of the 7 and 20 cents to any one person. The remainders of the 2 on 20 surcharge brown and orange were bought up by the same persons. As I remarked in a previous number, there were only 20,000 of the brown 20-cent surcharged. The sheets contain 100 stamps and there is a very great difference in the surcharges, some of them being struck several times and some are almost a blot.

I was told these stamps were surcharged to use them up quickly to make way for still another new issue which is soon to be printed in the U. S. with portrait of Pres. Sam

D. S. FARRINGTON.

Mr. Buell of Brockville, Canada, has favored us with a copy of the 3c stamp of the new design with numerals in lower corners.

He also sends us a newspaper clipping relating to the new Special Delivery of Canada, an enlarged cut of the stamp is also given. The following describes the stamp: "The special delivery stamp differs materially in design and size from the ordinary series, the dimensions of the engraved work being $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long by $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide. The advantage of such a contrast is obvious. The letter to which a special delivery stamp is affixed can thus be at once picked out by those handling the mails including it, and its delivery greatly hastened. The design of the special delivery stamp is without any vignette, and consists substantially of a panel across the top of the stamp containing the words 'Canada Post-Office,' with a lithework border round the other three sides of the stamp. The centre of the stamp is occupied by an oval containing lathe-work, with the word 'Ten' in the centre, and the phrase 'Special delivery within city limits,' in a white letter on a solid panel encircling the word 'ten'. On each side of the stamp, connecting the oval with the border, is a circle with the numeral '10'; the space between the oval and the border is occupied by ornamental work. At the bottom of the stamp, in the lathe-work border, appears a white panel with the words 'Ten cents.' The color of the stamp is dark green."

Circular to Canadian Postmasters.

SPECIAL-DELIVERY SERVICE.

The Postmaster General has approved of arrangements whereby, on and from the first of July proximo, the senders of letters posted at any Post Office in Canada and addressed to a City Post Office now having

Free Delivery by Letter Carriers shall, on prepayment by Special-Delivery stamps of the face-value of ten cents, affixed one to each letter, in addition to the ordinary postage to which the same are liable, secure their special delivery to the persons to whom they are addressed within the limits of Letter Carrier Delivery at any one of the following Post Offices in Cities, viz:—Halifax, St. John, N. B., Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver. The hours of delivery to be within 7 a. m. and 11 p. m. daily, except Sunday. These hours are subject to change as dictated by local circumstances.

Drop-letters posted for local delivery, and bearing Special-Delivery stamps, in addition to the postage, will also be entitled to special delivery in the same manner as letters received at the Post Office by mail.

Registered letters may likewise come under the operations of this scheme of Special Delivery, in the same way as ordinary letters, provided they bear Special-Delivery stamps, in addition to the full postage and the registration fee fixed by law, and the regulations respecting the record and receipting of registered matter are observed. In despatching registered letters that bear Special-Delivery stamps, the Postmaster should write prominently across the registered-package envelope the words "For Special Delivery." When Special-Delivery letters (unregistered) number five or more for any one office the Postmaster should make a separate package of them, marking it "For Special Delivery"; if such letters are fewer than five, he should place them immediately under the "facing-slip" of the letter-package which he makes up, either directly or indirectly, for the Special-Delivery office for which they are intended, so that the most prompt attention may be secured therefor.

Special-Delivery stamps will be sold at all Money Order Post Offices in Canada, (which may secure a supply of such stamps in the same way as ordinary stamps are obtained.) for which the Postmasters will have to account as they do for ordinary stamps, and on the sales of which a total commission of 10 per cent. shall be allowed to Postmasters, except to Postmasters having fixed salaries. For the present Postmasters will use the existing forms of requisition in applying for Special-Delivery stamps. (The usual discount may be allowed to a licensed stamp vendor at the time that he purchases Special-Delivery stamps from the Postmaster.) Special-Delivery stamps are to be cancelled as postage stamps are cancelled. Stamps intended for Special Delivery are not available for any other purpose, and the article upon which one is affixed must have, besides, the ordinary postage prepaid by postage stamps. Under no circumstances will Special-Delivery stamps be recognized in payment of postage or of registration fee,

nor, can any other stamp be used to secure Special Delivery, except the Special-Delivery stamp. Special-Delivery stamps are not redeemable.

Letters intended for Special Delivery at any one of the City Post Offices above mentioned, and prepaid as directed, may be mailed at any Post Office in Canada.

The regulations relating to First Class Matter (Inland Post) apply also and equally to Special-Delivery letters, the only difference being the special treatment which the latter receive with a view to accelerating their delivery.

The object sought by the establishment of Special Delivery,—namely, the special delivery of letters transmitted thereunder,—will be much promoted if the senders of all such letters are careful to address them plainly and fully, giving, if possible, the street and number in every case. Such care will serve not only to prevent mistakes, but also to facilitate delivery.

All employees of the Post Office are enjoined to expedite, in every way in their power, the posting, transmission and delivery of letters intended for Special Delivery.

PRIVATE POST CARDS.

Postmasters are informed that, as regards Private Post Cards posted in Canada addressed to places in Canada, the words "Private Post Card" may either be placed thereon or omitted according to the option of the sender. Private Post Cards addressed to other countries must, however, in every case bear on the address side the words "Private Post Card."

R. M. CONETER,

Deputy Postmaster General.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA,
OTTAWA, 7th June, 1898.

The above official circular was kindly sent us by Mr. J. D. Cox.

AGENTS WANTED!

I want an Agent in every school in the U. S. to handle my stamps on a new plan.
BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. [17]

Send for Circulars and Price List.
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Convenes in New York City on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2nd, 1898.

Petition for Membership.

FARRANT, REGINALD C, care Cassilla 348, Lima, Peru; age, 21½; occupation, Cable Operator. References: C W. Kissinger, W. W. Jewett.

The report of the June 23rd meeting of the Vice-Presidents was received by me Friday, the 24th, and handed to Mr. Jewett who published it in the next day's ERA, which was mailed early Monday, the 27th. Late Monday afternoon the appended telegram was received and immediately taken to the ERA office, but it was too late to prevent appearance of the report as the entire edition was then probably out of the city. The telegram explains itself and

nothing further has been received from the Vice-Presidents.

"BOSTON, MASS., June 27.
"WM. N. HOWE,
"Portland.
"Don't publish report about Mekeel. He has settled, votes rescinded.
"JOHN LUTHER KILBON."
WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, June 25th, 1898.
1,119 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of June 18th, valued at \$39,155.16
31 books received since June 18th, valued at \$1,364.90
\$40,520.06
23 books retired since June 18th, valued at 1,066.37
Total number of books in circulation 1,127 valued at \$39,453.69

The following stamps are in demand: U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, Match and Medicine, imperforated of all countries in pairs and blocks, old Germans, Philippines, Spain, Servia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Hawaii. Sellers of the above mentioned please fill books and send in.

The Exchange Department will be run all during the summer.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

NOMINATION.

A Southern Candidate Named for Treasurer.

WACO, TEXAS, U. S. A., June 22, 1898.
WILLIAM N. HOWE, Esq.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I desire to place in nomination for a member of the Board of Directors of our Association a well-known collector from the Southern States, a collector of many years' standing, one who has the confidence and respect of all, an earnest philatelist in the truest sense of the word. The gentleman I place in nomination is Mr. Frederic Noyes, of Alice, Texas, for the office of Treasurer.

Mr Noyes is an old-time collector. He commenced collecting in 1863, and entered the stamp business as a dealer in 1884. By honest and upright dealings he has built up a large business, which is constantly growing. He has held many positions of trust in the different associations. He was until recently President of the Texas Philatelic Association, and is an early member of the American Philatelic Association.

In conclusion, the philatelists of the Southern States are entitled to representation on the Official Board, and it affords me much pleasure to place in nomination a candidate whom Southern collectors will support unanimously, a brother philatelist whom we love and respect, Mr. Frederic Noyes.

Your votes will not be misplaced, gentlemen, when Mr. Noyes' name is written thereon, and I ask your unbiased judgment in the justice of our candidacy and candidate.

ROY B. BRADLEY, A. P. A. 1141.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

It is always pleasant to know whom you are likely to meet at a convention and accordingly the ERA desires to publish each week a list of all members expecting to attend next month's meeting.

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Walle Again Captured.

The following despatch was sent out to the newspapers:

"LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y., June 23.—Richard P. Walle, alias Stein, alias R. P. H. Wagner, a noted western crook, was arrested this morning at Oyster Bay.

"Walle escaped in Cincinnati last March while being taken to Cleveland. George E. Corner, superintendent of the Cleveland police force, has been informed of the capture. He says that Walle has for years used the United States mails to defraud stamp collectors by selling them counterfeits of rare stamps."

Under date of June 16th Mr Edgar Nelson called our attention to the above party, who had offered him fraudulent stamps and whom he suspected as being Walle, alias Stein, etc., and to him probably was due the information which led to his detection and arrest at Oyster Bay, Long Island.

STAMPS NOT RARE, BUT HARD TO GET.

- Netherlands 1867 50c gold..... \$0.25
- 1888 1 gulden lilac..... .13
- " 1896 50 green and brown..... .15
- " 1 gulden brown and olive..... .25
- Jamaica 1890 2 1/2 on 4 pence..... .15
- Brazil 1897, 10 to 500 reis, unused, catalog 66c.. .25
- Blocks of 4 at the same rate.
- U. S. 1895 \$1.00 black, watermarked..... .30
- 50c orange..... .08

Yes, we send stamps on approval if you send us reference. [17]

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Or, do you desire to sell at Auction? If so, please communicate with us. We are holding Auctions every few weeks. Catalogues on application.

Do You Desire Any of the Following

If so, let us know and we will quote prices:

- St. Louis 5c, Die 2, re-altered, used.
- St. Louis 10c Die 1, bluish paper, unused, wide margins.
- United States 1861 3c August issue, unused.
- " 10c
- " 1868 90c, used.
- " State \$2, unused.
- " Agriculture complete, unused.
- Revenues, nearly everything.
- British Guiana circular 8c green.
- " oblong 4c magenta.

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Please mention ERA when answering ads.

ATTENTION.

Forward March;

and bear in mind that my July auction sale will contain a fine line of

Entire Envelopes, Western Franks,

Rarities on Original Cover,

and a number of fine stamps for all classes of collectors. The catalogue of my sales are free. Do you want them?

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ATTENTION.

HALT.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, June 28th.

The extraordinary amount of work now on hand at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing seems to render it impossible to obtain any official list of Plate Numbers. We therefore give a list of such as have been observed beginning with the lowest Omaha plate. All except 593 belong to this series.

590	1c	612	1c
591	1c	613	\$2
592	1c	614	5c
593	2c rose	615	2c
594	?	616	2c
595	?	617	10c
596	?	618	5c
597	2c	619	2c
598	1c	620	10c
599	4c	621	2c
600	1c	622	2c
601	1c	623	2c
602	4c or 5c ?	624	2c
603	50c	625	2c
604	10c	626	2c
605	1c	627	2c
606	\$1	628	?
607	1c	629	2c
608	2c	633	2c
609	8c	638	2c
610	2c	641	2c
611	2c		

Perhaps some of our readers can help us out with a few more numbers they have seen after looking over this list. 20 plates of the 1c and 25 of the 2c have been made in all.

Next week's Washington Notes will probably be omitted owing to your correspondent taking a vacation in the country.

The latest thing this week is the surcharging of eight million 1c stamps and probably also some ordinary 2c postage stamps with the letters "I. R." which will be temporarily used as revenue stamps until the new issue can be supplied by the Bureau.

One of the trials

of a traveling man, and one that makes us cuss very loud indeed is to have your laundry returned with the collar of the night shirt starched. But perhaps they don't know what a night shirt is out in Nebraska and took ours for a new fangled dress shirt. However, we have no kick coming, and the way the stamp business is at the present time, should consider ourselves lucky in having any kind of a shirt at all.

The Spaniards don't know what a night shirt is either. "Fighting Bob" hung his out to dry and the enemy took it for a flag of truce. There is no danger of any ones taking "Stamp Hunting" for a copy of the bible. It is now in its last stages of consumption and revision, and will be in the hands of our publishers very soon. Better send a postal card today securing a copy as it leaves the press.

LEWIS ROBIE,

208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

15c 1869

Cat. value \$2.00..... \$0.90
30c 1869, cat. value \$4.00..... 1.90
10c 1869 in pairs on part original cover..... .50

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STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

Wholesale 1898 List.

Our Wholesale Price List for 1898 now ready. Every dealer should have it.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

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New Set of Stamps.

We have them: 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00, the Set for \$4.20. 1c to 50c, 90 cts. Also have the Plates.

HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.
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I will take in exchange U. S. current issues 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 for any of the following stamps, or anything I may have in stock, and allow liberal prices for same.

MEXICO.

No.		New.	Used
7.—4r	red.....		\$0.50
8.—8r	violet.....		2.00
12.—4r	yellow.....	\$1.00	.85
13.—8r	red brown.....		1.25
15.—4r	red.....		.75
16.—8r	green.....	1.75	
26.—1r	blue.....	.35	.08
28.—2r	orange.....	.20	.05
37.—5c	green.....	.35	
59.—13c	blue.....	.50	

Will give 50% discount on Foreign against U. S. current issues in exchange.

SEND FOR BOOKS ON APPROVAL. "Good reference required." [69]

D. T. EATON.

Drawer 97, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

\$200.00 Per Day

Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face 50c to \$1.00 " 10% " " " \$2 " 15% " " " "

We are buying these stamps to use for postage and can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly on the day of receipt. [17]

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The Newspaper Stamp Case Settled.

The following letter to the attorney for the collectors in this case explains itself: Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

D. F. L.
NEW YORK, June 13, 1898.
LEO ROSENBLATT, Esq.,
27 Pine street, City.

Sir: Replying to your enquiry of recent date, I beg to advise you that the government acquiesces in the decision of the Circuit Court in the case of the United States vs. The Walter S. Scott Stamp Co., and no further proceedings in said case on the part of the Government will be taken. The property seized by the United States Marshal under the Writ of Replevin will be returned to you on demand, in pursuance of the direction contained in the judgment entered on April 16, 1898.

Respectfully,
HENRY L. BURNETT,
U. S. Attorney

The following circular-letter has been issued and together with check for proportional unexpended balance has been sent to each contributor to the Fund.

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE NEWSPAPER STAMPS DEFENSE FUND.

NEW YORK, 40 John St., July 25, 1898.

On the 18th of April I had the pleasure of informing you that the action by the U. S. Government in this case had been brought to trial and that the case had been decided in our favor. On June 13 we were notified by the attorneys in the case that the Government acquiesced in the decision of the court and that the case would not be appealed. It now only remains for me to give an account of my stewardship in the matter, which I beg to submit herewith, together with a check for your share of the unexpended balance.

Respectfully,
JOHN W. SCOTT.

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(Signed) J. M. ANDREINI.

[Donations preceded by a dagger (†) were those contributed through the ERA — ED.]

The Collectors Club.

351 Fourth Ave., New York.

Twenty-sixth meeting of the Board of Governors, held at the Club House June 13, 1898.

Vice-President Bruner in the chair called the meeting to order at 8.25 p. m. Present, Messrs. Luff and Scott and the Secretary.

The Chairman of the Literary Committee was requested to follow his judgment as to binding of books.

The thanks of the Governors were extended to Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co. for gift of a volume of the *Post Office* to complete the Club's file.

The Treasurer's report was then received, showing \$252.05 cash in bank.

Report of Chairman of House Committee was also received.

Adjourned at 8.50 p. m.
J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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A Toledo, Ohio, Letter.

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Our collectors do very little blowing, still we have a fine society, although not working during the summer, but nevertheless very enthusiastic

The Omaha stamps have made quite a stir among collectors. Plate numbers are eagerly sought after. The stamp window here is a poor place for a plate number collector to get sympathy. If you can't buy the whole sheet you can't get a plate number.

The tax on money orders will not be paid with a stamp as has been supposed. The powers that be, have decided not to put the public to so much trouble in licking stamps, so an additional charge of two cents will be put on the purchase price of the orders. Were it not for the influence of the banks we might have had a chance for another variety.

I have a letter from a friend who has gone to war in which he states that arrangements are being made to run daily mail service to the soldiers at Santiago, Cuba, for the boys. The boat will run from Tampa. Collectors will do well to keep letters posted in Cuba bearing U. S. stamps.

Collectors who are intending to make a collection of the coming revenue stamps will be interested to know that ordinary adhesive stamps will not be accepted. As the Bureau of Engraving and Printing running full force night and day could not prepare a sufficient supply of adhesive stamps to meet the requirements of the law, the secretary of the treasury has decided to make use of the large reserve supply of blue one-cent stamps for that purpose, just as the old stock of revenue stamps was imparted for the payment of taxes that became operative the day after the bill became a law. These postage stamps will bear the initials "I. R." These stamps are to be discontinued as soon as the supply of regular stamps can be printed.

The treasury department found it necessary to supply collectors of internal revenue with rubber roller stamps to be used in converting the revenue stamps on hand into the denominations required by the new law. The bureau has already surcharged some old revenues and distribution of them has already commenced. Look out for all sorts of freaks in surcharges in your Uncle Samuel's stamps from now.

C. H. WATTS.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

FOR THE SEALS.

NEW YORK, June 24, 1898.

To the Editor of THE ERA:

The article by Mr. Rothfuchs, in No. 265, and that of Mr. Sweet, in No. 266, are quite interesting, to my mind that of Mr. Rothfuchs is the better argument.

When a dealer issues a price list to be circulated gratis, it is not to be expected that it will be complete. But when a firm sells a handbook or album that is represented to be complete, they should at least be consistent.

Photographs of Rulers and Coats-of-Arms do not represent any particular postal value, but spaces are provided in the albums.

Catalogue pages 21 to 47, Telegraphs and Locals, positively show nothing in connection with Postage, as we understand it, still there they are.

I should think a hand-book should contain everything connected with our hobby, the collector will choose what he wishes.

Mr. Sweet's argument as to fastners etc. may be stretched so as to include mail wagons, the horses that draw them, the locomotives and mail coaches, but the collector as a rule, is an ordinarily intelligent person, who knows where to draw the line. There are some collectors that go into the so-called "Penalty envelopes," and a little information concerning them would no doubt be appreciated.

By all means, publishers, give us all the information you can, the collector will do the rest.

Yours truly,

M. C. BERLEPSCH.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, June 28th.

Several of the Boston dealers received last Thursday the 1c Newfoundland in green. The 1c carmine is finding ready buyers at 5 cents each, and I have no doubt but that it will bring double this amount in a short time. I consider it a more desirable stamp than the 1c Cabot, and none of the dealers hereabouts seem to have a very large stock. It is rumored that the 2c stamp has been changed to carmine. None of them in that color have been received here yet, and on the strength of this rumor the 2c stamp is finding a ready sale at an advanced price, and the stock on hand here seems to be even less than the 1c. I have also been shown the new Canadian stamps, with numerals in the lower corners. The oval containing the portrait of her Majesty has been enlarged, which is a decided improvement. There were received here last Saturday some of the New South Wales 6d, light green, instead of carmine.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* says that Mr. Smiley should really give more time to newspaper reading, as he credited England with having captured Port Arthur, and they sincerely trust that American map makers will not follow his lead, otherwise they are afraid it might furnish a "cause to war" to Russia.

I see that the Scott Coin & Stamp Co. have kindly given me a complimentary notice in their letter to the editor of the ERA I attribute my knowledge of Philately to a careful perusal, for a number of years, of their various publications. How little the editor of a publication realizes how often his words may fall on fertile soil, and bring forth knowledge abundantly, as in my case.

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I also notice that the compiler of the so-called Chronicle of New Issues, in one of your contemporaries, commenting on my remark that the 2c on 20c brown, Hayti, surcharge, would be the rare type, says: "If this party represents the Boston market correctly, it must be a slow place for new issues. But he probably represents nothing but his own vivid imagination." In the same paper, under the head of editorial, in speaking of the Trans-Mississippi stamps, is the following: "There is not a dissenting voice in the chorus of praise that greets the set; their rich yet simple beauty appeals irresistibly to philatelists and laymen alike. . . . The workmanship of the stamps is about all that could be desired. The colors are appropriate and well selected," etc. Now the party that wrote the above editorial can give me points when it comes to imagination. One need only secure a few copies of the Omaha stamps to see that I am right, and when Boston dealers have on sale, for over four months a stamp, before it is mentioned by your esteemed contemporary, they can hardly be called slow.

I see that the *Philatelic Record* of London chronicles a 3c Newfoundland on pink paper. About three years ago, a steamer was wrecked on Cape Race. On the steamer was a package containing 80,000 3c Newfoundland stamps, on their way to St. Johns. When these stamps were recovered, the paper had been changed to pink, and I have this from an eye-witness who saw them at St. Johns Post Office.

Up to date, none of the new revenue stamps have been received in Boston. Associated press dispatches yesterday stated that a large quantity of the surcharged postage-revenue had been sent to the leading express companies here. A personal canvass of the express offices and the sub-treasury brought out the facts that none have been received.

The publishers of the *Philatelic Monthly and World* claim to have information that the 1899 albums and catalogues will list and provide spaces for all so-called speculative issues. Some of the collectors who have neglected to buy this class of stamps may have to pay a good price for some of them. The general collector, who thinks that any stamp that will do postal duty is worthy to be collected, having purchased these stamps when current, can now congratulate himself. Some of the large dealers who have a nice reserve stock of these stamps on hand will furnish you poor misguided collectors with whatever of these stamps you want, at 300 or 400 per cent. profit.

I note the article in your issue of the 18th, written by F. G. Sweet, regarding the Postal Seals. He says the gist of the argument can be summed up under two

heads. To the first heading, his reply, that the post office department uses various kinds of stationery, and asks if they should be entered and listed in our albums and catalogues, has no bearing on the question at all. Under his second heading, he says that Mr. Rothfuchs thinks that as the Postal Seals were a Philatelic fixture previous to 1896 they should still be such. Mr. Sweet fails here also to state any reason why not. He surmises more or less, and wanders off to pins and patent fasteners. At the commencement of the article, he says the vital question is "Are they postage stamps?" I would like to know if the Postal Seal, 1872, green, is not considered by the postal officials as a postage stamp? We have spaces in the albums and catalogues for postage Due stamps. Are they postage stamps?

I hope some earnest student of stamps may read this, and kindly inform your readers if Due stamps are postage stamps.

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S. E. L.

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WHOLE No. 269.

Correspondence.

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FROM A COLLECTOR'S STAND-POINT.

YONKERS, N. Y., July 5, 1898.

Editor of ERA.

Dear Sir: Reading the article in ERA of July 2 signed S. E. L., I think Postal Seals belong in a collection and should be in catalogues and albums as well. They are postal notifications and so are the Due stamps and strict official. If the Due stamps should be left out also on these grounds that would mean a revolution in stamp collecting. Also find it entirely out of place to cast out stamps as fraudulent or speculative, they are official and not for us to say whether needed or not. We cannot compel a country to give us the cause why a new set was issued, nor will they consider whether we place them in the back of our catalogues as speculative or fraudulent. The collector who is led strict by the catalogue finds out only to his sorrow that if he wants them later on that he has to weigh them up with something better than gold.

Respectfully yours,

OTTO FUHRMANN.

POST OFFICE SEAL STAMPS.

BOSTON, MASS., July 5, 1898.

To the Editor of THE ERA:

Since my communication which appeared in No. 265, relating to the admission of the Registration and Post Office Seal stamps in the 1899 albums and catalogues, there has been only one dealer in favor of omitting them from albums and catalogues, I refer to our friend Mr. F. G. Sweet, whose courteous reply appeared in No. 266. Mr. Sweet states that I "overlooked or disregarded the vital question: Are they postage stamps?"

I will answer this question by saying that in my opinion postage stamps are stamps issued to frank letters. The Post Office Seals as Mr. Sweet knows were not issued to frank letters, but were issued to seal letters and therefore are Post Office Officially Sealed stamps and ought to have spaces in albums under the Post Office

Department stamps as stated in my previous communication.

Mr. Sweet informs us that the Post Office Department uses letter heads etc., and asks "are we to have spaces for them in our albums and list them in our catalogues, simply because the Post Office Department issues and uses them?"

I fail to see any argument in that question in as much that we are stamp collectors and not collectors of letter heads. The Post Office Seal stamps are stamps of the Post Office Department which informs the receiver of a letter that it was damaged by handling in the mails, opened by mistake or opened at the Dead Letter Office and properly sealed by the Post Office Department. Postage Due stamps are not postage stamps, but stamps issued and used by the Post Office Department to inform the receiver of a letter how much there is to be collected on it.

Mr. Sweet states: "To err is human, to correct our errors is divine," and gives credit to Mr. John N. Luff for having the Post Office Seal stamps dropped from the catalogue, and further he states: "It is probable that he looked upon them in their true light." I wish to state that I consider Mr. John N. Luff to be an earnest student of stamps and one of the best authorities on stamps of the present time, but I do not believe that Mr. Luff informed the publishers that Post Office Seal stamps were not postage stamps. I believe that the publishers of albums and catalogues as well as nearly all dealers and collectors knew then as well as now that the Seals were not issued to prepay letters.

Mr. Sweet concludes by saying: "Credit should, I think, be given to the publishers of the standard catalogue for rectifying their error of judgment and withdrawing the Officially Sealed stamps from their catalogue."

In answer to Mr. Sweet's concluding remarks will say that I believe, that if the Post Office Seal stamps had not been listed and did not have spaces for their reception in albums that the demand for them would have been very small. I still believe that their postal use is of sufficient importance that spaces should be allowed for their reception in the 1899 albums and that they should be listed in the 1899 catalogues. Has Mr. Sweet heard any one complain about Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue because they list and price them?

I believe that the average collector would rather see the Post Office Seal stamps listed

than the minor varieties, such as different prints or shades, for instance the U. S. 1851, 3 cent stamps in four shades or colors which the average collector as well as myself does not understand and would have to send their stamps to the publishers and have their catalogue numbers marked on back, then when they are ready to put their stamps in their albums instead of looking at the color or face of stamp they have to look at the number on the back of the stamp in order to find out its shade or color. Does Mr. Sweet call this kind of shade listing the correcting of errors? If he does there are many of us who do not agree with him.

I will now try and make a statement which I hope will be the means of inducing some of the readers of this communication to give their views for or against the admission of the Registration and Post Office Seal stamps.

I believe that the publishers of the International Stamp Albums are desirous of having their 1899 Edition meet the wants of the large majority of the average collectors. I believe that they would rather please than disappoint their patrons, and that if collectors and dealers would only make their wishes known through the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, that they would find spaces for their reception and that they would be listed in the 1899 catalogue. I have bought and sold many seals the past twelve years and have received from \$3.00 to \$10.00 apiece for quite a lot of the scarcer kinds. I knew when I bought and when I sold them what they were, and I believe now as much as I did then that their use is of importance enough that spaces should be allowed for their reception on the pages of the stamps issued for the Post Office Department which includes the Post Office Department stamps, Unpaid Letter stamps and Registration and Post Office Seal stamps, but not letter heads as Mr. Sweet suggests.

The publishers of albums have, to a large extent, created a demand for seals by listing and pricing them and allowing spaces for their reception. Should they be omitted it will to a large extent kill the demand for them. My case about the seals is simply this: I collect them as much now as ever and consider them of as much postal value as ever, but should I change my views, as a dealer I will say this much that by selling and offering them for sale I have helped to create a demand, and therefore should I consider them of no importance,

I will issue a notice to my patrons to return the seals and that the amount received for them will be refunded, and acknowledging that I did not know what I was selling at that time.

When a conviction is backed by the above statement then and not until then will I agree with our friend Mr. Sweet in his statement "to correct our errors is divine."

Yours truly,
C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

FINDS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 1st, 1898

Editor PHILATELIC ERA:

Not long since I saw in your paper an account of a find of 3c black and green Proprietary stamps in New York City. Recently at Renora, Pa., I found 22 of the 3c orange Proprietary rouletted, and yesterday in this city, Syracuse, 70 of the 1c green Proprietary rouletted, also 3 of the Geo. W. Lairds 3c watermarked, (die cut) and several pairs of the Barnes, Demas & Co. 4c black. Quite a good find for one day.

At a country post office I found 2 full bunches of 1512 envelopes, size 3 1/4 x 5 1/2, amber.

Yours sincerely,
H. F. SMITH.

DEAR SIR:

For benefit of plate collectors I forward list of I. R. surcharges I have seen:

1c: 542, 544.

2c: 475, 513, 522, 523, 524, 550, 552, 553.

Document: 2c 7948, 7954.

Respectfully,

ERA.

Written for the ERA.

Our Toledo, Ohio, Letter.

The sale of revenue stamps commenced here, early June 30th. Collectors were eager for freaks, surcharges, etc., and stamp collectors were out in full force. The 2c surcharge "I. R." in blue seemed to be the desired prize. One collector who is connected with a local bank wanted \$700 worth of 2c surcharged. He got \$20 worth. The 2c surcharge is a scarce article here.

The following of the 2c surcharge "I. R." have been seen here: Nos. 480, 483, 502, 503, 524. No 1c surcharges have been received at this office yet.

A letter has been received here by a collector from Washington which says that since the intention of the government has been made known that after July 1, 1898, no more newspaper and periodical stamps will be used, the Post Office Department has been besieged with letters from collectors and

dealers from all parts of the country who desire to purchase the discarded stamps as it is presumed they will hereafter have a high value as no more of them will be printed. One dealer offered to buy the whole lot left in the hands of the department at face value. The correspondent further states that the Postmaster General has yet made no decision as to the disposition of the remaining stock, but adds that collectors may look for these stamps being surcharged for use as document revenues.

I notice that the advertising in the stamp papers is good as to quantity which would seem to indicate that stamp business is good. Every summer there seems to be a general rush for special prices which the long headed collector takes advantage of. The advertising seems to pay too. The stamp business is just as certain as any other business and the advertising is just as certain as any other business transaction. Dealers can make mistakes in buying advertising as well as handling it, just as he can in buying and selling U. S. stamps. There is a risk in every business transaction. Failures can be made in every business under the sun. There is no business that had management will not render unprofitable. When one remembers that eighty-five per cent. of all men who enter business make a failure of it, it is not strange that there are a great many failures in advertising.

A dealer can give all his time to the management of his business and still make mistakes. The same man will manage his advertising during the fragments of time that he picks up now and then, and if his advertising doesn't pay, it never occurs to him to think that the failure was in his advertising. A dealer would think it a queer state of affairs if he didn't know how to advertise his own business. He may as well argue that when sick, why go to a physician, why not consult a lawyer. If he is right in his advertising, go ahead. If wrong, consult an advertising physician. If your advertising don't pay, it's wrong that's about sure.

C. H. WATTS.

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EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

On account of the small number of members who are taking an interest in the

Exchange Department but one circuit has so far been formed. Books 1, 2 and 3 have completed the circuit and Book No 7 is out. Up to date the sales have amounted to \$5 62. I have in my possession or in circulation in Book No 7 sheets belonging to members to the total value of \$243 26. The sheets contain a large number of very desirable stamps marked at low prices, and I am sure that if more members of the Society would interest themselves in my Department, they would receive good returns.

PAUL W. GARDNER,
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EXCHANGES.

Wanted. Good exchange in stamps for 64 Argosys (weekly) Vol. XV. Nos. 526 to Vol. XVIII. No. 590 and 25 Argosys (monthly) up to December 1896 and 50 miscellaneous story papers. William M. Verbeck, Ballston Spa, N. Y.

I want plate numbers of United States postage stamps surcharged "I. R." Also unused foreign, cataloguing over 25 cents. Fine exchange given. Member of Manhattan Philatelic Society. A. Herrmann, 416 Produce Ex., N. Y. City.

Exchange given for Special Delivery, Postage Due, or Trans-Mississippi stamps of any denomination. On entire original envelope preferred. Write to Charles E. Edson, Sec'y Lowell Philatelic Association, 57 Royal St., Lowell, Mass.

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Pocket Kodak and Bicycle Lamp for best offer in U. S. stamps. Also magazines for stamps or stamp papers. Also desire exchange with foreign collectors. Chas. C. Deselms, 721 N. 13th St., Richmond, Ind.

Exchange wanted. Will exchange Match, Medicine, Playing Card, rare Revenue and U. S. postage unused and used, for unused Hawaiian and current British Colonial stamps. Write me what you have. George H. Blake, 12 Highland Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

25 good stamp papers for five "Boston Stamp Books" or "A. J. of P." Good exchange given in stamp papers for magazines such as Muas-y's, McClures &c. What have you? 25 stamp papers for each of following: "Quaker C. P." No. 43, 55, 57, 60; "Stamp" (Denver) Vol. I. Nos. 1, 7, Vol. III. No. 10. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [71]

900 Books, Theology, Science, Languages, German Literature, English Literature, History, Fiction, also Blank Approval Books and Sheets and Chinese Stamps to exchange for stamps of any country. Rev. Geo. C. Rheinfrank, 2c8 10th Ave., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn. [72]

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Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge to cents.

Every stamp collector should send ten cents and receive nice stamps. They will please you.

A. M. MOORE. Greenfield, Mass.

I have been collecting stamps for 30 years. Have over 10,000 var. and about 2,000,000 dupes. Am going to sell them. Would rather give the profit to collector. Will put up approval books 50 to 60¢. Can you use any? C. W. RICHES, A.P.A. 1351, Creston, Ia [72]

Set Col. 1c to \$3, unused, fine, very cheap. Also old U.S. Envs., unused, entire, and Col. Env. (sets) unused, cheap. M. Rosenzweig, 78 Hague St., Jersey City, N. J. [70]

Wanted: 15, 30, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$3, used Columbians. In sending lots state lowest cash price. UNIQUE STAMP CO., 28 Bratnard Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

12 copies "A. J. of P.", 50c. 12 copies "P. J. of A.", 50c. 12 copies of "Boston Stamp Book", 50c. Pair of type II, and III. 2c, 15c; blocks in proportion. Left Plate No. 170, 15c. C. H. WATTS, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [72]

Stamps on approval at 40 to 60¢ discount. Reference required. Cash paid for stamps. Write to me. S. E. MEDFORD, 435 North 41st St., Phila., Pa. [70]

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The Editor's Spears.

IS OLD FASHIONED PHILATELY BEST?

Counting all varieties of colour, paper, perforation and printing there cannot be less than 500,000 collectable postage stamps. Yet few albums afford spaces for more than 20,000 varieties. How is this? asks the young collector, and the question is a very natural one. The explanation is simply this: when a philatelist is so far advanced in the hobby as to study and collect minor varieties, he generally concludes that it is about time for him to give up the attempt to get together a complete collection of the world's postage stamps. The cost of such a collection calculated on the basis of present values would amount to a king's ransom—the cost in money alone, to say nothing of the great expenditure of time and trouble. Nowadays, indeed, many stamp collectors commence as specialists; but this, as I have already stated, I regard as a mistake. Indeed, I am sufficiently old-fashioned to disbelieve in the dictum that every advanced philatelist must necessarily be a specialist. Specialism has not been an unmixed blessing to the stamp collecting hobby. Whether it has done more good than harm is an open question, but it has certainly done a deal of harm. One instance of the way in which it has worked to the detriment of stamp-collecting is well instanced by a writer in the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, by whom it is shown that the leading specialists in this or that country are greatly to blame for the periodical booms that have taken place with all their consequent fictitious inflations of prices.

Therefore, I say to young collectors, stick to your general collections, and if in addition to a general collection you devote special attention to one country, or group of countries, take care that you are not made the cat's-paw of some daring speculator who is booming the stamps of your particular country entirely for his own ends.—*Stamps* [Eng.].



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Convenes in New York City on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 9th, 1898.

Petition for Membership.

SCHMEEWEISS, ADOLPH E., 600 E. 18th St., Paterson, N. J.; age, 34; occupation, Civil Engineer. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.

New Stockholders.

1518. TOELKE, HENRY, 91 Grove St., Brooklyn, New York.
1519. MUECKE, CHARLES, 468 Broome St., New York City.

Resignation Received.

637. MUIR, WILLIAM E., 300 Wellington St., Montreal, P. Q.

Change of Addresses.

1491. GOODMAN, GEO. L., from 9 Cliff St. to 55 Fulton St., New York City.
251. DUNNING, A. W., from P. O. Box 1026, Los Angeles, Cal., to 11 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report	707
New Stockholders	2
Present membership	709

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, July 2nd, 1898.
1,127 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of June 25th, valued at \$39,453.69
6 books received since June 25th, valued at \$128.89
..... \$39,582.58
11 books retired since June 25th, valued at 995.44
Total number of books in circulation 1,122 valued at \$38,587.14

The following stamps are in demand: U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, Match and Medicine, imperforated of all countries in pairs and blocks, old Germans, Philippines, Spain, Servia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Hawaii. Sellers of the above mentioned please fill books and send in.

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Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

We have received one of the new Canadian Special Delivery stamps mentioned at some length last week.

Mr. Walter C. Odiorne informs us that Plate No. 602 is 5c; also that Nos. 632, 640 and 642 are 2c.

Concord, N. H., appears to have been fortunate in being quite fully supplied with the new U. S. I. R. stamps.

H. Stone writes us under date of 6th inst. that he had the current 1 and 2c surcharged stamps and the 3/8c, 1/2c, 3/4c and 5/8c Proprietary and 2c Documentary stamps on June 30th, and up to date of his letter had also seen the following Documentary stamps: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Our stock of Scott's 58th Catalogue is almost exhausted, and if you want one better order at once. Remember we will supply you with a copy (postage prepaid with Columbian stamps) and a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for One Dollar.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, July 6th.

We chronicle the following new plate numbers this week:

Table with 2 columns: No. and description. Includes items like No. 556 2c rose, No. 602 5c Omaha, etc.

Sheets from the following plates have been seen surcharged I. R. for revenue purposes:

Table with 2 columns: Description and value. Includes items like 1c green: 495, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, etc.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

STAMPS NOT RARE, BUT HARD TO GET.

Table listing various stamps and their prices, such as Netherlands 1897 50c gold, Jamaica 1800 2 1/2 on 4 pence, etc.

Chesapeake Stamp Co., 230 E. Balto. St., Baltimore, Md.

100 UNUSED Including Soudan, new China, etc., 37 cts. 155 Var. Used and Unused..... 16 cts. 2 1/2 and 5r new Portugal and six colonies..... 20 cts.

SEND FOR LIST. [69] HARRY S. LEE, Mattapan, Mass. Don't Wait Until you have to pay a dollar each, but buy now while they are cheap.

U. S. REVENUES. 1c green surcharged "I. R."..... 10c each 2c rose " "..... 10c each

SIERRA LEONE 1895 6d, P. O. state..... 35c About as handsome a colonial stamp as the present decade has produced.

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D. T. EATON, Drawer 97, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, July 5th.

The long-looked-for war revenue stamps were put on sale last Friday, the 1st. Owing to inefficiency in management the sale of them was very slow. By actual count at one time during the forenoon, thirty-seven customers were served in one hour and a half. Hundreds were unable to buy them at the first day's sale. There is a great demand here for the surcharged postage-revenue 1 and 2c plate numbers. I have seen eight different plate numbers of the 1c, and thirty-seven numbers of the 2c. The lowest number was 447, and the highest number was 563. They come top and bottom, right and left. These plate numbers are bringing here 20 cents per plate, and I have no doubt but that they will bring several times this amount later on. Of the regular issue, both documentary and proprietary, it takes a strip of six stamps to show imprint and plate number, and it will therefore be necessary to buy six stamps if one wishes to collect plates. Some of the large dealers are trying to make the collectors think that one stamp with the number is sufficient. But the proper way to collect them is to have imprint and plate number, that is, if one is a plate number collector. I do not think that there will be a great many who will

20,000 VARIETIES.

One of the best known collectors in the country has put his collection of 20,000 varieties on sale. It is particularly rich in Asiatic, African, West Indian and South American Stamps. United States practically complete. The condition of the stamps is first-class, and there are many errors and oddities.

I desire to correspond with good buyers and those wishing desirable stamps.

As there is but one of a kind your early attention is requested.

Prices reasonable.

Send your list of wants.

E. A. HOLTON,
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The Best Time

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The best time to transfer your collection is now, summer time, and the best idea is Wolsieffer's Blank Album, 12 styles, specimen page for stamp.

The best method for keeping your duplicates, entire envelopes, cards, currency, paper money, etc., is in Wolsieffer's Left Page Stock Books.

Selected sets of "Omahas" in an Approval Card, registered, \$4.35.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

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collect the regular issue in this way. I think they will be better pleased with blocks. The regular issue comes rouletted, and it is rumored that this is only temporary; that they are to be perforated later on.

I have seen the 1 and 2c surcharged on the original covers, having done postal duty.

The \$5.00 and \$10.00 Newspaper and Periodical stamps have been surcharged for internal revenue. The government seems to be doing its best to give the revenue collector a nice variety of stamps, and with a great many of these stamps, the proper time to buy them may be while they are current. I understand that the surcharged postage stamps have already been superceded here by the regular issue.

The Omaha stamps seem to have been cast in the shade by the new issues of revenues, and it is not to be wondered at, when the design of all of the regular issue of revenues, up to the 50c, consists of a battleship, "The Maine." Very few of the Omaha stamps are received here on mail, and the indications are that a small number of them will be used, compared with the Columbian issue. If the remainders, at the end of the year, are destroyed, some of these stamps may be worth having, from a speculator's standpoint.

It is rumored that \$10,000 worth of remainders of the embossed Gambia stamps have been destroyed. This is a good way to use up remainders.

It seems that the postmaster at St. Lucia is another one of those officials who is not well posted. After having notified the public that the letter postage would be reduced to 2d, he has been called down by the home office, and has now issued a notice changing the postage to the old rate of 2½d. The Postmaster General of Canada has been called down in a similar way, and had to make the deficit good, out of his own pocket, which was caused by the reduced postage.

S. E. L.

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1c to 50c " "..... .90
1c to \$1 " "..... 2.00
1c to \$2 " "..... 4.25
50c to \$2 " "..... 3.85
\$1 and \$2 " "..... 3.25
1c to \$2 perf. three sides..... 4.40

Will guarantee them to be in good condition, and if not satisfactory money will be refunded upon return of stamps. Postage extra on sums under \$1.00. [69*

D. T. EATON,

Drawer 97, Muscatine, Iowa.

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1411	1874,	10c on white.....	.40	.20
1415		30c on white.....	2.00	1.00
1416		90c on white.....	2.50	1.15
1420		5c on white.....	.50	.20
1421	1876,	3c red.....	.60	.30
1440	1874,	10c on amber.....	.50	.20
1463	1853,	2c on cream.....	2.50	.35
1468	1875,	1c on fawn.....	.75	.20
1494	1883,	4c on white.....	.30	.10
1504	1884,	2c red on fawn.....	1.00	.30
1509		2c brown on blue.....	1.50	.30
1513		2c die B, amber.....	2.00	.75
1515		2c die B, fawn.....	5.00	1.00
1526	1886,	10c on o. buff.....	.50	.30
1527		30c on o. buff.....	5.00	2.00
1530		10c on blue.....	.50	.20

WRAPPERS—Cut Square.

1706	1864,	2c die 2.....	1.00	.25
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Numbers at left refer to 98th Ed. Catalogue.

Terms: Cash with order. 2c extra with orders under 50c. Please remit by bills or P. O. Money Order. Unused stamps not accepted in payment. [72*

C. F. Rothfuchs,
66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

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BY WM. C. STONE.

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Virginia Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 10.

The last number of the *Australian Philatelist* may truly be called a New Zealand number for it is very largely made up of articles relating to the new issue of that colony. Copious extracts from the Australian newspapers are given commenting on the new arrivals and the whole number is very interesting reading. It will be remembered some time since that a Cycle post was noted in this journal as having used stamps on the Lake Lefroy route. It is now stated on the authority of one of the officers of the company that the stamps are out of use, only one thousand having been issued, and that the block has been defaced.

With June first the *Boston Stamp Book* commences a new volume, the fourth, and begins to show signs of returning vigor. A very good abstract is given of the stamp sections of the new revenue law and the regular departments are full as usual of interesting facts. Georges Carion's descriptions of the Tahiti forgeries fills three pages and the American Stamp Exchange occupies several more:—

Collectors of telegraph stamps, etc will welcome the very full and illustrated article on the telephone cards of France in the last number of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*. M. Maury adds to the article a priced list of nearly all the varieties. The hospital stamps of Victoria are also illustrated as well as the method of perforating the stamps of Thessaly. A block of four of these stamps contains a wonderful waste of paper and perforations.

The new issue of revenue stamps is responsible for the renewed interest in these stamps and all the papers are starting departments devoted to this branch. The current *Herald Exchange* contains a column from Louisville of short notes which will possibly be of interest to some of our junior collectors. The first of a series of articles on "Counterfeits and Counterfeiting" gives good promise of interesting matter for all. Several fac similes of cancellation marks are given and more are promised.

Quite a full abstract of the recent decision concerning our periodical stamps is given in the *London Philatelist* together with a very long installment of the article on the English registered letter dies. There are also two short articles on the railway letter fee stamps with the usual departments.

Texan philatelists have been having a state convention which is very fully re-

ported in the *Lone Star State Philatelist*. A half tone group photograph of the delegates forms a very acceptable frontispiece to the magazine.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* is certainly making some scoops. Its latest bit of interesting information is to the effect that the periodical stamps will become obsolete after July 1. The publisher also announces that he will engrave and publish, free of charge, half tone portraits of every member of the American Philatelic Association who attends the convention in August. Send on your latest photos.

The *Montreal Philatelist* is somewhat improved in appearance but there is still lots of room for improvement. A revenue department has been introduced which contains some interesting accounts of some fiscals issued by the native Indian states.

Philatelic Literature has reached its sixth number and has also changed hands. Mr. Benton retires and Mr. Kirby will run it alone in the future. I have heard a rumor that another paper devoted to philatelic literature may make its appearance in the fall from the Old Bay State. There is room for it if it is properly conducted.

H. R. Oldfield tells us in the *Philatelic Record* "How to Collect Bolivian Stamps" and illustrates his article with thirteen enlarged reproductions of the 5 centavos in half tone. Mr. Hull's article on Tonga stamps is continued and is as full as ever of official figures, etc.

One of the most interesting features of *La Revue Postale* is the catalogue of Swiss philatelic journals which is appearing in installments. It should more properly be called a history, for a comprehensive sketch is given of each publication with all the necessary details. When it is completed I shall endeavor to present a summary of the list.

The series of articles on United States stamps is continued in *Stamps* and includes the issues from 1861 to 1870. The revenue department is illustrated somewhat this month and numerous items of interest are given. Steps are being taken to ensure the publication of a standard revenue catalogue. I wish the promoters success.

The *Monthly Journal* contains quite a full list with prices of the Mexican stamps since 1884. I rather guess Charles Haviland Mekeel was one of the "two philatelists from the other side of the Atlantic" who aided in the preparation of this list. The chronicle is full of illustrations this month with all the New Zealands, and Portuguese stamps and cards to show up.

Along with the above came the annual prospectus of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, and their wholesale list. The list of sets is simply unsurpassed by any dealer that we know of and the albums and other publications are increasing yearly. Years ago the wholesale list was almost known by heart to the writer but it has grown now to a large 28-page pamphlet crammed full with quotations for the benefit of the trade.

Aside from its chronicle *Le Timbre Poste* contains only a brief installment of the article on "Jubilee" stamps and some correspondence concerning the Reunion reprints of the 1852 issue.

The *Virginia Philatelist* contains designs for American colonial stamps for use in Cuba and the Philippines with Fitz Hugh Lee on one of them and Admiral Dewey on the other. But unfortunately it cannot be. A postal official is now on his way to Manila with some two million 2-cent stamps of the current issue and other values in proportion so we are informed.

The third and concluding paper on the Confederate stamps is full of interest but hardly comes up to what I had expected.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

New York Items.

The great Wolle, he of Cleveland and Louisville fame, was rounded up at Oyster Bay, L. I., last month, after trying the same old game on Geo McKearin of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Jas. Mikolasek of Chicago and your unlucky correspondent, who proved a stumbling block to the career of Mr. Wolle who has been signing his name R. C. H. Wagner. As I was not only suspicious from the first letters but communicated such suspicions to Geo. E. Corner, Superintendent of the Cleveland Police, against the advice of my philatelic friends here. Back immediately came the reply that the handwriting in letter I had enclosed from R. C. H. Wagner was undoubtedly that of Wolle. "We want him here at any cost to answer charge of Grand Larceny and I have requested Police of Oyster Bay to place him under surveillance" added the businesslike head of the Cleveland Police Department.

The next day I received a call from the Constable of Oyster Bay, who it seems is the Chief of Police Force of that village, who did not waste much time with "surveillance" but swooped down on Mr. Wagner like a duck on a June bug and placed him in the County jail at L. I. City awaiting extradition.

Sunday last your correspondent called upon the prisoner who was under the charge of Jailer Doht of Long Island City Jail, who had charge of the famous or infamous Mrs. Nack while awaiting trial there in the celebrated Goldensuppe murder case.

I was armed with a photo of Wolle from Cleveland Rogues' Gallery which described the prisoner to a T, as the saying goes, but despite this identification Wagner protested his innocence with tears of indignation, said he was not the man, had done nothing wrong and had never been in Cleveland or Louisville.

Nothing has happened in the lying line on this planet to compare with this modest looking young German since the days of Annanais and Baron Munchausen. I believe he could lie a train of freight cars off the track.

Detective DeCelle of Cleveland, the same officer from whom he made his escape in Louisville, arrived with requisition papers properly signed by Gov. Black on Monday, and wore a happy smile. "This is certainly the man," he said, "and we are greatly obliged to you for your assistance in securing him as well as that stamp paper the ERA, from whose accurate description you gathered your first suspicions."

"I shall handcuff him to my own wrists to-night as I would not show up in Cleveland without him for a fortune."

A party giving his name in court as Chas Pierson said also he was from Philadelphia, being a clerk and stamp collector and had been stopping a week at a New York hotel, is also in the toils of the law and was remanded in default of \$500 bail at the Central Police Court on July 1st, on charge of obtaining money under false pretenses in selling U. S. Carriers which were forgeries, to N Dieschbourg, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and J. W. Scott.

Your hapless correspondent was also "done" for a V by this gent, but embraced a favorable opportunity to engage the prisoner in conversation in preference to making a charge, while waiting before the bar of justice for the committment papers to be made out. Pierson does not seem to know any philatelicists in Philadelphia, and having told the Judge he was born in Connecticut. I asked him in what town, as I was born in the Nutmeg state myself, when he replied, New Bedford. He claimed he bought the Carriers (which were on envelopes with genuine 3c 1851 issue) of a party unknown to him in Philadelphia who said he got them of a janitor.

The whole story looks fishy. N. Dieschbourg and Walter Scott practically made the arrest holding the prisoner until handed over to a policeman by main force. The correct name of the prisoner appears to be Frank Pearson

The Newspaper stamps in the celebrated Periodical case have not yet been returned. Just what the hitch is I cannot say, unless it is because about 99½% of same belong to my unfortunate self, having been placed in the hands of the Walter Scott Co. for sale just before the unwarranted seizure.

