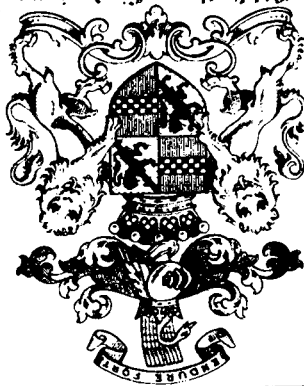


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The annual gathering, or "Philatelic Day" as it is called, of the German collectors and dealers was held in Frankfort this year July 28-31. About 200 were present representing 25 societies with a total membership of 5400. Numerous papers were read and a good time generally was reported. The Alliance of Austro-German Philatelic Societies held its meeting at the same time. This is a confederation of some 100 societies representing a membership of over 5000. An official post office was established in the hall of meeting and cancelled all letters and cards mailed there with a special obliteration.

The official journal of the societies is the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt*. It is published this year by the society in Hanover. Next year the Kiel society will have it in charge. It contains news from societies all over the world, such as lists of new members, deaths, frauds, counterfeits, etc. It is supported by the contributions of the various societies of which our own national organization, the American Philatelic Association, is one.

The *Canada Stamp Sheet* is a new journal hailing from Quebec. It contains mostly reprinted matter.

The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* contains a very fine article on the philatelic results of the Boer war giving lists of the stamps resulting therefrom. It is well illustrated.

A long account of the opening of the philatelic exposition at Paris is found in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. It was opened with due formalities by one of the officials

of the department of Posts and Telegraphs and M. Coyette, president of the French society made the opening address.

If the present interest keeps up much longer I should advise Mr. Ewen to change the name of his *Weekly Stamp News* to the *Orange-River Transvaal Stamp News*. If you want to know about the stamps of these two countries look in the *News*. It's all there.

The newspaper accounts of the Milwaukee conventions are written up in *Mekeel's Weekly* and some of the best reports are given in full. The *Sentinel* and the *Evening Wisconsin* in particular devoted considerable space to the meetings and generally all had things pretty nearly correct.

Editor Wurtele of the *Montreal Philatelist* writes a very timely article on Montreal locals in the *Montreal Philatelist*. Reduced to its lowest terms the article may be summed up like the well known history of the snakes of Ireland, as follows:

"No genuine locals have ever been issued in Canada, the labels that are passed off as such are merely the work of speculating dealers."

Then the writer goes on to describe all the different fakes that have claimed recognition from time to time and shows up their history as far as it is known. These labels bob up every now and then and I trust this article will have a wide circulation so as to prevent any more collectors from becoming victimized with them.

Stanton's Philatelic Index is a new publication which will, and should meet with a most cordial welcome from philatelists. As its name indicates it is simply an index to other papers and by its means collectors can put their hand on articles dealing with the stamps of any particular country in some thirty odd periodicals in the English language. I give the first few paragraphs as a sample of the style of the work:

Acre, stamps of Revolutionary Government of, Am. J. of P., 13—265.
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Notes on sheets of, Adh., 1—98.

One page is devoted to lists and descriptions of counterfeits culled from various papers. This of itself will be a valuable department. The paper costs 35 cents a year in the U. S., and is published by W. J. Stanton, 918 Fourth Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Chas. Windemuth of St. Louis was a recent visitor.

From Venezuela I have just received a 50 centavos, orange, surcharged 1900. Next.

A party in Detroit, Mich., sends a circular, using a 1c U. S. stamp surcharged Porto Rico for postage.

The Sons of Philatelia although a very popular society, has lost much favor, owing to the inefficiency of the official journal, and I know it would be a relief if a paper that appeared regular was selected as official journal. This is what has actually happened and I am able to give the facts just as they are from reliable sources. A letter I hold reads as follows:

"The *Collector*, official journal of the Sons of Philatelia, will hereafter be issued as a supplement to the *New York Philatelist*. Mr. J. F. Dodge, Secretary of the society for the past three years, has published the official journal, but finding that his health was too uncertain a quantity to insure its regular publication and desiring to lighten his labors and at the same time give the members better service has come to this conclusion. Mr. Dodge will be Associate Editor of the *N. Y. Philatelist*, so that while he retires as a publisher after five years service to philately he will still be heard from."

The new issue of San Domingo (Dominican Republic) were shipped to their destination last Saturday. They are very pretty. I get this information from a party who in turn received it direct from the Dominican Consul.

VOLUNTEER.

Have you seen **THE EXCHANGER**? Only 5c per year: equal to any 25c magazine. Send 5c and get next 12 issues. Sample 1c. **THE EXCHANGER** is for stamp collectors only. Send now. C. E. COOLEY, Peekskill, N. Y.

V. R. I. ORANGE FREE STATE.

	UNUSED.	USED.
	s. d.	s. d.
½ orange	3	4
1 violet	4	6
2 violet	6	9
3 blue	1	1 6
6 blue	2	2 6
1sh brown	4	5 0
5sh green	15	20 0
Post Cards { ½ carnine, used or unused		8d
{ 1 orange, used or unused		1sh
½d blue Cape surcharged Orange River Colony, unused, 9d and 1sh.		

Price list of these varieties on application. [86]

WALTER MORLEY,

15 Brownhill Gardens, Catford, S.E., England.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

On Certain Philatelic Nightmares.

I have been very much amused during the heated term over the discussion on "Pountch."

It looks as though the Philatelic Lights could not agree as to its whereabouts.

A small thought steals into one's mind respecting the expediency of collecting stamps of a country that necessitates a search-warrant.

The whole thing seems involved in mystery, which is amply and nobly borne out by the stamps themselves. They present somewhat the appearance of things we see floating in the air when our livers are 'playing hookey'!

Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue says "The stamps of Poonch (observe the spelling) have been obsolete since 1894."

The stamps themselves were printed on the following delightful series of paper: White wove, white laid batonne, white toned wove batonne, thin white wove, yellowish white ribbed, pale buff ribbed, yellow wove batonne, yellow laid, thick bluish laid, yellow laid batonne, thick white laid, green laid, grey-blue laid, green wove batonne, blue wove batonne, lavender wove batonne, orange-buff wove batonne, and then some printed tete-beche, and also sideways.

Now Mr. Editor I want to ask you as a man, and presumably a Christian, whether the bubonic plague could be worse than this well-assorted foolery.

May we not ejaculate a very fervent "Deo Gratias," that something or other occurred to stop this "feast of reason and flow of soul."

There is another phase to this nightmare and that is the lurking fear that, like some other seemingly dead stamp countries, it may prove to be only in a trance, and will wake up and carry on a good deal, to make up for lost time.

Apropos of the last idea, what protection have the owners of cancelled old Virgin Islands, when the modern cancellation is the same old Ag1?

As far as I understand, it was legally decided with regard to all the Leeward Islands, that the old stamps are still good for postage, if used from the island on which issued. If so, the Ag1, in this case, is certainly no damning evidence, and I suppose certain dealers and collectors have not been slow to avail themselves of the chance. That is all very well, but isn't it time that the used V. I.'s climbed down the thermometer a little in the way of price?

Of course slips will occur. I know of one set, sent down to be cancelled, that came back with 1895 appearing very vividly on each one. That was what the small boy calls a "chouse." Probably the V. I. stamps will keep their value from the *risk run in the business.*

One On Me!

\$7.00 Saved on a \$3.00 Stamp.

In my advertisement on page 407 in No. 382 of the ERA, I offer

Cyprus 1884, 12 pia, Red, Die B

which is catalogued and priced \$7.50, for \$10.00.

This is Not a Mistake of the Compositor

as stated in my advertisement in No. 383 on page 429 but *my mistake.*

Mr. Jewett returned my original copy of the advertisement in which I offer the \$7.50 stamp for \$10.00 and I take this means to state that the error is mine and invite Mr. Jewett and his compositor to take one (the best in the house) on me.

But nevertheless if you like a nice unused original gum, well centered

Cyprus 1884, 12 pia, Red, Die B, for \$3.00

I will furnish it for that price, which is

\$3.00 and Not \$10.00

Can You Buy It At That Price Elsewhere?

All other prices quoted in my advertisement on page 407 of Sept. 1, 1900, issue of the ERA are correct

AND JUST AS CHEAP.

I Also Offer

LABUAN, 1899 ISSUE.

\$1.00 blue, surcharged "4 CENTS."
50 cents, red, surcharged "4 CENTS."
25 cents, green, surcharged "4 CENTS."
THE 3 FOR 50 CENTS.

NORTH BORNEO, 1899 ISSUE.

\$10.00 brown, surcharged "4 CENTS."
\$5.00 violet, surcharged "4 CENTS."
THE PAIR FOR \$1.00.

\$2.00 sea green, surcharged "4 CENTS."
\$1.00 red, surcharged "4 CENTS."
50 cents, violet, surcharged "4 CENTS."
25 cents, blue, surcharged "4 CENTS."
THE 4 FOR 75 CENTS, OR

The 6 North Borneo for \$1.50.

The above 6 North Borneo and 3 Labuan

The 9 Stamps for Only \$1.75.

Can You Beat That?

Please remit by bills or M. O. and not by stamps. *

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,

3118 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

THE "COLLECTOR" formerly published by J. F. Dodge has been consolidated with the **NEW YORK PHILATELIST.**

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA. THE N. Y. PHILATELIST will now act as official journal for this society.

MR. J. F. DODGE has been retained as Associate Editor of the N. Y. P.

THE FRAUD REPORTER which is now published with the N. Y. PHILATELIST gives the names of all the latest "Dead Beats." It's a success, so the dealers say.

FIFTH YEAR. The N. Y. PHILATELIST begins its fifth year of publication with the October number. Ad rate: 50c per inch. Subscription, 25c per year. "Free list entirely suspended." No more "samples."

THE NEW YORK PHILATELIST.
A. HERBST, Editor and Publisher,
126 East 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

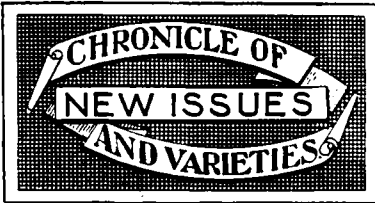
Another nightmare is the flow, one might almost say the *Niagara*, of surcharged South Africans, Philippines, Chinese, etc., etc., being hurled at us, and "the cry is still 'They come.'"

There should be a stamp censor at all these places.

I see Mr. Wylie mentions 375 Mafeking surcharges alone, and Mr. Bach, late of Montreal, yet to be heard from.

One might continue these nightmares *ad infinitum*, but we will try and enjoy a small lucid interval, even if the storm breaks with added fury later.

J. B. T.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The *Monthly Journal* states that the 10c surcharged "REVENUE" and listed in number 381 comes with the error "BEVENUE." In number 354 we chronicled this error as appearing on the 5c and the *Journal* states that it has also appeared on the 25c, but not as yet upon the 50c. However we presume it will be only a few weeks at the least, ere we shall be called upon to complete the chronicle.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The last issue of *Stamps* stated that "the remainders at the time of the relief of Mafeking appear to have been distributed and are now offered for sale. Query: What are these? Curios or stamps?" The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* prints a letter from J. W. French, Postmaster-General, who thus replied on July 18, 1900, to a request for unused Mafekings: "I regret to say that I am unable to comply with your request, the whole of the stock of stamps in question having been sold at Mafeking prior to the relief of the town."

Definite information should be obtained from officials then in charge as to the number of provisionals thus created. We will give our readers the benefit of any light we may receive in connection with these unique provisionals.

In No. 372 we referred to the "Z. A. R." surcharge on Cape stamps. These stamps were used by the Boets during their occupancy of Vrijburg and possibly other towns. We have seen the translation of a Postal Notice sent out from Pretoria Nov. 29, 1899, in which section 5 reads as follows: "5. Postage stamps for the Post Office at Vrijburg.

"On account of the want of our own postage stamps the Cape Colony postage stamps at Vrijburg were overprinted with the letters 'Z. A. R.' Only the following small quantity of them was used: Of the 1/4d, £5 worth; of the 1d, £10 worth; of the 2 1/2d, £5 worth; and of the 6d (altered to 2d), £12 worth. Postage stamps of this State have been sent thither, and the use of the provisional stamps must be discontinued."