As a result of the decision of this case the use of Periodical stamps went out of

use entirely in the U. S. the first day of July.

If the Omaha *Imposition* series had only been retired the day before issued I could die happy. They have fell flat here, collectors having the Columbian lesson well in mind yet, as well as some high values to sell at 10% discount from face.

Look out for Dr. Harter's re black on faked pink paper. Your unlucky correspondent is stuck with three which came from Tiffin, Ohio, but I will mention no names yet as the party may have sent same in good faith and has not yet had time to make same right.

PHILATELIC RAMBLER.

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Gone to the War.

Will resume business when we have licked Spain.

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BIG PROFITS TO THE AGENT. [17]

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Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

*** POSTAGE + STAMPS. ***

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February list just issued, cheapest in the world.
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OMAHAS!

We are still buying these stamps and allowing the very best prices. Send what you have now before they drop.

Settlements prompt. Small lots acceptable.

J. M. Bartels & Co.,

Washington, D. C.

◀ DIRECTORY. ▶

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [19]

W. K. MIX, U. S. Postage & Revenues—Wholesale and Retail. 63 John Street, Bridgeport, Conn. [20]

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, July 5th.

Wolsieffer's XIV. sale on the evening of June 25th brought out only a small crowd on account of the excessive heat.

Fair prices were realized but as there were no varieties or high-priced lots in the sale, the total hardly reached the average.

The following lots fetched over \$5 each or over catalogue:

- \$25 Mortgage, unperf., fine, \$9.80
- Executive 10c, very fair, 5.65
- Justice 90c, slightly torn not centered, 15.05
- Cape of Good Hope 1d, No. 3, square unused pair (cat. \$3.00) 3.05
- Cape of Good Hope 4d, No. 6, square unused pair, 6.10
- Navy 24c, unused, very fine block of 4, 10.90
- Philippine, fine unused block of 5c No. 21, (cat. \$10.00) 10.05
- Argentine Republic 1864 15c unused, good copy, 6.10
- Canada 1859 5c "Variety," unused, no gum, slightly torn, 6.45
- Barbados 1873 5sh. 7.05
- Canada 1858 6d, No. 19, one perf. gone. 6.90
- New Brunswick 1851 6d, lightly cancelled but poor margins, 9.90
- Trinidad 1859 6d, poor margins, 5.30

His sale for this month has a fine lot of entire envelopes, Western franks and rarities on the cover.

At last we have a surcharged postage stamp, in the current issue one and two cents with "I. R." for use as revenues.

It was at first stated through the daily press that the 1 cent blue was to be so treated, but the green stamp has made its appearance in this shape just the same.

The "documentary" (new word) and proprietary set are certainly very pleasing stamps both in colors and design, the latter being especially significant with the battleship (the Maine?) in the centre.

The proprietors should be easy to collect even in sheets of 200, especially the 1/4 cent value at twenty-five cents a sheet. The great complaint so far has been their scarcity, as there have been calls at the Sub-Treasury here for many times more than the \$200,000 worth at first received, but I suppose now they are coming in in larger quantities, for on the authority of the daily papers the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is turning out something over 21,000,000 stamps a day working the entire 24 hours and using a force of over 1700 hands.

One dealer complains that the Omaha issue instead of making business better is hurting it for collectors not heeding the lesson of the Columbians are buying the new ones for investment (?). A certain collector came into this dealer's shop with a whole sheet of the two dollar value remarking: "These beat Government Bonds" and was answered by the dealer, "And in a couple of years you'll be bringing them in and asking me to discount them 25%," and I believe that's about the size of it, too.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

D. P. A. Convention.

HAMILTON, ONT., July 2, 1898.

Third annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was called to order at 11 p. m. by F. M. Robinson, president of the Hamilton Stamp Club.

C. Bailey of Chicago, Ill., was unanimously elected chairman.

The reading of the President's message was followed by a reply by F. M. Robinson.

I. E. Patterson of Detroit, Mich., was reinstated.

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m. A short intermission was made for taking of a group photo.

A design for an emblem was submitted but voted down as it was not thought to be a suitable design. A committee was appointed to receive designs and decide on one.

A new department—Advertising and Subscription Agent—was added to list of officers.

The report of the Constitution Committee was accepted with a few slight changes. A hearty vote of thanks was given the committee for their untiring zeal in preparing the constitution.

On motion of W. A. Lydiatt and W. A. Starnaman a resolution in favor of J. R. Hooper now in Kingston penitentiary, was passed.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

- President—A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, N. S. (acclamation).
- Vice President—C. S. Applegath (60 votes), Hamilton, Ont.
- Vice President (U. S.)—C. Bailey, Chicago, Ill.

Secretary-Treasurer—G. W. Starnaman (51 votes), Berlin, Ont.

Counterfeit Detector—F. J. Garraty, Richmond, Quebec.

Exchange Superintendent—E. L. Shove (53 votes), Unionville, N. Y.

Auction Manager—N. Matches, Hamilton, Ont. (acc.)

Attorney—J. A. Wainwright, Northampton, Mass. (acc.)

Librarian—F. I. Weaver (55 votes), Berlin, Ont.

Trustees—R. S. Mason (56 votes), Hamilton, Ont.; G. W. Hicks (55 votes), Mitchell, Ont.; E. A. Marris (50 votes), Hamilton, Ont.

Convention Seat '99—Toronto, 65 votes; Halifax had 11 votes.

Official Organ—*Philatelic Advocate* (55 votes), Berlin, Ont.

The total number of votes cast was 78.

There were about 40 present. An auction sale was held in the evening, but prices realized were very low.

Second day was taken up by reports of officers and various excursions.

STARNAMAN.

Selling Out to Quit!

Having decided to give up the stamp business I am now selling my whole stock of U. S. stamps at 1/4th of Scott's 58th catalogue prices for any. Send 50 cents to \$10.00. Will send you 7 times catalogue value in U. S. stamps and no duplicates in any lot. (No want lists filled.) My stock of foreign at 1/6th cat. and no duplicates. Sums from 25c to \$3.00. Order at once. Address.

L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas,
OFFERS FOR CASH,

Postage Extra:

- Japan 1871 100 blue..... 50 cts.
- " 1873 2 yellow, laid p..... 20 "
- " 1874 2 yellow..... 9 "
- " 1875 1/2 slate..... 22 "
- " " 6 orange..... 15 "
- " " a yellow..... 8 "
- " 1876 5r pearl, perf. 11..... 7 "
- " " 1 black, perf. 12 1/2..... 50 "
- " " 2 olive..... 50 "
- " 1879 1 maroon, "..... 18 "
- " " 2 purple..... 18 "
- Luxemburg 1852 10 gray black..... 15 "
- " 1855 1 yellow..... 22 "
- " " 1 brown, roull..... 12 "
- " " 20 brown, roull..... 8 "

Thousands of other good stamps in my approval books. Send for one! [if]

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

are about to be annexed to the United States, and collectors will do well to govern themselves accordingly. I have the following as well as a great many others. Send me yr want list.

- No. 53, unused..... 15c
- " 54, "..... 12c
- " 55, "..... 3c
- " 57, "..... 4c
- " 59, "..... 18c
- " 62, "..... 20c
- " 66, "..... 10c
- " 68, "..... 15c
- " 71, "..... 30c
- " 74, "..... 3c
- " 75, "..... 3c

Will take current issue U. S. in exchange, or for part payment for any stamps I may have in stock. Write for terms. [if]

D. T. EATON,
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

\$200.00 Per Day

Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face 50c to \$1.00 10% " " " \$2 " " 15% " " "

We are buying these stamps to use for postage and can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly on the day of receipt. [if]

P. H. WESSOTH & CO.,
651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Wholesale 1898 List.

Our Wholesale Price List for 1898 now ready. Every dealer should have it.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,

Wholesale Dealers in Postage Stamps,
J. H. LYONS, Manager, [if]
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Plate Nos.
OMAHA PLATES
And I. R. Plates. 1c and 2c, have all Nos. in stock. Prices the lowest.
1888, 1890, 1893, 1894, 1896 and 1898 Plates in stock.
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- St. Vincent Wrappers, 1/2d and 1d unused, entire... 5c
- Sweden, 1891, 1, 2, 3 and 4, unused..... 8c
- U. S. 1861, 10c used..... 8c
- " " yellow green and dark green..... 25c
- " " 100 varieties, used, post free..... 75c
- Packet of 50 varieties, foreign, post free..... 5c
- " 130 "..... 22c

Also 50% approval books—the kind you like. The canary colored STAMPMAN is a caution to snakes. Free!

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Philatelic Advocate, Box C104, Berlin, Ont.
Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

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WHOLE No. 270.

The Latest Stamp News.

AN 1898 U. S. PROVISIONAL
VARIETY.

TAUNTON, MASS., June 12, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: On a check received this morning from San Francisco, Cal., I noticed a variety of the 1c surcharged revenue. The difference is in the style of type used to surcharge the stamp. The letters

I. R.

(which is the ordinary style) appear on these two stamps as follows:

I. R.

The letters are $6\frac{1}{2}$ millimeters high and cover a space 14 millimeters wide. On the 1st type the letters are $8\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high and cover a space $15\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wide. The letters used are capitals, and without "ornaments" of any kind, and the periods are rectangular. Red ink is used, as on the first type.

I do not know whether the 2c value has this surcharge or not, but I hope not, for it seems entirely unnecessary to me.

Yours truly,

HOWARD H. ELLIOTT.

NEW REVENUE PLATE NUMBERS.

Mr. M. C. Berlepsch sends us the following list of Plate Numbers of the new Revenue stamps which he has been able to obtain:

PROPRIETARY ISSUE.

$\frac{1}{4}$ c: 7960, 7963, 7972, 7876.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c: 7957, 7968, 7979, 7982.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c: 7964, 7969, 7974, 7978, 8002, 8006.
1c: 7926, 7928, 7938, 7939.
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ c: 8019.
2c: 7945, 7950, 7952, 7856.
4c: 7944, 7949, 7953, 7959.
5c: 8014.

DOCUMENTARY ISSUE.

2c: 7946, 7948, 7954, 7958.
3c: 8003.
4c: 7967.
5c: 7965.
10c: 7987.
25c: 7993.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, July 12th.

Interest is centered upon the new revenue issue. Plate numbers of the surcharged ones are in good demand and the supply is very short. To the list of surcharged sheets given last week the following can be added today:

1c green: No. 540.

2c rose: Nos. 475, 501, 505, 506, 509, 522, 523, 524.

The list of 1c now numbers 17 plates and is in all probability complete. Very few of the 2c are likely to be missing. Between 501 and 563 all are known to have been surcharged except 525 which probably also exists. Nos. 484 to 500 have not yet been seen. We notice with surprise that New York and Boston list No. 447 as being surcharged. This plate was supposed to be a 3c and was always listed as such. Is there not some mistake here?

There will probably be a difference in scarcity in many positions as well as numbers from the fact that they were no doubt used in very uneven proportions.

We are glad to notice that a new plate number album is in course of preparation by Mr. J. W. Scott. No doubt this will include the Omaha series as well as the surcharged revenues.

There have been no 2c Omahas in this city for the last ten days. Their use is limited and the total issue will doubtless be very much smaller than that of the Columbian series.

The 6c, \$3, \$4 and \$5 Columbians are still on sale at this office.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

THE SEALS ENTITLED TO SPACE.

GREATER NEW YORK, July 11, 1898.
W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: In the past few issues of

the ERA, I have read with interest the controversy regarding Officially Sealed stamps. I have, after due consideration, come to the conclusion that such stamps have as much place in a catalogue as *Special Delivery stamps*. These latter stamps are, in one sense of word, simply receipts, or a fee, paid for a special messenger to deliver a letter bearing such a stamp and the regular postage stamp immediately. They cannot be strictly termed legitimate *postage stamps*. There are numerous other stamps catalogued in Scott's 58th Catalogue, which are not *postage stamps*, for instance, for what purpose are Periodical and Revenue stamps issued for? Surely not for postage requirements. Let's have the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s opinion.

Yours respectfully,

WM. A. McDONNELL.

A REPLY TO MR. ROTHFUCHS.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 12, 1898.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA:

Mr. Rothfuchs' reply to my letter in a previous number has come to my notice in this week's ERA. If a little more space be allowed me I can perhaps make clearer my views on the Officially Sealed stamps.

Mr. Rothfuchs has met my enquiry "Are they postage stamps?" with a frank admission that they are not. After this acknowledgment there can be but little argument between Mr. Rothfuchs and myself. The whole matter of discussion is simplified to the extent that it becomes a question whether a non-postage stamp be admitted into postage stamp catalogues and albums. If the collection of postage stamps is to be a science as many consider it, it is easy to see that at least the first principles of consistency and logic must be introduced. If such principles are to be considered, so far as *postage stamp publications* are concerned the doom of the Officially Sealed stamps is sealed and quite officially too after Mr. Rothfuchs' frank admission. Are we to continue to look for new editions of the Standard *Postage Stamp Catalogue* or is it to be the Standard *Stamp Catalogue* or shall we take the illogical middle ground and have the Standard *Postage-With-Some-Exceptions-Stamp Catalogue*?

Mr. Rothfuchs' definition "postage stamps are stamps issued to frank letters," is obviously too narrow. A single illustration will suffice to prove it. Following his definition a stamp used to carry a package of merchandise through the mails would

not be a postage stamp; only stamps used on letters would be postage stamps. A more comprehensive definition might be: a postage stamp is a token of payment, issued by or recognized by government, for the carriage of mailable matter through the mails. The line of argument by which Mr. Rothfuchs removes Postage Due stamps from the pale of postage stamps will apply with equal force to the U. S. Newspaper and Periodical stamps on each of which the government has seen fit to have engraved the words "U. S. Postage." He says: "Postage Due stamps are not postage stamps, but stamps issued and used by the Post Office Department to inform the receiver of a letter how much there is to be collected on it." In like manner Periodical stamps have been placed on vouchers as a token that so much postage is due and has been collected from publishers.

But if on the grounds of consistency, the presence of Telegraph, unofficial Locals and Revenue stamps in our postage stamp publications be attacked, it can at least be said that they are not there sailing under false colors. In both catalogue and albums they are separated from the regular government issues of postage stamps. How different the plan of Mr. Rothfuchs for the treatment of the Officially Sealed stamps! Let his own words he used (the italics are mine): "their use is of importance enough that spaces should be allowed for their reception on the pages of the stamps issued for the Post Office Department which includes the *Post Office Department* stamps, Unpaid Letter stamps and Registration and Post Office Seal stamps." This is the feature of Mr. Rothfuchs' plan which shows its inconsistency on its face. He would include confessedly non-postage stamps on the same page with postage stamps. But perhaps I do him an injustice,—he may consider the Post Office Department stamps non-postage stamps.

Mr. Rothfuchs' statement that *if* he should change his mind and should consider his proteges of no importance, he would refund the price paid him for them really has no bearing on the case. It is but what any other dealer worthy the name would do in case he was at fault.

To sum up, friend Rothfuchs admits that the Officially Sealed labels are not postage stamps yet wishes them provided for on the same page with regular Post Office Department postage stamps. Is this consistency?

In conclusion permit me to thank Mr. Rothfuchs for the courteous and gentlemanly manner in which he has answered my communication. I am not given to newspaper discussion, but his frank request for an expression of opinion on the subject caused me to express my convictions which are, I trust, as sincere and honest as his own.

Very truly,

F. G. SWEET.

THOSE TAHITI SURCHARGES.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1, 1898.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Editor of WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: In the June 4th number of the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, you published a letter from Mr. William Herrick, purporting to correct a statement that there are four different types of surcharge of each of the 5c on 20 green and 10c on 20 green of the 1884 provisional issue of Tahiti.

In answer I will state that two different types of the surcharge Tahiti 5c are both illustrated in Stanley Gibbons, Moens, Maury, Delzenne and Fremy's catalogues, a third one in Scott's and a fourth in Senf's. Strange as it may seem only one illustration of the 10c on 20 surcharge was ever published and this is in Scott's catalogue.

The varieties in the surcharges merely consist in slight differences in the cutting of the figures and of the letter C; evidencing that the surcharges were delineated on the wood, before the cutting was made.

The position of the four surcharging stamps on the blocks appears to have been two straight and two inverted, so cut as to surcharge *vertically* the 5c on 20 green and *horizontally* the 10c on 20; as *horizontal* surcharges of the 5c on 20 and *vertical* ones of the 10c on 20 came out later on, very likely after the original blocks of four had been divided.

The quantities given by Mr. Wm. Herrick are wrong by a thousand for the 5c on 20 green and the 25c on 1 franc bronze; the numbers originally surcharged were 900 of 20 centimes surcharged 5c, 400 of 20 centimes surcharged 10c, 850 of 1 franc surcharged 25c, but these stamps have been in use for over a year and while waiting for the supply of regular postage stamps from the metropolis, several additional surchargings were made at different dates to meet the requirements of the postal service thus explaining some minor varieties which could not be accounted for by the spreading of the ink on the working of the wood-cut under tropical climatic changes.

Trusting this additional information may prove of interest, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
GEO. CARION.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Positively cash with notice. All notices must be for *exchange* and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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I have the following First Issue Revenues (perf.), \$1.00 Mortgage, \$1.00 P. of W., 2c Play, Cards orange and 4c Third Issue, for stamps not in my collection (U. S. or Revenues). John Wilson, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Exchange wanted. Will exchange Match, Medicine, Playing Card, rare Revenue and U. S. postage unused and used, for unused Hawaiian and current British Colonial stamps. Write me what you have. George H. Blake, 12 Highland Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

25 good stamp papers for five "Boston Stamp Books" or "A. J. of P." Good exchange given in stamp papers for magazines such as Munsey's, McClures &c. What have you? 25 stamp papers for each of following: "Quaker C. P." No. 43, 55, 57, 60; "Stamp" (Denver) Vol. I. Nos. 1, 7, Vol. III. No. 10. C. H. Watts, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [73]

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Set Col. 1c to 5¢, unused, fine, very cheap. Also old U. S. Evs., unused, entire, and Col. Env. (sets) unused, cheap. M. Rosenzweig, 78 Hague St., Jersey City, N. J. [70]

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The Exchange Department will be run all during the Summer.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

SPECIAL TO MEMBERS.

Members expecting to attend the Thirteenth Annual Convention in New York next month are invited to send their names to the ERA that they may be added to the following list of those

INTENDING TO ATTEND.

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Want also used Omahas at highest prices in any quantity.

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
Convenes in New York City on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 16th, 1898.

Petition for Membership.

DUHAMEL, JAMES F., Room N, St. Paul Building, 220 Broadway, New York; occupation, Draftsman and Mechanical Expert; age, 39. References: T. Russell Hungerford, Wm. A. Johnson.

The following communication received from the Board of Vice-Presidents explains itself:

BOSTON, MASS., July 9, 1898.

WM. N. HOWE,
Box 1058, Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Mr. G. D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo., having notified the Board of Vice-Presidents by telegram and letter of the settlement of the claims of E. Georgieff and S. M. Wood, the votes regarding those claims passed by the Vice-Presidents on June 23, 1898, are rescinded and declared null and void.

Yours truly,

JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
Secretary.

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

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WHOLESALE DEALER IN

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February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [11

MONTHLY STATEMENT, JULY 1, 1898.

Stock Fund.

Bal. on hand June 1, '98, \$1507.00
Received during month, 1.00
\$1508.00

Entertainment Fund.

Balance on hand June 1, 1898, 125.89

General Fund.

Bal. on hand June 1, '98, \$269.66
Dues for June, 1.50
271.16
\$1905.05

Disbursements.

Pd. W. W. Jewett on order, \$6.44
Cash on hand July 1, '98, 1898.61
\$1905.05

H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

WINONA, MINN., July 8, 1898.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, July 9th, 1898.
1,122 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of July 2nd, valued at \$38,587.14
6 books received since July 2nd, valued at \$163.42
\$38,750.56
24 books retired since July 2nd, valued at 722.06
Total number of books in circulation 1,104 valued at \$38,028.50

the inclusion of these stamps in the 1899 album and their "argument" in full is reprinted from the last number of their *American Journal of Philately* by us this week.

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In line with the above we cannot neglect taking advantage of the opportunity of putting ourselves on record as opposed to the inappropriate title of the Scott's catalogue and album, and as favoring the naming of these publications as "Standard Stamp Catalogue" and "International Stamp Album."

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The date of the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association is rapidly drawing nearer, and if you are a member of America's representative stamp-association you should make a strenuous endeavor to attend, as New York has an abundance of collectors, dealers and societies and will give attending members a royal welcome and entertainment. If YOU intend to go we would like to receive a postal to that effect that your name may be published and members can then learn whom they are likely to meet at the convention.

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1/4c.....	\$0.10	\$0.08
1/2c.....	.18	.15
3/4c.....	.20	.17
1c.....	.25	.20
1 1/2c.....	.22	.22
2c.....	.35	.25
2 1/2c.....	.40	.30
4c.....	.50	.35
5c.....	.75	.50
	.90	.60

M. C. BERLEPSCH,

Room 1, 2 W. 14th St., NEW YORK.

JULY 30TH.

July 30th Is The Date

for my next Auction Sale of Rarities on the Cover, Entire Envelopes, Western Franks, etc., etc. It's free.

You want to see a specimen page of my Blank Album for those new Revenues etc. and on receipt of 2c stamp I'll send it.

Selected sets of "Omahas" in an Approval Card, registered, \$4.35.

Stamps from stock "on approval" at 50% to responsible parties.

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JULY 30TH.

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Netherlands 1867 50c gold.....	\$0.25
" 1888 1 gulden lilac.....	.13
" 1896 50 green and brown.....	.18
" 1 gulden brown and olive.....	.25
Jamaica 1890 2 1/4 on 4 pence.....	.18
Brazil 1897, 10 to 500 reis, unused, catalog 66c.....	.25
Blocks of 4 at the same rate.	
U. S. 1895 \$1.00 black, watermarked.....	.30
50c orange ".....	.08
Yes, we send stamps on approval if you send us reference.	[17]

Chesapeake Stamp Co.,

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's.... Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, July 12th.

Already the Chicago P. O. stock of some of the Omaha stamps has been exhausted, but there will doubtless be plenty more of them in a few days. I understand the following values are sold out: One, two, five and fifty cents. There are no plate numbers of the higher values to be obtained here at present, as the few sheets that are broken have been despoiled of their margins and no more sheets will be broken into until these are sold out.

The following have been among the recent visitors: Mr. Homer McCray of Kendallville, Ind.; Mr. W. F. E. Gurley of Danville, Ills., and Mr. E. C. Althen of Elgin, Ills.

The donations of stamps from members of the Chicago Society to the Library Fund amounted to over \$88. About \$27 worth of the best were held out and will be sold at Wolsieffer's next sale. The balance were offered at auction at the last meeting. Over \$12 was realized. It is proposed to have these sales monthly until the library is on a good footing. Anything is acceptable that will sell for a quarter or over. Out-of-town members are requested to send in their donations to Secretary Doneyson. Make the lots catalogue about a dollar so that they will readily sell for twenty-five or thirty cents each.

The provisional revenue stamps ought to make a prettv showing when they get through with their surcharging. Using the Periodicals for this purpose is a good

COUGH UP

Vesuvius, and expectorate a few more earthquakes into Santiago, and what is left of the rest of our friends the enemy, will soon howl "enough."

50c is the "coughing up" price of "STAMP HUNTING." It boasts of no literary merit. It is written as we would talk to you, and that is all we can say of it.

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25c Bond.....	"	.10
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" 6 brown.....	12 "
" 12 green.....	5 "
" 25 blue, perf.....	7 "
" 1872 12 blue.....	5 "
" 25 red.....	6 "
" 1874 5 brown, wove paper.....	7 "
" 5 " thin.....	7 "
" 10 black, wove.....	4 "
" 50 green, laid.....	10 "
" 10 orange, thin.....	5 "
" 1879 1 brown.....	4 "
" 2 violet.....	9 "

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" 1884, 1/2p green, unused.....	1 1/2c
Cyprus, 1832, 1pi rose, used.....	6c
" 1886, 1/2pi, used.....	4c
New Brunswick, 10c, unused.....	15c
Da Gama issue, Portugal and Colonies, 20 varieties, unused.....	35c

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D. W. OSGOOD, Box 502, Pueblo, Colo.

idea, since the Department has discontinued the use of them in the regular way and the full set when so treated ought to loom up beautifully in an album when flanked by a couple of the one-cent green and two-cent carmine "I. R."

The catalogue for Wolsieffer's July 30th sale is out and contains many interesting lots in the way of Western Franks on U. S. and Mexican envelopes, U. S. entires, U. S. and Foreign on original covers, and other things equally fine. It is to be his last sale this season.

I wonder if Detective DeCelle got safely back to "de cell" (I beg pardon) with our "Wooly" friend (there it goes again)?

Tahiti Counterfeits.

(A paper read before the Pacific Philatelic Society by W. Sellschopp.)

From the very beginning the stamps of Tahiti have had a special attraction for the San Francisco collectors, even for those who did not have the least liking for the manifold other issues of the French colonies. This is only natural. What little bands connect that far away group of islands with the outer world go nearly all through the metropolis of the Pacific, and by far the larger part of the mail, which arrives once a month by one of the little trading vessels, City of Papete, Tropic Bird and Galilee, either stays right here or passes through San Francisco.

In the early eighties when those four old rare surcharges made their appearance San Francisco had already its quota of keen and experienced philatelists who appreciated these stamps and have kept and treasured them ever since. But philately in general and prices in special had not yet reached their high standing, and what was left after the leading lights had taken their pick was scattered at small prices all over the world, in no place staying together in quantities. Today a lucky finder may pick up once in a great while one of these rare stamps in an unpretentious boy's collection of fifteen years ago or something of that kind, but it is generally of little use to write to dealers about them, they are not in stock, except with one dealer, philatelic expert, member, even officer of various societies, but not of the American Philatelic Association. He has plenty of them to supply the market. The only trouble is, his Tahiti's are of a rather different type from the genuine Tahiti that we refer to, in fact we will go one step further—his Tahiti stamps are in our opinion nothing but out and out rank counterfeits. We are glad to notice that our opinion about these stamps is shared by two experts, to whom certain stamps which the dealer in question had sold as genuine were submitted for examination. We have a high enough opinion about the experience and knowledge of this philatelic expert to believe that he fully knows the true nature of the stamps which he sells. But such knowledge did not in the least prevent him to sell these stamps to the very people, who, by their indorsement in another French colonial matter had shown him such an amount of undeserved kindness.

Our little discovery came about this way: One day a friend of ours showed us a sheet with French colonial stamps left with him by —. We do not claim to be experts in the surcharged issues of St. Pierre et Miquelon etc. represented on this sheet. Perhaps they were genuine although we have no special reason to believe so, but the Tahiti we had handled before, in fact we had just one of the 5 on 20 in stock and that was entirely different from the copy on the sheet. This was interesting. We

had every reason to believe our used copy genuine, but we wanted further material for our investigation and our friends Messrs. Wm. Loy, W. A. Cooper and H. C. Mangles, whom we thank herewith, were kind enough to furnish such material in the shape of the genuine stamps from their collections. We also put this matter before another prominent collector in this city and from him were invited to look over his collection as he had bought quite a few French colonial stamps from the same dealer. In his collection we found the best material for our little study, a whole nest full of Tahiti provisionals, surcharge inverted, to the right and to the left, a finer variety than any of the old-time collectors could show, who depended for these stamps on the few business houses trading with Papete, but lo! and beware, all of that peculiar type so distinctly different from the old genuine ones.

The investigation in this matter, in order to be thorough, took quite a little time, and as we made no secret about our intentions, it is probable that all parties interested knew the results of our work would appear in print. In this connection one cannot help but notice an article touching this field in the WEEKLY ERA of May 21st. In that article the philatelic public is warned against counterfeits of Tahiti stamps coming from various points of the globe but not further west than St. Louis. The article also tries to make us believe that there are different types of the genuine surcharges. The new theory, however, is not shared by the authorities. All the old Tahiti surcharges represented at present in San Francisco collections and absolutely known to be genuine are of only one type for each value.

The catalogue for advanced collectors describes very minutely only one type, and Mr. Wm. Herrick, a well known authority on French colonials, answers in one of the following numbers of the ERA most ably the above mentioned article, "which contains a mis-statement I would like to correct." *Was such a mis-statement in the first place made for lack of better knowledge or for some other reason?* The answer to this question we leave to our readers. Mr. Herrick flatly denies the existence of any different types on the 1884 issue, of which only the following small quantities were printed 1900 5 on 20, 400 10 on 20 and 1850 25c on 1fr and concludes his article with the following very timely remark: "Should collectors believe in the existence of four types, they would be in danger of accepting as genuine some of the numerous counterfeits that flood the market. They should remember that there is only one type for each value and as the stamps are rare examine very critically those offered them."

Some of the stamps sold by the party referred to, in all 8 Tahiti and 5 Obock, besides 1 Obock 15c blue that the publishers of this paper had sold, were sent to our

friend Mr. John N. Luff for examination. Here is what Mr. Luff has to say about them:

I am returning with this the Tahiti and Obock stamps sent me for examination. I have carefully examined those you sent and a number of other copies, and I have no hesitation in pronouncing the Obock surcharges, with the exception of the 15c blue, forgeries. As you have remarked, the color of the ink is altogether wrong and also the shape of many of the letters. You will note that the first "a" is much too pointed. The second has a break in the top. The "c" is quite out of shape, and the "k" is the worst imitation of the lot. The diagonal lines meet the vertical too high up and the right lower leg is broken.

In the Tahiti I find many differences in the 25 on 35c. The flag of the "s" extends too high up, the "c" is too large and placed too high, the bars are too far apart, and the lower one does not bend down at the right as is the case in all genuine copies that I have seen. The ink also is quite incorrect.

It is much more difficult to express an opinion about the 5c and 10c on 20c. I do not like the looks of them, but I prefer not to commit myself at present. I am taking the liberty of sending your stamps to Mr. Wm. Herrick and shall ask him to send you his opinion. I do not think there is a better authority on stamps of the French Colonies than he is, and I should accept without any hesitation whatever he says. I do not place the slightest value on the statement that there were several types of each of these surcharges. Had there been we would, no doubt, have known it many years ago, and all the undoubted copies would not have been of one type, and the newly discovered ones all in the hands of one dealer, whose reputation for enterprises in this line is notorious. There would have been no occasion to make four or five varieties of hand-stamp for a limited provisional issue.

You are entirely at liberty to make any use of this statement as you may see fit.

Yours truly,

JOHN N. LUFF.

Mr. Herrick has the following remarks to make:

DEAR SIR: My friend Mr. Luff sent for my examination the enclosed Tahiti and Obock stamps which you had sent to him. I did not have to examine them very closely or take measurements to decide that they were counterfeits. The three 5 on 20 Tahitis are forgeries, the "c" is too high, too oval and too much closed. The four 10 on 20 are also counterfeits; the cipher of 10 is too thin and not round enough; the "c" is also not round enough.

The Obock surcharges are all forgeries with the exception of the 15c postage. I have a number of Obock stamps and on some the surcharge is more or less blurred, but none of them have the peculiar lower oblique stroke of the "k" which you find on all of the submitted stamps; besides this the ink of the surcharge on the 10, 30 and 60 ones would be enough to condemn them.

Very truly yours,

WM. HERRICK.

After the minute description of the counterfeits by the two gentlemen it is not necessary to add our own remarks about distinctions between genuine and counterfeits, especially not when we can refer our readers to the cut which we present herewith.

We hope that the labor and expense that we have taken to reach the results herewith presented to the society and to the

philatelic brotherhood in general will be of some use as well as interest to our fellow philatelists, and if they are sufficient to save collectors from being deceived by a swindler we shall feel well repaid for the outlay. We had intended to publish names in full but our lawyer informed us that in a libel suit that might probably follow such action on the "vindication theory" the party in question would have nothing to lose and only to gain, while it would be easy for us to prove the true character of the stamps to philatelists, it might not be so easy to do so to an every day jury, ignorant of the importance of keeping counterfeit stamps out of the market, and at the best the defense would cost us a considerable outlay. We therefore abstain from doing so, and are willing to examine free of charge any Tahiti surcharges of 1882 and 1884 sent to us.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

Speculative Issues and the 1899 International Album.

We have actively begun work on the preparation of the 1899 edition of the International Album, and, in order to make it conform in its general lines to the wishes of the majority of collectors, we have tried to inform ourselves as to what would be most welcome to this majority. In pursuing this purpose we addressed circular letters to all the well-known dealers in the United States, in the belief that they would be well-informed as to the sentiment of the trade in general. As a result, we have determined to publish the new edition on the general lines followed in the complete album popularly known as the 1896 edition, thus eschewing the new features which were introduced in the 1897 edition. The sentiment expressed to us was almost unanimous in favor of a return to the old methods and against the elimination of varieties of watermark, etc.

The other problem requiring a solution was the method of treatment that should be adopted for the Speculative Issues which we have religiously excluded from our catalogues and albums for the past three years. We ourselves have noticed for some time that a considerable demand was apparent among even the best class of collectors for such issues as the San Antonio of Portugal, the Jubilee issues of Peru and Ecuador, and others included in the supplementary list contained in the back of our catalogue. As we had never purchased any of the stamps to which we refused our recognition, we were compelled to decline many orders which were sent to us by our customers, and in view of the publication of the new album, it became necessary for us to determine our policy for the future. Again we consulted with those dealers who had previously responded to our circular in regard to the new album, and almost without exception have they favored the inclusion

of all the Speculative Issues. We publish herewith extracts from some of the letters, which will show the character of the opinions expressed to us:

"In reply to yours of May 14, would say that in our opinion it would be well to leave out issues that were put on sale and were only used for a few days. We should not, however, leave out such issues as the Greek Olympic games, Canada and Newfoundland Jubilees, or stamps of that nature."

"Your circular letter of May 14 received. My opinion is that it is not in the province of the compiler of an Album to say what a collector shall or shall not collect; therefore space should be provided for the so-called unnecessary issues. There is no class of stamps that I have had any more call for in the last six months than these same stamps. Among my customers, some of the oldest, best-informed and conservative collectors in the country collect them, and ridicule the idea of any one trying to taboo them. Neither they nor I advocate the issuing of such stamps, but when issued they must be accepted."

"As a collector of stamps I collect all stamps which were issued and have been properly used to frank letters, etc., whether speculative or not, and for that reason I would be in favor of allowing spaces for same in your albums."

"By all means give us spaces for the Speculative Stamps."

"We are in receipt of your circular letter of May 14 in regard to the new 1899 album; in answer to your request for an expression of opinion from us, as to the insertion of speculative issues in the album, we can only state that our standpoint on the matter of speculative stamps has always been to leave this entirely to the individual collector. Our experience has been that the majority of collectors want every stamp issued by a legitimate government, and hence we conclude that they also desire spaces for them in their albums."

"Replying to your letter of the 14th inst., I think it desirable to include in your forthcoming album "speculative issues," for the reason that in my experience, collectors will buy just the stamps they fancy without regard to what any committee decides is or is not collectable."

"Regarding your question as to "Speculative Issues," my ideas of consistency again come into play, and if in compiling an album I included John Wanamaker's samples of wall paper decorations, I should also include stamps issued in a similar manner and for a like purpose (tapping the pockets of collectors) whether by Portugal, Ecuador, Peru, or any other country."

It is a pity that such issues have ever been made, but so long as they are as good as they were, or are good for the prepayment of postage. I should include them; and for the same reason I should exclude the Cuba stamp, as I can conceive of no reason why there should be a place in the album for it."

"In reply of your favor of May 16 beg to say that I do not think it would be detrimental to include the so-called speculative issues, in fact I believe that the agitation in the stamp papers has hurt collecting more than the stamps themselves. We have plenty of requests for this class of stamps including the Chinese Locals, and as long as there is an apparent demand for these stamps we do not see why they should not be included in the albums and catalogues. Any one who does not wish to collect them can leave them alone."

"We have talked with a few of our friends and we ourselves have given the matter a

good deal of thought, and were we to publish the album, we think we would include the commemorative issues such as the Japanese Silver Wedding and War Stamps, and the one of South Africa in the body of the book, as these stamps, although commemorative, can hardly be called Speculative. Other popular sets like the U. S. Columbian, the Omaha Exposition and the Canada Jubilee Issue, although strictly speculative, we think we would also include, in this case following more the desire of the multitude than consistency, but for the remainder, such as the Portuguese issues, Uruguay, La Paz, Ecuador, Venezuela, and similar kinds, we think we would leave in the back of the book a few blank pages with the plain heading of various issues, but without the proper spaces for these stamps, thus allowing every collector to choose what he likes best."

"In regard to the answer to your circular letter of May 14, will say we have nothing further to add than the ideas we ventilated in a letter to you on the subject of the 1899 album. That is: The stamp catalogue is and ought to be the text-book for the arrangement and location of all the stamps put into the album, and inasmuch as you catalogue the Speculative, Unnecessary and Fraudulent issues, you should give place and space for them in your world renowned stamp album."

As to whatever term you may designate and draw the line on all unnecessary issues, you can do as you think best according to your suggestions. We out here call a spade a spade, not a dining-fork. And sometimes we are obliged to pass through a barnyard to obtain a view of a bed of roses."

In consequence of this expression of opinion, which is practically unanimous and which represents almost all the dealers of standing in the United States, we have felt constrained to follow the lines indicated, and the '99 edition of the album as well as all future editions of our postage stamp catalogue will have these stamps placed in their proper order under the headings of the countries which issued them. Of course, we shall give no recognition to issues which are fraudulent, but shall confine ourselves to those stamps which were issued by competent authority. We have also adopted a new policy in the treatment of countries whose issues are collected but little, as the numerous pages devoted to them in our albums resulted in a vast number of blank spaces annoying to many of our collectors. We have therefore decided to leave a few blank pages for countries in this category, such as Afghanistan, Native Indians, Madagascar, and some others.

We have no doubt that the conclusion at which we have arrived will be satisfactory to the large majority of collectors in the United States, and to those who insist upon an adherence to principle without regard to practical considerations, we can only say, that the majority must rule, and that we have tried to follow the lead of the majority interested in our hobby.—*American Journal of Philately.*

Gone to the War.

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LIBERTY STAMP CO.,

GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, July 12th.

We have received here all values of the Proprietary stamps, and also the 1c and 2c Documentary stamps, that take the place of the surcharged postage. I have seen the \$5.00 Newspaper stamp surcharged "Int. Rev. \$5 Documentary," in three lines. I have also seen the one dollar revenue stamp. The central figure of the design is an exact copy of the central design of the \$50 Newspaper stamp.

There has been a sheet of the 1c and 2c postage surcharged "I. R." found in Boston with the surcharge inverted. I understand that they have been secured by Mr. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. The 1/2c Proprietary comes in two colors, a light and a very dark blue.

There has been a great demand here during the past week for the maple leaf set of Canada. I hear that all of the large post offices in Canada are out of certain values of this series, and no more can be obtained.

Great minds differ! P. M. Wolsieffer in the *Metropolitan* says: "Proxies for the

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

are about to be annexed to the United States, and collectors will do well to govern themselves accordingly. I have the following as well as a great many others. Send me your want list.

No. 53, unused.....	15c
" 54, "	12c
" 55, "	3c
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Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

American Philatelic Association this year will have to be stamped. Under the new law it will not be legal without the necessary Philatelic emblem." The editor of the ERA says: "As our Association would be classed as literary the tax does not apply." I think that Mr. Wolsieffer is correct.

I have been informed that the Department at Washington claims that no \$10 Newspaper stamps has been surcharged, or will be, for revenue. There is quite a demand for the \$5 surcharged, and I know of only one having been sold in Boston to the stamp fraternity, and that has changed hands several times during the past week. I have been told that a very small amount of them were received at the sub-treasury here, and that all but six of them were bought by a large banking firm. One of our prominent dealers purchased one, and later on he went back to the office to buy the rest, but found the office closed. Meeting one of the clerks, he was told that the clerk would secure them for him, and give them to him in the morning. When morning came, they had folded their tents like the Arabs, and as silently stole away. The question is, did the clerk buy them for a private speculation? The dealer says: "And a feeling of sadness comes o'er me That my soul cannot resist, A feeling of sadness and longing." For those \$5 stamps.

There has been more or less fault-finding with the Standard Catalogue's prices of a good many stamps, but I have seen no mention made that a great many stamps are not priced high enough. There are a great many stamps in the 58th Catalogue that are priced at from 2 cents to \$1.00, and they cannot be obtained of any dealer in this country or in Europe at full catalogue prices. I know this from actual experience, for I have written and seen letters in the world for certain of these stamps. In some cases they could not be supplied; in other cases they could be obtained at from five to six times the catalogue value. Now, it does not make any difference what the price of a stamp is, whether it is a few cents or several dollars, but is the stamp worth the price? If a stamp is catalogued at 3 cents, and it can not be obtained of any of the dealers, it surely must be worth considerably more than the catalogue price, when one is found.

I often wonder, when I read and hear what some of the collectors say in a fault-finding way, in regard to Seebeck stamps, if they know that some of the early Dominican stamps were also Seebecks, and that the remainders, or whatever you choose to call them, were well scattered all over the world, in exchange for other stamps.

S. E. L.

F. S. COOK,
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Headquarters for [11n]
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C. F. Rothfuchs,
66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

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651 Marquette Building.
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F. J. LEFVER, Librarian.

The 277th regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8 P. M. July 7, 1898.

The following members were present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Lefever, Schliekert, Massoth, Severn, Michael, Wolsieffer, Pierce, Nelson, Caird, Spierling, Leeman, and Doncyson. The minutes of the two previous meetings were approved as read. Communications from G. W. Loomis presenting his resignation was read and referred to Governing Board.

The following members were expelled for non-payment of dues as per recommendations of Treasurer at meeting held May 19th, 1898: A. E. Fritz, Chicago; L. G. Quackenbush, Oswego, N. Y.; Dr. G. S. Solomon, Chicago; J. M. K. Storrow, Chicago; all Active. Victor Falkenaw, Chicago; A. L. Schuyler, Clinton, Ia.; both Passive.

Upon motion which was seconded and carried, Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, N. J. was elected Honorary member.

After recess the Governing Board ordered the acceptance of Mr. Loomis' resignation with regrets, and ordered posted the application for Active membership of Mr. O. F. J. Raab, Chicago, proposed by Doncyson.

The meeting adjourned at 9.10 P. M. after which an auction was held for benefit of Library fund.

Next meeting July 21, 1898.
S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

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WHOLE No. 271.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

July 16th.

Messrs. H. W. Spooner of St. Paul and E. F. Gambs of San Francisco, have furnished the following new list of plate Nos.: Omaha: Nos. 631, 2c; 634, and 636, 4c. 1c I. R.: Nos. 439, 440, 496, 526, 527, 528.

No. 637 remains unknown as yet. Readers are requested to furnish additions to this list whenever possible.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, July 19th.

I have seen no mention made of the 1/2c documentary stamp, but we have had them here for over a week, and to-day we have received a supply of the regular \$5 revenue stamp, which takes the place of the surcharged \$5 newspaper stamp. I understand that there were 18,000 of the newspaper stamps surcharged, and the present indications are that it will be a scarce stamp in unused condition. Several of the speculators are buying up the plate numbers of the 1c and 2c surcharged postage and they are growing more scarce every day.

The *Boston Stamp Book* for July issues a supplementary catalogue, in neat form, as a supplement. It can be cut and trimmed so as to be inserted in the Standard Catalogue, and it is really a good thing. If Mr. Kilbon would advertise this, it ought to make a ready sale for the July number.

The *Western Philatelist*, hailing from Humboldt, Kansas, is a new aspirant for philatelic fame. It has a very neat appearance, and there are several features about it that are good. The leading article in it, by the editor, contains a paragraph that well applies to the controversy about the Postal Seals, etc. The writer says: "If I were to ask, 'Why do you collect stamps?' the probabilities are that you would answer, 'To please myself?' . . . To every one I would say, collect what you please, and in collecting follow out any line or system

of work that you please. Do not be bound down by rule, nor by ruled spaces in printed albums: be original, be independent, collect what you like, as you like, and be happy," etc. There is a good deal of sound common sense to this. You will note in the first of the article, the question is asked: "Why do you collect stamps?" The writer does not say *postage* stamps.

The post offices in this immediate vicinity seem to be short of certain values of the Omaha stamps. I learn that one Boston dealer paid a premium on some, the other day, with which to fill his orders.

"On and after July 1, 1898. Postmasters will collect in money the postage on second class matter mailed in bulk by publishers, and will give receipts therefor." I have in my possession a receipt given by Boston post office to a publisher here. And according to Mr. Sweet, this receipt that I have is a postage stamp, for he says in the last number of the ERA: "A postage stamp is a token of payment, issued by or recognized by government, for the carriage of mailable matter through the mails." Could there be anything more absurd than this? Postage stamps are stamps issued to frank letters. Any stamps that will not pay the postage on a letter are not postage stamps. Under this head are postage due stamps, newspaper stamps, and special delivery stamps. Mr. Sweet is not consistent, because he does not advocate leaving out the stamps that are not postage stamps, as well as the seals. Mr. Rothfuchs stated that if he should change his mind, and should consider his proteges of no importance, he would refund the price paid him for them. Mr. Sweet says it is but what any other dealer worthy of the name would do in case he was at fault. Now, are we to suppose that some of the prominent dealers will pay back what we poor collectors have paid for Post Orbitums, Canada Official Seals, etc., or is Mr. Sweet only surmising some more? There is such a thing in this world as honor and honesty, and if Official Seal stamps are not worth a place in the album, every honest dealer who has sold one of these stamps is in honor bound to redeem it, provided he thinks they are not worthy to be catalogued. This is what I call "rectifying an error of judgment." Perhaps, when one looks at it in this light, was it not a mistake in leaving them out?
S. E. L.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

I desire a Pocket and a Bullet Kodak. Will give good exchange for same in U. S. or Foreign stamps. Would be glad to hear from parties having same to exchange. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y. [72]

Have a new Premo B 4x5, lists at \$21.00, to exchange for best offer in U. S. and foreign stamps. Send list what you will give. H. W. Boers, Maple St., Detroit, Mich.

25 good stamp papers for five "Boston Stamp Books" or "A. J. of P." Good exchange given in stamp papers for magazines such as Munsey's, McClures &c. What have you? 25 stamp papers for each of following: "Quaker C. P." No. 43, 55, 57, 60: "Stamp" (Denver) Vol. I. Nos. 1, 7, Vol. III. No. 10. C. H. Watts, 128 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [72]

900 Books, Theology, Science, Languages, German Literature, English Literature, History, Fiction, also Blank Approval Books and Sheets and Chinese Stamps to exchange for stamps of any country. Rev. Geo. C. Rheinfrank, 208 10th Ave., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn. [72]

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12 copies "A. J. of P." 50c. 12 copies "P. J. of A." 50c. 12 copies of "Boston Stamp Book," 50c. Pair of type II. and III. 2c, 15c. blocks in proportion. Left Plate No. 170, 15c. C. H. WATTS, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [72]

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WE WANT

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Will also pay good prices for used Omaha stamps.

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The Editor's Spears.

Our correspondent in Trinidad informs us that on the first of July the stamps of Tobago will become obsolete and only Trinidad stamps will be used there.—P. M. and W.

INTERNATIONAL PENNY POSTAGE.

The Duke of Norfolk, Postmaster-General, announces that as an outcome of the Imperial Conference on Postal Rates, it has been decided to adopt the proposal of the Canadian representatives for a letter post at a penny per half ounce for the United Kingdom, Canada, Newfoundland, Cape Colony, and Natal.—Philadelphia Telegraph, July 13, 1898.

Old Colony Philatelic Society.

Meets First and Third Wednesday in Each Month, at 8 O'clock P. M. Entrance Fee 25c, Dues \$1 per year payable quarterly.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 60th regular meeting of the O. C. P. S. was held in Providence, R. I., on Wednesday evening, June 15th. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Smiley at 8.20 P. M.

Geo. A. Round was appointed Secretary pro tem. Secretary and Treasurer's reports read and accepted. No reports from other departments.

The application of Chas. L. Adams was voted on and he was elected.

Applications were received from John B. Calder of Providence, R. I., and from Frank B. Gouch of Woonsocket, R. I.

A recess was then taken and supper was served by Caterer Mackenzie. After supper an auction sale took place and 103 lots were offered for sale.

At 10.15 P. M. the meeting was called to order by Geo. A. Round of the Executive Committee in absence of Pres. Smiley, and F. T. Utton was chosen Secretary pro tem

A committee was appointed consisting of Geo. A. Round, H. M. Wheaton and G. H. Hope to confer with the Executive Committee regarding changing of the headquarters of the Society from Mansfield to Providence.

Meeting adjourned at 10.35 P. M.

GEO. A. ROUND, Sec'y pro tem.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 6th, 1898. TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE O. C. P. S.:

We beg leave to petition that the headquarters of the Old Colony Philatelic Society be changed from Mansfield, Mass., to Providence, R. I., and would respectfully present the following reasons:

The Providence and East Providence membership is large and increasing each month and several names are promised as soon as headquarters are changed and we feel sure that we can promise a membership of at least 25 in that vicinity within two months after the proposed change.

The Providence members propose to secure a permanent room in that city and

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also proper accommodations for the library, etc. After the permanent room is secured the Providence and East Providence members propose to pay not less than 25 cents per month in dues, all other members paying the present dues of 25 cents per quarter; the Constitution to be amended to correspond with this change and also to stipulate that one member of the Executive Committee shall be a resident of Mansfield.

We further beg leave to ask you to present this matter for action at your next meeting and advise us of the result.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. ROUND,

Chairman of Committee on Change of Headquarters.

"Stamp Hunting"

in the last chapter, entitled "The Greatest Find of All," will spring a surprise on many of our friends who have pictured us as a "Cheap Skate," a "Beer Tank," a "Wind Bag," a "Bunco," and a "Fakir," who never had any stamps anyhow. This chapter tells you all about how we found, right here in Illinois, not one copy, but 300 unused and perfect

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WRAPPERS—Cut Square.

Table with 3 columns: Stamp ID, Description, Price. Includes items like 1706 1804, 2c die a; 1717 1874, 2c die B3; 1728 1884, 2c die B.

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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August 23rd, 1898.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, July 16th, 1898.
1,104 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of July
9th, valued at \$38,028.50
14 books received since July 9th,
valued at \$1,430.19
\$39,458.69
3 books retired since July 9th,
valued at 34.54
Total number of books in circula-
tion 1,115 valued at \$39,424.15

The following stamps are in demand:
U. S. Revenues in pairs and blocks, Match
and Medicine, old Germans, Philippines,
Spain, Servia, Hungary, Bulgaria and
Hawaii. Sellers of the above mentioned
please fill books and send in.

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GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF AR- RANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Board of Governors of the Collectors
Club have courteously placed the Club
house at the disposal of this Committee,
that the meetings of the coming Convention
may be held there. The Philatelic Society

and the National Philatelic Society have
also tendered the use of their rooms.

The location of the Club, No. 351 Fourth
Ave., between 25th and 26th streets, will
be found very central and convenient, easy
of access from railways and ferries and by
numerous lines of street cars.

Many of the leading hotels are within a
few blocks of the Club. The Fifth Avenue,
Holland, Waldorf-Astoria, Gilsey, Imperial,
Grand, Gerlach, Bartholdi, Ashland, Park
Avenue, etc., etc., are all within a few
moments' walk. Owing to the extensive
choice and accessibility of all, it has not
been thought best to attempt to select any
particular hotel as a headquarters but to
leave each visitor free to make his own
selection.

The Finance Committee of the New
York branch have been active in securing
funds to be used in entertaining visitors to
the Convention. The programme of enter-
tainment will be announced at the proper
time. All visitors, and those local mem-
bers who subscribe to the fund will be pro-
vided with tickets to all entertainments.

Out of town members who desire to do
so may have their letters addressed in care
of the Collectors Club, 351 Fourth Ave.

JOHN N. LUFF, } Committee
R. R. BOGERT, } of
P. F. BRUNER, } Arrangements.

NOMINATIONS BY BRANCH NO. 5.

PITTSBURGH, PA., July 20, 1898.
MR. WM. N. HOWE,
Sec'y American Philatelic Association,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Pittsburgh Branch No. 5, at
a regular meeting held Thursday evening,

July 14th, 1898, indorsed the following can-
didates for the Board of Directors for the
coming year:

Recommended for
Frank F. Olney, Providence, R. I., President
Willard C. VanDerlip, Boston, }
George L. Toppan, " }
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P. F. Bruner, New York, N. Y.

It was also recommended that the next
Annual Convention of the Association be
held at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Yours respectfully,
A. E. DAUM, Secy.

SPECIAL TO MEMBERS.

Members expecting to attend the Thir-
teenth Annual Convention in New York
next month are invited to send their names
to the ERA that they may be added to
the following list of those

INTENDING TO ATTEND.

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16 varieties, including the 1 yen and a war stamp, 18c
PORTO RICO—NEW ISSUE!
1, 2, 3, 4, 5m unused, set 7c. Damp from the press.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
1890 issue newspapers, set of 4, unused..... 5c
My 50¢ approval books contain the kind of stamps
you like. Look at them.
The yellow STAMPMAN wants to call on you.
Send address.

D. W. OSGOOD, Box 502, Pueblo, Colo.

\$200.00 Per Day

Is the amount of unused Columbians and other un-
used U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following
rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face
50c to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
\$2 " 15% " " "

We are buying these stamps to use for postage and
can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly
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Will resume business when we have
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GEO. FLAGG, Manager,
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Stamps of any catalogued value desired up
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At 60% Discount.

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H. A. SMEDBERG, Kingsbridge, N. Y. City.
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1898.

WHOLE No. 272.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, July 26th.

The stamp business here is evidently picking up. Most of the dealers report business good for this season of the year. There have been several sets of used Newspaper stamps sold by Boston dealers during the past week. They bring from \$35 to \$50 per set, and the present indications are that they will go considerably higher. I think the purchase of less than a dozen sets, will corner the market. There is a good demand for the new revenues, owing to several changes in colors. The 1¼c Proprietary has been changed in color, as it conflicted with the 4c. The ½c Documentary came first in orange; the color is now a dull slate; and as very few of the ½c orange have been received here, there is a great demand for it. Several of the other values come in different shades, especially the 2½c Proprietary.

The best showing of all denominations in various shades, and also plate numbers, is made by Mr. Snow of Cambridge.

An importation of the 36c Mauritius Jubilee stamp was received in Boston today. The paper on which they are printed was evidently made especially for these stamps, as the watermark of Crown and C. A. is so spaced that the paper could not be used for any other stamp of the English colonies that bears that watermark.

There has been a scarcity of Omaha stamps at our post office, but a new lot has been received, including all values. Many collectors, during the last week or two, have been alarmed for fear that the Government could not find time to furnish any more of the Omaha stamps. I suppose some will now buy a few duplicates of the higher values, and, later on, wish they had not. The stamp speculators, when you come to know them, are a peculiar class of stamp people. Some of them use their own judgment when buying stamps for speculation, and, nine times out of ten, they get bitten; others ask the advice of some dealer who has a nice lot that he is only too willing to unload at a stiff price, and said stamps are highly recommended. Another peculiarity about them is when any stamps they have advance, and they can realize a large percentage of profit on

their investment, they will not sell, but, later on, they may dispose of them at a loss. I could cite several cases of this kind, especially \$1 and \$2 Columbians. About eight months ago, a certain speculator here was offered from \$8 to \$10 per hundred for 1c Cabots, and he would not sell. Today they can be bought for half that amount. There are various opinions as to whether the stamp speculator is a help to Philately. Most of the kickers against the stamp speculator have, in times past, done their best to capture his dollars, and are trying to do so now only in other lines. My opinion about the stamp speculator is that if he knows his business he is all right. As long as stamps are bought and sold, there will be stamp speculators.

From a collector's standpoint, there are several things that look peculiar to me, and one is, the prices charged for the Hayti surcharged 2c on 20c. The leading retail stamp firm of England prices it at eight cents. It has been advertised in this country at from 10 to 25 cents. One prominent firm in America is advertising it today at 25 cents, and I read that several firms have received from one thousand to five thousand copies of it. Now, if this stamp can be sold in London for 8 cents, why is it worth any more in this country?

S. E. L.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

A local philatelic society is to be formed here in Toronto this fall. Toronto should be able to support one society, considering the large number of collectors and dealers. It is to be hoped that it will be as successful as the late Toronto Philatelic Club was in the past.

Norman Matches, collector and dealer of Hamilton, was in the city last week and called on your correspondent. Mr. Matches has a nice collection of about 2000.

Mr. Chas. Bailey, formerly of Toronto and late of Chicago, has returned to Toronto, where he has decided to remain. Mr. Bailey is a warm supporter of the new society to be formed here.

As the next Dominion Philatelic Asso-

ciation convention is to be held in Toronto, it is the ambition of Toronto collectors to make this the largest meet in the annals of the D. P. A.

Very few of the 6 cent and 10 cent values of the maple leaf Canada are going round.

W. J. Porter called on us last week. Mr. Porter is a popular correspondent for several philatelic magazines. Of late he has not contributed much to the philatelic press, his time being taken up by the Monsoon Tea Co. for which he is traveller.

LAVOS.

The Editor's Shears.

On July 7th President McKinley signed the Hawaiian Annexation Resolution. Admiral Miller has been ordered to proceed to Honolulu and raise the American flag over the Hawaiian Islands, which will then become part of the United States. There will, however, be no provisional U. S. Hawaiians, just as there are no provisional Cubans, or Philippines. As we stated in our May number, the United States Government has made Cuba and the Philippine Islands branch U. S. post offices, and postal officials are there with a full supply of U. S. stamps. The same procedure will take place with regard to Hawaii and also Porto Rico, which appears to be our next prospective possession.—*Post Office.*

To the Editor of the *Monthly Journal.*

DEAR SIR:—I have seen a list of the subjects to be portrayed upon the beautiful series of stamps about to be issued by the U. S. Postal Department to worthily celebrate the Trans-Mississippi Exposition of 1898, and my artistic imagination has enabled me to form ideas as to the illustration of those subjects, which I feel sure will turn out to be correct, or approximately so. Had I but seen this list a few months back I could have furnished the U. S. Government with some drawings which would have been eminently suitable for their purpose; as it is I can only hope that the ideas have been equally well carried out by other hands.

"Market on the Mississippi." (The list has it "Marquette," but this, no doubt, is the Trans-Mississippian spelling.) A stamp auction at St. Louis, an animated scene

and most appropriate, giving portraits of the leading philatelists in the Western States; philately should be both the beginning and end of the series.

"Poultry Farming in the Far West." The Cochon China Fowl, as raised out San Francisco way; magnificent bird, a cross between the Gallic cock and the American eagle.

"The Indian-hunting Buffalo." I can scarcely believe, sir, that in these days of advanced civilization and Aborigines' Protection Societies a special breed of buffaloes, trained to hunt the poor Indians, is still kept up, even in the Far West. I trust that this picture represents an animal that has become extinct. I am assured that the variety is not known at the Zoological Gardens in the Regent's Park, but that may be because there are no Indians there to hunt.

"Free Mount on the Rocky Mountains." This rather puzzles me. I cannot understand why the old story of Mazeppa (for that is evidently the foundation of it) should have been revived for this occasion; but it will doubtless be given a local setting.

"Troops Guarding Train." I cannot, at the present moment, call to mind the particular occasion on which Mr. Train (G. W., I think) had to be guarded by troops, and the suitability of the subject is probably more apparent to the people of Omaha than to those on this side of the Mississippi and the Atlantic.

"Hardships of Emigration." Splendid opportunity for a seascape painter—my own favourite class of subject too. The emigrant ship (very hard ships these as a rule) crossing the Mississippi on a rough day; there is a bridge now, shown in the companion picture on the two dollars stamp.

"Western Mining Prospectus." We have all seen these, "Klondyke, Limited," and that sort of thing. Marvellous specimen of microscopic engraving, a glowing prospectus, with full reports of mining experts—some of the most striking products of the Far West—reduced to the size of a Commemorative Postage Stamp.

"Western Cattle in a Storm." This does not call for much remark. I am no judge of cattle myself, and I am not sure that I should know a western cow from an eastern cow, though I was brought up in the Eastern Counties. Still, if the cow happened to be a bull and came at me I should know enough to go in the opposite direction, whichever it was. The points of the compass should be marked on this picture.

"Mississippi River Bridge." This is the subject to which I referred as the companion picture to the ship. But am I to understand that the title means Bridge over the Mississippi River, or River Bridge over the Mississippi? If the former, the word "river" seems unnecessary; if the latter, what is a "river bridge" as distinguished from a railway bridge, for instance? But this is the most appropriate subject of all; here is *Trans-Mississippi* pictorially represented!

I shall have to have a set, even though you, sir, disapprove.

Yours Cis-Mississippiantly,
R. A.

[We publish your letter, but we fear that you will be dissatisfied when you get the stamps.—*Ed. M. J.*]

—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

Mr. Scott's perky little paper contains the ad of a San Francisco dealer who was expelled from the American Philatelic Association. The question of the justness or injustice of that body's action is not to be debated here, but if the official organship of the American Philatelic Association is sought by our highly esteemed contemporary—as the east wind whispers—then, Mr. Scott should kill that announcement. Otherwise, it may prove a source of embarrassment to him and necessitate some ornate and elaborate explanation on his part. —*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. ○ means unused, ⊕ used.

ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Geo. R. Tuttle's 10th Sale—New York.

Thursday, June 16th, 1898.

<i>Cardboard Proofs:</i>	
1851-6 complete (8)	1 04
1861-6 1 to 90c, the 3c is scarlet (10)	1 80
1893 Columbian 1 to 50c (2) each	1 10
Columbian \$1 to \$5 (2)	1 75; 1 60
Agriculture complete	1 08
Justice complete (3)	1 50; 1 40; 1 10
Interior complete	90
Navy complete	1 20
War complete (3) each	66
Treasury complete	99
Post Office complete (3)	.70; .60; 60
Newspaper 1875 1 to 10c black	1 36
1875 12 to 96c rose (2)	1 44; 1 36
1875 2c to 9c black	90
1875 2c to 10c	1 05
1875 \$1.92 to \$60 (2)	4 50; 3 96
Dues 1891 1 to 50c	91
1873 Continental proof 24c	1 15
1861 24c ○ surch. with a shoe & fly	4 00
1870 10c chemical or some peculiar p.	1 00
Revenues, India paper second issue \$1.30 unsevered pair	2 00
India paper second issue \$1.50 pair	50
India paper second issue \$1.60 pair	2 00
India paper second issue \$1 90 pair	2 00

UNITED STATES.

Franklin Penny Post, Phila.,	1 50
New York 5c black on original cover	4 00
5c black pair ⊕	8 00
1847 5c reissue ○	70
1851 10c ○ good margins no gum	2 00
1855-60 10c ○ o. g. (3)	80; 80; 90
24c light red cancellation	1 90
1861 5c brown-yellow ⊕	4 10
1879 Am. soft paper 90c ○ o. g. "fair"	2 50

Newspaper 1865 5c colored border ○	6 00
10c green ○	1 55
1865 25c carmine-red ○	1 50
Official seal, Post Obitum, ○	1 40
Envelope 1870, Reay, 24c purple on white, □ large margins	1 90
Hawaii 1859-65 5c blue on blue ⊕	4 95
Canada 1851 3c on laid ⊕	30
Italy 1863 3l bronze ⊕ dated "Torino, '63"	1 10
Victoria 1861 star rouletted 6p blue ⊕	25
Total for 540 lots sold,	\$811 21

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for exchange and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Want Plate Numbers of the 1-cent and 2-cent U. S. postage stamps surcharged I. R. Fine exchange in plates or stamps given. Also want unused foreign cataloguing over 20 cents. A. Hermann, Ar6 Produce Exchange, N. Y. City.

John W. Curran, 318 George St., New Brunswick, N. J., will give \$2.50 worth of foreign stamps from his approval sheets for every \$1 worth of Dept. or Rev. cat. over one dollar.

Will give good exchange in foreign, for fine used 50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 Omahas. Also want 1c Agriculture, fine, unused and o. g. Should be pleased to hear from anyone having a fine copy of \$200.00 first issue Rev., or \$20.00 third issue. James Mikolasek, at Fish St., Chicago.

Collectors please send me your duplicates and receive mine. I have some good ones, many unused. Address, Frank H. Marsh, 801 Stanton St., 5th Ward, Greensburgh, Pa.

Wanted: Complete volumes "N. Y. Weekly," "Philadelphia Ledger" and "Youth's Companion;" will give good stamps in exchange. What do you offer and what could I trade you? L. V. Lindsey, Greene, N. Y.

Wanted: Great Britain Nos. 5, 3p, 4c, 45, 47, 48, 49, 71, 72, 85, 89, 90, 100, 112, 138, 139, in quantities; will give good exchange. Wanted also U. S. postage, rev. & entire envs. for double cat. value in some European stamps. G. C. Cuenod, P.O. Box, Galveston, Texas.

I desire a Pocket and a Bullet Kodak. Will give good exchange for same in U. S. or Foreign stamps. Would be glad to hear from parties having same to exchange. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.

900 Books, Theology, Science, Languages, German Literature, English Literature, History, Fiction, also Blank Approval Books and Sheets and Chinese Stamps to exchange for stamps of any country. Rev. Geo. C. Rheinfrank, 208 10th Ave., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Guide to Colors of Postage Stamps and Album, \$0.25
Columbian Entire Envelopes, 1, 2, 5 & 10c unused, .30
Columbian 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c, unused, .55
Can. Jubilee 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20c, unused, .70
"Remember the Maine" stamps. Set of 7, unused, .12
Ditto and 1 and 2c surcharged I. R., unused, .20
C. STEWART, 210 E. 9th St., St. Paul, Minn.

Here's a snap! India proofs, fine condition, 1847 and Carriers, 1851, 1861, Departments complete except \$ States (100 in all) \$45.00. Finest used Columbians you ever saw: 15c, 8c; 20c, 20c; 50c, 30c. Unused Revenues (old issue) also Revenues in pairs and strips for sale cheap. H. H. WILSON, Ansonia, Ct.

I have been collecting stamps for 30 years. Have over 10,000 var. and about 2,000,000 dups. Am going to sell them. Would rather give the profit to collector. Will put up approval books 50 to 60¢. Can you use any? C. W. RICHES, A.P.A. 1351, Creston, Ia. [72]

12 copies "A. J. of P." 50c. 12 copies "P. J. of A." 50c. 12 copies of "Boston Stamp Book," 50c. Fair of type II. and III. 2c, 15c; blocks in proportion. Left Plate No. 170, 15c. C. H. WATTS, 328 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. [72]

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304]

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Resignation Received.

1168. **ALLISON, GEO. G.**, 800 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1441. **HARVEY, GEO. C.**, Constantine, Mich.

Change of Addresses.

1434. **THIESSEN, WILHELM**, from St. Paul, Minn., to 832 18th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
1333. **FRENCH, R. W.**, from The Dallas, Ore., to Hartland, Wash.
WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

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Chicago Philatelic Society.

651 Marquette Building.

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F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 278th regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8.30 p. m. July 21st, 1898.

Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Massoth, Lefever, Schliekert, Smack, Severn, Wolsieffer, Michael, Pierce and Doncyson.

The minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Communication from Mr. E. B. Sterling was read, and placed on file. Upon ballot Mr. O. F. J. Raab was unanimously elected to active membership No. 454.

After recess the Governing Board ordered posted the application for Active membership of Mr. A. W. Sanerberg, Chicago, proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 p. m., after which Mr. Chas. S. Smack exhibited some blocks and strips he purchased while in the East.

Next meeting Aug. 4, 1898.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

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JNO. H. LOWE,

49 Adelaide St., East, Toronto.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

RICHMOND, ILLS., July 14, 1898.

To the Editor of WEEKLY ERA.

Dear Sir: Reading the article in ERA of July 9th, by Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, I think the Post Office Seal stamps belong in a collection as well as the Postage Due stamps. I agree with Mr. Rothfuchs at all times with his opinion about the Post Office Seal stamps.

I think nobody should or shall tell me what to collect. If I don't want to collect Post Office Seal stamps I leave them alone, and if I do collect them it is nobody's business.

I am a collector of U. S. stamps only and I admire the Post Office Seal stamps as much as any other stamp. I do wish that the Post Office Seal stamps would be given their place in the Catalogue as well as Album.

Yours truly, GUSTAV MULLER.

APROPOS TO EDITORIAL REMARKS IN "ERA" No. 270.

PENN YAN, July 20, 1898.

Editor PHILATELIC ERA, Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: In the letters which have occupied your space for several weeks past on the subject of whether Messrs. Scott & Co. should, in their coming issue of the International album, provide spaces for the "Officially Sealed" stamps of the United States, one point which, while it may not be exactly germane to the question as to whether these emissions are really stamps, is still of considerable interest to collectors generally, seems to have been entirely omitted. It is this: For years past Messrs.

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Very truly yours, R. H. GRAHAM.

MEMENTOES OF THE WAR OF 1812.

HARTFORD, CONN., July 23, 1898.

DEAR ERA: Have any of your readers ever heard of or seen any Revenues of the War of 1812? In overhauling a hotel here last week a lot of old letters and promissory notes were found and I have before me three notes, dated Aug. 9, 1817, Apr. 4, 1817, and Aug. 29, 1816. The first is for \$125, and has a ten-cent revenue stamp on it, the second is for \$280 with a 25c stamp, and the third is for \$830 with 50c revenue. The stamps are imprints about the size of a silver half dollar and look as if done with a hand press. Within the circle is an eagle perched on a shield with the value in printed letters underneath. The shield is the same in each value but the eagle is in a different position on each. The gentleman who sent me these considered them quite a curiosity and I was so much interested that I thought I would share with my fellow philatelists.

Yours truly, Mrs. F. P. HOLT.

STILLWATER, MINN., July 22, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Editor, Portland, Maine

Dear Sir: I have Plate Numbers 484 and 486 of the 2c surcharge. I have not seen them listed yet so advise you. Yours truly, H. N. MCKUSICK.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

"I suppose in your travels you find many cranks among us druggists too. The business is what makes us so. The narrow confinement, long hours, small profits, excessive and unwarranted taxation, cut prices etc., places the pharmacist in rather an unenviable position at the present time."

"Yes, I guess that's true, doctor. There was a time when the province of a druggist was to dispense prescriptions, but nowadays it has got down to a regular accommodation shop; but speaking of characters among druggists, have you ever heard of John Denslow of St. Joseph, Mo.?"

"No, I don't think I have."

"Well he is one of the characters of the trade, but a right good fellow, too. He is one of the few druggists who is an expert salesman as well as a competent pharmacist. Anyone can wrap a piece of paper and a string around a patent medicine and hand it out when called for; but when a bald-headed chap comes in and wants a razor strop which you haven't got, it takes a salesman to satisfy him with a fine tooth comb."

"That's so."

"John is this kind of a chap. If anyone came into his store with money to spend, he would manage to get the coin anyhow, and find something to please the customer. He wasn't like the Conrad Mercantile Company in the palmy days of Buffalo, Wyoming. I was out there at the time and one day a fellow came in and wanted a nickel's worth of cheese. The manager heard it and hollered out: 'Tell that blamed tender-foot if he hasn't got two bits to go back East and get his cheese.' But with John, he would let nothing escape. One day a boy came in and wanted a dime's worth of pigeon's milk. Our friend was staggered for a minute, but he raked in the ten-cent piece and told the boy that it was expensive stuff and ten cents did not get much, and, anyway, he hardly ever let it out without a doctor's prescription, 'who was it for?' The boy replied that a certain insurance man sent him for it, and John said: 'all right, I'll give it to him,' and went behind the case for a minute and came out with a small bottle containing some dark liquid labeled 'Pigeon's Milk. Teaspoonful in a little water after each meal.' And the boy went out with it. In a few minutes he returned and wanted the money back, that that wasn't pigeon's milk. Pigeon's milk was white.

"'Why didn't he tell you he wanted white pigeon's milk,' says John, and took the bottle and put in something to make it white. The boy never came again. The joke seemed to be on the insurance man.

"The druggist was nonplused once though. A Chinaman came in one day and wanted ten cents worth 'fiofloi?'

"'What is it?' asked the apothecary.

"'Fiofloi,' said the Chinese.

"'Talk United States—what do you want?'

"'Fiofloi, fiofloi, repeats the Chinaman.

"'After taking down about everything in the store, John finally found out that what the Chinaman wanted was flaxseed."

"'Yes, a druggist gets all kinds of calls like that and of all the misspelled words in writing orders, it would seem that no one knows how to spell correctly anything a druggist carries. I have kept a list of some of the orders I get. Here are a few:

"'Kokarets.'

"'Lacerated Babies Food.'

"'Cas Kara Se Grady.'

"'Ox Alick Assid.'

"'Spils Kure.'

"'Buels Koff Syrup.'

"'Suttlers Powders.'

"'10 cents worth of Inset Powder, 15c puffer with it.'

"'Proxide of Hog's Head Gene.'

"'Gum De Pitch.'

"'Tomlins iy water.'

"'Kaster Ole.'

"'Parigodic.'

"'Kampher Spirit.'

"'Halls Catar Kure.'

"'Cherries Pictorial.'

"'Benzine Plaster.'

"'Swete Spireits of Nighter.'

"'And the worst of all was an order for three cents worth of Red Physiftea, meaning Red Precipitate. Yes, the druggist gets the brunt of everything nowadays. They are simply the public servant and everything is expected of them from taking care of satchels and hand bags up to nursing a baby while the mother does the rest of her shopping. An old lady came in here the other day and said she had seen Hood's Sarsaparilla advertised, and she would try a nickel's worth, and if it helped her she would order more. Talk about your exalted and professional side of the drug business, we are not more so now than a peanut vender. Again, the responsibility resting on the druggist, above all other tradespeople, is something the general public does not consider at all. You go into a grocery store and order some sugar, and the grocer sends up salt, all you can do is to send it back and cuss the grocer; but if you order quinine from a druggist and he puts up morphine, 'where is he at?' The druggist gets all the disagreeable things to do and to answer. If the baseball team in town is hard up, they want you to help them out the first one. Only this morning a Salvation Army man was in and said they were shy one hundred dollars on their rent, and a dollar apiece from the merchants would get them out of debt. Everyone thinks the druggist and the doctor earn their money so easy and are getting rich so fast. The truth of the matter is the average druggist to-day is not earning a decent

living, is confined sixteen hours a day and seven days in the week and three hundred and sixty-five days in a year, and his clerks earning fifty to sixty dollars a month are much better off."

"'Yes, that's exactly so, Doc. No one knows it any better than I do, and the deplorable condition of the drug business, especially in the largest cities, tell on us too. There was a time when salesmen on the road would draw five and six thousand dollars a year, but they are now 'has beens.' It is harder every year to sell goods, there is less profit on what you do sell, and less compensation in it. Yes, like the druggists, the traveling man's life is not strewn all the time with roses, but I get even with myself in my stamp business and stamp finds."

"'You're more fortunate than many in this particular. What luck have you had lately? I have added quite a few more of the match stamps since you were here.'

"'I haven't picked up much in my last trip, Doc, only a few odds and ends. A druggist in Foreston, Ill., recognized me at once when I entered his store last week, as getting some stamps from him the last trip around, some of those ten-cent black and green proprietaries, worth a dollar each, and trotted out three more of them, with the remark, he had saved them for me, thought I would be around again.

"'But I must tell you of my experience with a druggist down here, not far from Peoria. Of all the closest, hardest and meanest men to sell in the trade, he heads the list. To show you what we have to put up with once in a while in selling some druggists, I'll tell you how I had to deal with him. In the first place, after I had satisfied him that Lee's goods were all right in price, the quality wasn't satisfactory. The cotton didn't seem so white as J. & J.'s and wasn't so long a fibre, and was lumpy, etc. Then he got some water, but the absorbant qualities seemed all right, and he ordered a couple of pounds to try. You know how it is Doc, when you are buying goods and waiting on trade at the same time. No one is apt to let a customer go in order to give a drummer attention, and every few minutes this druggist would drop me to wait on a customer. I had him started on cotton when a little girl came in and wanted ten cents worth of something to take the lice off baby's head. He wasn't so long filling that, and came back to me. 'Now about Belladonna Plasters, what do you ask for them by the gross?' he asked. I told him, and he half admitted it was cheap, but my sample didn't smell like belladonna and it didn't stick right. Then he had to smell of it again and get a sample of Bauer & Black's and weigh them. By that time a woman came in and wanted five cents worth of Plaster of Paris. This was kept in the back part of the store, and it was some little time before he had it wrapped up, when the lady said, 'Oh, that's too much. Three cents worth is enough.'

After he had got back to me he had forgotten the smell of the plaster, and had to smell of it again, and finally said he would try a half a dozen at the gross price, but I had anticipated the size of his order and had made the dozen price in quoting by the gross, but I kicked on half a dozen and after five minutes arguing I had him increase it to a dozen. By this time, a lady came in with a five dollar bill for a two-cent stamp, and she had hardly gone out when a sweet little miss entered and talked away till she got the druggist to buy a ticket from her to a church fair. By that time he had forgotten what he had ordered from me and I had to commence all over again. When he got to corn plasters, the holes were too small, and in the bunion plasters the holes were too big. The court plasters were too thick and the ising glass plaster too thin. No matter what I had there was some kick coming, and slow—my Godfrey; I was in his store over an hour by that time and hadn't sold him five dollars' worth of stuff yet. Finally he decided on a twelfth of a dozen boxes of plain and medicated gauze. I put that down when the door opened, and a fellow came in as if he wanted to buy something, and my friend dropped me to see what he wanted. He proved to be an advertising man, with some clock scheme or other, and you would hardly believe it, but that fellow talked him into his scheme, and the druggist signed his contract. I was then hopping mad. Of all the trials of a traveling man, the hardest and one that makes him cuss worse than anything else, is to hang around a drug store hour after hour for an order, and just as you get your customer started, some "skate" comes in and gets the buyer away from you on to his stuff.

"Well, he got back finally, and I put down fifty cents' worth of more when a lady came in with a prescription, calling for six dozen capsules. It would take fifteen minutes, and she would wait. I waited also, but mentally to myself, I was damning everybody and everything. Finally, however, she got her capsules and with one or two more minor interruptions, I got my order amounting to eight dollars and thirty-seven cents.

"With a new account my house instructs me to investigate their credits, and I stepped into the bank to find out about him. The cashier said that he was a bad egg; that they had all kinds of trouble collecting drafts on him; that he owed everybody he knew of; that he wouldn't advise my people to fill the order unless it was accompanied by the cash, etc. By that time I found I had missed my train, and that there was no other out till the same time the next day, except a way freight at four o'clock in the morning. The other druggist was out of town, and there I was. Talk about your trials of a druggist. A traveling man sees unhappy days, too, Doc

"But after all, it was a good thing for me that I did miss my train. Having leis-

ure time I went back to my friend's store after dinner, mousing around for old medicine stamps. "These stamps are worth a good deal of money nowadays," says the old chap, "and I am not giving them away."

"But I don't want something for nothing, I replied. Let me look through here, and I'll make an offer or put your own price on the stamps and if satisfactory, I'll pay it.

"That suited him, and I dug through from top to bottom, but didn't find anything but a few common stamps, not worth a ten-cent piece, that he wanted a dollar for. I was going to leave in disgust, when I spied an old Solon Palmer's perfumery bottle in his show case, and lifting it up was astounded to see three ten-cent blue 1878 proprietaries, and one six-cent, a total value by Scott's Standard Catalogue of forty-six dollars and fifty cents.

"What do you want for these?" I asked. "The private stamps are what I am looking for but I'll give you face value for these, ten cents apiece, not thinking he would take me up.

"No sir, they are worth more than that. Why, my sister down in Vermont got a whole dollar for one stamp, but you can have them for a dollar and not a cent less."

"No," I said, "I won't do it. They only cost ten cents when they were new, and these are now used and canceled.

to some other fellow. I'll give you a half a dollar for 'em, and you can take it or not, just as you like, I don't care."

"Make it seventy-five cents," he says.

"No, I don't want 'em anyway," I replied. Most druggists give me these stamps for nothing, and I don't want to dicker over a few old stamps that are no good anyhow.

"Well, take 'em for fifty cents. They didn't cost me anything."

"Doc, if he had given me a twenty dollar bill, he wouldn't have given me so much as he did when he let me have those stamps for fifty cents. I would have paid twenty dollars rather than to have passed them, but if I had intimated anything of their being worth that, he would think he had the rarest stamp in existence and would want a hundred dollars for them."

"You're all right. But I haven't got that stamp myself. I suppose you will make me a present of a copy."

"Yes, I will Doctor with this agreement. You demand Lee's goods when you're ordering from the jobber, and take no other and give me the preference over these chaps like Cook and Spurr and the other fellows just as good as I am, but not so entertaining a cuss."

"All right, old man. I'd do that anyhow, but I am glad to get the stamp just the same. Now find a bunch of six-cent orange proprietaries, and give me one, and my weary life as an unfortunate druggist will not be so bad."

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's....
Chicago Correspondence.

Tuesday, July 26th.

Rev. Andrew Kinnell of Ephriam, Wisconsin, a well-known Society member is in the City. Dr. Caswell of Rock Island was here last week.

I had the pleasure of a short visit from Mr. Fred S. Rand of the ERA staff last week.

He was in the city in charge of the Maine delegation to the Y. P. C. U. which met here in St. Paul's Universalist Church the early part of the week.

Although I had never met Mr. Rand before, or even heard of him, it seemed that we became good friends at once through our connection with the ERA.

As I understand it, Mr. Rand's time here was pretty well taken up with Convention matters and he did not have the opportunity of meeting as many stamp men as he wished to.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, Mr. Wolsieffer is the only Chicagoan who intends attending the A. P. A. convention next month in New York City.

Mr. Wolsieffer showed me today a letter he had just received from Lieut. H. H. Bandholtz, who is with his regiment, the 7th Infantry U. S. A. at Santiago. It was written in pencil on a stained half sheet of note paper, quite different in appearance from the tasty paper the Lieutenant usually uses.

In lieu of an envelope the letter itself was folded in a triangular shape with the corners tucked in and came through all right. It was not stamped, being franked by the writer and was of course stamped "Due Two Cents" at the New York office.

He went on to say that they had seen plenty of fighting and his regiment had suffered a loss of 150 killed and wounded; among the latter being the regimental adjutant whose place is now filled by Lieut. Bandholtz. His company had killed forty Spaniards and the Lieut. refers to an offer Gurley made him before the war. Mr. G. told Lieut. Bandholtz that he would give him a five dollar stamp for every Spaniard killed by the Lieutenant's company and the Lieutenant is keeping an accurate count of them, so as to be able to claim his "prize money" from Gurley.

He concludes by saying: "Have seen Maj. Baker and Lieut. Paddock. All well but — hungry."

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Providence Notes.

The scenes connected with the placing on sale of the revenue stamps were here, as elsewhere, occasionally such as almost approached small riots in the internal revenue office. There was a famine in ones and twos at one time, and when a man has been standing in line an hour or so with the purpose of obtaining some check stamps and then upon finally arriving at the window is informed that there are none left, his feelings are such that he is likely to "take it out" on somebody. The officials say that when the stamps were first placed on sale about every other customer, after getting his labels, would look at the battleship design and then remark with a grin: "Remember the Maine." After a few hundred people had sprung this, it got to be rather monotonous.

A local paper is responsible for the statement that the stamp collectors were one of the greatest annoyances the stamp sellers had to contend with. The pleasures of adding up the price of one each of the fractional values must be experienced to be appreciated, and that is what the officials were frequently called upon to do. But it was all clear profit to Uncle Sam, so why should anyone kick?

The Omaha stamps did not get here until some time after they were first issued. I believe that it was the original intention of the office not to "bother" with them at all, but they are now on sale, thanks largely to the efforts of Mr. Dawson. Only about fifty each of the dollar values are to be had.

In a list of counterfeit plates now in the possession of the government after having been seized by the Secret Service officials, there is noted in *Appleton's Journal* for September 20, 1873: "One two-cent check stamp plate, three proprietary stamp plates and a one-cent match stamp plate." If I am not mistaken it has been frequently stated that the one-cent proprietary was the only stamp of the first issue of document revenues which was counterfeited. Have our Washington correspondents any further information concerning these plates?

P.

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WHOLE No. 273.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, August 2nd.

After an extended trip through the South your correspondent hopes to be able to be more regular in attending to his duties by furnishing the ERA with regular notes again. Among the pretty things picked up were two plate Nos. of the surcharged \$5 Documentary and three sheets of inverted 1c I. R. Several hundred sheets were looked over but none of the small surcharge were found except less than a sheet in two instances.

The main topic of interest with plate number collectors has been the surcharges. By this time a complete list should be obtainable and for the convenience of collectors the following up to date one is appended:

1c. I. R.			
439	526	537	543
440	527	538	544
493	528	539	545
494	534	540	546
495	535	541	547
496	536	542	548
			549
2c. I. R.			
474	501	512	551
475	502	513	552
480	503	514	553
481	505	515	556
482	506	516	557
483	507	517	558
484	508	522	559
485	509	523	560
486	510	524	561
487	511	550	562
			563

\$5 I. R.

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It will be noticed that the above contains several new numbers chronicled for the first time. There is little room now left for new numbers in 1c, No. 529 is the only probability, while in 2c the following possible numbers remain among the undiscovered with I. R.: 476 to 479, 488 to 491, 497 to 500 and 525. It is probable that none of these were ever surcharged.

About half a dozen different numbers of the small 1c surcharge have been found and at the earliest date we will give a list of same.

Collectors will confer a great favor on the writer by sending him a list of any of the latter coming under their observation, stating if possible whether top, bottom, left or right strips have been seen. Most of these probably exist in only two positions.

A list of inverted surcharges may also be looked for and information in regard to same is likewise solicited, stating positions seen.

A scarcity of Omaha stamps is noticeable everywhere. But few of the offices seem to have a supply on hand. No new plate Nos. of same have been found for two weeks.

To Mr. Berlepsch's list of Documentary Revenues I can add the following: 1c \$015, 2c \$011, 5c 7985, \$3 \$042, \$10 \$012.

How do collectors desire plate numbers of the dollar values? They come in rows of 16, the plate No. being under the third stamp and the imprint under the 14th. A strip covering imprint and plate number requires 12 stamps. I had an opportunity to buy such a strip of the \$10 value a few days ago, but thought \$120 could be invested to better advantage just at the time.

A Newspaper Clipping.

Sought Freedom.

R. WOLLE ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE FROM THE LAW'S CLUTCHES.—CAPTURED BY A WORKHOUSE GUARD AFTER A CHASE OF TWO MILES—A MAN WITH A RECORD.

Richard Wolle, alias Paul Fischer, whose escapades with the police would fill a small book, has again come to the front, this time in the light of an escaped Workhouse prisoner.

Wolle is the man who swindled an Arcade merchant out of about \$100 worth of postage stamps, last year. He was placed under arrest for the offense, and, after receiving a preliminary hearing on the charge of grand larceny, forfeited his bail and left the city. He was re-arrested at Louisville, Ky. With much difficulty required papers were obtained, and Detective DeCelle was subsequently detailed to bring Wolle back to Cleveland. Everything went well until the Big Four depot was reached at Cincinnati, when Wolle made a break for freedom. He succeeded in escaping from DeCelle. This was last December. Nothing was heard of him un-

til the New York authorities telegraphed that they had succeeded in capturing Wolle at Oyster Bay, N. Y. Detective DeCelle was again detailed to bring the elusive prisoner home, and this time, through the generous use of handcuffs and leg irons, DeCelle landed his prisoner in Cleveland, six months after Wolle's first experience with the Cleveland police department.

Wolle was given a hearing on the grand larceny charge, but for some reason the accusation was changed to petit larceny. Under this count he was sentenced by Judge Fiedler to pay \$100 and costs and serve thirty days in the Workhouse.

Wednesday afternoon at the Workhouse Wolle was detailed to do some painting in the office of the institution. He had proved himself an especially docile prisoner, and no guard was placed near him. At about 5 o'clock a small boy rushed into Superintendent Dorn's office and stated that he had just noticed a prisoner jumping over the iron fence which guards part of the Workhouse grounds. A hurried search revealed the fact that Wolle had escaped. Guard Kasper, thanks to the directions given by the boy, was able to follow the prisoner, and two miles from the Workhouse came up with him. A brief struggle followed, in which the guard came out victorious.

Thursday morning Wolle was brought down to the Central station and booked. He will be given a trial on the charge of escaping from prison, before Judge Fielder this morning.

To a reporter who visited Wolle in his prison cell, the latter told an almost pathetic story. "I was at work painting, in the Workhouse office, when I noticed that no guard had been placed near me," he said. "The windows were open. Every bird loves the free air and sunshine. I also love it. It struck me that I might successfully attempt an escape, and a moment later I was in the garden. I remained there for some time until I thought the coast was clear, and then jumped over the front fence. A little boy saw me, and I suppose turned in the alarm."

One reason advanced for Wolle's desire to escape probably explains why he made the attempt on Wednesday. In the first mail received by Superintendent Dorn Wednesday morning was a warrant for Wolle's arrest. It came from St. Louis authorities with a request that when Wolle's time expired the Cleveland authorities should detain him, he being badly wanted in that city. The warrant was read to Wolle.—*Cleveland Leader*, July 29, 1898.

Written for the ERA.

Our Toledo, Ohio, Letter.

All the war taxes are not paid with revenue stamps. Several taxes are paid into the Internal revenue office for which receipts are issued.

It looks as though the number of revenue stamps will not be as numerous as the old issue if the department shall make no distinction in documents.

The \$5 surcharged newspaper stamp is destined to become a very rare article if the conditions in this city is any criterion.

A collector here has an envelope from a soldier in Santiago de Cuba. It bears a 2c U. S. stamp and has "United States Post Office, Military Station No. 1, Cuba" stamped over the stamp similar to the cancelling stamp used in the large post offices.

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C. H. WATTS.

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From Our Special Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

The one cent stamped envelope shortly to be issued by the Post Office Department has many features to commend it to the public. The price in excess of the face value is 10 cents per hundred less than that of the old stamped envelopes.

For some time past the Toronto Post Office has refused to redeem uncanceled postage stamps even at a discount. This is a great annoyance and loss to dealers here who have to dispose of them at a large discount.

The Omaha sets 1c to 10c unused bring 50c per set here in Toronto. The complete set of Proprietary sells at the same price.

The increased demand for the Maple Leaf Canada continues, during the past week the price on the 3c red has gone up from 5c to 10c per hundred.

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INTENDING TO ATTEND.

- J. M. Bartels, Washington, D. C.
- A. W. Batchelder, Boston, Mass.
- Frank H. Burt, Boston, Mass.
- Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.
- Nathan Cobe, Waltham, Mass.
- H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
- E. Doebelin, Pittsburg, Pa.
- W. F. Fratcher, Detroit, Mich.
- Frank B. Gouch, Woonsocket, R. I.
- Gordon Ireland, Springfield, Mass.
- W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.
- J. F. Johnson, 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass.
- C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
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- J. H. Leippe, Reading, Pa.
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- C. B. Warner, Syracuse, N. Y.
- P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.

Change of Addresses.

- KALMBACH, HENRY G.**, from 48 Clinton St. to Station A, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- PATTERSON, A. E.**, from 458 Washington Ave. to 134 Duane St., New York City.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report	707
New Stockholder	1
	708
Resignation accepted	1
Present membership	707

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

New York City, July 30th, 1898.
1,132 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of July 23rd, valued at \$37,948.48
25 books received since July 23rd, valued at \$463.66
\$38,412.14
8 books retired since July 23rd, valued at 218.69

Total number of books in circulation 1,149 valued at \$38,193 45
I would urgently request members to prepare their books for the Fall and Winter season, now approaching, as soon as possible and send them in to the Department without delay. Signs point to an active season with large sales of good con-



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Convenes in New York City on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6th, 1898.

Petition for Membership.

DEBICKE, ALBERT, 218 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 42; occupation, Broker. References: W. A. Sisson, F. E. Ellis.

New Stockholder.

1518. **FARRANT, REGINALD C.**, Casilla 348, Lima, Peru.

Resignation Accepted.

346. **CUTTER, CHARLES W.**, Cambridge, Mass.

Resignation Received.

1081. **DOEHLER, C. A. F.**, of Two Rivers, Wis.

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As in past years Mr. Wm. C. Stone will attend this year's Convention of the American Philatelic Association, and he wishes us to inform his friends that he will be pleased to receive proxies.

As our supply of 58th Catalogues is completely exhausted, our offers of it in connection with subscription are withdrawn.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel writes us that he has just arrived home after five months abroad. While there he purchased the celebrated Dr Legrand collection of United States envelopes, entire.

The Quebec Daily Telegraph of July 22nd, has an article of nearly a column length regarding Mr. W. K. Hall, the Peterborough, Ontario, dealer, who visited that city and was interviewed by a reporter of the above mentioned paper.

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Table listing various stamps and their prices, including British Central Africa, Pahang surcharged on Perak, Newfoundland 6c carmine, etc.

COLONIAL STAMP CO., J. H. LYONS, Manager, 351 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

Stamp News.

HAYTI.

Very few of the new issue of stamps have been used postally except the 2 and 5 cent values. The others were furnished in such small quantities that they were bought up at face value, that is in gold, by some speculator, and the 2 cent surcharge are now being offered at \$3.00 gold per one hundred and not many for sale at that price.

DANIEL I. FARRINGTON.

NEW PLATES.

LISBON, ME., July 28, 1898. W. W. JEWETT, Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I have seen Plate Numbers 7977 and 8015 1c Documentary issue, which have not been listed in the ERA.

Yours truly, W. E. LUNT.

"I am somewhat of a liar

myself," writes one of our friends. "Send me a copy of 'STAMP HUNTING'; I want to know how for \$15.00 you could pick up 300 Six-cent Orange Proprietaries."

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Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

JUNE MAGAZINES.

- American Collector*, Vol. IV. No. 4 (20).
Australian Philatelist, May, Vol. IV. No. 10.
Australian Stamp News, April, May, Vol. II. Nos. 1, 2.
Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. VIII. No. 6.
Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, (212).
Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXI. No. 4 (124).
Filatelice Facts and Fallacies, Vol. VI. No. 9 (69).
International Philatelist, Vol. VII. No. 3.
London Philatelist, Vol. VII. No. 76.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Vol. VI. No. 5.
Montreal Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 3.
Perforator, Vol. II. No. 4.
Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. I. No. 10.
Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. VIII. No. 9.
Philatelic Record, Vol. XX. No. 6.
Philatelist, Der, Vol. XIX. No. 6 (243).
Polski Filatelista, Vol. IV. No. 6.
Post Office, Vol. VIII. No. 87.
Revista de la Soc. Fil. Argentina, Vol. IV. Nos. 1-4 (39-42).
Revue Postale, Vol. I. No. 6.
Stamp Collectors' Journal, Vol. XX. (436).
Stamps (Rushden), Vol. II. No. 6.
Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. II. No. 9.
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. VIII. (96).
Texan Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 4 (51).
Timbre Poste, Vol. XXXVI. (426).
- ### JULY MAGAZINES.
- Boston Stamp Book*, Vol. IV. No. 2.
Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXIII. No. 7 (235).
Eastern Philatelist, Vol. XXI. No. 5 (125).
Herald Exchange, Vol. IV. No. 5 (23).
Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Vol. XXV. No. 13.
International Philatelist, Vol. VII. No. 4.
Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. I. No. 7.
New York Philatelist, Vol. IV. No. 4.
Ontario Philatelist, Vol. II. No. 5.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, Vol. XIV. No. 2.
Perforator, Vol. II. No. 5.
Philatelic Advocate, Vol. V. No. 1 (23).
Philatelic Monthly, Vol. XXIV. No. 7 (283).
Philatelic Record, Vol. XX. No. 7.
Post Office, Vol. VIII. No. 88.
Revue Postale, Vol. I. No. 7.
Stamp Reporter, Vol. I. No. 11.
Stamps (N. Y.), Vol. II. No. 10.
Texan Philatelist, Vol. VIII. No. 5 (52).
Timbrophile Poitevin, Vol. IV. No. 40.
Western Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 1.
Virginia Philatelist, Vol. I. No. 11.

Among the French periodicals noted above it is a trifle hard to say just which is the best. *Le Timbre Poste* is unusually good

this time and is of especial interest to American readers on account of the article on the Confederate States 10 cent stamps of the 1863 issue. This article I am happy to say is to be reproduced in the *American Journal of Philately* commencing with the July number. Major Evans also has a very exhaustive essay on the same subject in the *Monthly Journal*. One of these days I hope Brother Luff will get out a volume dealing with all the issues of the Confederacy, including the so-called local or postmaster's issues.

Mr. Luff's history of the stamps of our own country which is now coming out in the *American Journal of Philately* has been translated into French and is appearing in *Le Philatelic Francaise*, as is also the valuable work on the Greek stamps which came out in the *Philatelic Record* some time since. The series of articles on the stamps of France and its colonies is drawing to a close, Tahiti being the subject under consideration in the current issue.

M. Maury in his valuable little paper, gives the full text of the decree issued by Louis XV. of France in 1760 creating and organizing a postal service. A quaint illustration of a Parisian post office of the times is given. Following in the same lines *La Revue Postale* gives a decree issued in 1464 by Louis XI. instituting a postal service. An illustration is given in the July number of a machine devised by Bruno Hecht for washing stamps and removing the superfluous gum and paper from their backs. It is said to very much improve the appearance of the specimens, making surcharges to show out very clearly. The machine looks like a clothes wringer with a small tank for water above it. I wish some one could have one on exhibition at our convention in New York. It would be of interest to many no doubt.

Le Timbrophile Poitevin seldom contains much original matter but always exercises good judgment in selecting its articles for translation. The original article this month is on natural history as shown on stamps.

Passing now to the tight little island, I am rather embarrassed with the wealth of good things presented this month. In addition to the article by Major Evans on the C. S. A. stamps alluded to above, the *Monthly Journal* contains two articles by Donald A. King on Canadian stamps, and in the notes and queries is an illustration of a cover prepaid by a threepenny stamp and a diagonal half of another, making a rate of four and a half pence. The cover is addressed to New York and is hand-stamped "Paid 10 cents." As sixpence was reckoned equal to 10 cents I fail to see just the object of cutting the stamp. The post-mark seems all right but I should not want

to put much money in the specimen. It looks a trifle fishy, does it not?

Stamps of Rushden continues its U. S. articles and has large fractional cuts showing the varieties of the 1870 issue together with full sized cuts of the so-called two varieties of the 30 cents of 1870 and 1873. The capped 2 cent variety of the 1890 is also shown by a fractional cut. The article is brought to a close by a decidedly misleading account of the Central Fair stamps, concerning which the writer evidently knows nothing, as all his surmises and statements are far from correct. They were simply used at the big soldiers' fair in New York and were never recognized or used as postage stamps. It is of course likely that such as were used at the fair were cancelled, which would account for the used specimens spoken of.

A reprint from the *Philatelic Journal of India* on the stamps of Kashmir appears in the *Philatelic Record*, and while it may not be of interest to many of our readers was of considerable help to myself. I do not think that the native Indian issues receive the attention they should. While no doubt they do exist in some states for the benefit of collectors there is absolutely no doubt whatever that they have a distinct postal value within their own territories and that in some states large numbers of them are used for postage. The writer of the article states that collectors need not be frightened by the high prices they will find on certain stamps as they can be picked up far more reasonably than one would expect. For the student of minor varieties I would most earnestly commend the native

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Indian issues. Another article by Mr. Oldfield on the Bolivian stamps carries them down through the 1871 issue and is accompanied by three plates illustrating some 12 varieties of the 5 centavos of the first issue.

The June number of the *London Philatelist* contains the report of the work of the London Philatelic Society for the past season and as a member of the Society I may perhaps be excused if I quote quite fully from it.

The membership now numbers 291, a reduction of 3 compared with last year, but the slight reduction must not be taken as indicating any lack of interest. Sixteen meetings have been held during the year with an average attendance of eighteen. Papers have been read on six occasions, the subjects being: Railway Stamps Used for Letters, Notes on the 2 Riggsbank Killing Stamp of Denmark, Minor Varieties of United States Stamps, Notes on the Stamps of Bolivia, Dies of Stamps for the Registered Envelopes of Great Britain, Stamps of Holland.

In addition to the above, eleven evenings have been given up to displays of stamps of the following countries with informal talks: Great Britain, Confederate States Government Issues, Austria, France, Cantonal and First Federal Issues of Switzerland, Mauritius, Japan, Colombia, Antioquia and States, Holland and the Dutch Colonies, Straits Settlements and States.

The publication committee has been hard at work with the preparation for issue of the work on the Stamps of Great Britain, prepared by the late Hastings E. Wright and A. B. Creeke and hope to have it ready for the printer at an early date.

The Duke of York is still President and among the list of members may be found many familiar names of collectors from the United States.

Passing now to the colonies I have first a revived paper from Queensland in the shape of the *Australian Stamp News*, which suspended publication about four years ago. The editor and publisher is J. E. Newell Bull, and he states in his salutatory that when he gave up his other paper he resolved never to start another until he could take the printing into his own hands and thus save the agony of a big printer's bill each month. While the first two numbers certainly show some room for improvement, I trust Mr. Bull will keep at it and not be discouraged by adverse criticisms. "Tall oaks from little acorns grow." The formation of a Federal Philatelic Society is being urged by Mr. Bull and I wish it all success. With a Federal government in sight it certainly seems as if the philatelists of Australia should lose no time in uniting themselves for better work and for mutual benefit.