HONG KONG.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*, on the authority of the *Ill. Brief Journal*, chronicles, as we were privileged to do in number 378, a full set of postal cards ranging from 2c to 10c. We are

under the necessity of modifying our chronicle to the extent of declaring this set one of envelopes instead of postal cards.

ITALY, Office in Crete.—We chronicled a "1 piastra" on 25c blue for use here, in number 372. The post office at which this stamp is used is Canea opened January 6, 1900.

MOROCCO, French Morocco.—Mr. C. A. Howes informs us that a German paper is authority for a new provisional card consisting of the 10 centimes French card surcharged 5 centimos for use here:

Postal Card (Provisional):
5 centimos on 10 centimes, red surcharge.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The 10d brown surcharged "NINE PENCE" with the variety of the surcharge missing was chronicled in number 378. We made no attempt at explaining the cause of its existence. We have recently seen the stamp and we find a colorless impression made by the type. It is evident that two sheets were fed into the press at one time, one thus escaping the overprint.

ROUMANIA.—The *Monthly Journal* has received the 1 and 5 bani on thin paper without a watermark and with pale pink gum. The 15 bani is reported on the same paper:

Adhesive (Regular):
1b brown, no wmk., pink gum.
5b green, " "
15b black, " "

SALVADOR.—Mr. Howes informs us that the 26c brown of the 1898 issue has been surcharged 5 centavos in black. We have already chronicled the 26 centavos of 1899 issue as having been thus treated:

Adhesive (Provisional):
5 centavos in black, surch. on 26 centavos, brown.

UNITED STATES.—*Mekel's News* lists the 1900 frank of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Color, red-violet, design unchanged:

Adhesive (Telegraph):
No Value, Western Union Telegraph Co., red-violet.

VAAL RIVER COLONY.—It would seem that an attempt was being made to protect the post office department from the hands of the postage stamp marauder. The *Government Gazette* for June 25, 1900, contained this official notice:

"Notice is hereby given, that a large quantity of postal stamps is on hand and being surcharged, and will be available for issue shortly. No person will be allowed to purchase stamps for a larger amount than ten shillings (10s.) at a time.

"J. G. MAXWELL,
"Major-General,
"Military Governor."

The Boston Philatelic Society.

H. E. WOODWARD, President, Boston.
E. A. HOLTON, Vice-President, Boston.
M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary, 2 Lagrange St., Winchester, Mass.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.
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5 stat., green and rose on cream..... \$0.08
5 " " " buff..... .08
5 " " " blue on buff..... .08
10 " red and lilac on cream..... .12
10 " " brown on buff..... .12

Postage extra.
A. LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

MORE SNAPS!

50c Probate of Will, Perf..... \$0.38
\$1.00 " " " "..... .63
\$2.00 " " " "..... .98
\$5.00 " " " "..... 1.38
\$10.00 " " " "..... 2.00
\$2.50 Inland Exchange, Perf..... .04
\$5.00 Mortgage, Perf..... .38
\$2.00 2nd Issue..... .30
\$2.00 3rd Issue..... .25
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1862, 1/4r, .08	1877, 1 peseta, .25
186, 5c, .60	1878, 12 1/2c, .09
1866, 20c, .03	1878, 1 peseta, .75
1871, 12c, .20	1879, 12 1/2c, .10
1871, 50c, .05	1879, 1 peseta, .30
1873, 12 1/2c, .25	1880, 12 1/2c, .08
1873, 50c, .05	1880, 1 peseta, .25
1874, 12 1/2c, .25	1881, 2c, .75
1874, 50c, .04	1881, 50c, .10
1875, 12 1/2c, .27	1885, 2 1/2c, .07
1875, 1 peseta, .20	1885, 20c, .20
1876, 12 1/2c, .09	1890, 20c, .10
1876, 1 peseta, .25	1890, 20cblue, rare, .00

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24c 1851.
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12c Grill 1870.
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"Brown's Bulletin" No. 5.

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FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.



'98-99 U. S. ENVELOPES
Entire and Unused.

We have been picking up the new shapes and sizes through the summer and shall offer them in a short time. As our prices will be at least 25% lower than others are offering them, we think it will pay you to wait for our list.

ORANGE FREE STATE...

ALL UNUSED AND OBSOLETE.

A comparison of prices with Stanley Gibbons Part II, 1900-1901, Catalogue is invited.

1868 No. 2, 6d carmine rose.....	\$0.75
1868 No. 3, 1sh orange buff.....	1.25
1878 No. 9, 4d blue.....	.50
1878 No. 10, 5sh green.....	3.75
1883 No. 22, 4d brown.....	.03
1883 No. 23, 4d mauve.....	.30
1888 No. 24, 3d blue.....	.10
1894 No. 29, 1d violet.....	.08
1894 No. 40, 1/2d on 3d blue.....	.08
1894 No. 41, 1/2d orange.....	.04
1894 No. 43, 3/4d on 3d blue.....	.25

Special Prices on English Colonials, all unused.

British Bechuanaland 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6d, 1sh, 6 var.	1.10
British Honduras 1888, Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 5 var.	x.30
British Honduras No. 34, 6c on 10c violet.....	.10
British Honduras No. 35, 5c on 3c brown.....	.08
British Honduras No. 36, 15c on 6c blue.....	.25

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" " 50c blue.....	.18
Netherlands '96, 50c green and brown.....	.03
" " '96, 1 gulden.....	.18
" " '98, 1 gulden, Jubilee.....	.18

FISCAL PARRIS,

43 Everett St., Newport, R. I.

THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION FISCALS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

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MORLEY'S PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

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Subscription, 60 cents per annum, post free. (January to December.)

WALTER MORLEY,

15 Brownhill Gardens, CATFORD, S. E., ENGLAND.

HAYTI, 1898-99.

*1, 2, 3, 4 and 5c..... \$0.20

TASMANIA, 1900.

*1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5 and 6d..... 75

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Send for our new and free list of 87 bargains.