The *Australian Philatelist* contains some interesting notes on Macao and a re-

port of the postal conference held at Hobart in March and April last, which adopted several recommendations of interest to collectors. The ½, 1 and 2½ penny stamps are to be printed in the Postal Union colors. "Specimen" is to be placed on all stamps sold issued to collectors at less than the facial value. Stamps sent to the Bern postal bureau are to be obliterated with a dating stamp. Used stamps may be sent at packet post rates among the colonies but not to foreign countries on account of Postal Union rules.

From the *Melita Philatelic Chronicle* I learn of the approaching issue of four new stamps for this island. A new value in the shape of a farthing stamp is to be added.

Coming nearer home now I find five magazines from the Dominion to occupy my attention. The *Ontario Philatelist* and the *Philatelic Advocate* are both full of D. P. A. matters. The annual convention was held at Hamilton on Dominion Day and some twenty-five members were in attendance. The *Advocate* was again chosen as the official journal and Toronto as the convention seat for 1899. I am unable to see that the Association has accomplished anything the past year in its different departments except to add some 91 members and hold three auction sales. The exchange department seems to be non est. The *Stamp Reporter* gives four portraits of "Men of Interest of the Maritime Provinces." I fail however to find the likeness of Donald King who is head and shoulders above all the rest of the maritime philatelists. The revenue department of the *Montreal Philatelist* contains descriptions of some fiscals issued by some of the native Indian states and promises articles on Ceylon, Straits Settlements and Australia.

The *Philatelic Messenger* is a trifle behind time but is none the worse for that. The publication office is to be removed to Boiestown, N. B. Massachusetts items by Burnham, and Chapman's letter "From the land of steady habits," form the bulk of the reading matter.

Raymond Baker's articles in the *Eastern Philatelist* are always of interest but I think the one in the June issue is of especial value. "Study Your Library." We have many philatelic libraries but how many of them are simply accumulations of papers of which the owners knows little or nothing of the contents. I always make it a point to look over carefully every paper which comes into my possession, be it in whatever language, and with the aid of my very good memory find that frequently I am able to settle disputed points by a reference to some article or item which I have seen therein. A "Poole's Index" to philatelic literature will come some day and

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Our Boston Letter.

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The past week was the best week of the season for stamps—sticking. When such veterans as Nathan Cobe, the plate number dealer, and Mr. Snow complain, you can make up your mind that it was bad weather for stamps. Nathan says that if he only laid the stamps down, they would stick themselves. I understand that Mr. Snow left his at home, presumably on the ice, during his visit to Boston.

The demand for the new revenues is still brisk. The 1/2c orange Documentary seems to be a good stamp. It is quoted at 5c each, and the supply is not very large. The New York correspondent for Mekeel's, in speaking of the 1/2c orange, says: "I have been unable to learn as yet whether it is an error or a change of color." As the 1/2c orange has been on sale in Boston for over three weeks, I should call it a change of color.

By the way, I notice that the new review editor of Mekeel's is reviewing the ERA much better than the former editor. He evidently knows a good thing when he sees it.

The above named paper is to be congratulated on having secured Mr. Wylie as its Boston correspondent. It was brought to my notice some time ago that he was going to be correspondent, but out of defer-

ence to his wishes I have not mentioned the fact.

Mr. R. F. Burns, the well-known collector of Arlington, has returned from his annual vacation.

I have seen a communication from the Postmaster-General of Newfoundland, to a well-known stamp firm here, in which he states that he has sent them some of the new issue of Newfoundland stamps. I shall, undoubtedly, in my next letter, have the pleasure of chronicling a 1/2c, 3c and 5c new issue. It is also officially stated that the plates of the Newfoundland 1887-96 issue have been destroyed. We shall therefore have no more shades of the 3c slate. I suppose that Bro. McKearin will be very sorry for this, but he should not be faint-hearted, for unless Newfoundland is taken into the Dominion of Canada, they will probably give us another set in a short time.

I have been shown to-day some of the British Central Africa 1d provisional. It is an embossed cheque stamp, on white wove paper printed in red; there is a border around it, and the words "Internal" at the top, and "Postage" at the bottom, all in blue, imperforated, rectangular in shape. It is claimed that these stamps were not sold to the public, but were put on letters on which the postage had been paid in cash. I have also seen the complete set of current Gibraltar postage stamps, surcharged "Morocco—Agencies" in black.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes on Stamps.

It has been some time since I contributed any notes to the ERA, this being due to the lack of time on my part to prepare them. I have been very busy the past two or three months and particularly during May and June, the nesting season of our birds, all my spare time was devoted to our feathered friends of the woods and fields of which I am a lover and, in an amateur way, a student.

It rather pleased me to read the following in Mr. Wylie's Boston Notes, *Meeke's Weekly*, Aug. 4th.

Boston has figured considerably in the matter of the Newfoundland surcharge and the possession of full sheets by dealers of that city has given rise to a good deal of published skepticism. Anent the matter, observe what Editor Nankivell has to say in the *Philatelic Record*: "Was it ever occurred to them ('the skeptics') that shrewd dealers who happened to have sheets of the much-needed one-cent stamps, offered these in exchange for the provisional issue, and that, as it matters not to the postmaster which kind of one-cent stamps he had, so long as he was able to make the most of his supply, he did exchange provisionals for a supply of the stamps of which he had run short? We happen to know that this was done, for we have a sheet that was so obtained."

Those of my readers who followed my notes in the ERA on the Newfoundland provisionals will perhaps recall that under date of Feb. 23d I spoke of this same thing as the way in which some of the entire sheets of the surcharges reached the markets. I might also add that some entire sheets also found their way into dealer's hands through their being sold outright at some of the small offices of the island. I know of a few sheets which were thus secured. I am still firm however in the belief that the number of sheets and unused surcharges which found their way upon the market is not nearly as large as many would have us believe.

The change in the color of the current 1-cent Newfoundland from claret to green, while perhaps looked for sooner or later, came rather unexpectedly. A correspondent in St. Johns wrote at the time that they had no idea the change had been made until they sent to the post office for one-cent stamps and received the new green instead of the claret.

While I am speaking of Newfoundlands I wish to warn collectors against buying the $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1 and 2c reprints of last November under the impression that they are originals. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c black, No. 59, 1c yellow-green, No. 65, and 2c orange, No. 55, were reprinted at that time and have been on sale at the general post office St. Johns at face without limit as to quantity. The difference between these reprints and the originals would appear very slight to one not familiar with the originals and having them for comparison. Hence it would be no difficult matter to pass the reprints as originals with a large majority of collectors and many dealers might ignorantly sell them as such.

Not long ago I had 1c yellow-greens, No. 65, offered me by two prominent dealers and in each case I had no hesitation in pronouncing the stamps to be the last reprint then on sale on face at the general office in St. Johns.

The reprints are a considerably lighter shade of green than No. 65 and there are also slight differences in the printing, most pronounced under the glass, which further distinguish them from No. 65. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 2c reprints also differ in shade from the originals. The difference in the half cent is very marked when a sheet or large block of each are placed side by side. The gum on the 2c reprints is decidedly different than that on any of the originals I have seen.

These reprints are received for postage and, while as with the 1894 re-issue, they may ultimately prove rarer than the originals, at the present time I do not consider them worth half as much as the originals unused. The 1c yellow-green, No. 65, I particularly consider a rather scarce stamp unused.

Speaking of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c black, No. 59, I understand that in the stock of the late Henry Gremmel there was quite a large number of these stamps unused. The firm who purchased that stock offered these $\frac{1}{2}$ c blocks in 500 lots at what I considered a very low figure. I understand that soon afterward all that was left of these stamps from the Gremmel stock were purchased by the largest firm in this country.

I was shown today a 5c blue, Newfoundland which I am informed is being sold in New York as the 5c light blue, No. 51, but the stamp I have no hesitation in pronounc-

ing No. 57, which runs in a rather light and a dark shade. The stamp before me is not the right shade or paper for No. 51.

It is rather difficult for me to understand why the *Boston Stamp Book* in its supplementary catalogue continues to list as a new 1898 re-issue the 3c lilac type A23 Newfoundland. This is the stamp which was used for the surcharges last November so how could it have been issued in 1898? Neither can I understand why the supplementary catalogue fails to list the 3c type A23 violet brown which is a distinct variety and not a shade.

GEORGE S. MCKEARIN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Aug. 9th.

The stamp business in Boston is steadily improving. There is a good demand for medium and low-priced stamps, and several of the dealers report more orders for the old issues of U. S. revenues than they have had for some time past. The 1c postage stamp with surcharge I. R. inverted seems to be rather plenty, and they are selling at from 40 to 50 cents.

I should judge that the proof reader of *Meeke's Weekly* is not a Philatelist, as under their New York notes is said: "A find of several sheets of 2c unsurcharged I. R. is the event of the week." If the proof reader says that this is strictly following copy, then Mr. Gregory, when he wrote it, must have just returned from being out with the boys.

I see that one of your correspondents, in speaking of Hayti stamps, says that he noticed that some of the papers mentioned the 2c brown surcharged as being issued in 1893, and he thinks that this is a mistake. He is evidently the one who has made the mistake, as the stamp has been advertised as being surcharged on an 1893 stamp, and the errors of double print occur on both brown and orange surcharged. I have seen a great many sheets of both colors, and the double print showed from one to five times on each sheet. I have never seen a sheet on which the double print did not occur.

I have been requested, by several of the readers of the ERA, to furnish them with a list of the stamps that I consider worth catalogue price. I have been obliged to respectfully decline for various reasons; one of these is that during the coming season a number of new catalogues will undoubtedly be issued and some of these catalogues may not list some of these stamps at their real value. I then should feel at perfect liberty to print a list of stamps that are worth catalogue value. On the other hand, if a list should be printed now, it might be of assistance in making prices. Either way, undoubtedly, I can, later on, give your readers some interesting reading regarding the prices of stamps, and how some of these prices are made.

I notice that one of your contemporaries mentioned that an 8c maple leaf Canada has been shown in the color of the 2c stamp, and says that "the stamp seems to be good and true in every way." The changing of the color of this 8c stamp to the color of the 2c one is one of the easiest things in the world, and why any stamp paper should print that a stamp of this kind has been submitted for their inspection is beyond my comprehension.

Some of the stamp papers, under the heading of "News of Vital Interest to Stamp Collectors," quote a paragraph from the associated press, in which it is said that the Postmaster General has called in all of the newspaper and periodical stamps, and that it is a question as to whether or not they will be sold to collectors, and if this action is decided upon, they may be sold for less than their face value. Now, where in the above is there any news of vital interest? It is such rot as this that makes a stamp collector sick, when it is called news. In Boston, for a great many weeks, it has been known that the Attorney-General gave his opinion to the Postmaster General that the stamps could not be sold for less than face, and it was a foregone conclusion that the stamps were to be called in; whether the government ever decides to sell them to collectors or not, even at face or less, is at present unknown. When it is found out what disposition will be made of the stamps, that will be news of vital interest.

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Convenes in New York City on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898, in the Collectors Club House, 351 Fourth Ave.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13th, 1898.

Petitions for Membership.

- ROTHSCHILD, JOHN**, No. 834 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.; age, 28; occupation, Merchant. References: Alfred H. Greenebaum, Frank Koeing, William E. Loy.
- MCKEARIN, GEORGE S.**, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: Albert W. Batchelder, Ernest M. Carpenter.
- BARTELS, H. F.**, P. O. Box 1039, Portland, Oregon; age, 28; occupation, Insurance. References: H. B. Phillips, D. M. Averill.
- MIER, LOUIS M.**, 79 Francisco Ave., Rutherford, N. J.; age, 38; occupation,

Buyer. References: Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.

New Stockholders.

1521. **SCHMEEWEISS, ALOLPH E.**, 600 E. 18th St., Patterson, N. J.
1522. **DUHAMEL, JAMES F.**, 220 Broadway, Room N, St. Paul Building, New York.

In report for week ending Aug. 6th, Reginald C. Farrant, Lima, Peru, Stockholder's number should be 1520.

Resignation Accepted.

637. **MUIR, WILLIAM E.**, 300 Wellington St., Montreal, P. Q.

Reinstated.

106. **RICHARDSON, L. C.**, Lawrence, Mass.

Resignation Received.

948. **STEBBINS, EDWARD J.**, Adrian, Michigan.
1294. **DIHM, JAMES W., Jr.**, Pittsburg, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report	709
New Stockholders	2
Reinstated	1
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Resignation accepted	1
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Present membership	711

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Aug 8th, 1898.
1,149 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of July 30th, valued at \$38,193.45
17 books received since July 30th, valued at \$260.86
\$38,454.31
41 books retired since July 30th, valued at 772.93
Total number of books in circulation 1,125 valued at \$37,681 38

NOTICE.

I shall have something to say to participants in this Department each week, so please read over these notices carefully.

My attention has been drawn to the large number of damaged stamps and the prices asked for them, that have been in the books the past season. Surely such specimens cannot be worth as much as good entire stamps, but prices asked have been almost invariably as high for damaged stamps as for whole stamps.

It is all right to put rare damaged stamps (marked as such) in the books but prices should be way down.

I have demands for Porto Rico stamps.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Aug. 10, 1898.

No. 88. One hundred and forty Philatelic Journals, sixty-one auction catalogues and fourteen miscellaneous. From Sherman M. Craiger.

H. E. DEATS.

N. Y. BRANCH NO. 2, A. P. A.

A special meeting of Branch No. 2 American Philatelic Association was held at the room of the National Philatelic Society, Collectors Club, No. 351 Fourth Ave., on Tuesday evening, August 9th, 1898.

Meeting was called to order by President Gregory at 8.40 p. m., with thirteen members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Finance Committee reported that \$464.00 had been subscribed by 37 subscribers, \$285.00 having been collected, and they expected to collect the balance in a short time.

The Entertainment Committee reported that they had several plans well under way for the entertainment of visitors, such as a carriage ride through Central Park and from there to Grant's Tomb; also a trip to Coney Island by trolley, or if preferable, bicycles could be secured for the riding members. An evening entertainment at the Collectors Club was talked over, and on the last day, a trip by steamer around

Manhattan Island, up the Hudson River, and return to Staten Island. Mr. R. F. Albrecht on behalf of the Staten Island Philatelic Society wished to have the members to entertain for part of a day. It was finally decided that Mr. Albrecht should confer with the Staten Island members and report to the entertainment committee at their next meeting. The entertainment committee was instructed to issue tickets only to resident members within 50 miles of New York who have subscribed to the fund, their guests, and visiting members of the American Philatelic Association, and to no others. Subscriptions to the entertainment fund shall close on the 20th of August. Mr. R. A. McKim of the entertainment committee could not serve as he expected to be out of town at that time, and Mr. John W. Scott was appointed in his place.

Meeting adjourned at 9.40 p. m. to meet again on Tuesday evening, August 16th, at 8 p. m., at the same place.

O. H. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY.

The Committee of Arrangements has selected the Park Avenue Hotel as a Headquarters for visitors and it is recommended to be a modern hotel, with every convenience and handy to the meeting place, the Collectors Club House. The terms are \$3.00 per day.

TO ATTEND 13th ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The following is a list of those members who have signified their intention of attending this year's Convention:

- J. M. Bartels, Washington, D. C.
- A. W. Batchelder, Boston, Mass.
- Frank H. Burt, Boston, Mass.
- J. F. Capron, Boston, Mass.
- Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.
- Nathan Cobe, Waltham, Mass.
- S. M. Craiger, Linden, Md.
- H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
- E. Doebelin, Pittsburg, Pa.
- W. F. Fratcher, Detroit, Mich.
- Frank B. Gouch, Woonsocket, R. I.
- W. N. Howe, Portland, Me.
- Gordon Ireland, Springfield, Mass.
- W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.
- J. F. Johnson, 53 Thornton St., Boston, Mass.
- C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
- C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg, Pa.
- Aug. Lehman, Patterson, N. J.
- J. H. Leippe, Reading, Pa.
- F. P. Richardson, Salem, Mass.
- Lewis Robie, Chicago, Ill.
- E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J.
- Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.
- Benj. P. Thomas, Pemberton, N. J.
- F. P. Vincent, Chatham, N. Y.
- J. A. Wainwright, Northampton, Mass.
- C. B. Warner, Syracuse, N. Y.
- P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.

In addition to the members there will be in attendance several collectors who are not members, among whom we have received word from the following:

- William B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass.
- Harry S. Lee, Mattapan, Mass.

DETROIT '99.

The following letter just received fully explains itself:

DETROIT, August 10th, 1898.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: I have today forwarded to Mr. E. Doebelin, International Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, invitations from His Excellency, H. S. Pingree, Governor of Michigan, Hon. William C. Maybury, Mayor of Detroit, the Detroit Convention and Business Men's League and the Detroit Philatelic Association to the American Philatelic Association to hold the annual convention of 1899 in the City of Detroit. Detroit is complimented by strangers as being the most delightful convention city in the United States, and if we are honored by the Association to the extent of making Detroit the meeting place of 1899 we will pledge them a royal welcome. I take pleasure in sending you under another cover copy of an illustrated book on Detroit which was used in connection with a meeting of the American Municipal League just held in this city. This will give you a faint idea of some of the beauties of our city.

Detroit also boasts many enthusiastic philatelists, some of whom possess fine collections, notably Mr. John Kay among whose 20,000 varieties appear the 2c Hawaiian and many other great rarities, and thousands of blocks. We have also sent similar invitations to the Sons of Philatelia and the Philatelic Sons of America.

We shall be pleased to be honored with the attendance of either one or all three of the organizations mentioned and I feel sure that we can guarantee to every one a delightful visit in the City of the Straits.

Yours truly,

HOWARD C. BECK,
Secretary Detroit Philatelic Association.

WILLIAM B. HALE,
PHILATELIC MERCHANT,
WILLIAMSVILLE, MASS.

\$200.00 Per Day

Is the amount of unused Columbians and other unused U. S. postage stamps we can use at the following rates: 1c to 30c values 5% Discount from face
50c to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
\$2 " 15% " " "

We are buying these stamps to use for postage and can use badly centered copies. We remit promptly on the day of receipt. [fin]

P. N. WESSOTH & CO.
651 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Gone to the War.

Will resume business when we have licked Spain.

LIBERTY STAMP CO.,
GEO. FLAGG, Manager,

170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

accurate account of his criminal actions with also his likeness.

As will be seen in our advertising columns Mr. R. F. Albrecht has returned to active engagement in the stamp business and announces his 45th auction sale, the first of the season, to take place next month.

RECEIVED:

The Stampman for August from D. W. Osgood the Pueblo, Colo., stamp man.

Wholesale Exchange List No. 8 from F. Noyes of Alice, Texas.

The Postal Card Bulletin, official journal of the Postal Card Society of America, from the Secretary, Mr. Wm. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, August 9th.

One of the most inaccessible places connected with the U. S. government is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at the present time. The work on hand is still enormous but not quite as heavy as it has been the last six weeks. No visitors have been admitted for some time and it appears impossible to get any information from the officials as they are too busy to have a chat with anyone. So for the present at any rate collectors will have to rely on other sources for their information. Plate numbers can only be chronicled as they are found, instead of before the plates were even used as was formerly the case.

It has been rumored that some of the blue 1c have been seen surcharged I. R. and used for revenue and two parties in this city claim to have seen them. I am inclined to believe that if they really were used for revenue purposes the stamps were ordinary postage stamps which had been made to do revenue duty.

There is one new number to add to last week's list of surcharged revenues which will probably be the last:

No. 525 2c rose, I. R.

Table listing various stamp types and their prices, including Proprietary or Telegraph, Imperforate, Certificate, Inland Exchange, Power of Attorney, Foreign Exchange or Lease, Life Insurance, Passage Ticket, Surety Bond, and Probate of Will.

FIRE YOUR ORDERS HERE!

Table listing postage rates for Mexico, Peru, and U.S. orders, including rates for 1874, 1886, and 45c orders.

WHITE, Stampman, Box 187, LEWISTON, ME.

BOOMING.

Stamps Are Booming

and the trade feels the affect. Every-body is buying albums, stock books, approval cards, hinges and supplies. Are you fitted out for the coming season with all the necessaries? Don't forget our Blank Album and well-made Left Page Stock Books.

P. M. Weisletter, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago.

BOOMING.

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Many people are yet in doubt in regard to the new revenue law. A pension bureau employee says that numerous people are stamping their claims, some of them putting as high as 50c worth of revenue stamps on them to be sure that they have enough, when really no tax is required.

BOOMING.

Collectors here can always obtain complete sets of Omaha stamps, but the \$2 ones are nearly all very poor, the perforation sometimes touching the design on two sides. Two or three different times lots have been received but they were all about the same.

If anyone is required to pay \$2 for a stamp which he never intends to use, surely he ought to be entitled to a good one. Poorly perforated stamps of high values ought to be invariably destroyed.

We notice that G. Kohn has escaped after defrauding many stamp men. We were the first to warn the philatelic world against this rascal, the first notice appearing in these notes early in May.

Clipping from the Washington Star: OBJECTION TO A STAMP.

COMPLAINT THAT IT BEARS FATHER MARQUETTE'S FIGURE.

A number of letters have been received at the Post Office Department complaining of one of the Omaha exposition stamps. It is the one bearing the figure of Father Marquette in his canonical robes. The A. P. A. is especially strong in its denunciation of this selection to adorn one of the stamps, and the third assistant postmaster general, who has the immediate charge of the stamps, is charged with being responsible "for this outrage on Americanism." The selection of designs for the stamps was made by General Merritt, the third assistant postmaster general, after due consideration. He thought that Father Marquette represented a period in the history of the west and without thinking of his creed recommended the design. Postmaster General Gary at the time looked over the designs, and he, too, thought the Marquette stamp well selected. Neither of these gentlemen is a Catholic, and it is said that the design originated with Editor Rosewater of the Omaha Bee, who is also not a Romanist.

ONE OF OUR DRUG FRIENDS

Wrote us and said: "The best way to get rid of you and your blamed old Stamp Book is to buy it, otherwise you will be sending me a free copy and I'll be then under obligations to read it." We can stand all that with magnanimity (we think that is the word), but when the Chicago Philatelic Society rises up in a body and votes that we should present a copy to their library, so each in turn could read it at their leisure—thus cutting off a hundred or more subscribers—we realize to the fullest extent that one only has to write a book to discover what a cold, heartless and ungrateful world he is living in.

LEWIS ROBIE, 208 Randolph St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Summer Prices 60% Discount, GOOD STAMPS.

Table listing various stamp types and their prices, including U.S. 1869 Good Copies, Carmine, Postage Due, U.S. Post Office Register, Nova Scotia, Egypt, Finland, Luxembourg, Argentina, Iceland, Prussia, Roumania, Serbia, Saxony, Switzerland, Trinidad, Spain, Canada, and U.S. Rev. 5c Playing Cards.

Stamps in Fine Condition.

Catalogued from 30 cts. to \$50.00 each. *Unused. Numbers by Standard Catalogue 38th Edition. United States, 37, 47, 55, 63, 75, *97, *98, 108, 110, 123, 148, 163, 200, 202, 209, 214, 217, 272, 273, 309, *330, 339, 340, 369, 374, 635, 644, 1213. Envelopes, Cut Square: unused, *207, *209, *210, *214, *246, *247, *248, *25, *138, *139, *140, *141, *142, *143, *144, *145, *146, *147, *148, *149, *150, *151, *152, *153, *154, *155, *156, *157, *158, *159, *160, *161, *162, *163, *164, *165, *166, *167, *168, *169, *170, *171, *172, *173, *174, *175, *176, *177, *178, *179, *180, *181, *182, *183, *184, *185, *186, *187, *188, *189, *190, *191, *192, *193, *194, *195, *196, *197, *198, *199, *200, *201, *202, *203, *204, *205, *206, *207, *208, *209, *210, *211, *212, *213, *214, *215, *216, *217, *218, *219, *220, *221, *222, *223, *224, *225, *226, *227, *228, *229, *230, *231, *232, *233, *234, *235, *236, *237, *238, *239, *240, *241, *242, *243, *244, *245, *246, *247, *248, *249, *250, *251, *252, *253, *254, *255, *256, *257, *258, *259, *260, *261, *262, *263, *264, *265, *266, *267, *268, *269, *270, *271, *272, *273, *274, *275, *276, *277, *278, *279, *280, *281, *282, *283, *284, *285, *286, *287, *288, *289, *290, 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Collectors desiring to purchase any of the above mentioned stamps should write me. Prices very low. H. A. SMEDBERG, Kingsbridge, [74] New York City.

F. S. COOK, STRATFORD, CONN. Headquarters for U. S. REVENUES.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

A Straight Tip.

Just at present when the knowing ones are predicting "this, that and the other" in regard to the Newspaper stamps, because this series is no longer in use, mainly because they think "so and so" or would do "so and so" were they in authority. There is clearly at the bottom of it all a great dearth of facts in the case; none at all as a rule. We have the statement that they: 1, will all be recalled and burned; 2, that they will be recalled and sold at Washington at face per entire set; 3, that they will be sold in full sets for ridiculously small sums; 4, that they will be surcharged "Specimen" and sold in sets cheaply; 5, that various offices will sell what they have at a fixed Government price; 6, that certain large offices will be selected as distributing offices and will only sell full sets; 7, that the Government will print enough extra ones to make full sets (so there will be no broken sets) and each office will have them to sell, (After the manner of receiving subscriptions for the War bonds, I suppose); 8, that some large dealer had agreed to buy the remainders at face—this would be the biggest kind of an elephant on one's hands; 9, that the Government would sell new ones at face and cancelled-to-order sets for about a song, or perhaps two songs and a half; 10, that the unused ones would be destroyed but the used ones on bookstubs would be sold (for what price, I wonder, the bright man what told me this did not know; queer, too, for he knew so much, although by questioning him as to whether they'd sift out full sets, short sets or how to get at the inequality of denominations that exist on really used stub books, he did not know that, either), and so on.

Had either or any of these gentlemen any inside information to this effect? Ahem! no, not exactly, but they thought so, or supposed so, had heard another collector say so, or perhaps the Post Office clerk in their town had "guessed" so.

Had any of these gentlemen written or called at Washington to learn these facts? "Oh, no, of course not." Had they caused their Senator or Representative to learn this for them? "Oh, no, they were not acquainted with either the Senator or Representative from their district."

So here we are: A fine mess of argument, as Frank Brown would say, "all rot."

But yours truly, being, perhaps, more fortunate than these people, had taken more pains in the matter. I find out, and find out *facts*, that the various Post Offices, are, by official circular, required to discontinue using them with the financial year ending, by the calendar, June 30, 1898. Also that the remainder of unused Newspaper and Periodical stamps on hand are to be held for further instructions (at the offices now holding them).

By direct enquiry from our friend the

Assistant Postmaster General at Washington the following reply is forthcoming, that no decision has been reached as to the disposition of the Newspaper stamps and by consulting the Attorney General it is found that they could not be sold less than face value; which is, of course, rather more than two hundred dollars the set.

Now anyone would know that the United States would not be up to any monkey business, or the selling of cancelled-to-order sets, this clearly can not be, and I fancy many of these arguments were fired at me because I have full sets to sell and if they could "bear" the market in my mind, they would perhaps be willing to buy a two hundred dollar set for five or ten dollars, from me, after I had been properly scared(?) by these reports, but Billy doesn't scare.

So my friends if this is any use to you, the information is welcome, and don't chase rainbows with the idea of getting these sets for free gifts, and don't be afraid to take a good thing that may look your way.

As many of the readers of the ERA know, it is my privilege to meet personally a great many collectors and dealers, traveling, as I do, in circuit trips covering quite a part of New England and the Atlantic coast states. Lately I have made a practice of asking these philatelists, how they feel about the P. O. Seal stamps, and with one exception I find they were in favour of their being spaces provided for them in the Albums, and most all desired their admission to the catalogue and when we consider the large number of Philatelists thus speaking and that they are from quite a range of territory it would seem to be the general voice of all that the Seals should be given their place as of old. I may add that the one collector who did not want any place for them, had been a long time trying, without success, to get the "Post obitum" variety of the Seals and if they had no peace, he would feel easy in doing without that desired stamp.

So without the least argument as to whether they're good or bad; should or should not be classed as postage stamps (and as for that matter most of us collect Revenues), I find they want them back again. And personally I like them, and can say, not as a dealer and selfishly, but as a collector who has had them in his stamp book for fifteen years, and still keeps them there, that I hope they will be continued in every album and every priced catalogue.

I start on the road again the middle of August and expect to spend a week in New York during the convention, stopping at the hotel designated by the committee, and would be glad to meet collectors and "talk" Newspaper stamps, Seal stamps or any kind of stamps, one of my latest hobbies being the use of large denominations of stamps; of Newspaper payments using several of the hundred dollar stamps; of heavy letters costing large sums, and large blocks of used stamps generally.

I am also one of those mortals who consider Seebecks things of beauty, and many other stamps which are probably speculative but whose beauty does more to promote collecting than the society of capital letters (S. S. S.) in my way of thinking.

WILLIAM B. HALE.

EXCHANGES.

One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 18 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for *exchange* and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

Will exchange good U. S. and Foreign stamps for those of Porto Rico, Cuba and Philippine Islands. Am just starting collection and can use both common and rare. Ed. M. Voss, U. S. Letter Carrier, Bloomington, Indiana.

I will give U. S. revenues and entire envelopes for a good target rifle. Erastus Cornell, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Anyone sending me 10 current United States 3c, 6c, 8c, 15c stamps I will in return send them 60 Foreign stamps, a nice lot. Wm. G. Kirchenbower, 6744 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Alfon Stark, 751 Park Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., has a pair of Opera Glasses in a leather case for an unused one dollar Omaha stamp, 500 U. S. and Foreign Revenues or best offer in plate numbers.

I desire to exchange 20 (twenty) 2-cent Playing Cards orange and 15 (fifteen) 2-cent Certificate orange, U. S. Revenue, 1st issue perf. (very fine copies only), for a 3 or 4-cent Playing Cards same issue. (very fine copies only). I also want Canadian Jubilee. Parties having any of the above please write. H. L. Storke, Jr., 143 North St., Auburn, N. Y.

I have thoroughbred Fancy Pigeons and Homing Pigeons to exchange for stamps for my collection. I. Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass. 175

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Canada (1850) 5c Beaver, 3c; U. S. ('93) 50c orange, 8c; all fine. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

Ein Convert mit 3, 5, 10, 20 pf. mit Neberdruck fur 50 cents. Kassa Postanweisung. Corresp. German only. M. KUSTNER, Swakopmund, German, So. West Africa.

Offers not good after Aug. 30th. U. S. 5c 1847 35c; 10c 1851 45c; 3c outer line 1855 12c; 6c carmine 1870 10c; 3c 1879 2c; 5c Taylor 5c; 3c 1887 5c; 4c 1888 2c; 3c 1888 20c; 90c 1888 55c; 3c 1890 15c; 6c 1890 3c; 8c 1890 2c; 15c 1890 4c; 12 var. Columbians 18c; 50 var. U. S. 15c. F. J. Stanton, Norwich, N. Y.

If you wish to sell your collection of stamps, or duplicates, for spot cash, write J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H. References, Bradstreet, Dun. [304

ENTIRE U. S. ENVELOPES. || **WANT LISTS SOLICITED.**

On September 1 I will place on sale the entire collection of U. S. Envelopes (entire) formed by the famous French collector, Dr. Legrand. Correspondence solicited with collectors of entire U. S. Envelopes.

C. H. MEKEEL, St. Louis, Mo.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

Monday, Aug. 8th.

Lieutenant H. H. Bandholtz reported at Wolsieffer's office last Thursday on his way from one R. R. station to another. He is safe and sound but has lost thirty-five pounds, as he says the fare was none too good or plentiful.

By the way, he is Lieutenant no longer as he has been promoted to the rank of Major in the 35th Michigan Infantry and is therefore open to congratulations.

Wolsieffer's July 30th sale drew out an attendance of about thirty, which was a very good crowd for a summer auction. Prices ruled better than usual, as a general thing and nearly two hundred sets of bids were received from out-of-town buyers.

I append a list of the single stamps going for \$5 each or over:

- Wells, Fargo frank on entire env., 10c 1860 with \$1 Pony Express adhesive, \$25.00
 - Entire Env. 1886 10c unused, Bartel's No. 867, 13 30
 - 1855, 5c No. 67, strip of 3, on o. c., 10.00
 - 1860, 30c pair, on o. c., 6.50
 - Austria 5kr 1867, pasted over 5sld 1863 entire envelope, 6.00
 - Jamaica, 1860-63, 1/2d No. 2a on o. c. 5.30
 - Nova Scotia, 1/2 of 3d with 6d used as 7 1/2d on o. c., 11.05
 - U. S. 10c 1861 reissue 5.10
 - pair of 1867, 3c, No. 121, 5.00
 - 1869, 2c reissue pair, unused, 9.05
 - 1894, \$2 pair, unused, 6.05
- Several combination and wholesale lots brought up to \$35 each.

I HEAR

That Omahas are very scarce, few of the high values being used.

That the demand for revenues is light.

That business is better than it has been all summer.

I clip the following from the *Chicago Record* of July 30th:

OF INTEREST TO STAMP COLLECTORS.

[By the Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—An order issued by the post office department will be of interest to all persons engaged in collecting stamps. An order was issued some time ago discontinuing the use of newspaper and periodical stamps and postmasters were directed to retain such stamps then on hand until directions were given for their disposition. Now the Postmaster-General has decided to call in all such outstanding stamps and it is a question as to whether or not they shall not be sold to collectors and if this action is decided upon they may be sold for less than their face value.

I wonder if it is authentic?

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

(Continued from page 467.)

We have been favored quite extensively of late with an account of certain Tahiti forgeries described by a well advertised Pacific coast dealer who has evidently sent his article to about all the papers published. But I attach far more importance to the paper read before the Pacific Philatelic Society by William Sellschopp and published in *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. It is accompanied by half tone illustrations. Its findings are very conclusive and are backed up by William Herrick of New York who probably knows more about French colonials than all the rest of us put together.

It is stated in the same magazine that 15,000 letters were mailed at Honolulu by the soldiers of the first expedition to the Philippines and that the Hawaiian government forwarded them free of charge, affixing a "Foreign Affairs Dept." stamp to each to satisfy Postal Union regulations. Good for them.

The *Boston Stamp Book* has commenced a series of articles on the cancellation marks of the British West Indies with numerous illustrations. The study of postmarks is something that should not be overlooked whether you collect them or not. It may save you many dollars some time. The supplementary catalogue now appears bound up by itself and printed on one side of the page only so that it can be cut up and inserted in the "Standard."

"Le roi est mort. Vive le roi!" The *Perforator* has swallowed *Penny*. Mr. Kissinger's business cares having become so many he has been obliged to give up the publication of his well known paper, which, commencing with September will be consolidated with the *Perforator* under the name of the latter. I suppose this carries with it the official organ ship of the P. S. of A. The last number of the *Perforator* is decidedly patriotic with its red, white and blue cover. Mr. Stowell has good taste in getting up his papers and I wish other publishers would follow his example.

The June and July numbers of the *Post Office* are largely given up to the new revenues, the text of the law so far as it refers to stamps being given in the June issue while the July number contains a large number of clippings from the New York daily papers concerning the stamps. Messrs. Morgenthau are fast bringing up the paper to its old time standard. May it live long and prosper!

A new magazine with an old and time

honored name is the *Western Philatelist* hailing from Humboldt, Kansas. Most of the articles are by the publisher himself and the one on the varieties of the 3 cent Reay envelopes is of a good deal of interest. I do not exactly like the style of type used on the paper. It seems rather small and blinding for easy reading.

The *Philatelic Bulletin* contains a good article dealing with the various mottos found on stamps and the *New York Philatelist* devotes itself to the various conventions which are to be held there in August.

The *Virginia Philatelist* presents a photograph of the Texas Philatelic Association delegates and a design for a proposed postal money order card. With its red, blue and peach cream color the "V. P." is decidedly the handsomest I have seen yet. And its contents are by no means below the standard set by the press work, etc.

▷ DIRECTORY. ◁

FREE! "THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST" on trial two months. It will then be discontinued. Address at The Dalles, Oregon. [173]

W. K. MIX, U. S. Postage & Revenues—Wholesale, sale and Retail. 69 John Street, Bridgeport, Conn. [174]

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

*** POSTAGE + STAMPS. ***

411 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

February list just issued, cheapest in the world. Every dealer should have one. Sent gratis and post free to dealers only. [175]

I. R. Plate Nos.

are the most timely thing to collect. They are cheap yet but will soon go up in many instances. We can supply 61 different numbers which is about 93%. In most instances we can furnish all four sides. Shall be pleased to send list of prices to any intending purchasers. Send us your

Want List

before all the good things are gone. Many will be unable to complete the set unless they get them at once.

If you want any other plate Nos. let us know at the same time; our stock is by far the most complete in the country, though we do not carry any numbers by the hundred.

J. M. Bartels & Co.,
Washington, D. C.

We want the following I. R. Plate Nos. at a handsome premium:

- 1c:—439, 440, 493, 494, 499, 526 to 529.
- 2c:—474, 584 to 487, 525.

From 2 to 20 times face value given for above. State positions when writing.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

U. S. S. CASTINE, }
KEY WEST, FLA., Aug. 3, '98. }
W. W. JEWETT.

My Dear Sir: At various times I have seen articles in the ERA relating to the "Fuera de Hora" (Out of hours) stamps of Uruguay. I have just returned from an eighteen month's cruise there and you are welcome to publish as much of this letter as you think will be of interest to your readers.

Nearly all letters in Uruguay are mailed at the Post Office or some of its branches; this is done so as to have the stamps cancelled at the time the letter is mailed in order to be sure that they will not be taken off and resold. In cases where the mail has closed and it is desired to catch an outgoing steamer, double the amount of ordinary postage is required and the stamp surcharged "Fuera de Hora" by hand and then cancelled the same as the regular stamp. A Post Office official is always on duty ready to surcharge or cancel stamps.

While as a rule these surcharged stamps are not kept on hand but made at the time the letter is mailed you can get them by taking the stamps to the proper official and having them surcharged. In this condition they are good to prepay postage on the class of mail matter for which they were made until used and cancelled. This shows that they are a surcharged and not a cancelled stamp. The surcharge is found at times inverted, double and sideways.

Scott's No. 123 Uruguay, is to be had with the error 1391 in place of 1891. They cannot be very rare as I picked up five used ones in Montevideo.

Yours etc.,
HENRY D. WILSON,
P. A. Surgeon U. S. Navy.

SEALS NOT POSTAGE STAMPS.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 1, 1898.
EDITOR OF THE ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: I have been following the discussion in the ERA in relation to "Officials Seals" with considerable interest in the hopes of being able to add to my limited supply of knowledge regarding stamps. While we are trying to find out what a "stamp" is suppose we refer to Webster's Unabridged which is thought by some to be an authority. Among other uses of the word we find the following:

"An official mark set upon things chargeable with a duty or tax to the government as evidence that the duty or tax is paid; as the stamp on a bill of exchange.

"Hence a stamped or printed device is-

sued by the government at a fixed price and required by law to be affixed to or stamped on certain papers as evidence that the government dues are paid; as, a postage stamp a receipt stamp etc."

It seems to me that that settles pretty conclusively whether the labels used for mending and sealing up damaged or opened envelopes are stamps or not.

It also settles the question whether Postage Due stamps are stamps or not. Why anybody should consider the former to be and the latter not to be stamps I have not been able to understand.

In the latter case it has seemed good to the government to allow the receiver to pay the tax instead of the sender and devised a stamp for that purpose. I will admit that under other definitions the Seals will classify as stamps. So will post marks, dies, etc., etc., but they are not Postage Stamps. If anybody is interested in collecting labels, postmarks etc., I have no quarrel with them for doing so. Each to his own taste, but it is clearly inappropriate to classify them as postage stamps in a postage stamp catalogue or album. Hoping this may help clarify the atmosphere a little and trusting I have not trespassed upon your valuable space, I am,

Very resp'y,
H. W. SPOONER.

NEW VARIETIES IN THE NEW REV. NUES.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Aug. 3, 1898.

DEAR SIR:

I have portion of a sheet of 2c surcharged I. R., plate No. 511, on which the surcharge is applied so that on some of the stamps a portion of the I appears on two (2) stamps and again portion of the R appears on two stamps. On some stamps the period after R appears on left-hand of next stamp.

Respectfully,
L. K. ANDERSON.

In answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

STAMPS NOT RARE, BUT HARD TO GET.

- Netherlands 1867 50c gold..... \$0.25
1885 1 gulden lilac..... .13
" 1894 2g 50c blue and rose..... .50
" 1896 50 green and brown..... .15
" 1 gulden brown and olive..... .25
Jamaica 1890 2 1/2 on 4 pence..... .15
Brazil 1897, 10 to 500 reis, unused, catalog 60c..... .25
U. S. 1895 50c orange, watermarked..... .08
Yes, we send stamps on approval if you send us reference. [17]

Chesapeake Stamp Co.,
231 West Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.

Wholesale 1898 List.

Our Wholesale Price List for 1898 now ready. Every dealer should have it.

COLONIAL STAMP CO.,
Wholesale Dealers in Postage Stamps,
J. H. LYONS, Manager, [17]
351 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas, OFFERS FOR CASH,

Postage Extra:

- Peru 1894 Bermudez 5 blue, horse shoe..... 10 cts.
" 1883 Unpaid, triangle 1 brown..... 5 "
" " " 5 vermilion..... 7 "
" " " 10 orange..... 9 "
" " " 20 blue..... 15 "
" " " 50 brown..... 20 "
Philippine 1864 3 4-S buff..... 9 "
Porto Rico 1873 50 brown..... 15 "
" 1880 1p bistre..... 30 "
" " 1p bistre..... 40 "
" 1881 8 chocolate..... 8 "
" 1882 5 blue, 1 type..... 7 "
Portugal 1853 25 blue..... 5 "
" 1855 25 blue, smooth hair..... 5 "

Thousands of other good stamps in my approval books. Send for one! [17]

I. R. Plates
1c. 495 to 549, 13c per Plate-T, B, L, R.
2c. 475 to 563, 15c per Plate-T, B, L, R.
The largest stock in U. S. A.
HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.
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THE CASH IS READY!

I Want to Buy Stamp COLLECTIONS!!

DO YOU Want to Sell YOURS?
If so, write me AT ONCE. [17]

C. A. STEGMANN,
5941 Cote Brillante Av., St. Louis, Mo.

U. S. Periodical Stamps.

1895 Issue, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c & \$2.00
Set of 7 Varieties for \$3.00.
All in good condition.

U. S. Postage Due Stamps.

Table with columns: No., UNUSED, 58th Catalogue Price, My Price. Lists various stamp numbers and prices.

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WHOLESALE. Per 10. 100.

- 1879 to '93 1c..... \$0.05 \$0.40
" " 2c..... .05 .40
" " 3c..... .05 .40
" " 5c..... .05 .40
" " 10c..... .05 .40
" " 20c..... .05 .40
" " 50c..... .05 .40
" " 100c..... .05 .40

U. S. 1893 Columbian Issue
1c to \$5.00, 16 varieties used..... \$17.00
1c to \$5.00, 16 " unused..... 17.00

SPECIAL.

U. S. Envelopes, Unused, Cut Square,
1463 1880 3c vermilion, die C, on cream,
Catalogue Price \$2.50,
My Price, 1 for 35c or 3 for \$1.00
Numbers at left refer to 58th Ed. Catalogue.

Terms: Cash with order, sc extra with orders under 50c. Please remit by bills or F. O. Money Order. Unused stamps not accepted in payment. [17]

C. F. Rothfuchs,
66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1898.

WHOLE No. 275.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Aug. 16th.

The number of \$5 Newspaper and Periodical stamps surcharged for revenue purposes was 18,000. Of these about 250 were destroyed as imperfect before they left the Bureau, hence 17,750 is about the numbers actually issued. Speculators will now have something to figure on.

10 green postage stamps were surcharged several days ahead of the 2c. The first printing was made with type already on hand at the Bureau but larger and more distinct letters were almost immediately ordered from the government printing office, which at once superceded the small type. It is believed that about 100,000 sheets were issued of this small variety. Orders coming from a distance were first filled, hence most of these stamps went to the Pacific Coast. As yet only upper right sheets of same have been found and the indications are no bottom of left plate numbers exist with the small type. Mr. Makins gives a list of plates found in that section as follows:

1c I. R. Small type, top and right strips only: 495, 534, 536, 542, 543, 544, 546, 547, 548, 549.

Two changes of color of the regular set have already gone into effect. The 4c has been printed in the red brown of the 6c and the 5c has been printed in light blue. No new supply of either 6c or 10c have been required of late and no printings have been made in the new colors. Both have been decided upon and will soon be made known in these notes.

The quantity of revenues printed at the Bureau has been greatly reduced of late. Twenty millions a day was the supply required for several weeks. This was first reduced to 15 and later to 10 million which is the present daily output. The largest number ever printed was 22 million in one day.

No regular issue postage stamps were printed for several weeks during the rush but are now coming in for their share of attention again. The Omahas are also being printed in quantities and a number of new plates of the 2c have been made,

they have been found as high as 653.

The 1/4c Documentary was changed from orange to slate on account of its similarity to the 3/4c Proprietary. The 1 1/4c has been changed for a similar reason. The two varieties are therefore not merely differences of shade but distinct colors and should be listed as such.

The new Senf catalogue for 1898-99 has just arrived and is equal to its predecessors in every respect. A few changes in prices are noticeable, unused Europeans having risen in many instances. Several of the old German countries have prices quoted for unused stamps with and without original gum. In some cases gummed stamps are worth three to five times the un gummed. Many of the common cheap stamps have declined a little in order to avoid the 75% discount business.

The writer expects to attend the New York Convention and correspondence will have to wait until the following Monday.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

JUBILEE STAMPS.

The Customs Department is refusing to accept Jubilee stamps in payment of duty, and already a number of Customs collectors, who have accepted such and sent them to Ottawa in the usual way, have been notified that the Jubilee stamps are not accepted, and have been instructed to remit the amount. In some instances stamps of as high denominations as four dollars have been returned to the collectors.

WILL REFUSE TO TAKE STAMPS.

With October will end the acceptance at the Customs Department of any stamps in payment of duty, and a circular will shortly be sent out warning collectors not to take in more than are required in the regular office business.

TWO-CENT LETTER RATE.

If the adoption of the two-cent domestic postage rate depends upon the wiping out of the post office deficit it looks as if the people would not have long to wait for that boon. It is estimated that a reduction of the rate would involve a loss of revenue

of about \$600,000, but with the inevitable increase in the volume of letters carried and a wise, economical administration of the department, there would seem to be no danger of long continued shortages from the experiment.

Mr. William Brown, a Toronto dealer of stamps and coins, is on a visit to Niagara. Mr. Brown has a large foreign correspondence.

Your correspondent had a letter the other day from a person offering 5 cents for twenty half-cent Jubilee. Did we accept his offer?

Mr. A. M. Muirhead, President of the D. P. A. has resigned his office in the Association to take effect September 15th. Complaints were made against Brother Muirhead at the last convention. This led to his resignation. I have received Chas. Bailey's card for candidate for the vacant office.

A visitor from St. Catharines called on me last week in the person of R. G. Widicombe, editor and publisher of the *Ontario Philatelist*, one of the contestants for the official organ of the D. P. A. last election.

Mr. George A. Lowe of Toronto, paid a visit to Buffalo on the 8th. Mr. Lowe is a well-known philatelist, and has handled many valuable stamps and was one time publisher of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, published in 1885, also the *International Philatelist*, issued in 1895. He was Secretary of the late Toronto Philatelic Club.

Canadian private post cards can now be mailed with the words Private Post Card omitted, and a private card sent to Great Britain costs letter rate, 5 cents.

It is reported that very few people are availing themselves of the new special delivery system.

The Canadian new issue with the figures are as much in demand as the maple leaf in the corner, the three cent especially.

LAYOS.

U. S. Plate Number Collectors

ATTENTION!

No. 4, 2c pink, bottom	..... \$1.75	My price \$0.57
4, 2c pink, left	..... 1.00	" .47
5, 2c pink, bottom	..... 1.25	" .50
5, 2c pink, left	..... 1.00	" .40
7, 2c pink, bottom	..... 2.50	" .95
7, 2c pink, left	..... 2.00	" .73
8, 2c pink, bottom	..... 1.50	" .60
8, 2c pink, left	..... 1.25	" .50
10, 2c pink, bottom	..... 2.00	" .70
10, 2c pink, left	..... 1.75	" .62
19, 2c pink, bottom	..... 2.00	" .70
19, 2c pink, left	..... 1.50	" .60

Only a few of each on hand. Order quick. I have sixty-two other varieties of Bureau Plates on hand. Send me your want list, and if I have any of your wants in stock I shall be pleased to send them on approval. Do not forget references when asking for stamps on approval.

C. B. HUSSMAN,
4320 West Belle Place, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Wanted! I. R. Plate Numbers.

We are willing to pay the following prices for a limited number of strips. 6 of each position and number will be taken from each party sending in reply to this ad.

- 1c: 439, 440, 493, 494, 496, 526, 527, 528, 529, 25c each strip.
- 537, 10c; 538, 6c; 539, 6c; 540, 6c.
- 2c: 484, 485, 486 and 487, 15c each.
- 474, 25c; 525, 35c

- 1c Str all Surcharge: 40c, any number.
 - 1c Inverted: \$2.00, any number.
 - 2c " \$1.00, any number.
- The following are postage stamps:
- 1c blue: 493 to 496, tops only, 25c each.
 - 1c green: 446 and 452, 25c each.
 - 1c green: 441 and 442, \$3.00 each.
 - 2c rose: 387, 388, 393, 427, 428, 429, 430, 15c each.

- 5c brown: 351, 353, 357, 359, 25c each.
- Newspaper: 262, 1c, 25c; 265, 2c, 30c; 266, 5c, 50c; 269, 10c, 75c.

Can use any quantity of common 2c I. R. Nos. at 8c each, and 1c at 4c each.

J. M. Bartels & Co.,
Washington, D. C.

We pay the highest prices for used Omaha stamps. Try us.

F. S. COOK,
STRATFORD, CONN.
Headquarters for
* U. S. REVENUES. * [17]

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Netherlands 1867 50c gold \$0.25
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" 1894 2g 50c blue and rose50
" 1896 50c green and brown15
" 1 gulden brown and olive25
Jamaica 1890 2 1/2 on 4 pence	..... .15
Brazil 1897, 10 to 500 reis, unused, catalog 66c25
Blocks of 4 at the same rate.	
U. S. 1895 50c orange, watermarked08

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I want perf. Revenues cat. not less than 50c each and will give even exchange in good Departments and U. S. Postage. Send postal for list of stamps I offer. C. B. Merrill, 130 W. 14th St., New York. [76]

F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass., has for exchange Scott's No. 32, (107 unused), 156, 202, 282, imperf., 1228; Nevis 9, St. Helena 20, Queensland 11 and many other good stamps. Value for value.

Souvenir Postal Card exchange wanted by a few young ladies in Austria and Germany. Will send address on receipt of reply postal or stamped envelope. Anton Klein, Bogota, N. J.

I have thoroughbred Fancy Pigeons and Homing Pigeons to exchange for stamps for my collection. I. Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass. [75]

TRADE COLUMN.

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Convenes in New York City on Tuesday,
August 23rd, 1898, in the Collectors Club
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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20th, 1898.

Petitions for Membership.

PAXMAR, WILLIAM S. L., Quebec, Canada; age, 30; occupation, Manager Canadian Stamp Co. Recommended by John W. Scott, Geo. R. Tuttle, W. F. Gregory.

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Reinstated.

1345. MITCHELL, WM. H., 74 West 8th St., Bayonne, N. J.

PARKER, E. T., Bethlehem, Pa.

Resignation Received.

840. WADSWORTH, FRANK T., Eastport, Me.

507. DE REUTERSKIOLD, BARON
A., Ouchy, Switzerland.

Change of Addresses.

105. GARDINER, W. J., from 210 Sansome St. to 213 Sansome St., San Francisco, Cal.

968. NOWLAND, J. A., from 222 Sacramento St. to 2220 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

1406. RICHARD, WM. L., from Adams, Mass., to 62 South 10th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

122. FRITZ, ALFRED E., from 100 Michigan St. to 121-123 E. Kinzie St., Chicago, Ill.

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Membership last report 711
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WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 13th, 1898.

1,125 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Aug. 8th, valued at \$37,681.38

10 books received since Aug. 8th, valued at \$224.23

..... \$37,905.61

4 books retired since Aug. 8th, valued at 41.94

Total number of books in circulation 1,131 valued at \$37,863.67

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Bahamas 5h..... 1.37
Hayti 20c brown 1893..... .57
Hayti 1898 2c, 5c..... .18
Hayti 1896 complete, 1 to 20c..... .50
Johore 1896 1 to 6c..... .20
¼c orange Documentary block of 4..... .15

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" State *1c, " 1.73
" " 2c, used, good 2.79
" " 10c, " fine 1.09
Justice 10c, used, fine 1.29
" " 12c, " " 1.09
Agriculture *15c, o. g., fine 1.73
Newspaper 1875 *9c, o. g. 6.05
2c Rev. Playing Cards .14
6c " Inland Exchange .08
3c " Telegraph .12
1868 1c, 2, *3, 10, 12 & 15c, lot 2.06
1857 1c, rare type I 1.72
" " 1c, type II 43
P. E. Island 9d, used, rep'd .39
Nova Scotia 12 1/2c .58
New Brunswick 12 1/2, rep'd .39
Newfoundland 1873 *1c violet 1.01
Nova Scotia 3d, rep'd, fine .99
Newfoundland 1d, rep'd fine 1.11

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for September, which will be a grand Anniversary Number, will not appear till ten days later than the time advertised, in order to allow of its containing reports of the New York conventions.

In speaking last week of the conventions to be held in New York City this month, the dates should have been for the week beginning the 23rd and ending the 30th; as the conventions of the Sons of Philatelia and the Empire State Philatelic Society begin on Monday the 29th.

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Notices of coming events and applications for membership will be found posted on the bulletin boards. For special information inquire of the House Committee.

28th meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Club House, August 8, 1898, Vice President Bruner in the chair.

Called to order at 8.20 p. m. Present: Messrs. Bruner, Luff, Scott and the Secretary.

The Secretary read several communications, the Treasurer presented his report showing balance in bank of \$171.12, and the Chairman of House Committee read his report.

The following applicants were unanimously elected subscribing members of the Club:

- F. P. Richardson, Salem, Mass.
W. Kelsey Hall, Peterborough, Ont.
Adjourned at 8.50 p. m.
J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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Persia, 4 var.15

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5c red Playing Cards90 .35
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10c blue Proprietary 1.50 .72
25c red Life Insurance30 .12
25c red Warehouse Receipt75 .37
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50c blue Foreign Exchange40 .27
50c blue Lease10 .04
50c blue Life Insurance10 .04
50c blue Passage Ticket15 .07
50c blue Surety Bond10 .06
\$1.00 red Conveyance20 .09
\$1.00 red Lease10 .04
\$1.00 red Life Insurance25 .12
\$1.00 red Probate of Will 1.75 .75
\$1.50 blue Inland Exchange20 .09
\$2.00 red Conveyance15 .07
\$2.00 red Mortgage20 .09
\$3.00 green Charter Party25 .13
\$5.00 green Charter Party 1.00 .43
\$5.00 red Mortgage 1.00 .46
\$5.00 red and black, Third Issue 1.00 .47
1c green, I. R., 1898 issue, surcharge inverted 30

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Some Noted Stamp Collections.

BY LEWIS ROBIE.

[By special arrangement with the author we have secured the exclusive right to print sections from the manuscript of "STAMP HUNTING".—ED.]

CHAPTER VII.

"I have been looking for you for a week back. Bauer & Black's man Spurns was in here a few days ago and said you would be along soon. He tells me he worked a coup-de-main on you. How was that?"

"Talk about your diplomacy Doc; it is no wonder he draws one of the largest salaries of any traveler in the business. He is not only a stem winder, but a stem setter, judging from the way he set me up in St. Louis; but I'll get even with him yet."

"How was it; got you full probably?"

"I don't know what you call it, but I lost two days in my calendar. It was this way: I was selling one of his customers in St. Louis when he dropped into the store. I had never met the gentleman and in friendly conversation he invited me to have something. I am not much in the habit of irrigating to any extent, but being our first acquaintance I concluded to be sociable. He wanted me to try something new and real good. It tasted first rate. Then he had one on me, and then the barkeeper wanted us to have one on him. By that time I didn't know whether I was selling porous plasters, swapping stamps or riding horseback. The result of it all was, I didn't know anything for nearly two days. I started for Springfield, as I supposed, that Friday night, but on my arrival at the depot the ticket agent said that that train did not leave on Sundays. He just wanted to get ahead of me, but I am laying for him. The next time we meet for a social round-up, something will drop in his glass that will give him a Rip Van Winkle kind of a sleep."

"Yes, that was pretty rough for the first round, for a fact, but I should judge for one to trot with him he would have to drink ten-penny nails. But changing the subject to stamps, you can't get out of town till tomorrow anyhow, so come up to the house after supper and tell me more about the noted collections of the country. It is my night off."

"All right, I will."

"Speaking of the leading collections and those famous for their great value, no one disputes the fact, doctor, but that Monsieur P. Von Ferrary of Paris owns the largest and most valuable collection of postage stamps in the world. Its monetary value at this time is conservatively estimated by those better able to judge than I am, at seven hundred thousand dollars. He started in collecting in 1864, since which time his labors to procure every stamp have been persistent and untiring. Not only is he

not satisfied in obtaining both a used and unused specimen of each stamp, but the slightest variation in paper, watermark, ink, perforation, etc., constitutes a variety and considered by him as admissible to his collection. He has spent fortunes for stamps and dealers in every part of the globe have him as a patron, if they are so fortunate as to obtain anything he wants.

"Up to 1882 Judge Philbrick was the leading authority on Philatelic matters, and had, no doubt, the best collection of stamps in Great Britain. In November of this year he sold his collection to Von Ferrary for thirty-eight thousand dollars. At this time this sum seemed enormous for a collection of stamps, but today the collection is worth fully four times that amount. Monsieur Ferrary has in his collection the one cent British Guiana of 1856, the only copy known and is almost priceless in value; at least ten thousand dollars wouldn't buy it, and is considered by experts as worth even more than that, as the ten cent Baltimore, of which several copies are known, recently sold for over four thousand dollars. He also has at least four of the rare two cent Mauritius, a pair of which were sold in 1896 to a French collector for forty thousand francs, or eight thousand dollars.

"The keeping of such a collection and the care of it, with all the correspondence etc., it entails, necessitates the employment of several persons, devoting their entire time to it. I have never seen the collection, but those knowing about it say it is superbly arranged on unbound slips of stiff paper and surely must be a philatelic feast once seen to never be forgotten.

"The late T. K. Tapling, M. P., who died in 1892, bequeathed his magnificent collection to the British Museum, and can now be safely valued at close to four hundred thousand dollars. His collection contained fiscal and telegraph stamps as well as stamped envelopes. He never would take a used specimen if it was possible to obtain it unused or unless in a used state it was of more value than the same stamp unused."

"Mr. W. B. Avery, a manufacturer near London, probably has the finest collection in Great Britain next to the Tapling collection. Mr. Castle, a Sussex magistrate, has a collection worth a very large sum. In 1894 he sold a portion of it for fifty thousand dollars. One of the Rothschilds has amassed a very valuable collection, and those possessed by the late Mr. Gilbert Harrison from Afghanistan, Cashmere and Japan alone, are worth close to sixty-five thousand dollars. I could also mention the Duke of York's, Major Evans', Dr. Le Grand's of Paris and many others in Europe, but you are Doctor, probably more interested, at least I am, in the collections of note in the United States. Without a question of a doubt, the most valuable on this continent is owned by Mr. C. H. Duveen of Fifth Avenue, New York, but in reality his home is in England, and should

come in as a foreign collector. A Mr. F. W. Aver of Bangor, Maine, was, until recently, when he sold a part of his collection for fifty thousand pounds to a London firm, one of the largest stamp collectors of recent years. He only commenced, virtually, in 1892. He made a specialty of United States and British Colonies and bought right and left all over the world, laying out thousands of dollars every week for stamps. His expenditures for the St. Louis Provisional stamps are said to have been over twenty thousand dollars. If there were any great rarities lacking in his collection, it was for the reason that money could not buy them, or that they were not to be found.

"One of the best collections, and probably the very best in United States and Hawaii, is owned by Mr. Henry J. Crocker of San Francisco. Those who have carefully looked over his collection in all its detail, place a value on it of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. He follows out the European plan of collecting used and unused specimens, that is one page is used and the next unused. Most of the countries are complete, or nearly so, like Brazil—in blocks and pairs; Tobago, Turks Island, British Honduras, unused—New Foundland, etc. His collection includes nearly all of the great rarities and many unique and matchless stamps. His Japanese stamps are very rare, as he has them, and include all the varieties of shades, perforations and plate numbers; most of them obtained direct from the Imperial Japanese Post Office. His collection stands among the first in having rarities in errors, and uncatalogued varieties, the value of which is almost impossible to determine.

"My friend, Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. J., has a wonderful collection of stamps and everything else of a philatelic character. His particular hobby is the postmaster's stamps of both the United States and Confederate States. He has copies of the rare Milbury, the Brattleboro, Vt, local stamp, catalogued at seven hundred and fifty dollars, and full sheets of Providence stamps, but the matchless lot is thirty copies of the St. Louis stamp, including the first and second plates complete, not one of which but could be sold today at auction for two hundred dollars, and from that up to several thousand dollars per stamp. He has two hundred and twenty-five copies of the five-cent black New York, worth close to two thousand dollars or ten dollars each, and entire sheets and blocks of other rare stamps. He accumulates duplicates of good stamps by the barrel, and could start up a dozen dealers with stocks to sell from that couldn't be equaled. He subscribes for every stamp paper published, or about to be published, in any and every part of the globe, and has bought thousands of duplicate papers concerning stamps, so that he has an unequalled stock of philatelic literature which he exchanges for others needed to complete his library.

"Mr. John F. Seybold, a dry goods merchant of Syracuse, N. Y., has a collection of stamps almost complete, numbering over thirty-seven thousand varieties. It was started in his early school-days, over thirty years ago, and he has never lost interest in it, and has devoted all his spare time and money to its completion. He also is devoted to all publications concerning philately, and his library on stamp matters alone comprises over five hundred volumes. Whatever may be said of the pre-eminence of other stamp collections over his, one thing is certain, his leads them all in the number of rare stamps on the original covers.

"Years ago dealers laughed at his preferring stamps this way, while others took them off the cover. But they laugh the best who laugh last, and today, especially the rare stamps, are much enhanced in value by being on the original cover.

"Mr. William Thorne, residing in New York, has a collection many say second only to Mr. Duveen's. At the London Stamp Exhibition a short time ago, he received the first gold medal for the hundred rarest stamps exhibited, which averaged a value of hundreds of dollars each, and included a block of four 1869 Inverted Medallion, the thirteen cent Hawaiian first issue, the India four anna blue and red with inverted head, one of the very rarest of stamps, and a copy of the rare Brattleboro stamp with the imprint of the engraver attached, probably the only one in existence in that condition.

"Mr. J. M. Andreini, another New Yorker, is a true philatelist, "a lover of stamps," and considering the short time he has been collecting can show one of the best collections in the country, particularly in entire sheets of some of the rarest stamps, and in all varieties of shades. At the various stamp meetings he always has something unusual and unheard of to show. No matter what country is desired.

"Mr. Gilbert E. Jones has also a collection of stamps, unique and matchless. Setting aside his fine general collection of fifteen thousand varieties, recently he has made a specialty of collecting nothing but unperforated pairs, that many fail to get any of, but of which he is the proud possessor of over twelve hundred varieties.

"Mr. W. A. Castle, living in Springfield, Massachusetts, confines his collection of stamps to the United States varieties, of which he has nearly everything that is possible for money to obtain. I could also mention the collections of P. F. Bruner, Alexander Smith, F. W. Hunter, Edgar Nelson, Mr. Foster of Boston, Dr. Bowers of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Mr. Olney, ex-mayor of Providence, Rhode Island and President of the American Philatelic Association, and many others but it is late Doc, and I must go."

"Oh, don't be in a hurry old man. But I can hardly believe but that you're stretching these things a little. Aren't those val-

ues you place on these collections fictitious, or made arbitrary by the owner?"

"No, sir. As a matter of fact I have placed conservative values on most of them, prices that are offered in cash for the collections. Mr. Sellschopp of San Francisco places two hundred thousand dollars the market value of Mr. Crocker's collection, that I say is worth one hundred and fifty thousand. The latter sum, anyway, would not buy it from him, and it is a known fact that four thousand, four hundred dollars was paid here in the United States for a ten cent Baltimore Provisional issue, that a young fellow stumbled on and picked up in a lawyer's office in Louisville, Kentucky, for nothing."

"Well, well; I am astounded. I think I'll collect postage stamps and keep it up, but you have me started now on the match and medicine varieties. Who has the best collection of these stamps?"

"That is a hard question, doctor. But unless Mr. Deats is hiding away the best part of his collection, I think Mr. E. C. Farnsworth of Portland, Maine, has the best, and has duplicates of most of the rarities, besides a large number of uncatalogued varieties of great value. Including the four cent Ayer green, four cent Jayne & Co. yellow, E. T. Hazeltine unperforated, etc. He has a complete set of the Swaim stamps, one of them at least cannot be matched, which he procured from Mr. VanDerlip of Boston. A sheet of the William Swaim was printed with no name in the oval. Mr. V. took the stamp to Mr. James Swaim, then living, and had him write his signature on it. Among other rarities, he owns by far the largest and most complete set of match wrappers, including many that are not catalogued. Mr. VanDerlip has, or did have, the rare Thomas E. Wilson, four cent black, and previous to the breaking up of his collections, possibly ranked first in this department. The two cent Caterson & Brotz playing card stamp, I was telling you about Doc, rests in Mr. Deats' collection, at least one of them does. The Adenaw collection of match and medicine that I told you sold for \$15,000 cash, now owned by Mrs. E. T. Parker of Bethlehem, Pa., contained many stamps not found in any other collection, such as the Goldback match stamp on pink paper, and the long three cent stamp of the Richardson Match Co. on silk paper, the only copies known. But two copies of the Chase Co. on watermarked paper are known. Mrs. Parker has one and Mr. Farnsworth the other. There are fewer collectors of revenue stamps than there are of postage, and that is the reason why so much more value is placed on the rarities of the latter, where only several are known, than on the revenue stamps where only a few exist. It is only in the last few years that match and medicine stamps have come into prominence, and many enthusiastic collectors of these varieties now, wouldn't touch them

not so very long ago. Among such philatelists is Mr. Jonas D. Rice, a prominent merchant of Trenton, N. J. He wrote me in February, 1897, to send him as a starter, about twenty-five dollars' worth of these stamps, and post him as to different papers etc. I did so, and he took them all, ordered more and has been doing so ever since, not only from me, but from every other dealer able to supply him with anything different from what he already had. His collection is now so far advanced that I cannot supply him with anything more and for condition is equal or superior to any. Our friend Gurley has a fine lot of these stamps as well as a fine general collection. So has Dr. Stein of Muscatine, Iowa, Mr. N. H. Withee of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Dr. James H. Stebbins of N. Y., J. W. George and many others I could mention, Doc, if I had time. The best collections of these match and medicine stamps, however, are, as I have said, in the hands of Mr. E. C. Farnsworth, Mr. Deats and Mrs. E. T. Parker. But before I go, I must just mention the treasures of my friend, Mr. J. N. Luff, connected with the Scott Stamp & Coin Company and as told you before compiler of the Standard Catalogue of the day. He is the most cordial and pleasing of men to meet, and no one disputes the position he holds in this country as the leading authority in everything of a philatelic character. He is a close student of stamps, and his labors have been unremitting to foster and help philately from an artistic and scientific standpoint. He probably is the only one having a large and valuable collection, who knows all his stamps and just what he has. But he hides his light under a bushel. Once in a while his closest friends get a chance to see a portion of his treasures, when their eyes just bulge. His hobby is one of each stamp, then one of each shade of each stamp, then a pair of each stamp, and a pair of each shade. Then blocks of four, the same way and full sheets when possible to get them, and various side lines of splits, double perforations, freaks, and the various known and unknown counterfeits collected merely for comparison. I don't know what he has in revenues, but there is no doubt his collection stands unique in all the various shadings, watermarks and minor varieties of postage stamps of the world.

"I could tell you much more while we are on the subject, doctor, but will defer it till next trip."

"All right, but I am really surprised that so much value and so much interest could be concentrated in these old stamps. I wish now I had collected thirty years ago, myself. When are you going to be round again?"

"In about ninety days."

"All right, I'll have a large order for you then, but bring in a six cent orange Proprietary, and for heaven's sake, get even some way with Spurs."

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Aug. 16th.

An associated press dispatch of Aug. 15 says that the mail service has been resumed between the United States and Spain.

Mr. Stone, of Concord, N. H., has been in Boston this week. He reports a good demand for the \$5 surcharged Documentary. He predicts that this is to be one of the coming stamps.

I notice that Mr. Cox, in the National Philatelist, devotes over a column of space in an editorial on the discussion in the ERA about the Postal Seals, and he says it is a mistake on my part when I say that Postage Due stamps are not postage stamps. He says: "Postage Due stamps are postage

DESIRABLE, BUT CHEAP.

Table listing various stamps with prices. Includes Norway 1877-78 1kr green, Argentine 1892-6 1 peso carmine, etc.

All stamps are used unless otherwise stated. Condition is perfect in each and every one. Postage extra on orders less than 25 cents.

C. E. HUSSMAN, 4320 W. Belle Pl., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Bargains in U. S. Your Money back if you want it. Table with 10 columns of stamp descriptions and prices.

THE CASH IS READY!

I Want to Buy Stamp COLLECTIONS!!

DO YOU Want to Sell YOURS? If so, write me AT ONCE.

C. A. STEGMANN, 5941 Cote Brillante Av., St. Louis, Mo.

stamps, just as much as the ordinary stamps." He then frankly acknowledges that there is a difference between them. No stamp can be a postage stamp unless it will prepay postage. I wish that all of your readers would read carefully this last sentence, and thoroughly digest it.

Postage Due stamps are just what they represent, and nothing more, and not postage stamps. Is it reasonable to suppose that if I mail a letter to Mr. Cox with a 2c Postage Due stamp on it, that it will be accepted as a postage stamp? In the first of his editorial, in speaking of whether Postal Seals should be given a place in new catalogues and albums, he says, to this question, "I have nothing to say. The makers of the catalogue and albums may list them or not, just as they please." Now this is a fair example of the majority of the philatelic publishers. Year after year they let the makers of the catalogue and albums do as they see fit, and do not raise their voices in protest. These Postal Seals are either worthy or unworthy. It is the duty of any one who has anything to say on this subject, to see that they are omitted, or vice versa. A Mr. Spooner, in a letter to the ERA, when writing on this subject, makes mention of the definition in Webster's unabridged, of a stamp. He is evidently mixed as there is nothing in his letter which applies to the subject at all. I have been talking about postage stamps, but I have never claimed that Postal Seals are stamps at all.

I have seen today the Commemoration stamp of Trinidad. The value is 2d, printed in two colors; the frame is light lilac, and the centre, depicting the landing of Columbus, in light brown. From an artistic point of view, it is very nice, but those who do not have an artistic taste will say that other colors would have been an improvement. This stamp, in general effect, is different from any stamp that has been made, and, no doubt, will be eagerly sought for by those who are collecting stamps in a blank album, and already possess such gems as the New Zealand 2 1/2d and 5d, and the Mauritius Jubilee.

I understand that Mr. Wylie, the philatelic correspondent, is now on his vacation.

I hear that the Colonial Stamp Co. has purchased the entire stock of unused current issues owned by Mr. Stevens, the well known stamp importer.

Of all the stamps that have been eagerly sought for, during the past year, the 1/2c Documentary, orange, takes the cake. The stamp is very much in demand. The price quoted on them here today for a sheet of 100, is \$4.00. For a financial speculation, none of the other revenue stamps can approach this and I see that New York dealers advertise them for 8 cents each. What percentage over the first cost is this? S. E. L.

R. F. ALBRECHT, Stamp Dealer and Publisher, 127 Duane Street, NEW YORK.

Catalogue of my 45th Auction Sale is in press. This sale is booked for September 27th and 28th. Collectors wishing to receive my catalogues regularly will please notify me to that effect.

The collections offered in this sale have been formed by Mr. Henry Stirn of Milwaukee and Mr. C. S. Stiles of Warren, Ohio. They contain an abundance of very desirable stamps which are remarkable for their fine condition, the majority being unused.

I am open to receive consignments of rare and medium stamps or of entire collections to be offered at future sales. Collectors will do well to avail themselves of the facilities I offer. The Auction Sales arranged by me are recognized as the leading sales on this side of the water.

I undertake also the sale of collections in their entirety to either dealers, collectors or speculators, who I always can reach. The difficulties for collectors to receive satisfactory prices for their collections, only because they are not in touch with the philatelic market is recognized by all and has often been led to sacrifice which may be easily avoided by consulting me. By exhibiting and offering collections at this philatelic centre of the country I can secure their true value to the owners. Liberal advances made pending realization. 175*

R. F. ALBRECHT, 127 Duane Street, NEW YORK.

I. R. Plates. 1c, 495 to 549, 13c per Plate-T, B, L, R. 2c, 475 to 563, 18c per Plate-T, B, L, R. The largest stock in U. S. A. HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass. NATHAN COBE & Co., Props.

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Jamaica, 1880, 1sh rose, No. 102 in 58th Catalogue, not priced; Stanley Gibbons' No. 104, Stanley Gibbons' price 60sh for new or used. I have a few which are cancelled with pen and ink, otherwise they are in fine condition.

My Price is \$1.00 Each. Don't you consider it a good space filler for \$1.00? Have you ever seen one? If not you know how scarce they are.

If you wish stamps used postally at tempting prices I have the following:

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Numbers at left correspond with 58th Catalogue. Terms: Cash with order. Unused Stamps not accepted. Please remit by bills or P. O. Money Order. 176*

C. F. Rothfuchs, 66 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

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THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

— OF —

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

— HELD AT —

NEW YORK CITY, AUGUST 23, 24, 25 & 26, 1898.

First Day.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

While the heat increased the crowd continued to enlarge at the Collectors Club, and it was early apparent that the attendance was going to be fully up to expectations. The number of members present on opening aggregated some forty members. Following is a list of members who registered:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
Albert W. Batchelder, Boston, Mass.
Lewis Robie, Chicago, Ill.
Wm. N. Howe, Portland, Me.
W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.
Fred'k P. Richardson, Salem, Mass.
J. F. Johnson, Boston, Mass.
Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.
J. H. Leippe, Reading, Pa.
J. A. Wainwright, Northampton, Mass.
Geo. L. Toppan, Boston, Mass.
F. P. Vincent, Chatham, N. Y.
Alex. Holland, New York.
Albert Perrin, New York.
O. H. Williams, New York.
Frank H. Burt, Newton, Mass.
C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg, Pa.
R. R. Bogert, New York.
Gordon Ireland, Springfield, Mass.
Chas. E. Sebbens, Worcester, Mass.
E. Doeblin, Pittsburg, Pa.
J. B. Witherby, Philadelphia, Penn.
John N. Luff, New York.
John W. Scott, New York.
W. F. Gregory, New York.
Nathan Cobe, Waltham, Mass.
James F. Duhamel, New York.
C. F. Richards, New York.
S. Schachne, New York.
Alvah Davison, New York.
R. F. Albrecht, New York.
Wm. H. Mitchell, Bayonne, N. J.
C. F. Rothfuchs, Boston, Mass.
Henry L. Calman, New York.

J. M. Bartels, Washington, D. C.
T. L. Hazzard, Allegheny, Pa.
Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
Frank B. Gouch, Woonsocket, R. I.
Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.
Paul Lazarus, Brooklyn, N. Y.
H. Toelke, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Otto E. Heineman, Allegheny, Pa.
A. Platz, Allegheny, Pa.
J. F. Johnson, Boston, Mass.
V. Gurdji, Rochester, N. Y.
D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J.
E. B. Sterling, Jr., Trenton, N. J.
E. B. Woodin, Springfield, Mass.
M. C. Berlepsch, N. Y. City.
Albert E. Lawrence, Yonkers, N. Y.
Chas. Steigerwalt, Lancaster, Pa.
Joseph Holmes, New York.
Ernest R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.
A. E. Miller, Meriden, Ct.
M. Tausig, New York.
J. D. Rice, Newton, N. J.
Geo. R. Tuttle, N. Y. City.

At 10.40 Vice-President Toppan took the chair and called the Convention to order. Telegram from President Olney regretting his being unable to attend was read. Vice-President Toppan made an opening address which we give in full, and though prepared at rather short notice, was masterly and was received with hearty applause. It follows:

VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN AND LADIES: Another year has past and once again we have gathered together in annual convention. This time, in the absence of both our President and First Vice-President, it becomes my duty to preside over your deliberations and to do my best to supply the address with which the presiding officer is accustomed to open your yearly conventions. In con-

sideration of the fact that it was not until this morning that I learned of the enforced absence of Messrs. Olney and Van Derlip, I trust that you will be pleased to overlook and pardon the brevity of my remarks.

The past year has been a notable one in many ways. It will be recorded in history as one of the most eventful periods of the century. Strictly speaking, perhaps the part which our own country has taken in revising the map of the world and making it necessary for us all to take up the study of geography again, has but little that is germane to philately in general. But I take it for granted that you are all, as I am proud to be, Americans, first, last and all the time. It seems to me, therefore, that I need make no apology for referring to the stirring events which have characterized our war with Spain.

The glorious achievements of our army and navy will fill many pages of the world's history for the past year.

We started out to free Cuba; we have done it, or, if the island is not yet actually free, we have, at all events, assured to its people freedom from oppression and a more humane and stable form of government than any Spanish colony has ever known. But Cuba is not all: Porto Rico has fallen to us as one of the spoils of war; Hawaii, also, has been annexed; we have come into possession of one of the Ladrone Islands, and unless all indications fail, our foothold in the Philippines is not to be given up entirely.

We have been, and still are, the cynosure of all eyes the world over. We have demonstrated the extent of our internal resources and we have done it in a manner which has been so complete and thorough as to compel the admiration of the world.

As in the past, so it has been in this instance; we have always been slow to throw down the gauntlet, but never slow to pick it up, and, when we have cast it we have never failed to defend the challenge and to come out victorious. May God grant that it may be ever thus.

And now to turn to the philatelic aspects of the war, for after all, it has them.

It is responsible for the new issue of revenue stamps with which we have lately been made acquainted, and by means of which our blessed old "Uncle Sam" intends that we shall pay our share of his greatly increased expense account.

It will if it has not already done so, place the issues of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and possibly the Philippine Islands among

the list of obsolete stamps.

All this, it seems to me, is a pronounced gain to philately, at least in this country, for though the effects of the war have been already discounted to a great extent in the stamp market, it has undoubtedly caused a great and ever increasing demand for the stamps of the above named countries, and this of course, will serve to heighten the interest in others.

Looking backward over the past year I cannot but feel that it has been a prosperous one for our Association. To be sure our membership has become considerably smaller than a year ago, but what has been lost in quantity has been made up in quality.

Heretofore it has been the custom to carry dead wood on our membership rolls indefinitely; this year, thanks to the energy of our late Secretary, Mr. Joe F. Beard, than whom no society ever had a more loyal or painstaking official, and the hearty co-operation of our efficient Treasurer, we have cut off all this dead growth and have now gotten down to the living heart of the tree. May it live long and flourish in its newly found vigor is a sentiment in which I know you will all join me.

The different departments of the Association are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all in good working order, and there has been a harmony in the conduct of its affairs which must be extremely gratifying to all.

All the different complications which we were called upon to adjust a year ago, several of which were left by the Convention in the hands of its several officers and committees, have been satisfactorily disposed of and will, doubtless, be more fully laid before you in the reports of said officials.

I have only to add that it gives me great pleasure to extend to you all a most hearty welcome to this, our Thirteenth Annual Convention, and to express the wish that the coming year may be replete with success and prosperity, not only to the Association as a whole, but to each individual member thereof.

GEORGE L. TOPPAN.

New York, Aug. 23. 1898.

Mr. Gregory, as chairman of the New York Branch Committee of Entertainment, made a speech welcoming the Association to the metropolis and announcing the programme.

To the above Mr. Luff added a few remarks pertaining to the arrangements of the entertainment.

THE ELECTION.

Mr. Deats read the report of Committee on Credentials. The result was the election of the following Directors:

F. F. Olney,
W. C. Van Derlip,
Geo. L. Toppan,
E. M. Carpenter,
W. N. Howe,
C. P. Krauth,

H. G. Smith,
H. B. Phillips,
P. F. Bruner

Report adopted.

The Credential Committee reported the proxies received. Partial report accepted. Roll Call was dispensed with.

COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were announced from the chair, as follows:

Standing Rules:—A. W. Batchelder, J. A. Wainwright, J. M. Bartels.

Finance:—F. P. Richardson, P. F. Bruner, R. R. Bogert.

Library:—Alexander Holland, W. C. Stone, A. Perrin.

Sales and Purchasing:—J. W. Scott, C. F. Rothfuchs, E. Doebelin.

Official Journal:—W. F. Gregory, H. E. Deats, Lewis Robie.

Branch Societies:—V. Gurdji, D. T. Eaton, J. F. Johnson.

Credential:—H. E. Deats, W. F. Gregory, J. F. Johnson, C. W. Bowen, P. M. Wolfieffer.

By-Laws—The President, Chairman *Ex-Officio*, C. P. Krauth, Alvah Davison, J. N. Luff, J. B. Witherby.

F. H. Burt was elected Official Stenographer. Reading minutes dispensed with and they were approved as published in Year Book.

Secretary's report not being ready, the following report of the Treasurer was read by the Secretary and referred.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the President and Directors of the American Philatelic Association:

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer for the current year, August 1, 1897, to July 31, 1898.

GENERAL FUND. RECEIPTS.

Cash from former Treasurer,	\$335.67
September, Dues Collected,	79.50
October, " "	471.60
November, " "	143.40
December, " "	42.40
January, " "	26.40
February, " "	15.60
March, " "	25.20
April, " "	30.10
May, " "	7.20
June, " "	1.50
July, " "	3.10
From J. W. Scott Returned (Defense Fund),	54.68
Total,	\$1236.35

EXPENDITURES.

Sept., Clifford W. Kissinger, Postage and Expressage,	\$1.29
Oct., Joe F. Beard, Sec'y, Expense Acct. to Boston,	97.25
Joe F. Beard, Sec'y, Expense Acct. July and Sept. inc.,	6.88
H. G. Smith, Treas., Stamped Env. and Foreign Postage (Notices),	15.30

Frank H. Burt, Report 12th Annual Convention, &c., 77.25
Jones & Kroeger, Notification and Receipt Cards, - 9.25
Jno. W. Scott, Defense Fund, 100.00
H. G. Smith, Treas., 1000 Stamped Envelopes, - 21.60

Nov., Jno. Luther Kilbon, Expenses Board of Vice-Presidents, 18.12
Journal Printing Co., Printing, 27.15
Joe F. Beard, Sec'y, Expense to Oct. 27th inc., - 26.99
F. A. A. Robertson, Agt., Bond for Treasurer, - 20.00
W. W. Jewett, Postage Foreign Papers Sept. and Oct., 8.19
Compton & Sons Litho. & Print Co., 2000 Certificates bound, - - 65.00

Dec., Journal Printing Co., 1200 Copies Year Book, 162.50
W. W. Jewett, 600 Subscriptions at 25c per year, 150.00
Geo. W. Achard, Expense Incorporation Papers &c., 12.50
Jones & Kroeger, 500 Letter Heads, Treas., - - 2.00

Jan., Joe F. Beard, Sec'y, Expense Acct. Nov. and Dec., 40.77
C. W. Bowen, Chairman, Expressage, Postage &c., 4.92

Feb., W. W. Jewett, Postage Foreign Papers Nov., Dec. and Jan., 10.85

Mar., H. G. Smith, Treas., Stamped Env. & Expressage, 11.40
H. G. Smith, Treas., Incorporation Dues West Va., 10.00

June, Joe F. Beard, Treas., Expense Jan., Feb. and to March 19, 38.66
W. W. Jewett, Foreign Postage Feb., Mch. and April, 6.44

July, E. Doebelin, Sub. Vertranleches Korrespondg Blatt, - 5.50
J. F. Beard, Sec. Expense Bal. March, April and May, 18.14
Wm. N. Howe, - 25.44

*Cash on hand July 31, 1898, 242.96

Total, \$1236.35
*Interest Acct. and Insurance Fund transferred to General Fund.

STOCK FUND.

Amt. at credit July 31, '97, \$1439.00
Received during year, 75.00
\$1514.00

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

Amount at credit last report, 125.89

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. SMITH,
Treasurer.

Report of International Secretary Doebelin read by Mr. Krauth.

Report of Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department Tuttle was read by the Secretary in the absence of that official and accepted.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SALES AND PURCHASING DEPT'S.

NEW YORK, August 20th, 1898.

Mr. President: I have the honor to submit the following report to your Association. When I assumed the duties of Superintendent on Sept. 1st last, I found my department in an unsettled and disrupted condition. It was not until about Jan. 1st that I was able to accumulate enough material to place numerous circuits all over the country, in a satisfactory condition. I have kept those circuits that have been prompt in their returns well supplied with books. Some that have been greatly negligent in their returns, have not fared as well.

Upon taking charge of this Department my predecessor only supplied me with the Blank Books, Stationery, etc., necessary to conduct its business. I received no records of its previous business except numerous lists of circuits that had been previously used by him, many of which I found to be worthless, and contained names that no longer belonged to the Association. This necessitated my forming an entire new list of circuits, which was only accomplished after much hard work. I have endeavored to localize these circuits whenever possible, thus saving members much postage and other expenses

The total number of books received since I entered office and up to Aug. 20th was 1600, gross value of which was \$57,000.30. I have retired from these figures 476 books of which the gross value was \$18,909. During this my first year, I have sent out 389 circuits and have received back 344 circuits, from which has been sold the gross sum of \$6,404.02.

Upon investigation I find that while a very large number of stamps have been purchased by the members they have been of the medium grade, ranging from 10c to \$5.00. This has shown that the financial condition of the members was not conducive to the purchase of high priced stamps.

My weekly report to the Official Organ has placed before the Association the conditions and wants of this Department.

I have organized the system of paying out to members the money received from the sale of their stamps as fast as it comes in. To most of the owners of books I have sent checks on account who have had credits of \$10.00 or more.

I have no losses of circuits to report. There has been a loss of \$20.20 from books which I have not been able to trace or charge to members, and I lay this loss to the very poor hingeing done by a few of the members, evidently they have been lost in handling of the books. Some members are in arrears but I consider them good.

The Insurance Fund will show on the retiring of all books received up to date \$570.00 less \$189.46 which your Board directed me to pay to balance a loss made

during the last term of my predecessor.

I find that I am unable to continue the Purchasing Department. At the highest only 12 members have participated in it, supplying a capital of \$415.00, a sum entirely inadequate to carry it on. Most of this money has been refunded and I propose to discontinue the Department. In this connection I recommend the following changes. I find the duties of the Superintendent of Sales Department are arduous enough, and occupy so much of his time, that he cannot properly attend to the duties of the Purchasing Department and bring it to its proper condition and so continue it. I therefore recommend that the two Departments be separated and that two Superintendents be appointed, one for the management of the Sales and another for the Purchasing Department.

I think that the latter Department under a proper Superintendent devoting time and energy to it and who can induce not less than 75 members to join, can be made of much service to members and of enough profit to compensate him for his services, but I am positive that both Departments cannot be run jointly, with satisfaction to the members. The Purchasing Department has not been a success under the management of any of my predecessors from its start.

The following is the summary of the business of the Sales Department for the year ending August 20th, 1898.

Total number of books received	1600,
valued at	\$57,000 30
Total number of books retired	476,
valued at	18,909.83
Leaving in circulation and on hand	
1124, valued at	38,090.47
Sales from retired books,	3,199.64
Total number of circuits sent out,	389
" " " " returned,	344
From which there has been sold	\$6,404.02
Blank Books sold to the value of	202 90
Control stamps sold to the value of	36.50

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. TUTTLE.

REPORT OF BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 18, 1898.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Vice-Presidents have the honor to present the following report of the matters which have come before them this year.

We have held twelve meetings since the last convention, besides various informal consultations and letters. Two of the meetings have been held with one member unavoidably absent, but in all cases every vote passed by the Board has had the full approval of all the members.

For the last five months the Board has greatly missed the active interest and help of Secretary Joe F. Beard, whose much regretted death has deprived the Association of one of the best officers it has ever had. His successor has fully and faithfully met

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1. Arranging the stamps in suitable lots, which necessitates the mounting and careful examination of every stamp.
2. Writing the manuscript of the catalogue
3. Printer's and book-binder's work.
4. Mailing of catalogues.
5. One month's time must be allowed for distribution of the catalogue before the date of sale.

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all the duties of his office, but Mr. Beard's long familiarity with the affairs of the Association made it possible for him to furnish information and make helpful suggestions to an extent which no one else could be expected to equal.

When the work of the present year opened, the Board found among its unfinished cases that of Emil A. Stigeler, of Denver, Col., who had been arrested at the instance of Sales Superintendent Mekeel, under charge of larceny of a number of books belonging to the Department. The Board was led to believe that, without compromising the case or compounding a felony, a course might be followed by which a part or even the whole of the stolen property could be recovered. We esteemed it our duty to gain this advantage if possible, and instructed Mr. Carstarphen, the lawyer who had been retained by Mr. Mekeel when the complaint was first made against Stigeler, that our desire was to recover the property or its value, if possible. In the same letter he was informed that the case was entirely in his hands, and that he was at liberty to follow any course in conducting it which seemed to him advantageous. Stigeler having addressed us a letter in which he promised to do all in his power to make restitution, we replied to him that our chief aim was to protect the Association from loss, and referred him to our lawyer. Mr. Carstarphen was pleased to inform us that by our letter to Stigeler, we were guilty of compounding a felony, and so presented the matter to his friends that a bitter attack was made upon the Board in several philatelic papers. The courts having decided that the proceedings against Stigeler should be by civil rather than criminal process, it was proposed to bring civil suit against him, though with little hope that any judgment which might be made could be collected. At this point, however, Stigeler's flight from Denver put an end to the matter.

The last convention ordered that the Association be incorporated under its old name in the State of Minnesota, and that the regular payment of ten dollars as a tax to the State of West Virginia be also made. It was also directed that the Association should govern itself according to the laws of Minnesota as soon as the incorporation there should be completed. After some delay on the part of our agents in Minnesota, the articles which had previously been filed there were amended by changing the name American Philatelic Society to American Philatelic Association. New stock certificates were then issued, bearing a new seal. The report of this Board under date of April 27, 1898, published in our Official Organ, gives the reasons why this course was adopted, and sets forth the grounds on which it is held that the new certificates are sufficient for the purposes of the Association and the protection of its members. The same report gave a history up to that time of the demand of the authorities of

West Virginia for payment of a tax of \$50 per year from the date of incorporation, instead of the \$10 per year which had been paid and had again been offered this year and refused. To that report it only needs to be added that the authorities of the State finally decided that the Association is a literary organization and not a money-making corporation, and reversed their decision, accepting the payment of ten dollars.

Two rather perplexing and complicated cases have been before us for the greater part of the year, but both are now finally settled. The first of these cases is that of E. T. Parker, who was suspended by this Board on March 24, and who was re-instated August 9. The complainant in the case was Mr. S. M. Wood, of Ponta Delgada, Azores, who set forth that he had at Mr. Parker's request sent him a considerable lot of the St. Anthony stamps of the Azores, for which he was to receive certain stamps in exchange. He had repeatedly written Mr. Parker, who gave him no response, and who declared that he had forgotten that such a lot of stamps ever came to him. It appeared to be his disposition to dally with the claim, and, after several warnings, the Board pronounced the sentence of suspension of which we have already spoken. Meanwhile there came a complaint from Messrs. Buhl & Co., of London, that they had a charge against Mr. Parker which it was impossible for them to collect. When the period of three months was at an end, during which Mr. Parker's suspension was first decreed, neither of these parties had acknowledged satisfaction, and it remained for us only to continue the suspension until such acknowledgment was received. Such acknowledgment has now been made by Mr. Wood, while the Buhl matter has been presented in such form as to show that the Board would not be justified in continuing Mr. Parker's suspension on that ground alone. Consequently, the Board, on Aug. 9, reinstated Mr. Parker.

A still more complicated case arose in connection with certain dealings of our late Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department, Mr. G. D. Mekeel. The same Mr. Wood who had made complaint against Mr. Parker, set forth also that Mr. Mekeel had received from him a lot of stamps of a value somewhat more than \$40, which were shipped by Mr. Wood in response to a circular from the Department offering certain inducements to foreign correspondents. In acknowledgment of the stamps thus sent, Mr. Wood received a promissory note of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., which he was asked to indorse without recourse and to return to St. Louis. This he refused to do, writing to Mr. Mekeel that the stamps were purchased for the account of the Association and not of the firm, and that he expected the Association to pay for them. No further progress being made toward a settlement, and Mr.

Mekeel insisting on treating the matter as a liability of the insolvent corporation, this Board demanded that he assume the liability personally and settle it. He acknowledged the receipt of our demand, but nothing further was heard from him for some weeks. He was again warned early in June that he must settle the matter at once, and, having heard nothing from him, on June 23 the Board passed certain votes regarding the matter, one of which expelled Mr. Mekeel from membership. As soon as Mr. Mekeel received notice of these votes, he telegraphed us that the claims had been settled by C. H. Mekeel, following the telegram with a letter explaining that he had delayed reporting to us because he knew that the claim was in process of settlement and he had expected to hear by every mail that it was finished. The votes of the Board were therefore rescinded.

Meanwhile, another case, precisely similar to all appearances, had arisen from the claim of Mr. E. Georgieff, of Sophia, Bulgaria, who had shipped about fifty dollars' worth of Bulgarian stamps to Mr. Mekeel, understanding that they were for the department. This case was also settled by Mr. C. H. Mekeel, who sent Mr. Georgieff 200 sets of Mexican stamps of the issues of 1892 and 1894. But Mr. Georgieff was not satisfied with this settlement, and, apparently hoping that he could obtain the cash from us in accordance with our original vote, wrote us a new statement, setting forth that the settlement was not satisfactory. Upon receipt of this letter we demanded of Mr. Mekeel that he settle the claim in cash. In response to this demand he furnished us full and satisfactory proof that Mr. Georgieff had first indorsed the note of the Mekeel Co., thus accepting them as his debtor, and then had written to Mr. C. H. Mekeel stating that the count of stamps sent him in settlement was short in one particular, thus showing that he had at that time at least accepted these stamps as the best settlement which could be obtained. We have therefore regarded the matter as beyond our jurisdiction and have notified Mr. Mekeel and Mr. Georgieff to that effect.

The Sales Department during the past year has appeared to be efficiently conducted. Mr. Tuttle could hardly hope to escape adverse criticism altogether, but such complaints as have reached us have been of a sort susceptible of easy and creditable explanation. The requirements of the By-Laws as to full reports to the Board have been complied with, and full balance sheets are in our possession. We have been fortunate this year in escaping complaints of substitutions on sales books. The attempt was made early in the year to trace the parties guilty of substitutions in previous periods, but we were unable to make any satisfactory progress.

In closing we would ask the privilege of again reminding the members of the Association that the Board of Vice-Pres-

dents are not the Collecting Agent of the Association. It is the fixed rule of the Board to take no cognizance of any claims from members resident in this country against other members, until the same have been referred to the Collecting Agent without success. We congratulate the Association upon the result of our year's work, and rejoice that we can turn over to our successors a docket clear of any matters of importance, the only important case now pending being the matter of the circuits lost in the hands of John K. Tiffany and E. H. Remington, which has been referred to the Collecting Agent, who now has the papers in his possession.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
GEO. L. TOPPAN.

Adopted.

Recess of ten minutes was taken for signing in Register by all members present.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMAN: I regret to report that during the past year there has been practically no use made of the Library. I have recorded only eight donations during the year. It has been found impossible to complete the transfer of the Library to Pittsburg on account of the absence of Mr. Anderson, the Librarian of the Carnegie Library, but it is expected that it will be transferred before the end of the present year.

We are now anxious to obtain as many bound volumes as possible in order that we may make a good start in our new quarters and those who have bound volumes of philatelic or other literature to give to the Library, should send them in before the first of October.

There are on hand complete volumes and files of journals that should be bound before the Library is established in Pittsburg, and at least one hundred dollars should be appropriated for this purpose, to be used as called for by the Librarian.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

Aug. 23, 1898.

The report was accompanied by a statement showing the Association to be indebted to Mr. Deats in the sum of \$12.65. Report received and referred.

Report of Counterfeit Detector J. W. Scott stated that the business for year was 1143 stamps received and opinion passed upon.

COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT LOCATION OF LIBRARY.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Aug. 15th, 1898.

To the President and Members American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on the Permanent Location of the Library beg to report the progress made since the Twelfth Convention accepted our report and suggestions. We have carried out nearly to a

close all of the suggestions contained in our last report. In May, 1898, an agreement was drawn up covering the following points:

The American Philatelic Association agrees to donate in trust, in perpetuity, to Carnegie Institute, of Pittsburgh, all books, publications and periodicals now constituting the library of the American Philatelic Association.

To turn over, on the same terms, all future books, publications and periodicals of which it becomes possessed.

To donate to the Library two copies of each official publication of the Association.

To elect to membership in the Association such Librarian or Assistant Librarian as may be designated by the Carnegie Institute and to remit for such Librarian or Assistant Librarian the customary fees and dues of the Association.

To maintain a committee of members of the Association in Pittsburgh who shall receive and forward books requested by non-resident members of the Association, and shall return the same to the Library, complying with its reasonable and usual regulations.

The Association agrees to be responsible to the Institute for the value of books so withdrawn by the committee, and for all charges for forwarding and returning them.

The Carnegie Institute agrees to receive the library of the American Philatelic Association on the above named conditions, to properly index, house and care for the library thus given; to add to it, from time to time, as its means allow, in such just proportion as the importance of the subject bears to the total additions made to the Library of the Institute

To permit members of the American Philatelic Association to have access to the books at all proper times, under the regulations of the Library.

To allow the standing committee of the Association to withdraw books from the Library for the use of non-resident members, under proper regulations.

To recognize the name of the American Philatelic Association, in connection with this department of the Library, in its official records.

This agreement was duly signed, in duplicate, by the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Library and by the President and Secretary of the Association. The sad death of Mr. Beard delayed signature somewhat, but the formal exchange of the signed agreements was effected June 11th, 1898. A meeting of the Committee was held at Flemington July 1st, 1898, at which Mr. Deats and Mr. Krauth were present, and it was decided to dispose of a lot of duplicate material and devote the proceeds to completing and binding some of the papers before turning them over to the Carnegie Library. The deep personal interest taken by Mr. E. H. Anderson, the Librarian of Carnegie Library, has made it seem advisable to the Committee not to effect the actual transfer

of the books to Pittsburgh until Mr. Anderson's return from Europe in October, at which time the Committee hopes to be able to meet Mr. Anderson in Pittsburgh and to discuss and settle the questions of detail which will naturally arise. The Societies in Pittsburgh still maintain their Joint Committee on Library and the Chairman of that Committee is also a member of our Committee, so that complete harmony of action has obtained. The Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh has turned over its library to the Carnegie Library where it will be incorporated with the Association Library.

Your Committee would urge upon all the members of the Association to contribute as fully as possible to the Library of their surplus of philatelic literature. The Counterfeit Album has been placed in charge of Mr. Krauth by Mr. Anderson as Special Assistant, and all contributions of counterfeit stamps will be gladly received by Mr. Krauth for the Album. The acceptance of this report in conjunction with our report of last year will require the Association to elect E. H. Anderson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of this Association; to instruct the Secretary and Treasurer to issue a certificate of stock to Mr. Anderson and to disburse the cost of subscription and annual dues from the Treasury, to authorize the President and Secretary to enter into an agreement with the permanent Joint Committee of the Pittsburgh Branch No. 5, American Philatelic Association, the Twin City Philatelic Society, and the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club, to carry out the 5th suggestion of our report to the 12th Convention, which reads:

"5th. That the Association shall guarantee to this Joint Committee any expense for lost books or papers, fines for undue detentions and express or postage charges which the Committee may not be able to collect from the member in whose behalf the expense was incurred."

We are happy to say that the legal expenses, which we thought might be necessary, were not incurred. We recommend that this Committee, or another, be continued in charge of this subject for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS, Chairman,
C. P. KRAUTH,
C. E. SEVERN.

Received and referred.

A communication from Mr. Jos. S. Davis relating to the Association's liability on losses of stamps read by the Secretary and referred to Committee on By-Laws.

Report of Superintendent Stone of Literary Exchange was as follows:

REPORT OF SUPT. OF LITERARY EXCHANGE.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., August 22, 1898.

Members of the American Philatelic Association:

In submitting herewith my report as Superintendent of Literary Exchange for

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Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was one of the most peaceful and harmonious held. The only division being on the question of Official Journal, and as over two-thirds of members present favored the ERA (the vote by "noses" being 10 for the Metropolitan to 28 for the ERA), there was little use for the friends of our esteemed contemporary displaying any feeling in the matter, particularly as they were our entertainers, and it would have been ill-behaving for them to have acted other than in the pleasant and agreeable manner which they did.