U. S. Dollars 1842-3-6-7, very good, each.....	\$1.70
1798-9 U. S. Dollars, good, scarce, each.....	2.25
1618, Denmark, 1 1/2 Crown, large, rare.....	6.20
1628, Denmark, Crown, extra fine.....	5.10
1887, England, Jubilee Crown, fine.....	1.70
U. S. Frac. Cur., 6th issue, 25c, new, crisp.....	.45
1822, Bavaria, Sword Crown, good.....	1.10
1896, Greece, set stamps, new, fine.....	4.75

Send Reference for Stamps or Coins on Approval.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Noted by the Way.

What a tumble the V. R. I. on Orange Free State have taken since they were first offered in this country last July. About \$2 was the average price of them for the 1/2, 1, 2, 3 and 6d. Everybody is offering them now and the five can be bought for 75 cents, and I have seen them, together with the 1sh, offered as low as \$1.15. Judging from the number reported to have been issued prices will be lower before higher, and the "early birds" who snapped at the first offering doubtless wish they had waited. However, this is only one instance and in the long they who buy new issues when they first appear doubtless have reason to be well satisfied with their purchases. Whether this would hold true in the matter of Provisional issues considered as a class by themselves I do not know, but it seems to me that as a rule first prices of such rule higher than later quotations. However, this is a conjecture as I have no data of any extent on the matter. Think it over for yourself.

Just for a comparison take the present price of the 1sh V. R. I. on Orange Free States. It varies from about 60 to 75c and the number issued according to the table published in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* was 439,200. Now take the Newfoundland 1897 provisionals 1c on 3c lilac. The total number issued in round figures was about 40,000 and of these about 32,000 were type I. When they first came on the market the price asked ranged from 75c to \$1.00 for type I. The present market price varies from 40c to 50c, and Stanley Gibbons latest price is 2sh 6d. Even if the number of the 1sh V. R. I. is only half as large as given above it would still be seven times that of the other stamp and while we may not be justified in drawing the comparison between the two, in the matter of general demand it can with truth be said that the stamps of Newfoundland are among the most popular, and it seems doubtful if in the general run the demand for the first mentioned stamp will exceed to any great extent that for the other.

The 2 1/2d, 4d and 6d carmine seem to be conspicuous by their absence from advertised offerings of the V. R. I. provisionals. Of these the number issued as given by the *Monthly Journal* was 19,200; 74,400; and 7,200 in the order above named. Of the 5sh the list gives the number as 232,800 but the *A. J. of P.* expresses doubts as to the accuracy of this, saying, "It seems decidedly unlikely to us that the government of the Orange Free States should have kept in one city so large a quantity as 232,000 of the 5sh stamps, the sales of which in a year did not, in all probability, exceed 5,000. This stamp had been in use

BROTHER OSGOOD...

further libels us in his white livered *Stampman* by stating that the wind after going through our hirsute appendages, knocked over roofs of flat boats and blew Keokuk chickens and hen coops 17 miles into the next county. It is an infamous falsehood. Everyone knows, from Dubuque to St. Louis, that after the wind gets through dallying with our whiskers, there is not enough force left in it to blow the foam off a glass of beer.

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for so long a time that the post office authorities of the Orange Free State were well aware of the small demand that existed for it, and it seems almost impossible that they should have carried in stock so large a supply, in view of the extremely limited demand." There is much information yet to come in concerning South African Provisionals of the past year generally, and when it is all before us we will know more about the various issues.

I notice in a recent issue of the ERA Mr. Luff speaks, for the information of several correspondents, of the Cape of Good Hope one shilling green, watermarked Crown CC, with the fake surcharge "British Bechuanaland" and mentions that he has the same surcharge on several other values with watermarks not recognized by the "wicked catalogues." In my own counterfeit collection I have the 3d claret CC and the 1/2d black CA with this surcharge. Another stamp which I have in my counterfeit collection is a West Australia 1d on 2d yellow, green surcharge, type A6, but perforated 14 instead of 12 1/2. Speaking of this it seems to me that collectors more generally, as an adjunct to their regular collection, ought to form a counterfeit and reprint collection. They will find it of much philatelic interest and value and will also, perhaps, be somewhat surprised to find how slowly it grows.

In looking over a small number of the Germany 1900 3 marks the past week I find two very distinct shades, one having a very decided purple cast.

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The "Mafeking Besieged" Stamps.

In our June issue we protested against the Mafeking Besieged stamps being regarded as a serious issue. In a disturbed time like the present, excitement and patriotism might and do lead people to accept as gospel truth what, in their more sober moments, they could reject with incredulity if not with contempt—hence our protest and warning. Since we published our article the most strenuous efforts have been made in various interested quarters to bolster up this commercial issue and every tittle of evidence possible to produce has been heaped into the balance in order to give it weight. Having carefully read all that has been written we again warn our readers to have nothing to do with the over-printed issue while offered at the fancy prices asked at present, even if they buy them eventually as relics, or as interesting locals issued—no matter with what ulterior object—at a critical and historical moment.

Among the evidence adduced in favour of the Mafeking stamps is a manifesto published by a leading firm of dealers setting forth with great circumstance the why and wherefore of the issue. It appears that a gentleman from Mafeking waited upon this firm with a complete set of all the stamps made and used during the siege—our readers will remember we foretold this in June—and a guarantee of their genuineness signed by Lord Edward Cecil. Here, indeed, we have business forethought combined with despatch! Immediately the siege was raised this gentleman must have started off with his stock and credentials to get first on the market—and how many more philatelic commercial travellers have gone elsewhere with similar appointments? We certainly hear of sales being effected in various quarters simultaneously.

The business-like method of procedure would be sufficient to convince the ordinary mind of the commercial nature of the whole transaction, but, should any doubt remain, the circumstantial account, if read between the lines, quickly dispels it. For instance, we are told, presumably to pave the way for the asserted increase in postage rates, that a number of the runners were caught and killed and the despatches were found afterwards—by whom or where or how does not transpire—with the stamps "removed by the 'slim' Boers." There is a distinct touch of irony in this description. The Boer outside should not, of course, have stolen stamps worth pounds. Surely the common or garden unsurcharged stamps were good enough for him—and after all the trouble taking in making them! Yes, it was undoubtedly wrong of the Boer outside to rob his enemy—but what about the Briton then inside and who, at this moment, is asking hundreds of pounds from his fellow Britons for a few labels which cost him a less number of pence? It is quite possible that both Briton and Boer looks upon his action as "business."

To resume, it is certain, if the above account be true, that the runners who carried the letters imperilled their lives—therefore the sum of £25 as quoted in the Mafeking gentleman's carefully prepared account was not extravagant. Later on it is stated that "it was found necessary to practically double the ordinary rates." Let us suppose the ordinary rates were 6d a letter. Let us also suppose that the postal authorities desired to make a profit on the journey. Let us also note that "no bags were allowed to be carried" and then let us find out where the native runner was to store his stock of letters for which it was necessary to charge double postage in order to make up the £25 cost of the journey. The natural supposition is that he would go in for an extra large loincloth—but no, we were gravely informed that the letters were "concealed about their clothing" and, *mirabile dictu*, "in the soles of their boots!" The idea of a kaffir or other native running fifty or sixty miles in boots is distinctly edifying and new. It is rather lucky that "no person was allowed to send more than two, or at least three letters by any one runner" or the thickness of the boot soles might have caused him to receive the bullet aimed at a supposititious giraffe.

Upon the authority of the *Cape Argus*, a recent passenger for England refused £250 for his stock of Mafeking stamps. Since the account referred to appeared a firm of dealers is reported to have sold several complete sets at over £50 each. It is therefore all the more interesting to read in the apologetic manifesto that "no stamps were sold to the public" and that letters were taken to the post office and the military postal officials stamped them." In face of these authoritative statements, which are issued in connection with Lord Edward Cecil's

guarantee one wonders where these £250 stocks and these sets sold in London, Cape Town, Manchester, and elsewhere originate from. The logical conclusion is that the poor Boers were falsely accused of shooting the runners, who must have been waylaid by the parties that supplied the bagmen now pushing the sale. This is the conclusion honesty and logic would arrive at, but both these qualities, we fear, are foreign to the "Mafeking Besieged" stamps. Still there is a moral to be deduced from these inaccuracies and contradictions.

These labels may be everything that is claimed for them—in fact, we have the written guarantee of Lord Edward Cecil, sent by express traveller, to that effect—but we would advise our readers to refrain awhile from purchasing, as the most recent information describes a rival brand of surcharge which, by the holders of the original type, is stigmatized as a forgery. It may be that the new brand is all right and it, also, may have the written guarantee of some high official—perhaps of the officer who accidentally double surcharged one sheet—so would-be purchasers should wait until the claims of the rival brands are settled. For our own part we consider the one about as good as the other—and we refrain from recommending either until we have got some to sell.—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.*

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending September 29th.

Application for Membership.

MENDEL, EDWARD, 4838 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age, 42; occupation, Real Estate. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch; Res. V. P., C. E. Severn.

New Stockholder.

1639. MEINCKE, CHAS., 60 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Changes of Address.

278. BESCHER, F. J., from 1115 Walnut St. to City Hall Market, Kansas City, Missouri.

129. GURDJJI, V., from Rochester, N. Y., to 618 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

579. JONES, HOWARD M., has left Columbus, Ohio, and given no address.

220. PARKER, E. Y., from 457 Euclid Ave. to 155 Dowling Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Sept. 22nd.....	568
New Stockholder	1
Total membership Sept. 29th	569

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

116 Nassau St.
New York City, Sept. 22nd, 1900.

581 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Sept. 15th, valued at..... \$19,045.53

7 books received since Sept. 15th valued at..... 66.28

\$19,111.81

133 books retired since Sept. 15th, valued at (from which has been sold \$542.64)

3,425.18

Total number of books in circulation 455, valued at..... \$15,686.63

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The 330th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Sept. 21st, at Room 1603 Marquette Building.

The meeting was called to order by President Wolsieffer with 18 members attending. Visitors present were Messrs. Alex. Holland and S. E. Moisant.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The "Room" Committee reported having

made but little progress. Motion prevailed that the committee be increased to five members and given full power to act. The chair appointed Messrs. Holland, Massoth and Oesch to make up the increase in the committee.

While the Governing Board was in session, those present had the pleasure of looking over Mr. Alex. Holland's collection of reconstructed sheets and other stamps of Great Britain.

Report of the Governing Board.

The following were elected to membership:

Mrs. Jessie Doncyson, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 578.
Mrs. M. E. Oesch, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 579.
Alex. Holland, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 580.
W. G. Jerrems, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 581.
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L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.; Passive No. 599.
Alex. T. Roche, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 600.

The following applications were ordered posted:

Active Membership.

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MENDEL, EDWARD, 4838 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

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WHITMER, REV. ARTHUR B., Tecumseh, Neb., proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Edgar Nelton for exhibiting his fine collection at the last meeting.

Before adjournment, Mr. Alex. Holland entertained those present with a ten minute talk on Philatelic matters and collections in the east and the exhibition of stamps at the Paris Exposition.

JOHN J. OESCH, Secretary.

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Varieties of 1900 Envelopes.

Editor WEEKLY ERA:

I believe as yet there has been no list published showing the different varieties of Entire Envelopes of the 1900 series, or more commonly called the new shape. I have thus far seen the following and know they all exist:

- 1c green, Die A, size 5, white and amber.
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 3, white.
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 4, amber.
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 5, white, amber, buff and blue.
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 13, white, amber, buff and blue.
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 14, white and amber.
- 2c carmine, Die C, size 5, white.
- 2c carmine, Die C, size 13, white, amber and buff.

I think there is no doubt but that all of these will appear on the 4 different colored papers the same as in last year's schedule as fast as old stock is used up.

Some time ago Die B of the 4c 1899 issue was chronicled, and as I have a great many inquiries asking me to describe this die, I give it here as I understand it, for the benefit of collectors.

My understanding is if you will take the head of Lincoln from die C and place it in die A you will have die B. You will also find that the head of die C is much larger than that of die A, consequently is too large for the circle, which necessitated taking out the inner sawtooth circle of the die A, and reducing the height of the shield from 6mm. to 5mm. which makes die C.