We regret exceedingly the necessary lateness of this issue caused by our absence

and a desire to give a practically full and complete report of the Convention, together with full reports of the more important officers. We trust our readers will appreciate our endeavor to give them a prompt and extended report, even by the enforced slight lateness of this issue.

Our trip to America's leading Metropolis was not without attending incidents, principally pleasant ones, and although we were unable to call upon any of our dealer friends and correspondents, from sheer lack of time, yet we had the pleasure of meeting many that we never did before.

We must ask the kind indulgence of our correspondents for the delay in replying to their letters received during our absence. They will each be answered in turn as far as necessary at the very earliest moment possible.

We learn with some surprise that our nearest neighbor in the stamp journalistic field, the popular veteran monthly, the Eastern Philatelist, has been sold to Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co., the Boston dealers, who will continue its publication, whether upon old or along new lines our informant does not state. Its new publishers have our best wishes for a continuance of its past successes.

Attention is called to a change in the address of Messrs. W. Sellschopp & Co., the San Francisco dealers, from No. 108 to No. 118 Stockton Street.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Monday, August 22nd.

The following new Omaha plate Nos. have been discovered since our last writing:

- 644 2c. 645 2c. 647 2c. 648 2c. 649 2c. 650 2c. 651 2c. 652 2c. 653 2c.

Nos. 637, 643 and 646 have not yet been found, neither has 554 which is probably an odd denomination of the regular issue.

It is improbable that any of the Newspaper and Periodical stamps will ever be sold to the public even at face value. The legal representative of the P. O. Dept. has decided that the government has no right to sell these stamps at less than face value, which fact now removes this question into the impossibilities.

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We are informed that proprietary stamps of the denominations of 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ c and 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ c are to be issued shortly. These are to pay the tax on 75c and \$1.50 proprietary articles. The color of the \$50 documentary is given as stone.

All late printings of the 2c documentary have contained 216 stamps to the sheet instead of 200 as before. The consequence is that plate number strips of these sheets require 8 stamps instead of 6. Nos. 8028 1c and 8051 2c have appeared in this shape.

The third volume of J. W. Scott's Plate Number Album is ready for delivery. It is equal to its predecessors in every way and should be rapidly secured by all wanting a copy, as the supply was a small one. Spaces are provided in a few instances for strips which do not exist, namely 375, 377, 378 and 380 (all 5c plates which never were finished) and 443, 444 and 445 which were never printed in green. There is now sufficient material on hand for the fourth volume and we hope Mr. Scott will soon commence on it.

Captains G. R. Wilson of Buffalo and L. Denison Stearns of Wilkes Barre, Pa., have favored us with visits during the past week while passing through the city with their troops. Captain Wilson is enthusiastic on plate Nos. and Captain Stearns on proofs and essays.

The writer expects to meet many old and new friends during the Convention in New York during the coming week. No doubt all will have a time which will be a memorable one for many years to come.

D. S. of A. Convention.

The 1898 Annual Convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was held in New York City on Friday, August 26th. To Mr. L. Beringer we are indebted for the following list of officers elected for the coming year and also for the list of standing committees.

OFFICERS.

- President, D. E. Hazen.
- Vice-President, Jos. S. Davis.
- Secretary, C. W. Kissinger.
- Treasurer, B. J. Bishop.
- International Secretary, T. J. Gafford.
- Vice-President Canada, F. J. Garraty.
- Exchange Superintendent, F. D. Sawyer.
- Eastern Exchange Superintendent, W. Weber.
- Canadian Exchange Superintendent, W. K. Hall.
- Auction Manager, S. P. Lev.
- Purchasing Agent, L. Beringer.
- Ad. and Sub. Agent, H. M. Bugbee.
- Information Bureau, H. A. Chapman.
- D. T. Eaton, J. H. Makins.
- N. Y. Auction Purchasing Agent, A. Herbst.

Chicago Auction Purchasing Agent, C. E. Severn.
 Librarian, F. Doughty.
 Attorney, C. F. Bridge.
 Counterfeit Detector, Geo. Carlon.
 Trustees, J. H. Leippe, C. W. Kissinger, F. J. Klein.

COMMITTEES.

Credentials:—J. H. Leippe, C. W. Kissinger, A. Herbst.
 Standing Rules:—A. Herbst, N. Cobe, B. Cohen.
 Finance:—H. A. Chapman, S. Schachne, M. Tausig.
 Library:—W. H. McDonnell, Mrs. E. R. Aldrich, Mrs. C. W. Kissinger.
 Purchasing:—N. Cobe, W. J. Coleman, H. A. Chapman.
 Official Journal:—C. W. Parker, D. J. Reilly, J. H. Leippe.
 Branch Societies:—B. Cohen, W. A. McDonnell, L. Beringer.
 By-Laws:—E. R. Aldrich, *ex-officio*, C. W. Kissinger, A. Herbst, M. Tausig.
 Proxies were held as follows:

C. W. Kissinger,	51
J. H. Leippe,	51
A. Herbst,	30
Mrs. C. W. Kissinger,	44
E. R. Aldrich,	22
N. Cobe,	20
L. Beringer,	16
Mrs. E. R. Aldrich,	17
C. W. Parker,	9
H. A. Chapman,	12

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Detroit was selected for 1899 Convention seat.

Chicago Philatelic Society.
 651 Marquette Building.

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 S. T. S. DONCYSON, Secretary.
 F. J. LEFVER, Treasurer.
 F. N. MASSOTH, Supt. Sales Dep't.
 F. J. LEFVER, Librarian.

The 279th regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8.30 p. m., Aug. 4, 1898.

Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Massoth, Smack, Pierce, Wolsieffer, Wolsieffer Jr., Severn, Wolsey, Lefever, Robie, Schlieckert and Doncyson. Visitors present were Messrs. Mikolasek, Sauerberg and Seelig. The minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Schlieckert reported that all stamps donated by members for benefit of Library had been disposed of, and asked for discharge of Committee. A motion prevailed that report be received, and committee be discharged with thanks.

Communication was read from Mr. Fred Doughty (No. 137) and referred.

Upon ballot Mr. E. W. Sauerberg was unanimously elected to Active membership No. 455.

After recess the Governing Board ordered posted the application (for Active membership) of Mr. James Mikolasek, Chicago, proposed by Doncyson.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.00 p. m., after which Mr. Wolsey exhibited two (2) volumes of his collection which were superb to say the least.

Next meeting Aug. 18, '98.
 S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

"Your Trip"

through the Tenderloin sections of our country hunting for stamps is a matter too swift for our printers. It makes them dizzy. See if you can't tone that chapter down," wrote our publishers. "STAMP HUNTING" must be swift indeed if the manuscript contains anything that would shock A PRINTER. And we fear therefore, that our glowing and classical detail of Brother Osgood's Matrimonial Experiences &c. will have to be confined exclusively to the English language. Anyhow, even if the Sunday School Union fail to endorse the work, a large sale is assured, and if you haven't set aside "four bits" to secure a copy, you will miss it. It takes away that tired feeling.

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(Continued from page 489.)

the year just closing I desire to extend my thanks to those few who have tried to make its operations a success. Less than half a dozen lists were sent in from those who desired to dispose of their papers and all answers were sent to the respective parties advertising. But unless much more interest is manifested in the Department I should strongly advocate its abolition or transfer its duties to the Librarian in place of appointing an officer whose position is so largely a sinecure. I would most respectfully ask that the committee on the By-Laws take this matter into their careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE.

Received and referred.

A telegram was received and read from Mr. E. R. Aldrich, announcing he was en route but was delayed in Boston.

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences proposes to add a Department of Philately and accept to membership stamp collectors. It proposes to accept as a detached section without initiation fee, the Long Island Philatelic Society. Voted the sympathies and congratulations of the Convention be tendered to the Society on this raising of the status of Philately.

Mr. Batchelder as Committee on Standing Rules reported recommending rules of last year, which were adopted.

Adjourned to 2.00 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2 P. M.

No committees being ready to report and on this account and the excessive heat it was voted to adjourn to 10 o'clock Wednesday A. M.

Second Day.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by Vice President Toppan at 10.15 A. M.

The Committee on Credentials presented their partial report which was accepted.

Upon call for reports of Committees the Special Committee appointed at last Convention to straighten out and settle up the affairs of the Purchasing and Sales Department while under the management of Mr. Geo. D. Mekeel reported that with one exception all the claims have been satisfactorily settled. The exception being the case of Mr. Gorgieff of Sophia, Bulgaria, who had accepted the notes of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., which practically took the matter out of the jurisdiction of the Committee. The report of the Committee was received and adopted.

Mr. J. Arthur Wainwright was chosen as Reading Clerk in consideration of his ability to make himself heard where others invariably failed.

The report of the Committee on Finance, approving the report of the Treasurer, was read. On motion of Secretary Howe voted

to recommit same to the Committee, who had not had opportunity to examine books and vouchers of the Treasurer, till they can make such examination, and their report shall then be submitted to the Board of Vice-Presidents and upon their approval shall appear in the Year Book.

The Committee on Library in their report recommended that \$100 be appropriated to defray the expense of having the Library properly put in suitable shape before being turned over to the Carnegie Library, and that the Committee on Permanent Location be continued. The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

The next Committee to report was that on Official Journal, which brought the most important question of the whole Convention up for discussion. The Committee announced that it had received three offers or bids for the honor and that the ERA offer was the best unless Mr. Scott could modify his by omitting postage on the papers of the New York City members, an item of some thirty odd dollars. This he consented to do without the matter being referred to the Committee and bids being again called for. Mr. Batchelder of Boston moved that the WEEKLY ERA be retained for another year as Official Journal, stating that he could see no call or advantage to be obtained by a change. Messrs. Stone, Wainwright, Cobe and Jewett spoke in favor of the ERA and its advantages, while Messrs. Davison, Gregory, Holmes and Scott handled the interests of the *Metropolitan*. The demand for a vote resulted in defeating the motion as far as number of votes went, standing 66 in favor to 102 against. However, the sentiment of the members was plainly in favor of the ERA, the votes being cast by 38 members present, 28 of whom voted for the ERA while only 10 represented the *Metropolitan*. Of the 102 votes cast against the motion 65 were cast by two members, one of whom was a member of the Committee on Credentials. A motion was then made and carried that the *Metropolitan* be made Official Journal. Mr. Burt called attention to the fact that the Constitution stated that the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA was the Official Journal, and also that the Constitution could not be altered except by a two-thirds vote of at least one-third of the members of the Association, and the vote was declared out of order and the ERA remains the Official Journal. The full discussion of the merits of the two papers and attending action will appear in the Year Book.

A communication from Mr. Geo. T. Bush suggesting that the Association have a small, neat and convenient lithographic membership card was read and Mr. Deats asked for a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter and report later. Messrs. Deats, Stone and Johnson were appointed as the Committee and the matter was referred to them.

Mr. C. P. Krauth exhibited and explained

the value very clearly of two little devices or philatelic aids of his invention, one of which would allow of exact measurement of any portion of a stamp either vertically or horizontally. The one he exhibited he had made for his own personal use, and cost about \$4.00. He stated later that if any members wished one he would have them made and supply them at actual cost; which would be much less than cost of his if a half dozen or more should order and have them made at one time. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Krauth for his practical information.

Dr. Mitchell made several good suggestions relating to more effort being made to give members and collectors generally more material benefits from the Association, and same was referred to the Committee on Membership Card.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock till 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order but owing to the excessive heat, and the fact that no further business was ready to come up it was voted to adjourn till Thursday on the boat—the programme of the local Entertainment Committee including an all-day excursion down the harbor and a visit to Staten Island.

Third Day.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

Vice-President Toppan called the Convention to order at a little past noon on the lower deck of the steamer "Wm. Fletcher" which had been chartered for the exclusive use of the Association and its friends.

An effort was made to adjourn the meeting, the point being raised that it was being illegally held. The motion was however lost.

The only business done at this session was the selection of a site for next year's Convention. Invitations were read from Milwaukee, from Governor Pingree of Michigan to come to Detroit, from the Mayor of Detroit, the Business Men's League and the Detroit Philatelic Society to visit the City of the Straits. More or less extended remarks were made by Messrs. Batchelder, Gregory, Wainwright, Scott, Aldrich and Robie in favor of Detroit; Mr. Doeblin for Niagara Falls, and Mr. Deats on behalf of Mr. Krauth for Clayton.

A vote being called for resulted as follows:

Detroit,	200
Niagara Falls,	4
Milwaukee,	12
Clayton,	1

and Detroit was then unanimously elected the place for the holding of the '99 Convention and it was voted that the time be within two weeks of Sept. 1st, the exact date to be left to the President.

A telegram received from Mr. W. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro, Ontario, extended greetings and stated that "although absent in body present in spirit."

The session adjourned at 2.00 P. M. till 9 o'clock Friday morning at the Collectors Club.

Fourth Day.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called to order at 9.30 A. M. by Vice-President Toppam.

The following is the final report of the Committee on Credentials and shows the representation at the closing session :

PROXIES.

(As held at Aug. 26th Session.)

J. N. Luff,	19
H. E. Deats,	23
W. F. Gregory,	40
J. W. Scott,	26
C. P. Krauth,	25
W. W. Jewett,	10
C. W. Kissinger,	8
A. W. Batchelder,	22
E. R. Aldrich,	11
Alex. Holland,	6
W. C. Stone,	6
F. H. Burt,	2
D. T. Eaton,	1
Gordon Ireland,	1
J. A. Wainwright,	1
C. W. Bowen,	1
P. M. Wolsieffer,	1
F. F. Olney,	1
C. F. Rothfuchs,	1
J. F. Johnson,	3
Total,	208

Mr. Albrecht made some remarks relative to certain utterances made during the debate on the location for the '99 Convention seat and moved that certain specified ones be expunged from the records. The motion was carried.

Mr. Deats as chairman of the Committee on Membership Cards reported in favor of the idea and recommending that the Secretary be instructed to obtain the same and issue them to the members. Recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Branch Societies in its report regretted the deplorable lack of interest and activity in the other than the New York, Pittsburg and one or two other Branches and hoped that some method for an improvement could be devised.

Only a verbal report was made by the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department and further time was asked for. Voted that the request of the Committee be granted and that its report be given space in the Year Book, upon approval of the Board of Directors.

It was suggested that henceforth the By-Law and Finance Committees be appointed in advance of the Convention in order that their work could be more thoroughly and understandingly performed.

Mr. Davison as chairman of the Committee on By-Laws commenced the reading of his Committee's report, which it was decided to consider section by section. The first section recommended combining the

office of Literary Exchange with that of Librarian. After some discussion as to the advisability of bringing Constitutional changes up when less than the necessary quorum to act upon them was lacking, it was voted to lay the question on the table.

The next recommendation was to omit certain sections of Article VIII. relating to the responsibility of the Association and liability to make good losses in the Sales Department. Again the question of the presence of the necessary quorum being present or represented, being raised, a vote by roll was called for and resulted in a total of 204, less than the required one-third of the voting strength of the Association. The question was then voted to be referred to the Official Board for their action and adoption.

The next recommendation was that the name of the Official Journal be omitted from the By-Laws and that the same and compensation be decided each year by the Convention. This was also referred to Official Board with recommendation of the Convention that it be adopted.

It was voted, on motion made by Mr. Stone, that the President at each Convention appoint a Committee on Philatelic Literature, one on Philatelic Appliances and Aids and an Obituary Committee, to act for ensuing year. It was also recommended that the same be incorporated into the By-Laws.

Mr. Toppam announced the said Committees for the coming year as follows:

Obituary Committee:—Messrs. C. E. Severn, L. H. Miller and P. M. Wolsieffer, all of Chicago.

Committee on Philatelic Appliances and Aids:—Messrs. C. P. Krauth, W. H. Mitchell and J. N. Luff.

Committee on Philatelic Literature:—Messrs. W. C. Stone, C. P. Krauth and H. E. Deats.

On motion of Mr. Davison it was voted that the Secretary write to the Trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences extending the thanks of the Association for their action in recognizing Philately and their offer made to the Long Island Philatelic Society and collectors.

Mr. Gordon Ireland moved that the Geographical list of members of the Association be included in the next Year Book, it being a valuable help and convenience to travelling members. The motion was carried.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Krauth and adopted:

Whereas, The American Philatelic Association assembled in the Thirteenth Annual Convention has been the recipients of a most hearty welcome and delightful entertainment by the members of the New York Branch and Staten Island Philatelic Society and the Collectors Club, be it

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Association be and hereby are tendered to the members of the above named Societies.

It was voted that copies of the above be engrossed and presented to the Collectors

Club and the Staten Island Philatelic Society.

The thanks of the Convention were unanimously voted Mr. Toppam for the impartial and able manner he had filled the position of presiding officer. To which he responded briefly in well-chosen words.

On motion of Mr. Stone the Convention adjourned *sine die* at 10.45 P. M.

W. W. J.

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Canadian Issue with Maple Leaves in Corners.		
	Per 100.	Per 500.
1c green.....	\$0.25	\$1.00
2c purple.....	.30	1.25
3c red.....	.19	.50

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	Per 100.	Per 500.
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1,131 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Aug.

13th, valued at \$37,863.67

31 books received since Aug. 13th, valued at \$819.90

\$38,683.57

38 books retired since Aug. 13th, valued at 593.10

Total number of books in circulation 1,123 valued at. \$38,090.47

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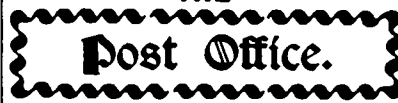
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Aug. 23rd.

The stamp business here during the past week shows evidence of future prosperity in the stamp line. Several dealers that I have seen report business as much better than during the same time last year. Mr. Batchelder, of the New England Stamp Co., started Saturday for the Convention, and Mr. Nathan Cobe, of Waltham, went last Monday evening.

One dealer here reports that he sold to a prominent collector of Nebraska a copy of the New Zealand error, and today it was returned with the information that it was not the error as the stamp bore the words "Mt. Earnslau," and the man said the error did not. I wonder if this is a fair example of the philatelic knowledge of Nebraska collectors.

The individual who might be properly termed the father of Philately in this country resides in Boston, and bears the cognomen of Taylor. He says a postage stamp is any stamp issued by the post office department having a stated value on it for which the government receives the amount and it may prepay or it may be postage due. Although I believe that Mr. Taylor's knowledge of stamps is very extensive, and that he can give a large number of the dealers and collectors of the present time points on stamps in general, I differ with him in his idea of a postage stamp. According to his theory, a special delivery stamp is a postage stamp. It is especially stated in the rules and regulations made by the powers that run the postal business of this country that a special delivery stamp will not pay postage and can only be used in connection with other stamps to be of any use whatsoever. Therefore a special delivery stamp can not be a postage stamp. There are a great many stamps that are worthy of being collected even if they are not postage stamps.

Mr. Oscar Jannasch wrote for the *Lone Star State Philatelist* an article in which he gave a list of medicine stamps, which he said were very much under-priced. After listing about 30 stamps, he says: "the above mentioned stamps are priced fully 50% too low." The article has been copied in one of the weekly stamp papers and has been given a wide circulation. Such an article as this, given to the philatelic public, is very misleading, because it is claimed that these stamps are very much under-priced for the reason that it is difficult to obtain them in perfect condition, owing to the way they were used. But the worst feature about the whole article is that nothing is said about the paper of the stamps, whether it is old, silk, pink or wa-

termarked, which makes all the difference in the world whether they are under-priced or over-priced. Take Home Bitters Company, 3c green; 50 of these stamps can be found on silk paper to one on watermarked paper. I have seen Home Bitters Company stamps in quantities that had never been used, and the Barham 4c green stamp all that have been seen, of late years, have been unused, o. g. A list of stamps of this kind, to be of any practical value to stamp collectors, should be more explicit; as it is, it is practically worthless; and a great many of the stamps in this list can be furnished to Mr. Jannasch, if he would be willing to pay full catalogue value for them, not saying anything about the 50% more.

Medicine stamps should bring a price according to the supply and demand; and the condition of the stamps, and the manner in which they can be removed from the packages has not so much to do with it as whether some enterprising stamp hunter, like Bro. Robie, has ferreted out a lot of remainders.

The \$5 newspaper stamp surcharged for revenue was printed two different ways. In one the surcharge reads from the bottom to the top of the stamp; in the other it reads from top to bottom. One of these is an inverted surcharge. Which is which, there is no man in Boston today whose philatelic knowledge is sufficient to allow him to decide. This I know by making a personal canvas of the most prominent dealers. Bro. Batchelder is out of town, so that lets him out. My opinion is that the regular surcharge reads from bottom to top, commencing on the left side of the stamp. The inverted surcharge reads from top to bottom, commencing on the right side of the stamp. And if I am correct, I find that the Boston dealers have been selling the inverted surcharge without knowing it, as that composed the stock held here.

S. E. L.

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 - " " " 3ob. 8 "
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 - " " " 70 brown. 5 "
 - " 1868 20 blue and orange. 5 "
 - " 1884 35 lilac and green. 5 "
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 - St. Pierre and Miqu. 1891 25 rose and black. 20 "
 - St. Vincent 1888 1/2 of 1 lak. 18 "
 - Salvador 1887 3 brown, used. 6 "
 - " " 5 blue. 6 "
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 - " " 3 yellow. 6 "
 - " " 3 pf. green. 45 "
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- I. R. 2c: 484 to 487, 15c each.
474, 75c each; 525, \$1.00 each.
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- 1c blue: 493 to 496, tops only, 25c each.
- 1c green: 446 and 452, 40c each.
- 2c rose: 387, 388, 393, 427 to 430, 15c each.
- 5c brown: 351, 353, 357 and 359, 25c each.
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From Our Special Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

There are about fifteen members of the D. P. A. in Toronto at present, notwithstanding the Perforator correspondent's report to the contrary and it is likely that this number will be near fifty this fall.

Of the new special delivery stamps we have not come into possession of any cancelled yet. It seems that the public are not availing themselves of this advantageous postal facility.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting Chas. L. Bailey last week. He specializes on unused stamps. Of these he has a nice collection of pairs and blocks. Mr. Bailey is candidate for President of the D. P. A., Mr. Muirhead having resigned. The election takes place September 15th.

Another visitor called on me this week, Mr. D. F. Miller of Buffalo, who is a young collector and dealer. He is very enthusiastic over our hobby. Mr. Miller entered the ranks of Philately about a year ago.

Much is the astonishment manifested here as to the assignment of Mr. C. A. Needham of Hamilton, noted for his twelve-penny Canadas. A Toronto dealer is one of the heaviest losers, his loss amounting nigh on to a thousand dollars. It is stated that the stock will not near cover the liabilities.

LAYS.

We Declare War Again On High Prices And Have Turned Our Rapid Fire Guns Loose. LOOK OUT!

UNITED STATES.

Table listing various United States stamps and their prices, including 1847 5c, 1851 10c, 1857 1c type I, etc.

Table listing various stamps and their prices, including Agriculture 2, 3 and 6c, Interior, 10 var., 6 unused, Justice 3 and 6c, Navy 1, 2, 3 and 6c, etc.

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REVENUES.

Table listing various revenue stamps and their prices, including 1c Telegraph, 1c Express, 5c Foreign Exchange, etc.

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Table listing various Confederate stamps and their prices, including 1861 10c light blue, 1862 5c dark blue, etc.

FOREIGN.

Table listing various foreign stamps and their prices, including Canada 1851 3d, laid paper, 1859 10c, etc.

Table listing various foreign stamps and their prices, including Newfoundland *1, *2 and *3c Wrappers, Nova Scotia *1, *2, *5, *10 and *12 1/2c, etc.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, August 30th.

The great Convention is a thing of the past and almost everyone in attendance has reached their home by this time to enjoy the pleasant recollections of days gone by. Very great credit is due to the New Yorkers for the manner in which they entertained their guests and few places will ever be able to do as much as they did. Special cars, boats, carriages and everything else was hired for the occasion and all visitors seemed to enjoy every moment of their time. The river trip and visits to Coney Island as well as Staten Island will long be remembered and the local Society at the latter place earned the gratitude in a special measure for their royal entertainment on Thursday night.

Members expressed a great desire to have Washington invite the Convention to the National Capital as soon as practical and no one would take greater pleasure to lend every assistance to open the way than the writer. It is a known fact that all societies that hold their convention in Washington have there an unusual attendance from the fact that comparatively few are called to this city on business unless they be in some way connected with the Government, while the city with the Capitol, White House, Congressional Library, Monument and the various Departments, beautiful broad asphalt streets as well as the usual surroundings afford extraordinary attractions. The only possible objection could be called to the heat in summer, but one thing we can promise and that is not to roast you who would care to attend like they did us in New York last week during the first two days of the Convention.

But little news is to be chronicled this week, especially when it comes to local items of interest.

The following new Omaha plate numbers have been found here or elsewhere:

646 2c. 656 2c.
654 2c. 657 2c.
655 2c. 659 2c.

Nos. 637, 643 and 658 have not yet been seen.

The following tables show the amount of revenue stamps issued during the month of July which will give collectors some idea of their scarcity:

Proprietary Stamps.		
Denominations.	Number.	Face value.
1/8 of a cent	40,264,000	\$50,330
1/4 of a cent	32,100,000	80,250
3/8 of a cent	35,900,000	134,625
1/2 of a cent	63,044,000	394,025
1 cent	21,200,000	212,000
1 1/4 cents	25,388,000	317,350
2 cents	14,250,000	285,000
2 1/2 cents	29,084,000	727,100
4 cents	7,250,000	290,000
5 cents	3,200,000	160,000
Total,	271,680,000	\$2,650,680

Documentary Stamps.		
Denominations.	Number.	Face value.
1/2 cent	4,100,000	\$20,500
1 cent	73,664,000	736,640
2 cents	86,204,000	1,724,080
3 cents	4,300,000	129,000
4 cents	4,900,000	196,000
5 cents	15,510,000	775,500
10 cents	5,000,000	500,000
25 cents	4,900,000	1,225,000
50 cents	4,200,000	2,100,000
1 dollar	1,766,656	1,766,656
3 dollars	139,136	417,408
5 dollars	192,128	960,640
10 dollars	279,040	2,790,400
50 dollars	2,816	148,000
Total,	249,557,776	\$13,489,824

From Our Special Correspondent.

San Francisco Notes.

Monday, August 22nd.

There is what purports to be an Army Frank on the market here which seems to have no excuse for existence and no doubt will prove a rank fraud and made to sell. The design seems to have been copied from that of the ten cent 1869. It is 22x22 mm., spread eagle on shield which contains the words "Army Frank" in block letters; U. S. on each side of shield and on the ribbon below the words "official business only." Perforate 12, color, seal brown.

I hear that some one in the army headquarters, no doubt a stamp collector, wrote to the Third Asst. Postmaster asking him for permission to use this frank; he gave at first his consent, but on referring to the

Attorney General was informed that it was not legal so permission was refused. This is the story as given out by the party from whom the stamps were obtained, but whether it is true or not I cannot tell, so have let it go for what it is worth. This same person says he has seen them in rose and also in blue. At any rate I would warn collectors and dealers not to have anything to do with them.

From all indications stamp collecting will have a bright outlook this year, especially on this coast, for during the month just passed all the dealers report having done more business than in any three months of last year.

No doubt that this awakening interest is stimulated by the Omaha stamps and the new revenues.

There is also a heavy demand for the stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and the stocks of the three largest dealers are depleted. Hawaiians are also in demand. Now is the time to secure them, for they are bound to advance. The dealers allowed their stocks to run down, thinking they could get them again, but now they are all gone and no more to be had.

Makins & Co. exhibit a full sheet of 1/2c proprietary on distinctly laid paper.

There is a great demand for the plate numbers on the surcharged revenues and while top and side strips of the one cent are easy to find no one has seen any of the bottom strips.

There are no more small I. R. surcharges to be had in town as they have all been gathered in. No inverted surcharges have been found here. The following is a list of the plates seen here surcharged in block type in red on 1c green:

495, 534, 535, 536,
542, 543, 544, 545,
546, 547, 548, 549.

One party claims to have seen plates 540 and 541 but he is the only one who has.

J. A. N.

Dr. Cottlow thinks there is too much difference between the catalogue and net prices of stamps. and we fully agree with him. It may be fitting and right to catalogue stamps at twice what they will bring, but we are not brilliant, and we fail to see it.—Perforator.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

It may be well to know that the cause of penny postage within the empire had an earnest advocate in Sir William Peace, the Agent General of Natal. It was this representative that stood by Canada in its effort at the conference to secure the cheap rate. The Australians would have been content with a two pence rate, but Natal and Newfoundland insisted on the penny rate or no reduction at all. The Duke of Norfolk was also favorable to the position taken by Canada, but the officials in the department at London were all against the change, and it was due, as the Agent General said, to the firm resolve of Mr. Mulock on behalf of Canada backed by Natal, to take nothing less than the penny rate. And so we are to have it.

As for the new stamp no one can give any information but it is ascertained that there will either be an empire stamp or a Colonial stamp by each of the consenting colonies. It is not unlikely that if Canada produces a stamp the designs will be asked for by public competition, and that a prize will be awarded the successful designer.

Today your correspondent received the official ballot for Presidency and U. S. Vice President of the D. P. A. election to take place the 15th of September.

Mr. A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, and Mr. Chas. Bailey, Toronto, are the candidates for the first office. F. D. Sawyer and H. A. Chapman are the contestants for the Vice President of the United States.

Every true Philatelist should belong to a society. Its benefits are numerous. A local club more so. The Toronto collectors seeing this have signified their intention of forming a local organization here this fall. Success is sure to attend this departure.

LAYS.

Things That Strike One.

About five years ago, the U. S. issued a set of stamps many of which bore the picture of one of the crowned heads of Spain. Perhaps now the government had better bring out an issue giving a view of the Spanish *heels*, as being more up to date.

And now we are to collect all the speculative issues, with all their attendant nastiness.

This too strikes us—that with all these pretty stamps, with views of elephants, jungle fever, Fremont on the Rockies, House-boat on the Styx, etc., not to men-

tion "the (microscopic) hardships of emigration," with all this, the best looking stamps are those containing nothing but a head. The reason for this is obvious. When you try to boil down one hundred miles of scenery into such a small compass, it generally results in a dismal failure, while it is comparatively easy to make a good showing of the most swollen head, even if it is a dreadful bust! Oh! !

Mr. J. N. Luff has hit the bull's-eye. *Gray gob* is distinctly first-rate. For particulars see 10c Omaha

It seems we are making much fuss over the officially sealed and the other "bill-posters." Why not argue the matter on logical grounds? Any album that can swallow those multitudinal circular conundrums that come under the heading of Egypt and refuse such a simple bill of fare as the U. S. et ceteras, is simply a perambulating paradox.

By the way, with regard to the circular conundrums above, Dr. Gray, in his Catalogue, pooh-poohs them as merely *part of the office furniture!*

There is a method of catching trout, I believe, called "tickling." Isn't little Newfoundland just now the skilful tickler, and the army of collectors the trout? Newfoundland is a great fishing centre, so perhaps they can't help it, especially when they see such gullible trout!

And now we come to the 1c green and 2c—any color, U. S. surcharged I. R. with *plate numbers*. Shades of Newfoundland! It is enough to make one's head swim.

Dealers, amateur and serious: It is now getting late in August. Isn't it nearly time to begin holding back the sale of stamps till we see what our Sphinx-like catalogue makers are going to do about November or so?

Don't fritter away a stamp for 95 cents now, when it might possibly be worth \$1 at 50% discount later! !

J. B. T.

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1c green: 446 and 452, \$1.00 each.
441 and 442, \$5.00 each.

2c rose: 387, 388, 393, 427, 428, 429 and 430, 25c each.

5c brown: 351, 353, 357 and 359, 25c each.

2c unwatermarked bottoms: 124, 148, 149, 151, 152, 153, 158, \$2.00 each.
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The Tuttle Sale brought out—or rather in—a good sized crowd at the Collectors Club considering the season and the hot weather of Monday. Prices were fairly good for this time of year and we shall quote prices as soon as space will permit.

It is rumored that Wainwright has taken the preliminaries and may soon expect to become a full-fledged nurse.

The private entertainment provided on Wednesday evening at the Club House was by premiere entertainers, and their specialties were hugely enjoyed—although the heat was terrific and it was only by great personal discomfort that the audience held themselves together till the end of the programme.

The Trolley-ride over Staten Island, from Stapleton to Four Corners and then to Mideand Beach and return, in the two gaily decorated special cars, was most pleasant and the refreshing salt water breeze made all comparatively comfortable.

The Staten Island Society did not intend to let an enjoyable afternoon suffice and capped the climax by a generous spread at the home of the Society.

After partaking of the good things in the line of eatables and drinkables, impromptu speeches were in order. President Aug. Dejonge welcomed the Association in a few choice words and same was responded to by Mr. C. P. Krauth on behalf of the guests, thanking the Long Island collectors for their generous hospitality. Many others were called on and briefly responded. The affair was one that will be long cherished in the memory of those fortunate enough to be there.

The entertainment for Wednesday afternoon consisted of a trip to Coney Island "by trolley." It was a jolly crowd and the things seen and heard could only be enjoyed by one's personal presence; accordingly I shall not attempt to tell those who failed to participate what they missed.

A group photograph of the attending members was taken at Four Corners, Staten Island, on Thursday afternoon, and the only regret was that several prominent members were unfortunate enough not to be with the crowd at the time.

Word just at hand from Mr. J. W. Scott, who had charge of the distributing of the photographs, informs us that the proof is most excellent, and copies can be had at \$1.00 each by addressing him at 40 John St., New York City.

W. W. J.

"Notice."

Attention is drawn to the hinging of stamps. In mounting stamps in books good strong hinges should be used and they should be securely put in. Great trouble has been experienced the past season by the careless manner shown in this respect and in future books will have to be refused wherein stamps are not securely fastened. Books of good Match and Medicine, Imperforate Revenues in pairs and blocks are wanted.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

Side Lights of the A. P. Convention.

While several of the "shining lights" of our annual Conventions were missing this year, yet there were many familiar faces present, including Doebelin, Stone, Deats, Scott, Bogert, Robie and others too numerous to mention.

Immediately after adjournment of the Tuesday afternoon session nearly everyone went on the ride through Central Park and to Grant's Tomb tendered by the local Branch. A visit was also paid to Central Park Museum of Arts and despite the discomfort caused by the extreme heat the trip was fully enjoyed, especially the stop at the roof-garden opposite Grant's Tomb.

Owing to a lack of a quorum the Directors of the Association present were unable to transact any business, but a meeting of the Board will be held at an early date we are informed.



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPT. 3rd, 1898.

Change of Addresses.

DUNNING, A. W., from Cambridge, Mass., to Newton, Mass.
PAYNE, HENRY, from 404 Ellis St., San Francisco, Cal., to Half Moon Bay, Cal.
SELLSCHOPP, W., from 108 to 118 Stockton St., San Francisco, Calif.
WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
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\$38,357.85
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Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

In accordance with our custom of last season, regular monthly Special or "boom" editions of the WEEKLY ERA will be issued for the double purpose of giving advertisers an occasional exceptional opportunity to reach an extra large number of collectors, and to boom our subscription list. Last year we gained nearly 1000 new subscribers by this method in six months time—notwithstanding the hard times and a general lack of interest or enthusiasm in stamps. This year we hope to double last year's results and to that end shall be more persistent and extensive in our endeavors. Our first Special for this season will appear early in October and will be a SEASON OPENER. Full particulars will be given next week.

The July number of the Australian Philatelist contains announcement of the sale and transfer of this well-known foreign contemporary from Mr. Fred Hagen to Mr. Oscar Schulze of 113 Pitt St, Sydney, N. S. W., who, we believe, has been the printer of the journal in the past.

Mr. M. F. Billings writes us under date of August 30th that the Hardin Co. Bank at Eldora, Iowa, has some of the \$5.00 surcharged newspaper provisional revenues still on hand.

We give below two letters which explain themselves:

P. O. Box 294, ONSET, MASS. } Aug. 14, 1898. }

EXCELSIOR STAMP Co.

Dear Sirs: I should be pleased to receive a selection of your stamps on approval at 50% discount, as per your ad in the Eastern Philatelist. I am a member of the New England Phil. Ass'n, S. of P., P. S. of A. and O. C. P. A. and refer you to any of these societies as to my responsibility.

Yours truly, JOHN A. SMILEY.

CLINTON, MASS., Aug. 20, 1898.

EXCELSIOR STAMP Co., Hoosick Falls, New York.

Gentlemen: There is no such name as John A. Smiley on the books of the N. E. P. A. and there never has been. I do not know the party and never heard of him. I think it would pay to look him up and have this day written the P. M. at Onset. Rec'd in same mail a similar inquiry from Mr. Wendelin Weber, Buffalo, N. Y.

Yours truly, CHAS. E. SHAW, Sec'y N. E. P. A.

Aprpos to the above we would say that our attention has been called to two different cases where unknown parties have been soliciting approval lots under the names of well-known collectors and a brief letter just at hand informs us that a suspected party has been apprehended in Pennsylvania and full particulars are soon expected.

Have you placed your order for a copy of Mr. Robie's forthcoming book, "Stamp Hunting?" If not, remember we will book your order and send you a copy postpaid, as soon as issued, together with a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for 90 cents.

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R. F. ALBRECHT, 127 Duane Street, NEW YORK.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, August 30th.

Among the new stamps that have shown up here, during the past week, are the ½c China, London print, 2c Canada, with numerals in the bottom corners. Falkland Islands have issued two new values, large size with head of Queen in center, of the values of 2sh 6d and 5sh. It is also said that Niger Coast has issued 3 new values, 6d, 2sh 6d, and 10sh. For the benefit of some of the compilers of lists of new issues, I will say that they have not yet been received in this country, and although the 5d and 1sh have been chronicled as on watermarked paper, an importation which was received from there a few days ago showed that they were not on sale. The ½d green, Cape of Good Hope, now comes in a very light shade of green. Most of the values of the Gold Coast have been changed to a type similar to the 5sh value, in two colors. Many of the speculators have been laying in a stock of Gold Coast, excepting the 2½d value. As this stamp came in two colors they did not desire it. But now it seems that this is one of the first stamps to be changed.

I have been informed that the Standard Catalogue is not to be issued until next Spring. The reason given by my informant was that with the returning prosperity prices could be better adjusted then. I have often wondered why, instead of issuing a catalogue every year, an addenda was not issued, giving a list and prices of new issues, and any very important changes. This would answer every purpose, and the regular catalogue could be issued about once in two years. As it is, the collector about becomes familiarized with the catalogue, when a new one is issued. A work of this kind would find a ready sale, at a reasonable price, and I have no doubt but what it would pay a good profit on the cost of publication.

A telegram was sent to Boston from one of the members attending the convention in New York, requesting for particular reasons (which were not given) all the proxies attainable. Some of us responded, but we indorsed them, for Official Organ, vote for the ERA. It seems to be the general opinion among the members that I have seen, that the ERA ought to be the Official Organ.

The opinion seems to be, among intelligent collectors, that only the 2c and 5c of the 1898 issue of Hayti should be catalogued. It is getting to be a pretty hard thing to pick out a country where there has not been a little funny-business going on. First, it was Newfoundland, then New Zealand, and now Hayti. We old

collectors used to look upon these three countries as immaculate. Perhaps nothing better could be expected from Hayti, but we did expect better things of the other two countries mentioned. Considerable talk is made by a good many of the Philatelic scribes about commemorative stamps and Seebecks. All the commemorative stamps that have been issued, and those created by Mr. Seebeck, within the last few years, will compare favorably, as far as Philatelic value is concerned, with some of the stamps issued by the countries I have mentioned, and with the various methods used to circulate them.

I have been shown, by Mr. Nathan Cobe, the 1¼c Revenue stamp in slate, the exact color of the ½c Documentary. This now makes 4 shades in which this stamp has been printed.

I find, by enquiry in various Philatelic centers, that the \$5.00 newspaper, surcharged, is found in about equal quantities with the surcharge reading either way. The ½c orange Documentary is getting to be a very scarce stamp. From a personal canvass among the dealers of Boston, I find that an entire sheet of them is not to be had at any price.

B. L. Drew & Co. have purchased the *Eastern Philatelist*. I understand that Mr. Smiley is to be the editor of it. The size of it is to be reduced, making it similar to what it used to be.

Queen Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands, became of age today, and the regency of her mother expired. It is said that this will be the occasion for an issue of a new set of postage stamps, which will bear the likeness of the Queen, representing her as she looks now. The issues of Netherlands postage stamps seem to be free from jobbery, there are a great many needless varieties listed, consisting of shades, perforations and minor varieties.

There is a convention assembled at Managua, Nicaragua, to form a constitution for a confederacy to consist of the states of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. It has been agreed that the name of the Confederacy shall be the United States of Central America. The work of the convention will not be completed until about November 1st. This will, undoubtedly, cause the issue of a new series of postage stamps.

S. E. L.

NEW YORK

is all right. Things came our way a little slow at first, but after the final wind-up at Coney Island, abundant evidence existed, good and plenty, that there are other places on the map besides Chicago and Omaha. In fact, at one stage of the game, we were reminded with full and overwhelming force, of the pathetic inscription on the gravestone of Little Baby

"If I were so soon to be done for
What was I ever begun for."

As Sagasta said, "It was a sad but glorious day"—only with us, the "glory" was carried far into the night, tinged considerably with a carmine hue.

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[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

A "BROKEN DIE" VARIETY IN THE I. R. REVENUES.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Aug. 9, '98.

Editor ERA.

Dear Sir: Has it been brought to your notice that there is a broken type variety on the 2c "I. R.," the I being imperfect.

Unfortunately I did not notice the variety while my sheets were perfect and I cannot therefore give the location of the error on the sheet but it is unquestionably there as I have found at least two specimens and that without looking over many stamps.

Yours very truly,

BRITON.

INCLUDE THE SEALS.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Aug. 7, 1898.

Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: I have read with much interest the articles on the Post Office Seal stamps both pro and con.

It is my opinion that they should be listed and have spaces in the albums as much now as ever they did.

Messrs. Scott & Co. have them for sale. Should you ask them for one they, nor any other dealer, would not say that this is no stamp. They would get one and charge you for it.

If they are to be thrown out on the plea that they are not postage stamps and do no postal duty, why not throw out the Telegraph stamps and Local *Express* stamps?

Whenever a collector came to me for a stamp or label I tried to get it for him, and any dealer would do the same.

Yours truly,

H. M. PETERSON.

BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq., EDITOR,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: As no doubt the most of the ERA readers are not aware of the existence of the above named organization and that it has accepted Philately as a Section of the Institute, I would beg the liberty of using a few lines of your valued paper on the subject.

The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences is a scientific institution known the world over, having a membership running up in the thousands. Its Departments include every known science, such as Anthropology, Archæology, Architec-

ture, Astronomy, Botany, Chemistry, Domestic Science, Electricity, Engineering, Entomology, Fine Arts, Geography, Geology, Law, Mathematics, Microscopy, Mineralogy, Music, Painting, Pedagogy, Philology, Photography, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sculpture, Zoology and last but not least Philately.

Its advantages are many, such as courses of lectures, about five hundred are given to all members during each year; public addresses are given on days of National and Local interests; a Library of Arts and Sciences containing over 15,000 volumes; collections in each Department and annual exhibitions of collections are given by the Departments in Philately, Geography, Geology, Architecture, Electricity, Mineralogy and Photography.

A member is entitled to admission for himself and one other person to all the Anniversary Meetings, Public Addresses, and General Lectures before the Institute; To afternoon and evening Lectures before the Institute and its Departments; Admission for himself and family to all the Receptions and Exhibitions given by the Institute and its Departments; To the use of the Library and Collections of the Institute and to the privileges of membership in three Departments.

The Initiation fee is \$5.00 and the annual Dues are \$5.00.

The Brooklyn Institute was founded in 1824 and today owns a magnificent building.

This much for the Institute which has accepted Philately as a subject worthy of study and giving it a place within its walls.

Now a few words regarding the Long Island Philatelic Society, which has done much to accomplish placing Philately a few pegs higher.

At a regular meeting of the Society held early in the season, the Secretary, Mr. P. E. Nostrand, informed the members that he believed the Brooklyn Institute would accept the L. I. Phil. Society's members and allow them the privilege to organize a Section on Philately, such Section to be for the present detached from any Department of the Institute.

Upon motion a Committee was appointed of which Mr. P. E. Nostrand was Chairman, to call upon Prof. F. W. Hooper, Director of the Institute and place the matter before him.

This Committee later on reported that Prof. Hooper was well pleased with the idea and would bring the matter before the Board of Trustees for action. At the meetings of the Council and the Board of Trustees, it was voted to accept the proposition of the L. I. P. Society to join their organization on the following conditions: The Institute will admit as members such members as have signed the application form and any person who shall become members of the L. I. P. Society before Oct. 1st, 1898. That such members shall be privileged to organize a Section on Phi-

lately, such Section to be for the present detached from any Department of the Institute, and to become eventually by mutual consent of the Section on Philately, the Council of the Institute and the Board of Trustees, a Section of a Department of History to be organized in the Institute, or of such Department as may be agreed upon.

The Section shall have power to frame its own By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute; to elect its own officers and to plan the work of the Section, subject to approval and shall be responsible for its work to the Institute in the same manner as are other Sections or Departments.

Members of the L. I. P. Society must qualify as members of the Institute on or before Oct. 1st, 1898, by the payment of the annual dues of Five Dollars and in consideration of the formation of the Section on Philately, the Institute will remit the usual initiation fees of Five Dollars.

The Institute will undertake to the best of its ability to encourage the work of the Section in such ways as may be recommended by it to the Council or Board of Trustees.

It is further understood that the existence of the L. I. P. Society shall be discontinued, for the reason that it is the judgment of the Institute that two organizations in the Borough of Brooklyn promoting Philately would be unfortunate and lead to a division of interest where there should be union and co-operation.

By a resolution presented and read at two regular meetings of the Society and acted upon favorably it was resolved: that the Long Island Philatelic Society accept the offer of the Brooklyn Institute, with the conditions as stated above and it merges its organization with the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to take effect October 1st, 1898.

The L. I. P. Society having accomplished such a great object in advancing our study, will without the least doubt be of great help to Philately throughout the world and much credit is due the Society, especially its Officers and the Committee of which its originator is the Chairman, who have worked hard and diligently in thus placing Philately where it will be acknowledged in its proper light.

They have accomplished, where the rest of the world have failed during the past years.

The Committee on the formation of the Section have reported its Constitution and By-Laws, which is very broad and concise and much credit is due for the ability it has shown and that the Section on Philately will be a success is a foregone conclusion.

If its members "don't know anything about stamps" as some Manhattan people imagine, at least they do know how to elevate Philately and frame a Constitution and By-Laws to perfection.

Quite a number of unselfish collectors of Manhattan Borough have become members of the Society during the past few weeks with more to follow before Oct. 1st, and it is hoped they will act in the same manly spirit at the election for Officers of the Section.

It behooves every stamp collector to affiliate at once with the Long Island Philatelic Society, especially those residing within a fifty-mile radius of New York and such others as are willing to pay the small annual dues of Five Dollars for the advancement of Philately and Science.

No initiation fees or dues are required to join the L. I. Phil. Society in order to join the Institute.

Any information I possess relative to the above is at the service of all stamp collectors who may desire to join and I will be glad to answer briefly any questions not plain to them in the foregoing, if they who write will number their questions, leaving three or four lines of space between each and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Possibly I may be laying out for myself more work than I expect, but I am willing to do so, knowing it to be for a good cause.

Let us show to the world that America has the push and vim to raise Philately to the top, where it should always be.

Yours for our cause,

H. TOELKE,

91 Grove St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A. P. A. 1518.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 20, 1898.

On the last two rows of 2c I. R. Plate No. 475 I find the type has been shifted so that the "I" appears between the perforations, and so much so, that the letter "R" is about all that is visible when the stamps are separated from the sheet. I have found but one sheet, although I examined over 300 full sheets in one lot alone, this is the only sheet found irregularly printed. I have also seen all of the following small I. R. block letter 1c plates so far: 495, 534, 535, 536, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549 in "top" and "right" positions. No. 540 is also said to be out but I have not seen it as yet.

E. F. GAMBS.

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Our Toledo, Ohio, Letter.

Plate 598 of the 1c Omaha has been seen here. We understand this number has not been seen yet.

There seems to be quite a wide difference of opinion among plate number collectors here as to whether it will suffice to collect the single stamp with the number attached, of the Document and Proprietary stamps, or must the whole strip be preserved. One stamp seems to be the verdict.

A 2c Documentary of plate number 8005, and 5c number 7985 have been seen here. I think these numbers have not been announced as yet.

Mr. Kranz, one of Toledo's old-time philatelists, has a very interesting lot of curios pertaining to stampdom. His latest is an envelope that has successfully passed through the mails bearing a battle-ship two-cent revenue.

C. H. WATTS.

Chicago Philatelic Society.
651 Marquette Building.

- L. H. MILLER, President.
- C. E. SEVERN, Vice-President.
- S. T. S. DONCYSON, Secretary.
- F. J. LEFEVER, Treasurer.
- F. N. MASSOTH, Supt. Sales Dept.
- F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 280th regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8.30 P. M., Aug. 18, 1898.

Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Massoth, Lefever, Schlieckert, Smack, Wolsieffer, Michael, Severn and Doncyson.

Messrs. Jas. Mikolasek and Geo. Vogt were present as visitors. The minutes of previous meeting were approved as read. Mr. Schlieckert made final report as to Auction Sale, and was discharged with thanks.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer for disposing of contributed stamps at his last Auction without charge for benefit of Society's Library.

Communication was received from Mr. H. W. Wolsley offering to exhibit more of his collection if the members desire it. Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Wolsley, thanking him for the exhibition at last meeting, and ask for another on Sept. 15, 1898, if convenient.

Upon ballot Mr. James Mikolasek was unanimously elected to active membership No. 456.

The meeting adjourned at 9.05 P. M., after which Mr. C. E. Severn exhibited part of his collection which is rich in U. S., Departments, Confederates, Original Covers, etc., etc.

Next meeting Sept. 1st, 1898. Our Exchange Department is booming. Applications for Passive membership solicited as we have scarce cheap stamps to exchange.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

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Anyone sending me 10 current United States 3c, 6c, 8c, 15c stamps I will in return send them 60 varieties of Foreign stamps, a nice lot. W. M. G. Kirchenbower, 6744 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

U. S. Stamps—Scott's 1898 Cat. No. 135 o. g., 197 o. g., 2806 imp., 2827, 2828, 2899 perf., 2900 imp. 2957, on even exchange. H. F. Smith, 207 Kirk Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. [78]

Have got a 4x5 Premo Camera with rectilinear Lenses, bran new, to exchange for good stamps. Herman W. Boers, 389 Maple St., Detroit, Mich.