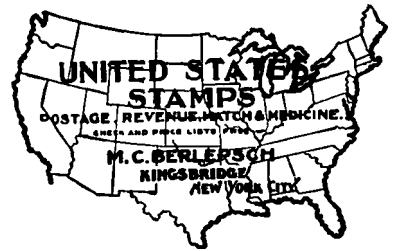
I have never seen a copy of die B but have a correspondent in New York who has three die Bs on white, size 9, but for good and sufficient reasons will not let them go out of his possession. Trusting to be able to say more on this subject at some future time.

D. T. EATON.

Muscatine, Iowa.

STAMPS STOLEN.

Messrs. Bright & Son informs *Erwen's Weekly* that on September 4th, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m. a book of German States stamps containing a representative collection of Mecklenburg, Oldenburg, Prussia, Saxony and Schleswig, value over £200, was abstracted from their shop counter. The most notable stamps in it are the following: Oldenburg, 1855, 1sh 3d green, unused; 1859, 1sh 3d green, unused, with very large margins; ditto 2, rose; Prussia, 1s. gr., plain ground, unused; the rare octagonal envelope stamps, cut square, unused; Schleswig, 4, carmine, blocks, unused. Should any reader be offered any of the above from a suspicious quarter, he would greatly oblige by informing us or Messrs. Bright & Son.



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By WM. C. STONE.

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- Philatelic Chronicle & Advertiser, Vol. IX No. 11, August:
New Zealand Die Varieties Current Issue.
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- Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. X No. 117, September:
Major E. B. Evans.
Recollections of 20 Years Stamp Dealing.
Notes on the Paris Exposition.
- Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. IV No. 8, August:
Indian Telegraph Stamps.
Kashmir.
Die Varieties N. Z. Current Issue.
- Stampman, Vol. V No. 4, September:
Treasure Under the River.
- Swap, Vol. I No. 7, July:
Buying Stamps.

Joseph S. Rich has been kind enough to favor me with a copy of his article on the "Telegraph Stamps of the United States" which has been reprinted in pamphlet form from the *American Journal of Philately*. It is in very convenient shape for reference and I shall prize it highly. Of its contents I have already spoken as the several articles have appeared.

A copy of "Jahres-Bericht des Vereins für Briefmarkenkunde Kiel" for 1898-99

has reached me. It is a 70-page pamphlet and in addition to the lists of members, etc., contains an index to a large number of philatelic journals. References are mainly to the years of the previous papers, without specifying volumes or pages.

Through an oversight my review of the *Virginia Philatelist* was not sent in with the rest of my copy last week. It is the opening number of the fourth volume and the contents, as usual, are well selected and interesting. A sketch and portrait of August Deitz, the former editor and publisher, occupies the place of honor, and the leading article is that by Mr. Deitz on the stamps of the German colonies. It is illustrated and contains much valuable historical and descriptive matter. It will be continued next month.

A supplementary leaf presents an apology from Editor Bradley for the poor appearance of the cover which the printer had made a botch of. "We feel in a mood calculated to make the recording angels regard us with silent awe, and we are at a loss for adjectives of sufficient strength to properly express our feelings."

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, which has been slumbering for some three years, has again started in business in Toronto under the care of Hugh Adams. While it presents rather a poor appearance on account of the cheap paper and amateur make-up, the contents are very well selected. The catalogue of Canadian revenues does not mention the new issues of the Supreme Court or Weights and Measures stamps which have been out for some time. The Bancroft "local" is also mentioned as an uncatalogued stamp. Considering its character that is certainly correct. It should not be catalogued.

Mekeel's Drummer contains several items about the "Aguinaldo Stamps" which I think well worth repeating:

"The Aguinaldo stamps are all right. The Filipino government, established at Malolos from August 1898 to March 1899, was in possession of the railway, Manila to Dagupan, and entertained postal relations with several parts of the Island of Luzon, and I myself received letters from the province regarding stamps. I have bought my stamps directly from the Filipino government when Aguinaldo was at Tarlac. You may remember that a Spanish government sent a commission to Tarlac to arrange the liberation of the Spanish prisoners. A member of that commission, Mr.

Enrique de Macaida, bought the stamps from the post office at Tarlac."—FREDERIC SCHENKEL, Manila.

"Enclosed you will find a sheet of insurrection postage stamps captured at Indang. The general gave me about 5000 sheets of them to burn up, saving only one sheet to send in with his report. I burnt all except three sheets. We destroyed the press and plates from which they were printed."—CHAS. SINCLAIR, U. S. Cavalry.

"About Aguinaldo stamps. A friend of mine sent me two of them that were purchased by him at Hong Kong, and I have seen a few others here purchased from Spain, all unused. A member of the Philippine Republican government told me last year when I was abroad that postage stamps such as are described in the philatelic papers were only used in the interior of the islands."—J. M. ANDREINI.

The stamps are certainly most interesting and not numerous enough to cumber our albums. It may be urged against them that used specimens are lacking, but are not the Carlist stamps very rarely seen in a used condition? I annex a list of all the stamps that I have seen or heard of. The designs are probably known to all:

- 2 centavos, rose; Correos.
- 2 " " Correos y Telegrafos.
- 1 mil. black; Impresos.
- 8 centavos, green; Certificado.
- 10 " brown; Recibos.
- 2 " violet; Telegrafos.
- 50 " blue; "

The Paris Exposition takes up considerable space in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, but as our own papers have contained full reports I will not go into details. Victor Flandrin contributed a good article on the errors found in stamps. He divides them into four classes as follows: Errors of colors; errors of inscriptions; errors of designs; errors of surcharges. Typical examples are given of each class. C. B. Corwin had a series of articles on this subject some years since in the *American Philatelist*.

An interesting account of the Pony Express of 1860 is reprinted in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* from the *Anaconda Standard*. No mention is made of the use of stamps.

The third annual convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society is reported in full in its official journal, the *New York Philatelist*. About twenty persons were present. Syracuse was selected as the meeting place for 1901.

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Major Evans is the subject of the write-up this month in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. Theodor Buhl continues his interesting recollections and there is an account of the Paris exhibition.

The telegraph stamps of India are written up in the *Philatelic Journal of India* with an abundance of official correspondence and extracts from records. The article is not yet completed. Kashmir seems to be a perfect mine for writers and it is quite evident that we still have much to learn about the stamps of this country. D. P. Masson shows quite conclusively that the oil color stamps are entitled to recognition.

The pink *Stampman* contains another fairy story by Keokuk Carter, which may be true and may not. There is also some startling news concerning Lewis Roble. He is said to have lost his whiskers!

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

Mr. W. R. Patterson shows a specimen of the Finland mourning stamp. The stamp has a background of black with the Finnish coat of arms to the left in red and yellow, "Suomi" above and "Finland" below in white letters. The value, 1 Penni, is printed on the reverse in large, double-lined letters and numeral. Mr. Patterson's correspondent says these stamps were put in use for a short time before the Russian Government took charge of the post offices, but were immediately suppressed by the Russians. It is a pretty, odd but attractive stamp, and if it is an authentic postal emission it should be very scarce in a used condition.

A local dealer has received advance copies of the new Century Stamp Album issued by Stanley Gibbons, London. The albums have attracted a lot of attention since they were exhibited, as they are gotten up in a very neat style, with good paper and bindings; cuts and descriptions are on one side and blank spaces for mounting the stamps on the other side of the leaf. No places are provided for envelopes and wrappers, and as the Scott Co., likewise, intend to eliminate these spaces from their next edition of the International Album, great dissatisfaction is expressed by the local, smaller, general collector.

The Chicago Philatelic Society have rented larger quarters for meeting purposes. The hall, situated at 205 E. Madison street, (third floor) will seat about 300 people and the committee who have had the renting in charge feel that it will be at least 6 months before the seating capacities of this hall will be found insufficient. The first meeting in the new hall will be held Thursday, Oct. 4th, and will include the regular business session, the open stamp exchange, and a smoker. Our Allegheny friend, Master Emil N. Kiefer, has sent a box of 100 Perfectos with his compliments, and now it is up to the members to do full justice.

The day of picking up "snaps" is evidently not passed yet. A prominent Chicago collector who is doing a lot of exchanging, last week received a sheet of stamps on which was a certain specimen marked 75c. Upon close examination it proved to be an error catalogued at \$50.00. Of course this is a rare instance and does not happen very often, but the student is generally repaid, in the long run, for the time he puts in studying his stamps.

From New Orleans, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has received letters from two parties requesting space in one of his Auction Sales, for the sale of a rare New Caledonia stamp,

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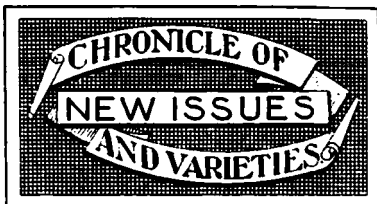
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and as the letters are identical, word for word, they are interesting, in part they read: "This stamp has been in my collection since early in the 70's. I regret not to be able to show the cover on which it was, but, when I began my collection, I removed, as many others did, my stamps from their envelopes, in order to place them in my album." It seems strange that two parties from the same city should have the same stamp for the same length of time, for the same reasons generally, and want to dispose of it at the same time and in the same manner.

In connection with this Mr. Wolsieffer wishes to say that he cannot and will not sell small lots of stamps at auction. He will only hold sales where one collection will make an entire sale.

A Chicago Philatelic Society Auction Sale will be held Oct. 20th. The catalogue calls for 612 lots including four collections. The stamps comprising this sale are, on the whole, far superior to any of the previous sales. Catalogues can be had of the Auction Manager.

JOHN J. ORSCH.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRAZIL—*Mekeel's News* states that the 50 reis on 10 reis which we chronicled last spring is a fraud, having no official existence. For this we are truly grateful and our only regret is that it ever came under our notice.

COUNANI—*Le Timbre Poste* chronicles a list of stamps issued by this republic that is remarkable for its length and the uncertainty connected with its issue. According to the *Monthly Journal* an attempt was made some years ago to float an issue for this republic but the effort was nipped in the bud. The reported issue is a design with "Postes" at top "Liberte" at bottom and on the sides "Repu. du" and "Counani." In the centre is "10 CENTS 1893" in three lines. Where is "Counani"?

CRETE—It is stated that a third printing of the current issue has evolved differences in the surcharges on the drachmae values. They must be very minute for the trouble is not taken to describe them. This last printing was executed locally, the others in London.

ECUADOR—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* lists the current 4c postal fiscal as having been surcharged vertically in two lines in black "CINCO CENTAVOS." This will be of interest to those who specialize in Ecuador but to the general collector it will hardly be noticed. We hasten to perform our duty:

Adhesive (Fiscal Postal):
4c orange, surch. "CINCO CENTAVOS."

FINLAND—We have been shown by Mr. A. W. Dunning of Newton a specimen of what is intended for a mourning stamp. It is a square stamp with a black ground printed in gold, "Suomi" at top and "Finland" at bottom with Finnish coat of arms at the upper left. On the reverse side is "1 penni" in double lined letters. It is a private affair issued to mark the discontinuance of Finnish stamps for foreign correspondence.

GERMANY—Mr. A. Lohmeyer states that "the 3 pf German card is another myth and exists only in the imagination of some chronicler." It is now making the rounds from one paper to another and was listed in number 384 on the authority of a contemporary.

Mr. Lohmeyer also sends what is evidently a field post card designed for use in the Asiatic campaign. It bears no stamp and is apparently supplied free of cost for use in correspondence to and from those who are engaged in the military and naval service of the Emperor.

INDIA, Cochín—It will be welcome news to learn that the stamps of this state have been discontinued and the Post Office taken over by the Imperial Government. This is a movement in the right direction and we would like to see the government taking upon itself more responsibility of this kind. No sooner does Cochín disappear than Orcha enters the arena.

Portuguese India—We have also noted a new provisional for this colony consisting of the 2 tangas blue, surcharged $1\frac{1}{2}r$. The facts leading to the creation of this provisional are given in an English exchange:

"A correspondent in this colony has kindly sent us a specimen of a provisional $1\frac{1}{2}r$ stamp, formed by printing ' $1\frac{1}{2}$ —Reis' in two lines, in black, upon the 2 tangas of 1898. He also sends us copies of two decrees, under the first of which, dated May 28th, 1900, owing to the exhaustion of the stock of $1\frac{1}{2}r$ stamps of the current issue, remainders of that value of the 1895 series were put in circulation; whilst the second, dated 18th June, the 1895 stamps having run out also, ordered that 20,000 of the 2 tangas should be converted into $1\frac{1}{2}$ reis, and issued for that value."