I will give U. S. Revenues and Entire Envelopes, for a good camera or lens. Erastus Cornell, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Will exchange fine U. S. Postage and Departments for Revenues: imperf., Nos. 2801, 2810, 2816, 2832, 2836, 2846, 2852, 2878, 2891, 2892, 2895; perf. 2830, 2898, 2901; II. Issue 2931. Eugene H. Field, 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill. [77]

Should like to hear from all having good Revenues to exchange for U. S. Postage and Revenues. I am breaking a fine collection for this purpose. Eugene H. Field, 7 Public Square, Galesburg, Ill. [77]

TRADE COLUMN.

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Nebraska Stamp Meet.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Nebraska Society met in Omaha Sept. 16th to 20th. Over 300 visiting collectors were present in the city, about 200 members of the Nebraska Camera Club, and with the members of the Nebraska Association present, making it one of the largest stamp meets ever held in America.

The first business meeting was called at 8.00 p. m. Wednesday evening, in the parlors of Dellone Hotel. In the absence of Pres. Hacker, Frank Brown was elected temporary chairman. After the appointment of various committees, a small lot of stamps were sold at auction. Lot included a Brattleboro on cover, and a complete set of Newspaper stamps.

Second business meeting called to order at 9 a. m. Thursday. The Credential Committee reported the following officers elected for the coming year:

President, F. W. Rothery; Vice President, F. E. Swanson; Secretary-Treasurer, L. T. Brodstone; Exchange Supt., Rollie Neumann; Auction Manager, S.P. Hughes; Purchasing Agent, G. R. Kennedy; Librarian, W. C. Estes; Attorney, H. A. Cheney; Counterfeit Detector, E. W. Fitt; Trustees, Hendricks, Mortensen and Hedwall of Omaha.

Meeting adjourned at noon to meet at 2.30 p. m.

The intervening time was devoted to examining collections and exchanging stamps. Group photo at 3.00 p. m. same day.

Third day's session met in the Reception room of State building on the Exposition grounds. The forenoon was spent in examining the exhibits and hanging several new frames including a large map of Nebraska made entirely of postage stamps. The map is the work and property of P. W. Evans of Omaha. Each county is composed of different colored stamps, the whole making a very pretty map. Each town, river and boundary line is clearly marked in blue ink. The border around the map is composed entirely of unused U. S. postal cards, including every known variety.

Most of the collectors remaining in the

city until Saturday night, several meetings were held at 404 N. 16th street, the local headquarters of Omaha collectors. The Nebraska Society have a register at the exhibit, and over 2000 collectors, representing all parts of the world, have already registered. The exhibit covers over 700 feet of space and is pronounced one of the finest ever seen in America.

The Credential Committee of Camera Club reported at this meeting the following as officers: President, S. P. Hughes; Vice President, I. L. Farman; Secretary-Treasurer, L. T. Brodstone; Exchange Supt., B. C. Smith.

The Camera Club then adjourned until October when a social meeting will be called to meet in Omaha.

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VOL. XII. No. 50: PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1898. WHOLE No. 278.

The Catalogue Question.

As we approach the season usually marked by the appearance of our annual catalogue, it became necessary for us to consider the lines which we would follow, not only in preparing the literary portion of the work, but also on the important question of prices.

The condition of the stamp business during the past year can best be described as one of semi-panic, in which the pressure to sell has at times caused an apparent suspension of the law of supply and demand, as well as a total disregard of the essential element of cost. Dealers, who had previously conducted a prosperous business, saw themselves compelled to retire from the field, and in the effort to realize upon their holdings were ready to offer large discounts, outbidding their competitors in the struggle for customers.

The question of cost on such material was finally dropped entirely from view, and it became no unusual occurrence to see unused stamps of current issues sold at far less than their actual cost at the post offices. Discounts of 50 and 60, and even of 70 per cent., from catalogue rates have been offered on fair material, the supply, of course, being limited to what the party in question actually had in hand; for, naturally, a dealer offering such discounts was without any hope or intention of replenishing his depleted supplies. We, ourselves, have maintained rather strictly our limited scale of discounts, refusing under all circumstances to meet this ruinous competition, and preferring to hold for a more favorable time the enormous stock which we have accumulated during the many years of our establishment. We have felt that the quantity of material that could be offered at these large rates of discount was necessarily limited, and that the supply would soon be practically, if not completely, exhausted. At the present moment indications of the correctness of our anticipations are becoming plentiful, and the variety of material offered at large discounts is already on the decrease.

In this as in every other line of business dealing with an article which is dependent purely upon the actual demand and supply of the moment, there is a constant fluctuation of values, and it must be conceded that some stamps have receded from their previous high-water mark and could with advantage be reduced to a lower level

as far as the catalogue quotation is concerned.

However, even as to these stamps the market is decidedly unsettled and, after a careful review of the entire situation, we have decided that it would be inadvisable for the present to publish a catalogue. A true basis of value could not be established at this moment as the balance between the existing depression and the active demand of two years ago is still unadjusted. Owing to the slackening of demand, the absorptive capacity of the dealers has been greatly limited, and they have been compelled to allow stamps to be offered at retail at prices at which, under ordinary circumstances, they, themselves, would have been glad to buy them at wholesale. As soon as the expected improvement in general trade arrives, the demand for stamps will grow with the demand for other merchandise; dealers will again be able to compete in the market as purchasers, and to absorb any material quoted below its fair value. This will restore ordinary trade to a normal basis grounded on the desirability and scarcity of each particular item.

We, ourselves, have great confidence in the future of the business, and feel that the condition of affairs will change entirely within the next three or four months, but, nevertheless, we would not feel justified in publishing a new catalogue at this time, with prices based on the active demand existing about two years ago.

We are confident that we are approaching the time when a true and stable basis of values will be re-established, and when prices based on the relative rarity of specimens will be recognized as reasonable and will prevail. We have, therefore, decided to continue, for the present, the use of the 1898 edition of the catalogue, allowing discounts where we consider it advisable and strictly adhering to our quotations, where, in our judgment, the stamps are fully worth the price and cannot be duplicated on a lower level.

We expect that the present conditions will have disappeared before the end of the coming season, and we shall, if our anticipations are verified, publish the new edition of our catalogue in the spring or in the summer of 1899. We feel certain that the great majority of thinking collectors will approve our stand and commend our decision to postpone the publication of our catalogue; and, while we may be harshly criticised in quarters where harsh

criticism of our catalogue, when published, was equally to be expected, we have no doubt that the future will justify our course and prove that we have acted for the best interests of all concerned.—*American Journal of Philately*.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Ohio Philatelic Association.

The Ohio Philatelic Association met in its second annual convention in the rooms of the Maennerchor Society and the Columbus Philatelic Society in Columbus, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31. Owing to the very short notice which had been given most of the members and an unfortunate choice of time for holding the convention, the attendance was not as large as expected.

The first session was called to order by President Fritter at 2 p. m. Tuesday, with a fair attendance. After a brief opening address by the President, Messrs. Gus Wege, W. H. Barnum and H. S. Adair were appointed a Committee on Credentials and Elections, and Chas. S. Pendleton, W. G. Kirkbride and Otto Kemmler, Committee on Rules.

Because of the difficulty in securing proper publication through the Official Organ, the list of nominations for officers had not been published, and upon motion the president appointed Messrs. Adair, Duffy and Pendleton a Committee on Nominations to report immediately to the convention. The polls were then declared open and the ballots for officers for the ensuing year cast.

In a brief report President Fritter then spoke of the encouraging growth which the Association has thus far experienced, and commented on the fact that in spite of the present dull condition of Philately generally and conditions that would seem to make rapid progress almost impossible not a few new applications for membership have been received. During the past year we have been nearly half the time without an official organ, and in addition to this the office of Secretary-Treasurer has been very much neglected by the present incumbent, who now refuses to answer any letters addressed to him or to render any accounting of the affairs of his department. No report from the Secretary-Treasurer was presented. The report of the Exchange Sup't as published in the last *Philatelic*

Figaro was adopted. The Committee on Elections then announced the following officers elected for the year 1898-9:

President, Henry S. Fleek, Newark.
Vice-Pres., W. H. Barnum, Cleveland.
Sec'y-Treas., Leo Fritter, Columbus.
Exchange Supt., C. B. Duffy, Columbus.
Counterfeit Detector, D. N. Cross, Plain City.

Attorney, Henry C. Crowell, Cleveland.
Librarian, Chas. S. Pendleton, Findlay.
Trustees, J. A. Meyer, Erwin L. Fischer, J. Edward Sohn, Cincinnati.
Convention Seat 1898, Cincinnati.

Owing to the difficulty which has been experienced by the officers for the past year in securing the publication of their reports, it was almost the unanimous sentiment of the members that the Association should if possible publish its own official organ. After a free discussion, upon motion the President appointed Messrs. Duffy, Kemmler and Adair a Committee on Official Organ to report, if possible, to the next session of the Convention. Adjournment was then taken until 2 P. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday morning was spent by the visiting members in sight-seeing. The State Fair, Ohio Penitentiary, and various state institutions were visited.

The second session was called to order at 2 P. M. on the 31st. President Fritter read letters from a number of absent members, all regretting that it was impossible for them to be in attendance, and wishing the Convention and the Association the greatest prosperity. As pre-arranged the following resolution was then adopted:

Whereas in the opinion of the members of the Ohio Philatelic Association the office of Secretary-Treasurer has been conducted in an unsatisfactory manner during the past year, the Chairman of this Convention is hereby directed to appoint a committee to investigate the conduct of this office.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Adair, Pendleton and Taylor.

Mr. Pendleton, the newly elected Librarian, then tendered his resignation from the office, regretting that it would not be possible for him to properly attend to the duties of the office. This resignation was accepted, and Henry S. Adair elected to fill the vacancy.

After transacting some matters of importance, the convention adjourned until after supper; and a number of stamps were exhibited and bought and sold by the members.

THIRD SESSION.

Convention met at 6.30 P. M. Wednesday, in the office of DeWitt C. Sawyer, in the Government building.

After the call to order the Committee on Official Organ reported that it is desirable for the Association to publish its own official organ, and that a satisfactory financial arrangement could be made. This report was accepted, and the same committee continued with full power to make all arrangements.

After a discussion of the matter, the Association elected Mr. C. B. Duffy, Editor-in-Chief, Messrs. Fritter and Pendleton, Associate Editors, H. S. Adair, Review Editor, and Otto Kemmler, Business Manager of the paper. The publication of the first number will necessarily be deferred a couple of months because of the delay incidental to launching a new paper. The Association will have direct control over the paper, and promises to make it one the like of which Ohio has never before seen. It is proposed to make it of interest not only to the Ohio collector, but to our Philatelic neighbors as well.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the local Columbus Philatelic Society, our entertainers and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

During the Convention we had the pleasure of looking over the magnificent and practically complete collection of British West Indies of Mr. C. B. Duffy, and the fine general collection of Mr. Geo. M. Finckel, containing about 4000 varieties collected before 1881. The U. S. Depts. are complete except the high value States, and nearly all unused. The foreign collection contains nearly all of the first issues complete. We also saw a large number of fine U. S. Revenues, the property of Mr. D. N. Cross, of Plain City, and Mr. DeWitt C. Sawyer, Columbus.

C. S. P.

Chicago Philatelic Society.

651 Marquette Building.

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F. J. LEFEVER, Librarian.

The 281st regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8.30 p. m., Sept. 1, 1898.

Present: Messrs. L. H. Miller, Smack, Massoth, Severn, Mikolasek, Michael, Lefever, Wolsieffer, Nelson, Gurley, Schlieckert and Doncyson.

Visitors present were Messrs. J. J. Oesch and I. A. Mekeel. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Communications were read from Messrs. W. W. Jewett, H. W. Wolsielev, C. Martin and A. Debicke; all ordered filed.

After recess the Governing Board ordered posted the applications (for Active membership) of Mr. Albert Debicke, Chicago, (proposed by Doncyson) and of Mr. John J. Oesch, Chicago, (proposed by Messrs. Severn and Wolsieffer). Upon motion which was seconded and carried a vote of thanks was given Mr. C. E. Severn for exhibiting part of his collection at last meeting. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer then made a few remarks as to the advisability of our Society investigating and prosecuting "stamp frauds" if any exist in Chicago.

Upon motion which was seconded and carried Messrs. Wolsieffer, Severn and Doncyson were appointed by President as a committee to investigate a peculiar transaction of a Chicago dealer, upon complaint of an out-of-town collector.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 p. m., after which

Mr. I. A. Mekeel exhibited some very fine stamps.

Next meeting Sept. 15, 1898.

S. T. S. DONCYSON, Sec'y.

Passive members solicited as our Exchange Department is in need of all kinds of stamps.

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One notice is allowed each subscriber free if sent with his remittance, extra notices will be inserted at the uniform price of 10 cents each insertion. Non-subscribers 15 cents each insertion. Postively cash with notice. All notices must be for *exchange* and limited to thirty words, exclusive of the address, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. Notices offering articles for sale for cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under this head.

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Unused foreign stamps current issues, wanted in exchange for unused U. S. current issues. Equal value for value received. H. O. White, 91 Court St., Salem, Ore., U. S. A.

A 4x5 Mascotte Camera, plate or film, for complete set Omaha, Proprietary and Document above \$1.00, or quantities of Omaha stamps. Geo. T. Bush, Bellefonte, Pa.

Have \$15.00 World Typewriter, 5 vols. "Happy Days," 4 vols. "Golden Hours," vols. 17 and 18 "Golden Days," to exchange for good stamps, entire unused envelopes or "Golden Days." Geo. L. Ellis, 502 Saxon St., Waterloo, Iowa.

U. S. Stamps—Scott's 1898 Cat. No. 135 o. g., 197 o. g., 2806 imp., 2827, 2828, 2899 perf., 2900 imp. 2961, on even exchange. H. F. Smith, 207 Kirk Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. 178

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we print all notices not properly belonging to our exchange department, such as business announcements, want and for sale notices, etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Internal Revenue surcharge on \$5 Newspaper, \$5.75 each. W. F. BABCOCK, 277 Fair St., Paterson, N. J.

Tops and rights of 1c blue Plate Nos. 493, 494, 495 & 496, 25c each. No. 75, watermarked, \$1.50. COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Hartford, Conn.

When is a Spaniard a Russian? When he has a headache or cold, he's a rushin' for a box of "Anti Neuro Pain."

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A Bargain. 270 1c "I. R." Plate Numbers (three stamps with margin), Nos. 495, 534 to 549 inclusive, well mixed: top, bottom and sides. Will take \$25.00 for the lot. A. H. SETH, 241 South St., Baltimore, Md.

Have collected for 30 years. Never sold stamps before. Have 10,000 var.: nearly 2,000,000 duplicates; every country. Will send approval sheets with 58th Cat. No. and price under each stamp, to responsible collectors. No dealers, please. Best specimens sent first. Many cheap stamps hard to get. What can you use? C. W. RICHES. (A. P. A. 1351) Creston, Iowa. 17717m

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 10th, 1898.

New Stockholders.

- 1523. **DEBICKE, ALBERT**, 218 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
- 1524. **ROTHSCHILD, JOHN**, 1209 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.
- 1523. **McKEARIN, GEORGE S.**, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
- 1526. **BARTELS, H. F.**, Box 1039, Portland, Oregon.
- 1527. **MIER, LOUIS M.**, Rutherford, N. J.

Resignations Accepted.

- 1168. **ALLISON, GEO. C.**, Philadelphia, Penn.
- 1441. **HARVEY, GEO. C.**, Constantine, Mich.
- 1081. **DOEHLER, C. A. F.**, Two Rivers, Wis.
- 948. **STEBBINS, EDWARD J.**, Adrian, Michigan.

1294. **DIHM, JAMES W., JR.**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Resignations Received.

- 1270. **HYDE, JOSEPH A.**, Deer Lodge, Montana.
- 1252. **DELORME, G.**, Montreal, Que.

Change of Addresses.

- 1504. **OATMAN, ERLE T.**, from Dundee, Illinois, to 30 Braden St., Dorchester, Boston, Mass.
- 1243. **ROBIE, LEWIS**, from Highland Park, Ill., to 631 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
- 226. **EATON, W. C.**, from 236 Greene Ave., to 155 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Membership last report	713
New Stockholders	5
Resignations accepted	5
Present membership	713

WM. N. HOWE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE R. TUTTLE, Superintendent,
87 Nassau St.
New York City, Sept. 3rd, 1898.
1,121 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Aug. 27th, valued at \$37,846.79
38 books received since Aug. 27th, valued at \$1,925.49
\$39,772.28

48 books retired since Aug. 27th, valued at \$1,763.22
Total number of books in circulation 1,111 valued at \$38,009.06

"Notice."

Branch Societies of the American Philatelic Association should be formed in all cities where there are enough members. It is a great aid to have a Branch Exchange Manager who can look after the Circuits: receiving them, keeping the members supplied and mailing them back. The expense of postage, etc., is reduced in this way to the minimum.

Books consisting entirely of stamps from Porto Rico, Philippines, Cuba, Spain, Hawaii are wanted. Send for some books (10c each, 12 for \$1.00) and fill them up for the Sales Department.

GEO. R. TUTTLE, Supt.

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VIVA AMERICA!

U. S. S. AMPHITRITE,
PORT ROYAL, S. C., April 5th, 1898.
WILLIAMS & Co., Peru, Lima.
Dear Sirs: I am writing in great haste, as my ship is just on the point of going to sea, to acknowledge Xmas packet just rec'd. It seems to me to be excellent value for the money. If one could always get so much, collections would grow fast.
Very truly yours,
W. C. EATON,
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20c to \$1.00 " 10% " " "
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Please mention ERA when answering ads.

Mr. J. B. Witherby of Philadelphia, a member of the American Philatelic Association and secretary of the Collector's Club of his city, has been made a victim by a bold swindler. Some weeks ago Mr. Witherby was somewhat surprised to learn that several dealers had claims against him for approval lots unaccounted for. Knowing that he had never ordered them he realized that there must be some crooked work going on, and that somebody was apparently using his name to defraud dealers. Mr. Witherby informed the authorities and at the recent Convention showed us letters sent to dealers signed with his name although plainly not his signature. It was thought best to keep the matter quiet while a still hunt for the culprit was being instituted, which resulted in the arrest on the first of this month of one William H. Green, of South Seventh St., Camden, as the suspected swindler. He was held under \$600 bail for further hearing on charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. At noon Wednesday, the 7th inst., said W. H. Green was given a hearing before Commissioner Bell, and no defense being made was bound over to the November term of the Court, and bail raised from \$600 to \$1000, as the testimony showed the case to be more serious than at first supposed.

We are indebted to Mr. Chas. S. Pendleton for a copy of the Program of the Ohio Philatelic Association used at its second annual convention, recently held at Columbus, O., an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue, also kindly furnished by Mr. Pendleton.

Have you placed your order for a copy of Mr. Robie's forthcoming book, "Stamp Hunting?" If not, remember we will book your order and send you a copy postpaid, as soon as issued, together with a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for 90 cents.

BARGAIN LIST.

Bargain Sale No. 1.
Subject to Change Without Notice.

I will offer for a few days the following entire unused envelopes at the following prices:

FIFTEENTH SERIES 1894-95.			
HOLYOKE.			
	Cat.	My price	
1c blue, 16 varieties.....	\$1.74	\$0.75	
5c green, 27 ".....	4.00	1.50	
4c scarlet, 3 ".....	.75	.45	
5c blue, 4 ".....	1.85	.40	
Entire Set for.....	\$8.34	\$2.90	\$2.75
HARTFORD.			
1c blue, 20 varieties.....	\$1.40	\$0.75	
5c green, 104 ".....	7.95	2.50	
4c scarlet, 8 ".....	1.20	.65	
5c blue, 4 ".....		.40	
Entire Set for.....	\$10.95	\$4.30	\$4.00

I also have others. Write me for prices. I will make you happy.

Don't forget I want current issues U. S., used, from 3c upwards. Write me for terms.

D. T. EATON,
Drawer 97, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wednesday, Sept. 7th.

All dealers report improved business for the month of August and one firm here states that it has been the most profitable month of the year. The prospect for fall trade is good and the boys are beginning to look for cheap sets and packets. The fact that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. will issue no new catalogue this season will be hailed with delight by all who are thoroughly acquainted with the state of affairs and will be considered a step in the right direction.

J. M. Bartels & Co. are preparing to move into a nice bright new store at 725 11th Street, which they have about completed fitting out. With this move they hope to have secured permanent quarters for years to come.

New Omaha plate numbers to be listed this week are but one: No. 665, 2c.

Collectors will render valuable assistance to plate number fiends by reporting new finds as early as possible either to the editor or to the writer.

The interest taken in the I. R. plate Nos. is unabated. No. 540 with small I. R. is reported to have been found in San Francisco by good authority but we have yet to hear of No. 541.

If anyone has seen either top of right strips of Nos. 439, 440, 493, 494, 496, 526, 527 or 528 with I. R. they would confer a favor on collectors by making it known. Anyone having a strip of I. R. No. 474 or 525 are to be considered fortunate, as good prices are already offered for same.

Much has been said about the surcharge of the \$5 Newspaper stamp. I do not see why either should be considered inverted, whether the overprint reads from top to bottom or from bottom to top. They both seem to be equally common and probably all lower sheets were put in the press one way and all uppers the other. At any rate they form two interesting varieties and both will be collected by all who can afford them.

Two sets of each denomination of newspaper plates were made but only few of the second ever came into use. Has any one seen 5c No. 266 or 25c No. 258? Plate 259 50c is well known but none above 50c have been reported. All higher numbers will probably go into the list of plates made but not used.

A letter recently arriving from Cuba at one of the Departments had a number of the regular Cuban stamps on it, both of the late 1898-99 and the previous set.

The hideous new Honduras 5c purple and 10c vermilion with steam engine have been coming in past three weeks. They are perhaps the poorest set of stamps in use anywhere in the world today.

"Your Corn Plaster

aint worth a d—," writes one of our customers, "but 'STAMP HUNTING' I guess will be all right, and will want a copy." Another wrote, "If your book is as good as your Corn Plaster it must be O. K. Put me down for it." Still another wrote, "Your Corn Plaster took my corn off all right, but the toe came with it. If 'STAMP HUNTING' is as swift as that, you had better put a ball and chain onto the book. I don't want to lose my head."

LEWIS ROBIE,
631 West Adams St., CHICAGO, ILL.

New Issue, 1898, PORTUGAL COLONIES.

GUINEA, MACEO, CAPE VERDE, AND TIMOR.
Six varieties..... 15 cents
The four sets, 55 cents, post paid.
BOLIVIA, 1897, 1, 2 and 5c, unused..... 10 cents
The 1c I. R. small surcharge, and the 1½ old shade, 10c. Three of each, 25c.

Don't forget us when you wish to buy supplies, such as Albums, Hinges, Approval Books, Sheets, etc. We are headquarters for such goods at wholesale and retail.

STAMP CO Coldwater, Mich.

Unused U. S. Stamps at Face Value.

I have a surplus stock of unused U. S. stamps in sheets on hand which I will dispose of at Face value, purchaser to furnish stamped envelope. Stamps as ordered or cash returned by first mail. Make remittance by two-cent stamps or Money Order. Columbian 1893 Issue 4 to 15-cent inclusive; 5 and 10c Envelopes: 1890 90c orange (Perry); 1890 15c indigo blue (Clay).
H. M. SHIVE, ELMIRA, N. Y.
Lock Drawer 20,

REVENUES!
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
My Specialty.

COLLECTORS
Send me list of wants, and I will submit stamps for examination, at prices sure to suit.

A FBW SAMPLE PRICES:

	Catalogue.	Price
II. Issue 3c.....	\$0.50	\$0.20
4c.....	.75	.35
5c.....	.10	.03
8c.....	2.50	1.15
15c.....	.60	.25
20c.....	.25	.10
40c.....	.75	.35
\$1.00.....	.15	.05
\$2.00.....	.75	.35
III. Issue 4c.....	1.50	.65
5c.....	.10	.03
6c.....	1.50	.70
15c.....	.60	.28
30c.....	.40	.18
40c.....	1.00	.45
60c.....	1.00	.45
70c.....	.75	.35
\$1.00.....	.10	.03
\$2.00.....	.75	.30
\$3.50.....	.60	.35
\$3.00.....	2.00	.90
\$5.00.....	1.00	.45

The New Issues.

Proprietary, Set complete
¼, ½, ¾, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5, (10). \$0.25

Documentary
¾, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 (?)..... .35
2c orange, ½c gray (2)..... .10
2c, 50c (2)..... .85
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c, used (8)..... .20
\$1.00, used..... .10

Provisional, Surcharged I. R.
1c, 2c (2)..... .05
1c, inverted surcharge..... .50
1c, small surcharge..... .10
2c, inverted surcharge..... .50

Match and Medicines, a large stock. Approval
Books ready, or send want list.

M. C. BERLEPSCH,
Kingsbridge, New York City, N. Y.
NOTE NEW ADDRESS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

The new $\frac{1}{2}$ c Newfoundland postage stamp was received here today, bearing the portrait of a baby, said to be the offspring of the Duke of York. This is a very pretty stamp but might have been improved upon if the color was a baby blue. The color is an olive-slate. The postmaster-general states the new 5c stamp will not be issued until January 1st. They may think that if they give the Philatelic public this set in minute doses that they may stand the issue of another set later on. We now have of the new set a $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 3c.

The Colonial Stamp Co., J. H. Lyons manager, have removed to better and more commodious quarters, at 345A Washington St., two doors north of their former location, where they have secured Room 2, only up one flight, which, with the central location, should give them one of the best stamp offices here.

The current number of the *American Journal of Philately* arrived today. In it I note mention is made that the Standard Catalogue will not be issued until the spring or summer of 1899. The publishers, after giving their reasons for thus extending the date of publication, say that they will be harshly criticised especially by parties who would criticise their work anyway. Any catalogue that is issued in the future that will price stamps on strictly a business basis, that is the law of supply and demand, will stand criticism of any amount.

S. E. L.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Cottlow's... Chicago Correspondence.

There has been an utter dearth of news the past few weeks. Nothing of any importance has occurred outside of the regular C. P. S. meetings which Secretary Doncyson faithfully reports to the ERA.

The only stranger in town recently has been Mr. D. T. Eaton of Muscatine who attended the New York Convention.

Business I learn has been gradually picking up all along the lines and I have reason to believe that the "kid" trade will be better this Fall and Winter than for several years past.

This coming generation of collectors will absorb a large quantity of cheap stamps and packets and although a large proportion of them will fall by the wayside during the next few years, enough will stick

to their stamps to make quite a comfortable increase to the army of philatelists.

And so friend Pinkham has given up the old *Eastern Philatelist*. When I read the announcement in the September number, I was carried back eleven years to the days when I re-commenced collecting, after having given up stamps for Natural History for a period of five years.

It was in 1887 that my attention was drawn by a fellow-collector to my small collection which had been accumulated during '81 to '83 and had then been put away, as I thought, never to be resurrected.

But I happened on a Granite State Stamp Co.'s ad in some paper of that time and invested in two of their packets. From that time on my interest has never waned although at the present time I am not an active collector.

As both Pinkham and Drew are personal friends of mine I cannot regard the change in the *E. P.* as great as if it had entirely gone out of the family.

So to the new publisher I tender my best wishes knowing that he will keep it the same readable, successful magazine that it has always been.

One of our dealers here told me a good story recently and inasmuch as he has the goods to vouch for its truthfulness, it is therefore much better than the usual philatelic dream.

A certain collector some time ago, when asking some friends in an Illinois town if they had saved any of their old correspondence, met with the usual reply, that there had been some very old letters in the garret but most of them had been destroyed. The friend went on to say that some years before, his children had found these old letters and being attracted by some having on them stamps with bears on them, had proceeded to remove all these "bear" stamps (several dozen in number) and had used them as checkers, marking out a checker-board on the floor of their play-room.

The nurse, tiring after awhile of repeatedly picking up the stamps, threw them in the stove. Fortunately three of these escaped the fiery furnace, and this collector now has these St. Louis stamps in his collection.

Upon looking through the remaining letters nothing of value was found but a fine copy of the five-cent "grilled all over" which this dealer now has and which is for sale at the modest price of \$300.

"If" that collector had but come upon the scene a short time before, there would probably have been many more St. Louis's in the albums of our various collectors; but he didn't. However three "bear" stamps is a pretty good find not to mention the 5c 1868.

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

Bilateral Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

PAPERS RECEIVED:

- American Journal of Philately*, Vol. XI. No. 8.
- Boy's Own Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 6.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, Vol. IX. No. 8.
- Eastern Philatelist*, Vol. XXI. No. 6.
- Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, Vol. VI. No. 10 (70).
- Herald Exchange*, Vol. IV. No. 6 (24).
- International Philatelist*, Vol. VIII. No. 1.
- Lone Star State Philatelist*, Vol. VII. No. 1 (101).
- Montreal Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 4.
- New England Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 2.
- Perforator*, Vol. II. No. 6 (18).
- Philatelic Advocate*, Vol. V. No. 3 (25).
- " *Bulletin*, Vol. I. No. 12.
- " *Messenger*, Vol. II. No. 7 (11).
- " *Monthly*, Vol. XXIV. No. 8 (284).
- " *Advertiser*, 62, 63.
- Philatelite Francaise*, 54.
- Post Office*, Vol. VIII. No. 89.
- Revue Philatelique Francaise*, Vol. IX. No. 92.
- Stamps*, Vol. II. No. 7 (19).
- Texas Philatelist*, Vol. VIII. No. 6 (53).
- Virginia Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 12.

Before commencing my review I wish to offer a few words of explanation. Having been away on a vacation of a few weeks my papers for review have been accumulating at home awaiting my return. Happening to be in Portland for a day I took the above papers to review on the road and thus they appear out of their proper order. Next week I hope to attend to those awaiting me at home.

Geo. L. Toppan's list of U. S. envelopes and John N. Luff's valuable work on U. S. stamps continue to be the features of the *American Journal of Philately*. The article on the 10 cent 1863 stamp C. S. A., translated from *Le Timbre Poste*, is completed this month. L. H. Benton gives a fifth addendum to his Bank Stamp articles.

A paper which I hope to see more regularly in the future is the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. It is emphatically the magazine of Germany. Lieut. Ohrt gives a very interesting account of the Berlin postal museum and there are reports of the meetings of the German philatelists held at Gossnitz in July. The Chronicle is quite full and the illustrations good. A four-page review of Senf's Catalogue is of interest to all users of that valuable work.

The old reliable *Eastern Philatelist* is to change hands. B. L. Drew & Co., of

Boston, will hereafter conduct it. May its future be as bright as its past.

With its one hundred and first number the *Lone Star State Philatelist* presents a sixteen-page paper which is decidedly a credit to the editor and publisher. A provisional envelope for Selma, Ala., is illustrated and described and there are articles on the "Private Stamps of Switzerland" and "Italy 1856-61." E. R. Aldrich gives some "Notes on Confederates" which are of considerable interest.

The *Montreal Philatelist* is fast coming to the front as far as Canada is concerned. A little more solid matter would be an improvement however. A photo-engraved plate of revenues from all over the world is promised with the next number. I am glad to see the interest manifested in this branch of our hobby. It has long been a favorite one with me.

The *New England Philatelist* is a new paper hailing from Jamaica Plain, Mass. It is of little value and uncalled for.

The *Perforator* contains a portrait of D. E. Hazen, the newly elected president of the P. S. of A. The various departments are fully up to the standard. By its consolidation with *Pennsy* it has now become the official journal of the P. S. of A.

The *Philatelic Bulletin* has just completed its first volume and contains as its leader a very entertaining historical sketch of our new possession Hawaii.

The *Philatelic Messenger* is now established in its new home at Boiestown, N. B. It contains a report of the D. P. A. convention and notes from Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The *Philatelic Monthly Advertiser* is as its name shows devoted entirely to advertisements, mainly those of its publishers. Among its exchange ads I note those of several papers which have been dead and buried long ago.

The *Post Office* is right up to the mark as usual. The leading article is on the stamps of British South Africa and is reprinted from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

As the official journal of the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* is worthy a place in all of our libraries. It is well gotten up, full of interesting matter and as an additional inducement runs a fiscal chronicle which is of especial interest just at present. I hope to see it regularly in the future.

Le Philatiste Francais contains its translations of Luff's "History of U. S. Stamps" and Beckton's "Stamps of Greece" and gives a brief account of the issues of Djibouti. The chronicle is full and well illustrated.

Stamps (Rushden) illustrates our new revenues and keeps its various departments fully up to the mark. The check list of Ceylon revenues is alone worth the cost of a year's subscription.

The *Texas Philatelist* is the fourth or fifth paper in the above list which contains an article on the stamps of St. Marie de Madagascar by G. Carion. This is getting rather monotonous.

With the completion of its first volume the *Virginia Philatelist* issues a title-page and index which in itself ought to commend itself to all who use their libraries. A half-tone group photograph of the D. P. A. delegates is a welcome feature this month. The editor says he has adopted a new design for the cover for Volume II. which will improve its appearance. Don't see how it can very well. It is pretty enough now.

S. of P. Election.

Mr. J. F. Dodge kindly furnishes us with the following list of newly elected officers of the Sons of Philatelia:

- President, J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa
- Vice President, Jos. S. Davis, Denver, Col.
- Secretary, J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.
- Treasurer, Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Tex.
- International Sec'y, R. J. Russell, M. D., Hanover, Pa.
- Supt. of Sales, Chas. E. Shaw, Clinton, Mass.
- Librarian, F. M. Townley, Sayreville, N. J.
- Auction Manager, Wm. A. McDonnell, New York City.
- Counterfeit Detector, F. Noyes, Alice, Tex.
- Attorney, H. C. Crowell, Cleveland, O.
- Purchasing Agent, A. Herbst, New York City.
- Trustees, T. L. W. Porte, T. O. McCarthy and H. C. Beck, Detroit, Michigan.
- Next Convention seat, Detroit

The Editor's Sbears.

The fashion of Philately is very mutable and the latest sign of change points to South America as the approaching object of consideration. To a large exchange club, a South American dealer sent a big sheet of stamps valued at but fifty or sixty pounds and, out of these, some ninety per

cent. were taken. A nod is as good as a wink in a case like this. Almost every other portion of the globe has experienced its Philatelic boom—let us be wise in time and look up South America. Prices are fair and moderate now and there is so much yet to be found out in the stamps of these countries that the wide-awake collector has an excellent field wherefrom to dig Philatelic treasures.—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

DISQUIETING NEWS.

We regret that the New Zealand authorities are apparently pandering to the vicious taste of collectors for rarities. The *Auckland Star* contains the following paragraph: "Owing to the continued demand by collectors for 2½d. stamps, in which the name 'Wakatipu' is misspelt 'Wakitipu' a further supply of 50,000 is now on its way to the colony. The following changes in other stamps are also to be made as soon as practicable. The design at present in use for the 1d. stamp (Lake Taupo) will be used for the 4d., and the present 4d. design (White Terrace) for the 1d. This was the original intention, but in some way the designs were confused in London. The new 4d. stamp will be printed in the brown and blue tints, which have been so much admired in the present 1d. stamp, but the opportunity will be taken to transpose the colours of the new 1d. and 9d., as being more suitable for the representations of the White and Pink Terraces. Further supplies of all stamps have been ordered to be printed on watermarked paper. The present 1d. design has to be printed in two colours, and is too expensive for stamps that are used in such large numbers."

The printing of a further supply of the already condemned error of the 2½d. is a death-blow to the hopes of speculators who bought for a rise.—*Australian Philatelist*.

IN answering advertisements please be sure to mention this paper. It is of great importance to us.

Do You Collect Stamps?

If so send 2c for 3 month's trial subscription; or 25c for a year and get fine premium free. 175
Philatelic Advocate, Box C104, Berlin, Ont.

Canada 1898.

These stamps are rapidly becoming scarce. I have them for sale at these low prices. 1898 with maple leaves in corner:
 One-cent green..... Per 100 20c
 Two-cent purple..... " 25c
 Three-cent red..... " 10c
 With numerals in lower corners:
 1c green..... 20c per hundred
 3c red..... 10c "

JOHN H. LOWE,
 49 Adelaide St., East, Toronto.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

HARTFORD, CONN., Sept. 7, 1898.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me

Dear Sir: Seeing from the San Francisco notes that no bottom strips of the surcharged 1c have been seen, I wish to report that I have the following bottoms: Nos. 534, 535, 541, 543 and 544.

Yours truly,
FRED P. HOLT.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 7, 1898.
DEAR SIR:
Your San Francisco correspondent in No. 277 says that no one has seen bottom strip of 1c I. R. Revenues. I have a strip No. 546.

Yours truly,
A. LOHMEYER.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 25, 1898.
Editor ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Your Boston correspondent after referring to my communication somewhat caustically, adds: "I have been talking about postage stamps, but I have never claimed that Postal Seals are stamps at all." Well who said he had? If he will read my letter again I think he will find it has a very direct bearing upon the question of what are postage stamps. I was writing generally. I wish now to reply to his letter specifically. He says: "no stamp can be a postage stamp unless it will prepay postage." I would like to enquire where he gets his authority for the statement? I stand upon the definition as given in Webster's Unabridged which is an unquestioned authority. I gave it as found under the word "stamps." Let me now give it as found under the word "postage:" "Postage stamp—a government stamp required to be put upon articles sent by mail in payment of the postage especially, an adhesive stamp issued and sold for that purpose."

What creates and makes them postage stamps? The Act of Congress which creates and defines different kinds of postage stamps and specifies how they shall be used. It is the law of the land. Of course he cannot prepay postage with a postage due stamp, as a sender of the letter, but he must prepay postage with a postage due stamp duly affixed by the government as a receiver before he can get his letter if the sender did not pay the full amount "required by law," that being also one of the requirements of the law. What has prepayment got to do with the question in itself? Absolutely nothing. The decisive

test is, does the stamp represent the payment of postage according to the provisions of the law? I hold it to be a self-evident proposition that any stamp authorized or required by law to be used to represent the payment of postage must be a postage stamp. It hardly admits of argument. The law may be changed so that the entire amount of postage shall be collected from the receiver of the letter and get up a new set of stamps to be affixed either by the government or the person receiving same to represent the amount so paid or collected for postage. Would Mr. S. E. L. affirm that such stamps under such conditions would not be postage stamps?

Yours very resp'y,
H. W SPOONER.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1898.
FRIEND JEWETT:

In looking over some old papers at Oil City this week I found an old deed with two (2) \$50.00 Imperforate and a \$25.00 Perforate Mortgage stamp on it. The stamps bear the signature of J. W. Steele, better known as "Coal Oil Johnnie." Also found on a bank check a 2c orange, A. Dougherty Playing Card, among the papers. Except a \$1.00 Passage Ticket Perf. found nothing worthy of mention although I looked through two large trunksful of old papers.

Yours very truly,
H. F. SMITH.

REMOVAL.
COLONIAL STAMP CO.,
J. H. LYONS, Manager,
Has removed to No. 345A Washington St.,
BOSTON, MASS.
and offer the following new issues:
Trinidad 2d 1898 Commemorative..... \$0.08
Per 10..... .25
New Zealand 2 1/2d error..... .12
Per 10..... .72
Newfoundland 1/2c 1898, new, per 10..... .07

F. S. COOK,
STRATFORD, CONN.
Headquarters for [tr]
* U. S. REVENUES. *

I. R.
PLATE NUMBERS.
1c or 2c, many numbers on hand, price 15c per strip.
WANT LIST SOLICITED.

1898 Documentary

1/2c orange, unused.....	\$0.08
Set of 6 ".....	.25
\$1.00 cancelled.....	.10
Proprietary	
Set of 10, unused.....	.25
1 1/2c slate violet.....	.15
1 1/2c plum.....	.08

POSTAGE EXTRA.
J. C. MORGENTHAU & CO.,
87 Nassau St., New York City.

GOOD THINGS.
Confederate States 1861 5c green, used..... \$0.25
" " 1862 5c blue, used..... .30
" " 1861 10c blue, used..... .50
U. S. 100 varieties, used, post free..... .75
Packet of 50 varieties, Foreign, post free..... .05
" " 120 "..... .12
50% approval books—the kind you like.
The STAMPMAN will eradicate melancholy. Free.
D. W. OSGOOD, Box 502, Pueblo, Colo.
Please mention ERA when answering ads.

CANADA 1898
"MAPLE LEAVES IN CORNERS."
WHOLE USED SETS.
The Whole Set (9) 1-2 to 10c..... \$0.50
in Pairs, the Set " " " " " " 1.10
N. S. W. "Jubilee," the Set (3) 1, 2, 2 1-2 05
Secure these quick as my supply is limited, and soon will be scarce.
A. G. ALLISON, Belleville, Ont.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas,
OFFERS FOR CASH, Postage Extra
*Sweden Unpaid 1kr blue and red..... 5 cts.
" Official 3 brown, perf., 14..... 5 " " "
" " 4 gray, " " " " " " 18 " " "
" " 20 red, " " " " " " 25 " " "
" " 50 rose, " " " " " " 35 " " "
Switzerland 1850 5 blue and red..... 5 " "
" " 10 yellow " " " " " " 15 " " "
" " 10 dark yellow " " " " " " 15 " " "
" " 1852 15 red..... 20 " " "
" " 1854 10 blue, thin paper..... 5 " " "
" " 40 green, " " " " " " 10 " " "
" " 20 yellow..... 5 " " "
" " 40 green..... 7 " " "
" " 1863 3 black..... 6 " " "
" " 30 vermilion..... 6 " " "
" " 40 green..... 7 " " "
" " 1878 15 lemon..... 5 " " "
" " 1888 25 green, perf. 9 1/2..... 5 " " "
" " 1fr lake, " " " " " " 8 " " "
Thousands of other good stamps in my approval books. Send for one! [tr]

Plate Nos. Wanted.
I. R. & M. I.
493, 494, 496, 526, 527, 528, 529, 439, 440, 452, 453, 454, 455. Send with price on approval. Send want list, Plates from No. 1 to 653.
HUB STAMP CO., Waltham, Mass.
NATHAN COBE & Co., Props.

We Want Your Trade—
If Prices and Square Dealing will obtain it.
U. S. Newspaper 1879 8c, unused..... \$0.50
" " " " " " " " " " " " .25
Canada Jubilee 8c, unused..... .12
" " " " " " " " " " " " .25
" " \$1.00 " " " " " " " " " " 1.25
" " 1892-93 50c " " " " " " " " " " .60
Labuan 1894, litho., set 7 used..... .35
Egypt 5p 1867, unused..... 1.60
Finland 1m 1866-67, used..... 1.90
Luxemburg 30c 1859-63, used, imperf..... .40
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " .50
Iceland 40 aur green 1876, used..... .60
Prussia 2sg, 1858, unused, imperf..... .80
Switzerland 5rp 1850, used " " " " " " " " " " .60
" " 1fr 1862 " " " " " " " " " " .50
" " 1fr 1863 " perf. " " " " " " " " " " .24
Your money back if you want it. Postage 2c on orders under 50c.
TOLEDO STAMP CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Still Higher
are the prices which we offer this week for the following

Plate Nos.
I. R. 1c: 439, 496, 526, 527 and 528, \$2.50 each.
440, 493 and 494, \$1.00 each.
Small I. R.: tops 50c; sides 40c each.
I. R. 2c: 474 and 525, \$2.00 each.
484, 485, 486 and 487, 25c each.
1c green: 441 and 442, \$10.00 each.
2c rose: 387, 388, 393, 427, 428, 429 and 430, 25c each.
5c brown: 351, 353, 357 and 359, 25c each.
2c no wmk. bottoms: Nos. 146 and 150, \$5.00 each.
N. and P. Nos. 262, 265, 266, 269, 258 and 259 at good figures.

Send what you have at once, as we cannot guarantee to pay these fancy figures later.
J. M. Bartels & Co.,
735 11th Street,
Washington, D. C.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

PUBLISHED + EVERY + SATURDAY
IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

A Good Suggestion to Philatelic Societies.

At the Boston Convention of the American Philatelic Association last year, steps were taken toward placing the Library of the Association in the Carnegie Library at Pittsburg, Pa., as a reference department and this will be accomplished before the next Convention. This insures the permanency of the collection of literature belonging to the Association in case it is ever disbanded.

One of our local Western Societies has also been thinking of the difficulties that beset philatelic societies and has recently passed a resolution similar in wording and intent to the following:

"Whereas various members have generously donated to the _____ Philatelic Society a large collection of philatelic literature, on the sole condition that provision be made to secure the continued use of said collection to _____ city philatelists in case for any cause the said Society should disband, and

"Whereas, the addition of the magazines and bound volumes thus donated would greatly aid local philatelists in their researches, therefore be it

Resolved, that the _____ Philatelic Society appreciating the benefit to be derived therefrom the President and Secretary of the Society, be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to bind the Society by a written agreement to deliver all of the magazines and bound volumes of philatelic literature from any and all sources derived, to one or another of the Public Libraries of the city of _____, in the event of the disbandment of said Society, at any time hereafter."

We might recommend to every Society the adoption of a resolution to this effect believing that it will result in increase of interest and donations to their libraries.

D.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Sept. 13th.

Mr. Dunkhorst, the well-known Washington dealer, is in Boston today.

I have been informed that there is a new Cape of Good Hope ½d issued, in a similar design to the 1d 1896. Although I mentioned in a former letter that the ½d had been changed to a very light green, I have

not seen it chronicled in any of the stamp papers, and I wonder if your contemporaries will credit it to the ERA.

It is to be presumed that the chronicle of New Issues in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* is conducted by Major Evans. Under this heading, it is said, "We have received the new 3c Newfoundland with a portrait of H. R. H. the Duchess of York." The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that this stamp bears the portrait of the Princess of Wales. Major Evans ought to be familiar enough with the Royal Family to know whose portrait this is!

It has been told me that my remarks about making the value of stamps on the basis of supply and demand are not correct. One of the good features of this country is that every person has a right to his opinion, and under certain restrictions can express it. I find that there are stamps of which there seems to be a very small supply, and yet they are in great demand; hence, said stamps must then be higher priced, and the advance in price is warranted by the demand. For example, Serbia, 1890, 1d, catalogued at 8 cents; this stamp, if it could be supplied, would readily bring three times that price. On the other hand, there are stamps of which the supply is larger than the demand, for instance, 1890 90c orange, unused, catalogued at \$2.00. This stamp has never been worth more than \$1.25, or there is a large supply at some of the post offices. In seeming contradiction to this, there are cases where the supply is small, but the demand is also small. Here is a case, Barbados, 1885, 5sh catalogued at \$7.50; this stamp was priced at about \$12.00; evidently there was a small demand, therefore the price was reduced. According to the number said by the officials to have been made, this stamp should have been worth \$25.00 or more, if there was any demand for it. So it is quite evident that supply and demand should make prices for stamps. There might be a large supply of certain stamps and it might depend upon who held them, in making prices. All these things should be taken into consideration in making a catalogue, and if they are, the catalogue will stand criticism.

Senf's catalogue for 1898-99 was received last week. The following are a few of the prices quoted:

U. S., 1869, 24c, unused, \$20.00; used, \$5.00.

U. S., 1869, 30c, unused, \$18.50; used, \$3.00.

U. S., 1869, 90c, unused, \$37.50; used, \$15.00.

U. S., Treasury, 24c, unused, \$10.00; used, \$3.75.

U. S., Justice, 90c, unused \$50.00.

U. S., Columbian, \$1.00, unused, \$3.75; used, \$3.00.

Brazil, 1843, 30r, unused, \$5.00; used, \$2.13.

Brazil, 1843, 60r, unused, \$4.37; used, \$1.12.

Brazil, 1843, 90r, unused, \$15.00; used, \$10.00. Either paper same price.

Brazil, 1879, 700r, \$2 50, used or unused.

Antigua, 1sh, unused, \$6.25; used, \$8.00.

D. W. Indies, 14c, unused, \$5.00; used, \$4.50.

Denmark, 48sk, unused, \$12.50. Two shades of above stamp are listed, both same price.

Dominica, 1890, 1sh, unused, \$25.00.

Gambia, 1887, 4d, unused, 22 cents.

Gambia, 1887, 6d, unused. Two shades of this stamp are listed; one at 75 cents and the other at 25 cents.

Gold Coast, 1891, 1d blue, unused, \$37.50; used, \$4.50.

Grenada, 1883, 1d, rose, \$1.87.

Grenada, 1883, 1sh, not priced.

Hawaii, 1883, 50c, \$2.50; \$1.00, \$3.75, used or unused.

Jamaica, 1863, 1sh, violet-brown, (not priced in Scott's) unused, \$10.00; used, 75c.

Lagos, 1sh, CC, perf. 12½, unused, \$25.00; used, \$3.00; same perf. 14, unused, \$25.00; used, \$6.25.

Lagos, 1885-86, 2sh 6d, unused, \$31.25; used, \$30.00.

Lagos, 1885-86, 5sh, unused, \$50.00; used, \$37.50.

Lagos, 1885-86, 10sh, unused not priced; used, \$75.00.

Montserrat, 4d CC, unused, \$7.50; used, \$3.75.

Montserrat, 4d, CA, blue, unused, \$50.00; used, \$25.00.

Sierra Leone No. 1, unused, \$75.00; used, \$125.00.

Sierra Leone, 1883, ½ bistre, CA, unused, \$1.25.

Servia, 1890, set, 90 cents.

The Lagos 1886, 2sh 6d to 10sh are not priced in Scott's used, nor the Sierra Leone No. 1.

The *London Philatelist* states that Messrs. Smyth and Nicolle have received the

following letter from the Postmaster-General of Western Australia:

"GENERAL POST OFFICE, PERTH,
June 6th, 1898.

"GENTLEMEN:—Replying to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, I beg to inform you that the Express Carrying Company of Coolgardie did illegally issue the stamps in question; but as soon as my attention was drawn to it I directed them to cease issuing them, as being contrary to the Post Office Act, which provides for a heavy penalty for such contravention of the law.

"I am, gentlemen,

"Your obedient servant,

"R. A. SHOEL,

"P. M. Gen'l and Gen'l Supt. of Telegraphs."

This above-named journal also says: "This will show the status of the stamps." Mr. Chas. J. Phillips, in *Stanley Gibbons Journal* under the head of "Notes and News" in writing about this letter, says: "This seems to us to prove that the Express stamps were undoubtedly used, although they were issued illegally. Even if this was the case they seem to us to be collectible, as they actually franked letters over a district where there was no Government Post at that period." Mr. Phillips is considered one of the leading philatelists of the present time, and is looked upon as a shining light among the big guns of Philately. When a person of such high standing will state that such stamps are collectible, what shall we expect from others; for the higher the standing of a person, the more we expect of them in the way of correct conduct.

S. E. L.

The Editor's Spears.

SMALL COUNTRIES FOR BEGINNERS.

Hayti has been much in the public eye of late, during the progress of the Cuban War. 'Tis a troublous, turbulent place, this Hayti, as all "black" republics are. And as regards its stamps Hayti will well repay study. The catalogues and handbooks are by no means so complete in regard to this Republic as they might be.

Taking the first type alone, the stamps bearing Head of Liberty, it will be found that, taking differences of perforation into consideration, there are nearly fifty distinct varieties.

With all its faults Hayti is by no means a bad country philatelically. There are no commemorative issues and the various surcharges that have been made from time to time, even including the batch recently issued, seem to be the outcome of a real necessity.

The "entires" of Hayti are as a general thing, uninteresting; but there is one very scarce envelope, which, if its character can be shown to be above reproach, should rank as Hayti's great rarity. This is a provisional envelope used during one of the many Haytian "revolutions" to prepay communications between Cape Haytien and Port au Prince. A specimen was offered some three years ago at one of Messrs.

Cheveley's auctions, but since that time I have seen no mention of the envelope in question.—*Stamps*, (Eng).

It is not generally known that the reprints of the stamps of Lubeck of the 1859 issue, which are scarcer and more expensive than even the originals, were made in quite a curious manner. An invalid soldier of the Franco-German war returned home finding his business gone, his wife dead and his home burned, while he had been fighting valiantly against the enemy being left for dead on the battlefield. As an assistance the senate of the City of Lubeck decided to allow him to take a thousand impressions of each of the plates of the Lubeck stamps, then in the museum of the Board of Trade. The old soldier so construed the privilege, that but to impressions were made of each plate, which at 100 stamps each gave him one thousand sets of the stamps which even at that time were valued very highly. At any rate he obtained enough for his stamps to purchase a neat cottage upon the outskirts of the city where he lived until his death twelve years ago. These reprints were made on thin white paper, without watermarks and in somewhat fresher tints than the originals. These are exceedingly scarce now, and most of the unused Lubeck stamps in the market are originals.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

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Present, Dr. Stebbins who was called to the chair, Messrs. Luff, Scott and the Secretary.

Called to order at 8.40 P. M.
Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read sundry letters and was instructed to reply thereto.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted, showing a balance in Bank of \$123.26, exclusive of \$500 U. S. Bonds. The Chairman of the House Committee read his report, which was received.

The Secretary was directed to insert in next month's meeting notice a request to the Governors for full attendance in order to discuss the question of a stamp exhibition, as proposed by Mr. Scott, and in case of inability to attend, the Governors to be requested to express their views upon the subject.

Adjourned 9.30 P. M.

J. M. ANDREINI, Secretary.

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Application for Membership.

BARTLETT, J. DELANO, 322 Main St., Springfield, Mass.; age, 28. References: W. C. Stone, Gordon Ireland, E. B. Woodin.

Resignations Received.

- 53. **KASEFANG, HENRY**, New York City.
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BY THE EDITOR.

THE "ERA" SEASON-OPENER.

If you intend to do any business in the stamp line for the season of 1898-99 you should commence at once and let the collecting public know the fact.

The issue for Saturday, October 1st, will be the first of the 1898-99 series of Specials and will, as far as any one paper can, make a formal Opening of the Philatelic Season.

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All copy MUST be in by Wednesday, September 28th, at the latest,—this is Positive.

Messrs. Nathan Cobe & Co. inform us they have received Nos. 647, 648 and 658 Omaha Plates.

Mr. L. Barton of Savannah writes that he has returned home and to his stamps after spending the spring and summer with the second Georgia regiment of Volunteers.

A prevailing and (to us) most pleasing material evidence of a revival of interest in stamp matters is the continual receipt of new subscriptions and renewals during the past two or three weeks in a steadily increasing volume, and which are now beginning to be interspersed by correspondence of dealers relative to new advertising contracts, and the receipt already of several contracts of generous proportions.

From the Stanley Gibbons, Limited, we have received a copy of the new (June, 1898) edition of their large 28-page Wholesale Price List of Used and Unused Stamps, Post Cards and Philatelic Publications.

With his 45th sale Mr. R. F. Albrecht opens his series of auctions for the season of 1898-99, and it is a very pleasing evidence of his belief in the revival of general interest in stamps, as last year he remained out of the field entirely on account of the flatness of the market.

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Mr. Albrecht's 45th Sale will occur at the Collectors Club, 351 Fourth Ave., New York City, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, September 27th and 28th. The view expressed of a general revival of interest is, we believe, fully justified by the present tendency of the stamp trade which will surely follow the general business improvement resulting from the practical settlement of the war and its attendant uncertainties.

Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle also has a sale booked for the same week as the above. It is his 12th, and will likewise be held at the home of the Collectors Club, on Thursday evening, September 29th. The catalogue lists 456 lots, comprised of a general assortment of U. S. and foreign.

Have you placed your order for a copy of Mr. Robie's forthcoming book, "Stamp Hunting?" If not, remember we will book your order and send you a copy postpaid, as soon as issued, together with a year's subscription to the WEEKLY ERA for 90c.

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A Bit of History.

By S. M. FRECHIE.

About two years ago I commenced selling a magnificent stamp collection—for financial reasons. After six months I realized sufficient from it and ceased. This collection is still practically intact and I am prepared to sell any or all of it at prices which will be unusually low. If any of my readers can call and inspect the numerous rarities etc., I am positive they will purchase, and at bargain figures. Those who cannot call would do well to write—mentioning what stamps they could use and the prices they would be willing to pay. I could then submit specimens. S. M. FRECHIE, 2003 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia. Remember, first come, first served. [Ad*]

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Sept. 13th.

A San Francisco Correspondent writes that no bottoms of the 1c I. R. have been found on the Pacific Coast. Is this not a mistake? Here at any rate they are just as plentiful as other positions except a few Nos., 537 to 541, of which the bottoms are scarcer.

Right strips have been more common and lefts the scarcest in the city but elsewhere lefts are more plentiful. This does not apply to the rare strips for which from \$1 to \$2.50 each are offered by our firm. All of these are scarce, needless to say, but rights are rarest in our stock and most of them probably do not exist at all. The same may apply to tops of a few numbers. A list of these is not yet possible. No. 495 is common everywhere but all other 1c I. R. below 534 are rare. In order to complete a list of what is known to be in existence collectors are requested to notify what positions of Nos. 439, 440, 493, 494, 496, 526, 527 and 528 they have or know of. The same applies also to Nos. 474 and 525, both 2c I. R.

Many collectors are wondering what would be the best way to collect plate numbers of the regular issue of revenues. To all such I would say, take only one stamp from either top or bottom of sheet, with plate number attached. If you choose you can add one stamp of each denomination with the imprint attached. Very few will want a whole strip of 6 or 8 stamps. They run up into money too much which makes it too expensive for the majority of collectors.

We have seen no list of plate numbers of the playing cards stamps. When revenues are collected these certainly belong in the set of plates. We know of the following to date:

- 2c rose Nos. 5091, 5098, 5105 and 5106.
- 2c blue Nos. 5109 and 5110.
- Additional numbers to this list are solicited.

There seems to be a good deal of doubt as to which is the first issue of the 1/4c Proprietary. The two colors, not being easily described are often mistaken. The first is plum or violet brown, the second a bright purple. The former is somewhat the color of the 2c Columbian.

Writing of new Honduras in last week's notes instead of 5c it should have been 6c purple or rather lilac.

The envelope contract has at last been awarded to the Plympton-Morgan Co. on

One of our Lady friends

from Oregon wrote us the other day enclosing a very pretty necktie and said she hoped we would accept it for a copy of our book, as she wanted it very much but could hardly spare the money. It matches our whiskers first rate and we are highly pleased with it.

We are also a little shy on Sox, and if some good Sister will kindly knit for us a nice old-fashioned pair woolen in character, we will gladly send her an autograph copy of "STAMP HUNTING"—and appreciate the compliment to the fullest extent: Like the time a number of years ago when we were very sick indeed and a good woman sent us a choice selection of prepared peaches, conspicuously encompassed with a goodly quantity of brandy. We wrote her and said that we hardly felt strong enough to tackle the fruit, but were exceedingly grateful for the spirit in which it was given.

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2p gray, " " " ".....	..15
3p green, " " " ".....	..25
1p blue, CC., 1871.....	..20
2p rose, " " " ".....	..15
1p blue, CC., '94.....	..15
" 2c " " " ".....	..10
" 5c " " " ".....	..30
Barbados, 1/2p on 1p Envelope, unused, each.....	..08
" 1/2p on 1p Wrappers unused per 10.....	..40
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very favorable terms. An extensive account of same is sent with these notes and follows:

WILL SAVE OVER A MILLION.

BIDS OPENED FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES AND NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS.—GREAT REDUCTION UNDER THE BID OF THE PURCELL COMPANY ACCEPTED IN MARCH —PLYMPTON-MORGAN CO.

Once again within a year bids were opened today for furnishing the government with stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers. While there were only four bidders, the competition was close on several items, and incidentally the government made a big saving over the bids received in March, on which Postmaster General Gary made an award.

It will be recalled that the Purcell company was accepted as the lowest bidder under the administration of General Gary, and an award accordingly made. General Gary retired from office before the contract was signed, and his successor, Mr. Charles Emory Smith, after an exhaustive investigation, decided that there was sufficient doubt as to the award and as to the ability of the Purcell company to do the work, and later rejected the bids, recalled the award and ordered a readvertisement of the contract. The case was immediately taken into court, and is now pending in the Court of Claims.

The bids today are under the readvertisement, and while only four bidders submitted proposals, there were many interested paper men present. Some surprise was occasioned by the failure of the Purcell company, the lowest bidders last time, to submit a bid. One of the company stated after the bids had been opened that the company already had a contract for doing the very thing for which the bids were just opened.

The Plympton-Morgan company, the old rivals of the Purcell company, put in a very low bid, and will undoubtedly get the contract. The bid was \$48,357.12 lower per year, or \$193,428.48 lower for the four years, than the Purcell bid which was accepted by General Gary and rejected by General Smith.

Briefly, it may be stated that under the present bid of the Plympton company the government will save upward of \$1,500,000 on the price now paid under the current contract.

COST OF STAMPED ENVELOPES.

There is an important feature of this bidding which will be welcome news to the public generally. There is a proposition to reduce the price of stamped envelopes, and if this is done the public can purchase envelopes already stamped at a slight cost. The Purcell company claims that this is directly due to its advent as bidders. Four years ago, when that company entered the field as bidders, the government was paying \$1.70 per thousand for the envelopes most generally used. Now it is paying

\$1.30 per thousand to the Purcell company, which in March reduced it further to 78 cents per thousand. The bid of the Plympton-Morgan company today reduces it to 73 cents per thousand. There was a time in 1874 when the government paid \$2.90 per thousand for these same envelopes.

There are really but four items of interest in the envelope contract, since under them practically all of the work is done. The most important is for extra letter size stamped envelopes, of which it is estimated the government will require 355,957,000; the commercial size, which it is estimated 62,882,000 will be used: the legal size envelopes, which the department estimates will require 50,742,000 to satisfy the demand, and ordinary newspaper wrappers, which will require 40,747,000. So that bidders confined their low prices more especially to these items.

BIDS AND THE BIDDERS.

The bidders and the prices submitted on the above mentioned items were as follows: Plympton Morgan Company—Extra size envelopes, 73 cents per 1,000; commercial size, 56 cents per 1,000; legal size, 82 cents, and newspaper wrappers, 35 cents per 1,000.

Charles Cooper, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra size envelopes, 73 cents; commercial size, 72 cents; legal size, 82 cents, and newspaper wrappers, 43 cents.

American Envelope Company of West Carleton, Ohio—Extra letter size, 83 cents; commercial size, 78 cents; legal size, 96 cents, and newspaper wrappers, 45 cents per 1,000.

Connecticut River Paper Company of Holyoke Mass.—Extra size, 78.5 cents; commercial, 75 cents; legal size, 89 cents; and newspaper wrappers, 43 cents.

The bids were scheduled today and will be submitted to the Postmaster General for examination during the week. As the Plympton-Morgan Company is the lowest bidder, the contract will doubtless be awarded to it.—*Washington Evening Star*, Sept 7th.

The Market.

Prices are quoted only on specimens catalogued as perfect and in good condition. ○ means unused, ⊕ used.

ALL Perfect stamps sold singly in following sales, realized price is given.

Geo. R. Tuttle's 11th Sale—New York.
("Convention Sale.")

Monday evening, August 22, 1898.

UNITED STATES.

Essays, Oddities, Plate Nos., etc:
Envelope essay of 1c 1851 "Specimen" \$0.60
Essay 3c stamp green India p. 55
3c stamp different design India p. 50
1861 1c blue "Specimen" in gothic ○ 45
10c green imperf. large margins ⊕ 70
24c lilac imperf. large margins ⊕ 70

1869 6c with plate No. 13, India 55
90c Lincoln very fine pair with plate No. 22, India p. 13 50
State 1c imperf. large margins ○ 1 00
Nevada State revenue \$20 lilac ⊕ 50
First issue revenue 50c Conveyance imperf., with imprint 1 50
First issue revenue \$5 Conveyance imperf. and left side fine roulette 1 25
Essay of \$1 stamp Foreign Exch. blue on glazed 50

Provisional Stamps:

New York fine pair on thin paper one of the first prints 14 50
St. Louis 5c 8n gray-lilac fine 85 00

General Issues:

1851-6 5c red-brown ○ printed on creased p. 8 00
1c blue broken line on top on entire cover 2 00
10c ○ wide margins 2 25
1855-60 1c blue type II. ○ o. g. 2 25
1867 3c grilled all over, fine pair 16 00
Reissue 15c black ○ 8 00
1869 15c brown and blue ⊕ 1 80
15c brown and blue framed ○ 2 25
30c fine colors ⊕ 3 25
90c Lincoln ○ 16 00
1870 grill 6c carmine ⊕ 1 90
1871 6c carmine ○ 3 00
Navy 24c ⊕ 1 35
War 30c brown-red ○ pair o. g. 60
Baltimore Carrier red ○ 5 00
Newspaper 1879 24c red ○ 1 75

Envelopes:

1861 12c brown and red entire ○ 3 00
40c red and black entire ○ 4 00
1870 Reay 7c vermilion on amber entire ○ 65
1874 Plympton 10c brown "Booby" on white ○ half the envelope 1 55
Plympton 30c black on white ○ entire 60
Plympton 90c carmine on amber ○ entire surch. "Specimen" 60
Plympton same on blue entire "Specimen" 80
Plympton same on manila entire "Specimen" 55
Wrapper 2c black die 2 straw entire ○ 25
Hanford's Pony Ex. 2c yellow uncan. on entire o. c. 2 80

Revenues:

Imperf. first issue \$4.60 large margins 4 60
first issue \$5 Charter Party large margins 1 50
first issue \$5 Conveyance fine pair 1 60
Second Issue 25c blue and black machine perfs. 1 00
\$25 blue and black 10 00
Confederate Ten cents blue on entire c. 3 00

U. S. Colony, Hawaii.

1853 thick white wove paper 5c blue ○ 16 00
a used copy not so fine 7 00
same paper 13c dark red ○ 8 00
on ordinary white paper 5c blue ○ 3 25
another one ○ o. g. 3 90
Cuba 1855-66 wmk. loops short "y" ¼rp orange-red on cover 10 00
long "y" ¼rp carmine on cover 1 00
same orange-red on cover 6 50
1862-4 ¼r black ⊕ on entire cover 65
1866 5c lilac, on cover ⊕ 1 60
1869 5c rose ⊕ on cover 1 30

Philippines 1861-2 5c vermilion fine postmark "Manila, 1861" 1 10	
5c red "Manila" ⊕ 65	
1868-74 "Habilitado Por la Nacion" 1rp green No. 160a ○ 3 35	
FOREIGN.	
Bulgaria revenue used postally 1883 10s 1 10	
Colombian Rep. Cundinamarca 1883 10c yellow error "m" of Admor upside down 90	
Fiji 1876 1p blue imperf. and double print ○ 82	
1878 6p carmine imperf. pair ○ 1 20	
Hanover 1859-61 10gr green fine ⊕ 7 50	
Natal 1895 ½ on 6p lilac errors fancy "T A" ○ 60	
Newfoundland 1863 6p lake entire ○ sheet o. g. (20) 9 20	
1863 1sh lake entire ○ sheet o. g. (20) 18 00	
Nova Scotia 1851-3 half of 6p dark green ⊕ as 3d fine on o. c. 7 50	
Oldenburg 186c ½g red-brown ⊕ 3 60	
Rhodesia 1891 5s ○ 2 50	
1891 £1 ○ 8 10	
Victoria 1891-5 2sh yellow-green ○ 80	
Zanzibar 3a India surch. error second "z" small ○ 55	
U. S. 1869 30c fine colors ⊕ 3 00	
24c ⊕ 2 80	
Total for 422 lots sold \$1,001 66	

Habilitado 1869 10c ○ 1 10	
Habilitado 20c ○ 1 10	
Gambia 1880 4d CC watermark ⊕ 1 30	
Gibraltar 1889 75c olive ○ 70	
1889 1p brown ○ 95	
Grenada 1875 1sh ⊕ 1 00	
1883 1d ○ 1 00	
Hayti 1886 7c perforated 14 ⊕ 80	
India Gwalior 1r gray red surcharge ○ 1 00	
Mauritius 1878 2r 50c ○ 1 50	
1880 2r 50c ○ 1 50	
Guadalajara 1868 1r on green laid batonne paper ⊕ 1 00	
Montserrat 1884 2¼d brown ⊕ 3 00	
1884 1d carmine perf. 12 ○ 2 10	
Mozambique Co. 1892 25r lilac double surcharge ○ 1 10	
Sierra Leone ½d bistre CA wmk. ○ 1 10	
St. Christopher 1870 2½d CC, ○ 3 00	
Johor celebration stamp \$1 ○ 1 50	
Perak \$1 ○ 80	
Victoria 1891 9d green ○ 80	
1891 2sh yellow-green ○ 1 10	
Virgin Islands 1880 2¼d claret ○ 3 00	
1883 ½d yellow ○ 1 10	
Zanzibar 2r ○ 2 10	
3r ○ 2.60; 5r ○ 3 60	
Total for 543 lots (including 88 "wholesale" lots) \$922 60	

ing do not appear in the ERA list, they were on hand at some stage of the proceedings: Messrs. Krassa, Adenaw, Kirtland, Tichinger, Hobby, Andreini, Knudson, Lehman and Homburger, and probably "there were others."

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

*The list published in the Convention number of the ERA gave 59 members, and we are quite positive included every name on the Register at time of closing the Friday session. We were aware of there being present several members who failed to sign in the Register whose names did not therefore appear in the published list. Circulating the report that only about forty members registered belittles the Convention in a manner totally uncalled for.—Ed.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Sept. 14, 1898.

DEAR SIR:

I have the following Bottom Plates 1c I. R. not reported in the ERA: Nos. 495, 442, 445, 447, 448 and 449.

Respectfully,
L. K. ANDERSON.

Notings.

A NOVEL COLLECTION.

Blood's locals which were extensively used on city correspondence in Philadelphia and suburbs were cancelled in a novel way which was rather in advance of modern methods. They were simply stained with a drop of acid which preclude the possibility of ever cleaning that issue. One would imagine they were accidentally stained but on investigation of a number of specimens it will be found to be almost invariably the method of cancellation.

THE LITTLE OLD COLLECTION.

Who was it that made the sagacious remark that it is not always what one makes or has but what is "saved" that tells on the finish? Sounds like our old friend, Ben Franklin, whose memory is so justly perpetuated on the 5c 1847 and numerous subsequent issues, anyway its a rock-ribbed fact, and it sometimes pains me to see boys who are fairly bubbling over with Philatelic enthusiasm one month only to throw aside their collections without the slightest care the next to be destroyed or lost. (And how many valuable old collections have gone in this way.) I can imagine about what success that style of youth will make of anything in life. Its the little old collection neatly made and laid carefully away for a few years that brings joy to ye stamp dealer and dollars to the owner now-a-days. Or possibly much more joy to the owner by keeping it after running casually over a recent catalogue and noting the great increase in value of the old issues.

PHILATELIC RAMBLER.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for assertions made under this head, nor does he necessarily sanction any ideas or opinions expressed. All are invited to contribute to this department, with the above understanding, and all communications deemed suitable or of interest to our readers will be published.]

HORSE CAVE, KY., Sept. 8, 1898.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: * * * I have bottom strips of the one cent I. R. numbered 440, 493, 494, 495, 538, 546 and 548

Very respectfully,
H. F. MUSTAIN.

ATTICA, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1898.

PHILATELIC ERA:

Seeing notes in PHILATELIC ERA about bottom strips to I. R. 1c green would say I have the following: Nos. 534, 545, 546, 547, 548 and 549.

Yours etc.,
GEO. T. LOOMIS.

A PERTINENT CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA:

I am certain that at least 57* members of the A. P. A. registered at the late meet, and I know positively that 65 were present, and the following from Mekeel's is misleading: "About forty members registered, of which twenty-eight were residents of the immediate vicinity of New York." There were 18 from New England, 8 from Pennsylvania, and 3 from the West. At least 4 came from New Jersey and one from Washington, D. C. Although the follow-

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 107th Sale—N. Y.

Saturday Afternoon, August 27th, 1898.

UNITED STATES.

1875 2c double paper ⊕ \$0 50	
1870 2c no grill block of four ○ o. g. 2 40	
Agriculture 1c ○ o. g. 1 50	
Interior soft paper 24c ○ 1 00	
Periodical 1895 10 no wmk. \$2 ⊕ 1 50	
Envelope 1874 1c die A on white ○ 1 60	
Blood's prepaid env. on white □ 75	
Revenue \$25 Mortgage perforated 2 00	

FOREIGN.

Azores 150r yellow large surch. ○ 2 00	
300r lilac large surcharge ○ 75	
British Bechuanaland 2sh ○ 1 10	
2sh 6d ○ 1 25	
Br. Central Africa surcharged 2sh ○ 65	
surcharged 2sh 6d ○ 90	
surcharged 3sh ⊕ 1 00	
surcharged 4s ○ 1 25	
surcharged 5sh ○ 1 50	
surcharged 10sh ○ 3 10	
1895 3sh no watermark ⊕ 1 00	
1d on 3sh ○ 55	
Rhodesia (Br. South Africa) 1896 2sh ⊕ 75	
1896 2sh 6d ○ 90	
1896 3sh ○ 1 30	
1896 4sh ○ 1 40	
1896 5sh ○ 2 10	
British Honduras 1874 3d CC wmk., perf. 14 ○ 2 00	
Garzon 1c white wove paper ○ 1 00	
Congo 5fr gray ○ 1 60	
10fr orange ○ 3 00	
1898 3½fr ○ 1 20	
1898 10fr ○ 2 90	
Cuba Habilitado 1868 5c ○ 1 10	
Habilitado 40c ○ 1 10	

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Things That Strike One.

That New Zealand is taking the cake! In the new set of stamps a slight error was made in the spelling of an unimportant word—"I" substituted for "A."

In the first place, *218,000 of these errors are printed*; then, to crown the matter,—finding a ready sale for these orthographical abortions—the government actually orders 50,000 additional copies!!

Can absurdity go any further?

Why did not the Mauritius government exercise a little forethought in 1847? Then there would not be two blank spaces in our albums staring us in the face.

With all respect for the earlier N. Z. issues, it seems to me that all right-minded collectors will draw a double line under the last lugubrious emission (I allude to the 2½ pence and 5 pence) and let the present issue somewhat severely alone.

That New Zealand is further monkeying with others of the present set. How many "errors" will be made in the alterations? ??

That it is a good thing kings and queens and things did not issue commemorative stamps on the birthdays of their sisters, cousins and aunts, away back in the early days of stamp collecting

Imagine the fancy price of stamps, issued in 1850, to commemorate the purchase of a new string of beads for the King of Tittipu—only 7 copies issued—plates destroyed in the presence of his wives and the family cat, as per usual!!

That, considering the Queen of Holland is a stamp collector—and also a woman, she has certainly behaved admirably so far. She makes her first change of stamps shortly—at her coronation.

I suppose the next change will occur when she takes unto herself a mate.

It's a delicate matter to mention, but I feel it only right to do so (of course she reads the ERA), but the fact is, she breaks on me too late in life and I am *not* eligible!

That, in reading Mark Twain's story called "A Medieval Romance," one is forcibly reminded of the declaration, by our Sphynx-like catalogue makers, that they will not issue a catalogue this year.

The story I allude to is tremendously interesting and works up to a situation that almost makes one's hair stand up. It then suddenly stops and, in small type, is announced: "The end of this story will not be found in any of the books. The fact is, I have got these people into such an awful mess that I can't get them out. I thought it would be tolerably easy to straighten out matters when I began, but it does not seem so easy now."

Is there a similarity in the two situations?

J. B. T.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

BY J. M. BARTELS.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th.

At last, and for the first time in many months has the Bureau found time to give out a little information for the benefit of collectors which no doubt will be much appreciated. We begin with an interesting list of plate numbers which will fill out many gaps in our present one. Most of the following have not been noted up to date:

554	6c.	663	2c Omaha.
564	1c.	664	2c "
565	1c.	665	2c "
566	1c.	666	2c "
567	1c.	667	2c "
568	2c.	668	2c "
569	2c.	669	2c "
570	2c.	670	2c "
571	2c.	671	2c "
572	1c.	672	2c "
573	1c.	673	2c "
574	1c.	674	2c "
575	1c.	675	2c "
589	2c Omaha (d'g'd)	676	2c "
593	2c rose.	677	2c "
594	2c "	678	2c "
595	2c "	679	2c "
596	2c "	680	2c "
637	5c Omaha.	681	2c "
643	8c "	682	10c Special Del.
658	2c "	683	2c Omaha.
660	2c "	684	2c "
661	2c "	685	2c "
662	2c "		

It will be noticed that from 644 to 681 all plates are 2c Omaha.

Plates 576 to 588 (as well as 589) will

never be used. They all belong to the Omaha series and were prepared for the purpose of printing the stamps in two colors as was originally intended. When the order was rescinded entirely new plates had to be made, as these numbers consisted of two sections each, the centers being separated from the borders.

The printing of new colors or the regular issue is rapidly becoming a matter of fact. The following changes have been decided upon and probably have all gone into effect by this time.

- 4c dark red brown (same as present 6c).
- 5c light blue.
- 6c magenta (same as 8c Columbian).
- 10c light brown.

The reason for these changes have been previously stated. Any of the above may be expected to be out at any time, but the stock in old colors will first be exhausted. The 4c and 5c will probably be the first found.

The 1c green stamps were first printed on December 15th, 1897. The two plate numbers which we have been looking for in green for several months do not exist Nos. 441 and 442. These plates were last used two days prior to the change. It is rumored, however, that 442 was used one or two nights as a substitute some time in April while another plate was in repair. An inquiry however will soon settle this question.

It is impossible that anything but top and right plate number strips could exist of the small I. R. surcharge for the following reason: Four different forms have to be set up in order to get the I. R. exactly in center of each stamp, one for each section. When the small I. R. were printed during the first three or four days only one form was in use and piles of sheets had to be selected from upper right quarter of the original 400.

1½c and 3¼c Proprietary as well as 40c and 80c Documentary have been added to the regular set of revenues and are now being printed at the Bureau. The 40c is violet.

Watch out for next week's "Special Season-Opener" number.

The One Cent Block Letter Provisional.

BY E. F. GAMBS.

For the first time in its history the United States have issued a surcharged stamp. Owing to the limited period between the passage of the act providing for the use of War tax stamps, and the time the law went into effect, it was impossible for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington to execute and deliver all the proper dies in due season. The one and two cent denominations of the handsome rouletted "Remember the Maine" series, which were under way, lead to the issuance of a temporary provisional issue, and in consequence the one and two cent current U. S. Postage Stamp were surcharged with the letters "I. R."

The first issue for the Pacific Coast being the small "I. R." block letter type, on the one cent green stamp was almost immediately supplanted by the large Roman letters "I. R.," as the Bureau of Engraving found the small red type to be too indistinct, and wanted something to show up with more prominence.

I have been creditably informed that less than 300,000 of these small "I. R." Block Letter one cent stamps reached San Francisco. This section of the country had to be supplied first, and on account of the long distance, required time for supplies to reach here to enable the public to comply with the Revenue laws which took effect on July 1, 1898.

It was reported that the supply was exhausted within three days after receipt at the San Francisco Revenue Office, the large corporations, insurance offices, banks, wholesale drug houses, etc., wanting from five to twenty times as many as were procurable, while the small retail dealer had to be content with a single sheet of one hundred stamps, in many cases, and so sparingly were the stamps handed out, that for the first few days California experienced what might be termed a revenue stamp famine.

On June 30th I visited the Revenue Office and was informed that the supply of the Provisional one cent stamp were not on sale, and when I again called a few days later I learned that the stock was exhausted and a new lot would arrive from Washington the next day, my first call being too soon, and the second, alas, too late. On arrival of the second supply of one cent stamps they proved to be the large "I. R." and strange to say in the beginning most of the San Francisco Philatelists banked on this variety as being the scarcer of the two, as it was not then generally known which type had arrived first.

It is stated that the Southern Pacific Co. used up from 60,000 to 100,000 of the block type alone, and that a large portion of the stock was procured by Wells Fargo Co.'s Express, Western Union and Postal Tele-

graph Co etc., who all in turn distributed the stamps to their respective Pacific Coast branch offices.

Very few of the plate numbers were saved and students who are inclined to follow philatelic matters closely, estimate that all told, there are not more than probably 200 to 250 plate numbers in the hands of California Philatelists, and of one number (540), thus far, but a single sheet has been found. For these reasons, viewing it from a financial side, should the taste for collecting plate numbers increase, small "I. R." block letter plates will all become very valuable. The plate numbers that I have seen so far are 495, 534, 535, 536, 540, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548 and 549, or thirteen different numbers in all, and each and every one were the "top" or "right" position of the plate, there probably being no "bottom" or "left" in existence.

A diligent canvas for unused stamps has been made by several energetic stamp hunters, but the number unearthed does not reach five figures. In connection with this it is a noticeable fact that nearly all the stamps found in the banks, insurance and other offices were minus the marginal strips.

It has been somewhere stated that 100,000 sheets of these stamps were printed at the Department, but as inquiries from all sides and principally from Eastern points have been received here for them, it would be a matter of interest to know where they all went to. If such are really in existence and have been distributed, time alone will tell.

Thus far I have been unable to find that these stamps were used in other sections of the country outside of San Francisco and a few adjacent towns like Sacramento, San Jose, Oakland and other places throughout the State. It is also possible that certain localities on the Coast received some, but all came directly or indirectly from this city, as far as known to me at this writing.

—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

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1,091 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Sept. 10th, valued at \$37,291.88
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\$37,577.23
5 books retired since Sept. 10th, valued at (From which have been sold \$13.42) \$63.99

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Post Cards.

The collection of Post or Postal Cards is one of the most interesting branches of philately and it has always been a wonder to us that it has not been more popular. It is a pleasing diversion from the sameness of adhesives and as a comparatively complete collection can be accumulated at a small aggregate expense, there is no reason why the cards should not be more generally collected. One possible reason that presents itself to our mind is the almost total ignorance of their existence by the philatelic press. It is therefore with no small amount of pleasure that we note the establishment of a permanent department devoted to "Post Cards" by our highly esteemed English contemporary *Stamps*. Below we give the Post Card Editor's salutatory remarks which appear in the August issue of the above mentioned magazine:

"As announced in the editorial chat of last month's *Stamps*, we intend devoting a small amount of space each month to the consideration of Post Cards; and though our action in this respect may need no apology, a little preliminary explanation of our intentions may save much future misunderstanding.

"In the first place we are convinced that the number of card collectors is on the increase, and that the attractions of this department of specialism are becoming more generally known. It is at present undeniable that the majority of those evils which so often discourage the collector of stamps are absent from the mind of the specialist in cards. Those evils, amongst which may be numbered unattainable quantity, forgeries, errors, commemorative and speculative issues may eventually obtrude themselves upon the devotee of cards, but up to now they are so slight and inconsiderable that he can well afford to smile at them. And though it may be a matter of taste alone, we contend that a set of cards nicely arranged is quite as attractive, interesting, and pretty, as a set of stamps. But as we do not wish to annoy the gentlemen whose remarks fill the opposite pages of this magazine, we will refrain from insisting on this latter point.

"The disabilities under which we laboured years ago as to the storing or arrangement of a collection of cards, do not now exist, for we have several makes of albums specially adapted to this purpose, to choose from. Many of our old fashioned friends yet cling to the envelope and box system of storing, but such primitive and cumbrous methods are fast disappearing by the use of the Imperial and Senf's specially prepared albums.

"It would be well here to explain that we only propose to concern ourselves with cards pure and simple, and not in any way to meddle with envelopes or wrappers, which we look upon as entirely different studies, and which require entirely different treat-

ment. An erroneous supposition is greatly prevalent, that those who collect entire cards must necessarily collect entire of every description. This is not so, and the mixing of the two is in our opinion very bad taste.

"Part of our plan will include the cataloguing of new issues which will be found following the ordinary new issue list, but separated from adhesives, so as to be ready for simple reference. In addition to this and to the discussion of such matters of interest as may from time to time come under our notice we shall, if the interest of readers is assured, shortly commence a series of articles on the cards of Great Britain and the Colonies describing each distinct variety in elaborate detail. We shall also be glad to assist our readers who desire information of any sort or to value and report on specimens, and only ask that in all such cases a stamped addressed envelope be enclosed for reply. Communication to be addressed to the 'Postcard Editor,' at the offices of this magazine."

On the Genuineness of Imperforates.

One of the most difficult stamp problems that the thorough-going philatelist must solve is the question, have the perforations been clipped? This problem is of the utmost importance to him, also, unless he collects imperforates in pairs and blocks only. Although it happens sometimes that the greatest expert cannot be sure of a doubtful specimen, there are usually minute indications of genuineness or falsity which do not escape his notice, but enable him to form a definite opinion. I do not claim to be a philatelic expert, but I have made something of a study of imperforates and think I can offer a few hints that may help some of the readers of the *Columbian Philatelist*.

The first thing to notice in examining an apparently imperforate specimen of a stamp which also exists perforate is, does it bear any external, obvious indication of its character? Many stamps have been issued imperforate in certain shades in which they do not appear perforate, and vice versa. The listing in the standard catalogue of a great many shades, a feature which some writers have foolishly deprecated, is very useful in this regard. For example, the ten cent stamp of the United States issue of 1851-56 appears, imperforate only, in clear, bright green. If any sheets printed in this color ever were perforated, the stamp perforated certainly is far rarer in that condition. This shade is not so distinctive, however, as the dark, murky green found practically never except in the perforate issue of the same stamp. Now, an imperforate stamp of the former shade is pretty surely genuine, one of the latter shade, very probably clipped. These

shades are not well described in the catalogue, but they are hinted at there. Anyone who has seen quantities of these stamps will recognize my descriptions: Probably this ten cent stamp was first printed in the clear green, later in the yellow-green shade, during which period the stamp was first perforated, and still later in the dark, murky green. Of course, these are not absolute signs; there are many other shades of this stamp, and I have seen specimens that contradict my rule. Taken in connection with other signs, these are, however, valuable as evidence. They simply illustrate how one can go to work to investigate a stamp.

The collector will do still better if he studies his imperforates with the help of such a work as Mr. John N. Luff's history of "The Postage Stamps of the United States," now being published in the *American Journal of Philately*. Here we find, with reference to this same ten cent stamp, that there are six distinct types, of which type II. is commonly found imperforate, types IV. and V., perforate. Type I., III., IV., V. and VI. are all so scarce imperforate that doubt would immediately be cast upon specimens of types IV. and V. without perforations. Types I. and III. are sufficiently scarce both perforate and imperforate, so that no difference could be drawn one way or the other. I should advise anyone wishing to be sure of his imperforates to study them carefully in the advanced catalogues, noting all the individual characteristics of perforate and imperforate issues of the same stamp. He can then draw his own conclusions.

One important extrinsic sign remains, the date of use. Of course, the fact that an imperforate specimen was used after that stamp began to be perforated does not condemn it, but, on the other hand, a date of use before the time when the stamp was first perforated absolutely assures its genuineness. Here is another reason for preserving stamps on the original covers. The date of use is often impressed on the envelope, but not on the stamp. The collector should beware of counterfeited cancellations with early dates by making himself familiar with the appearance of genuine cancellations. The catalogues are not as explicit as one might wish in giving dates of issue. A list of earliest dates on which stamps that were issued both with and without perforations are known to have been used in the latter condition might be useful if prepared by some competent philatelist.

The catalogue does not give even approximate dates when U. S. document revenues were issued part perforate and perforate. The rule is about as follows: an imperforate revenue dated 1862 is sure, one dated 1863 is sure enough; one dated before the middle of 1864 need not be doubted on that account. Imperforate pairs dated much later have, of course, been seen. I have never heard of counterfeited cancella-

tions on clipped revenues, but it is worth while, nevertheless, to notice if the whole of the cancellations is written in the same ink. Users of revenues sometimes dated stamps with their initials, the day and month only, and it is possible to make recently written ink look very ancient indeed by oxidizing it with a little peroxide of hydrogen.

It often happens that no external signs dependent upon knowledge of the history of stamps, can be discovered, so that it is desired to study internal indications, such as the appearance of the individual stamp. First and most obvious is the width of margins.

An imperforate stamp with no margins at all is likely not to be genuine. In the first place, when one is cutting stamps out of a sheet, he is pretty sure not to give some stamps very narrow margins all around, and others very wide margins all around. A stamp may suffer on one or two sides, but will gain on the other margins at the expense of its neighbors. This may seem trivial, but it is unquestionably true. Even more significant is the fact that many collectors in the early days of philately cut down their stamps to fit the stingy space in their albums. Specimens thus treated may just as well have been perforate as imperforate; you cannot tell which. No doubt, many clipped specimens now masquerading as imperforate with narrow margins originated under the scissors of pioneer philatelists.

Sometimes clipped stamps have suspicion first thrown upon them by reason of traces of the arrows or lines used to indicate the point of separation of the large sheet into two or more panes. The margins that are widest and consequently most suitable for clipping by dishonest persons are found on these stamps, which are naturally imperforate on one or two sides because they lie next the centre of the large sheet, thus cut up into two or four panes by the bank note company. In the early issues of the United States and in some British colonials, the panes are separated by colored lines extending the whole distance. Later issues have the arrows at the margins. Traces of either arrows or lines on a suspected imperforate would tend to show that the perforations had been clipped from two or three sides of a stamp that was chosen for this treatment because it had extra wide margins.

One is always tempted to try the microscope in philatelic study, but experiment shows that it is not generally as useful as a magnifying glass of low power. Sometimes clipped stamps show traces of the original perforations that are not easily perceptible to the naked eye. Rarely one can perceive with a microscope the difference between a recent scissors cut and an old one. The new cut is likely to look cleaner and fresher. Time wears the edge of an old cut so that it is ragged and brown. This roughness must be carefully distin-

guished from that caused by a tear made with a ruler or similar instrument. One important sign that should be watched for in this connection is more easily seen with a magnifying glass or a microscope. A scissors or knife ordinarily bends the paper slightly at the edge of its cut. This curve flattens out when the stamp is pasted down or pressed, but it is otherwise perceptible for some time; it affords pretty conclusive evidence of a recent cut.

The main necessity in determining the genuineness of stamps in every particular is knowledge. Ingenuity may suggest a new test for nearly every new specimen examined, but the best way is to learn all about each stamp so that you can outwit the wiles of the counterfeiter. Despite all investigations many imperforates will turn out to be of that doubtful class which look suspicious but cannot be shown not to be genuine imperforate. However, if the margins of a stamp offered at a low price are narrow, and if an imperforate copy catalogues \$20.00, a perforate copy \$5.50, as is the case with the first one-penny stamp of the Bahamas, the collector had better save his money and wait until he can buy an undoubted specimen. Discretion is the better part of a bargain.—ALFRED L. BECKER in *Columbian Philatelist*.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Toronto Letter.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Thursday, Sept. 15th, was the last day for returning ballots of the D. P. A. presidential election. It seems that not many members cast their vote. The result of the election was as follows:

Chas. L. Bailey, Toronto,	36.
A. M. Muirhead, Halifax,	15.

As the successful candidate is a Toronto boy, the D. P. A. members in Toronto, I think, are unanimous in favor of Mr. Bailey.

It is rumored that Mr. Bailey intends to demand an apology from Mr. Muirhead for an article written by him in the September number of the *Stamp Reporter* defamatory to some of the members of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

REPORTED JOURNALISTIC CHANGE.

I see that the *Stamp Reporter* of St. Catharine's is edited and published by W. A. Nicholson, of that place. A late rumor has it that George Bradley will resume the publication next month.

CREDIT DUE MR. MULOCK.

It seems that in England, the Hon. William Mulock, Postmaster General, is being freely accorded the credit which is being denied him by many at home in connection with the Imperial penny postage.

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The 282nd regular meeting was called to order by President L. H. Miller at 8.15 P. M., Sept. 15, 1898.

Present: Messrs L. H. Miller, Massoth, Wolsieffer, Lefever, Michaelis, Smack, Schlieckert, Severn, Wolsey and Doncyson.

Visitors present were Messrs. J. J. Oesch, Seelig, Neufeld and Dodge of Chicago, and Mr. Geo. E. Fiscus of Indianapolis.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Wolsieffer, chairman of Committee on Investigation of Frauds reported progress and asked for more time which was granted.

Communication from Mr. Fred Doughty read and referred to Librarian.

Communication from Mr. Jno. D. Carberry was read and referred to Committee on Investigation of Frauds.

Upon ballot Mr. Albert Debicke was unanimously elected to Active membership No. 457, and Mr. J. J. Oesch was unanimously elected to Active membership No. 458.

After recess the Governing Board reported that Mr. Victor Falkenow, having paid his dues in full to date was reinstated as Passive member No. 221. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer proposed that as many members as possible go to Ft. Sheridan on Sunday next (Sept. 18) to welcome home Major Baker (No. 427), who has just returned from Cuba in command of the 4th U. S. Infantry.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8.50 P. M., after which Mr. H. W. Wolsey exhibited 2 volumes of his collection (Grenada to South Australia) which were as grand as those shown by him on Aug. 4th last.

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JOHN HULME LOWE,

49 Adelaide St., East, Toronto.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Our Boston Letter.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th.

The past week has shown increasing prosperity in the stamp business, and the school boys are much in evidence. The new Revenues are still in active demand. There is also a good demand for the high values of Omaha stamps, used or unused, and it looks as though many of the collectors would get left on the high values. The \$2.00 stamp is not obtainable at any post office in this vicinity and the 1c Omaha has been sold here to the trade at 25 cts. per hundred used, which is a pretty good price for a 1c U. S. stamp in that condition. The Columbian stamps are not in it with the Omaha stamps, when the market value is considered.

Some time ago, in one of my letters, I mentioned how little trouble is taken by philatelic writers, to find out the truth about anything in regard to stamps. The current number of the *Montreal Philatelist* states that "The new Newfoundland 3c stamp is out. It is of orange color and bears the portrait of the Duchess of York." Now, if Mr. Bach had only taken the pains to have written to the American Bank Note Company, he could have easily ascertained the facts.

What seems very strange to me is that Her Majesty's subjects of what might be called the higher class of people, are not familiar with the portraits of the Royal Family. Here are two cases, the editor and publisher of the leading Canadian philatelic journal, and Major Evans, a prominent philatelist, and an editor of one of London's leading philatelic journals, and neither of them know whose portrait is on the 3c Newfoundland. I wonder if there is an American philatelist of any prominence, who would not know, no matter in what part of the world he might be, the name of any prominent American whose portrait we might put on one of our stamps! I attribute this ignorance of these writers to the lack of pains and care in posting themselves on such subjects.

Tonight will be held the first regular fall meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society.

The American Bank Note Company has informed me that the portrait on the 3c Newfoundland stamp is that of the Princess of Wales. It cost me the exertion of writing a letter, and the return postage, to find this out.

I note in the ERA, under the head of Correspondence, that Mr. Spooner seems to have a very decided opinion about what are postage stamps, and the amusing part of it

is his authority and his inconsistency. He says: "I stand upon the definition as given in Webster's Unabridged which is an unquestioned authority." Now the aforesaid book contains a great many well-known mistakes, and I doubt if the makers or compilers of the work knew much about Philately or what constitutes a postage stamp. Supposing we allow this definition as he has given it, "Postage stamp—a government stamp required to be put upon articles sent by mail in payment of the postage especially, an adhesive stamp issued and sold for that purpose." The law says, in speaking of due stamps: "and which shall in no case be sold by any postmaster or received by him in prepayment of postage." This shows as plainly as possible that postage due stamps are not postage stamps. It does not even admit of any argument. Mr. Spooner says: "What creates and makes them postage stamps? The Act of Congress which creates and defines different kinds of postage stamps and specifies how they shall be used. It is the law of the land." Now, for a fact, there has never been any Act which created or defined due stamps as postage stamps. The Act of the XLV. Congress, Section III., Chapter 180, Section 26, approved March 3rd, 1879, made the U. S. due stamps, and nowhere in that or any other Act are these stamps said to be postage stamps. On the other hand, the Acts of Congress, making our postage stamps, defines them as such, and they are so-called in each Act. Mr. Spooner, supposing an imaginary set of stamps to be made, under certain conditions which he mentions, wants to know if I would affirm that such stamps would be postage stamps, I most assuredly would say that they would not be postage stamps. An Act of Congress might create Brother Robie's corn-plasters into postage stamps (and no doubt their drawing qualities would be equal to the occasion), but we collectors

of common sense would not call them postage stamps.

S. E. L.

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Victoria 1854, 2 brown	45 "
" " 6 orange.....	18 "
" 1867, 2 green.....	4 "
" " 2 lilac.....	10 "
" " 4 rose.....	5 "
Wurtemberg, 1861, 9 rose.....	15 "
" 1857, 6 green.....	15 "
" " 9 rose.....	15 "
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" " 9 rose.....	12 "
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Nicaragua 1860-80.....	8 "	.50
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" " ".....	" "	"
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Colombian Republic.....	14 "	.25
Cuba.....	20 "	.30
Cyprus 1882-84.....	5 "	.30
Dominican Republic 1880.....	9 "	1.00
" 1885.....	5 "	.18
Egypt 1872-92.....	15 "	.30
Fiji Islands.....	6 "	.60
France 1849-74.....	31 "	.40
" 1876-92.....	21 "	.20
French Colonies.....	14 "	.25
Germany 1875-89.....	20 "	.15
Great Britain 1841-87.....	19 "	.20
Greece.....	26 "	.50
Guatemala 1886.....	6 "	.25
Hongkong 1863-90.....	11 "	.40
Hungary.....	14 "	.10
India.....	20 "	.25
Italy 1862-89.....	22 "	.15
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The Woman's Building.....	.15	.07
Mines Building.....	.15	.07
The Electric Building.....	.15	.07
Battle Ship "Illinois".....	.15	.07
Administration Building.....	.15	.07
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Set of 10 varieties as sold at the World's Fair in Chicago.. 1.00 .50
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The many down town stamp stations have been ordered closed and in future when stamp stations are opened it will be in the outlying districts. This is a step in the right direction as in the outskirts of Detroit stamp stations are few and far between.

As yet the Souvenir Card Co. have not published a set of cards for Detroit but a set will probably be out in the near future. Without doubt some of the views will be: Belle Isle Park, Grand Boulevard, Post Office, Majestic Building and the Chamber of Commerce Building.

As long as the United States has decided to embark in the manufacture of stamps unnecessary for actual postal wants we would suggest that they imitate Tasmania and issue a few dozen views on the two cent stamped envelopes. Some very pretty designs could be suggested and incidentally a few more dollars would go into the capacious pocket of our Uncle Samuel. Make hay while the sun shines.

We see in the ERA and a few other papers, the ad of a well known western firm that offers to buy unused stamps in quantities at a small discount from face. This recalls to our memory a scheme employed by a Detroit store-keeper for some time.

A company operating machines for the sale of postage stamps had requested him to allow them to place one in his store, the plan of the company was as follows:

The person wanting to purchase stamps dropped a nickel in the slot and on pressing the lever received two two and one cent stamps. The stamps were inclosed in an advertising envelope and the machine also had an ad on each of the four sides. The advertisements allowed the company to pay store-keepers 10% of the amount of stamps sold and still net a snug profit.

But the store-keeper afore-mentioned was not content to let well enough alone. He immediately contracted with a couple of firms to furnish them with one and two cent stamps at 5% discount from face. The company owning the machine soon became suspicious that all was not right as his sales exceeded any other three stores in that part of the city. So they investigated and when they found out the true state of affairs promptly took away the machine. The store-keeper is now wishing that he had not killed the hen that laid the golden egg.

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Bermuda	1s, wmk. CC, perf. 14	2d, " CC12
Br. Bechuanaland	1s 1892	6d, 188720
Br. Guiana	1c on \$2	8c, 188935
Br. Honduras	6c on 10c, red surch	4d, wmk. CA, perf. 14 . . . . .	.60
Canada	15c grey	1c, 1869 . . . . .	.30
Cape of Good Hope	½c, wmk. CC	4d, 1865 . . . . .	.12
Ceylon	2c on 4c lilac rose, A25	5c on 3c . . . . .	.35
Cyprus	6pi 1882	2pi, wmk. CC . . . . .	.50
Dominica	½d, wmk. CC	6d, 1879	2.00
Gambia	½d, " CC	4d, wmk. CA . . . . .	.10
Gibraltar	6d, 2nd issue	½d, 1st issue . . . . .	.50
Gold Coast	½d, wmk. CC	1s, wmk. CA . . . . .	.25
Grenada	6d, 1883	6d, 1883 . . . . .	.75
India	2a, 1854	12a, 1874 . . . . .	.50
Jamaica	1d, wmk. CA	4d, wmk. CC . . . . .	.40
Jagos	3d, " CA, brown	½d on 4d . . . . .	.40
Malta	½d, " CC, perf. 14, buff	1s . . . . .	.15
Mauritius	6d, wmk. CC, green	16c 1885 . . . . .	.15
Montserrat	6d, green	6d	3.50
Natal	½d, wmk. CC	3d, wmk. CA . . . . .	.50
Nevis	1d, wmk. CA, rose	4d, grey	1.50
New Brunswick	10c	1c, red-lilac	1.00
Newfoundland	6d lake	3d, roulette	1.00
Nova Scotia	8½c	5c . . . . .	.35
Oil Rivers	2d	2½d . . . . .	.35
Prince Edw Island	12c	3c	2.50
St. Christopher	1d on ½d	6d, wmk. CC, perf. 12 ½ . . . . .	.75
St. Helena	½d 1884, blurred print	6d, " CC, " 12 ½ x14	5.00
St. Lucia	1d 1883	½ on half of 6d	1.50
St. Vincent	1d on 2½d lake	1d pink . . . . .	.75
Sierra Leone	2d, grey	2d, wmk. CA, lake	1.50
Straits Settlements	24c, wmk. CA	24c 1867	2.00
Tobago	1s, wmk. CC, bistre	2½ on 4d	1.50
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