Adhesive (Provisional):
2 tangas, blue, surch. $1\frac{1}{2}r$.

SIERRA LEONE—The *London Philatelist* states that the "Half Penny" on $1\frac{1}{2}d$ with CA watermark, 1894, exists with the "P" broken so as to form a perfect "i." The first "n" is also broken, a pair being shown with the two varieties. This is carrying variety collecting to its extreme limit and we mention these only for the benefit of Sierra Leone extremists.

SWITZERLAND—We are informed that the newly issued Jubilee set is to be re-engraved, the authorities being dissatisfied with the scanty attire of the female clinging to the telegraph pole. While the engraver is about it he might as well shorten the arm of this charming maiden.

TURKEY—We have been favored by Mr. A. Lohmeyer with a glimpse of a new letter card as follows:

Letter Card:
1 piastre, grey blue on buff.

VAAL RIVER COLONY—The *Monthly Journal* states that the V. R. J. surcharge has been added to certain high values that we failed to list in number 380, the 5 shillings slate and the 10 shillings pale brown:

Adhesives (Provisional):
5s slate, surch. "V. R. I."
10s brown, "

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Hawaii 1899, 1 green and 2 red.....	.05
Mayti 1900, Set 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.....	.20
Iceland 1900, 4 aur, rose and slate.....	.04
Jamaica 1885, 3d olive green.....	.09
Japan China 1900, set 5 rin, 1 sen and 2 sen	.06
Lagos 1885, 1d rose.....	.04
" 3d lilac.....	.10
" 4d lilac.....	.12
Malta 1899, 4½d sepia.....	.14
" 5d red.....	.15
Newfoundland 1898, 6c pink.....	.10
" 12c brown.....	.18
" 1899, 5c blue.....	.07
Russia China 1900, Set 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10.....	.35
St. Vincent 1885, 2½ on 1d blue.....	.10
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The next Sale of the Society will be held October 20th and will consist mostly of unused stamps of the popular priced kind. While our sales are not filled with great rarities, plenty of desirable stamps of the medium price will be found in its Catalogues.

If you are not receiving the Society Catalogue send your name and get it regularly. The auction is open to everybody whether you are a member or not, but it would be a good idea to join this live society. [86*

F. N. MASSOTH, Auction Manager,

1603 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO.

"I have seen two varieties in some sheets of Porto Rico that I have not noticed in your chronicle. The "O" of Rico in the 1c is broken at the top. This stamp is the third, top row, left. I also have a five-cent, showing a broken RT in Porto."

Mr. Stanton states that he has the following plate numbers in Guam: 2c, 876; 3c, 447; 4c, 793.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—The *Monthly Journal* has been shown the 3sh fiscal stamp watermarked with the Crown and WA. In number 349 we listed the 1 shilling and 2 shillings 6 pence, lilac, of this class:

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Danish West India	1 and 5c, new type, mint14
British South Africa	4d olive, mint14
Hong Kong	2c green, mint03
Br. Honduras	10c mauve and green, surcharged17
Revenue17

Bargains That Are Bargains.

Newfoundland	1, 2, 3, 4, 5c Cabot, mint35
U. S. Env. 1899	2c Die A on buff, unused, entire09
Transvaal 1896	1/2, 1, 6d and 1sh, used14
Puerto Rico Habilitado	1, 2, 4m, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8c, mint45
Canada Env. 2	on 3c '98, 2 on 3c '77, unused, entire20
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*1883	1c,	.03	*1893	2 1/2c black,	.25
1883	2c,	.02	1894	1c,	.02
1883	10c	.09	1894	2c,	.02
*1883	10c vermilion,	.75	*1894	5c,	.09
*1882	10c	1.00	*1894	12c,	.25

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1887	1/2c,	.04	"	2c green,	.10
1887	2c,	.04	"	3c blue,	.15
1887	5c,	.09	"	1/2c black,	.03
1887	10c,	.15	"	1c pale yel. gr'n	.04
1890	1/2c,	.02	Cabot	6c,	.09
1890	3c slate,	.10	"	8c,	.11
1890	6c,	.10	"	10c,	.14
1890	12c,	.15	1897	1c on 3c,	.45
1894	3c lilac-gray,	.08	1897	1c red,	.04
1896	3c lilac,	.08	1897	2c orange,	.04

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WARNING!

NEWTON, MASS., Sept. 28, 1900.
Editor WEEKLY ERA,
Dear Sir: In order that your readers who do a foreign exchange business may escape some of the tribe of collectors whose consciences allow them to contravert the Biblical injunction that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," I give a little list of parties to all of whom I have written at least three times requesting a settlement of exchange balances due me. From none of them have I received fair and honest treatment. That they have received stamps sent them, I know by return registered receipts:

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 - Sol. Glasberg, Jassy, Roumania, \$7.02.
 - N. Jacob, Bucarest, Roumania, \$7.02.
 - Ignatius Sequiera, Karachi, India, \$9.09.
 - J. M. Azablau, Casablanca, Morocco, \$11.92.
 - A. Koltscharsch, Vienna, Austria, Cash \$5.80.
 - W. T. Roberts, Arequipa, Peru, \$17.03.
 - W. r. Burthem, Rottterdam, Holland, Exchange balance, \$16.17.
 - J. de Valk, Rotterdam, Holland, \$10.90.
 - Achard & Co., Buenos Aires, Argentine, \$19.47.
 - Dario F. Lacunza, Acapulco, Mexico, 22,500 stamps.
 - Jarl Ewerlof, Gefle, Sweden, \$7.05.
 - M. Siihi, Jassy, Roumania, \$7.05.
 - Cyril Roberts, Oamaru, N. Z., \$7.05.
 - J. E. Holland, Lima, Peru, \$14.65.
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 - H. N. yr. Trosenberg, Rotterdam, Holland, Ex. bal. \$12.29.
 - C. Barrand, Paris, France, \$19.04.
 - Aughei Antomeca, Bucarest, Roumania, 500 stamps.
 - Carles Faulhaber, Honda, Victoria, Colombia, \$19.52.
- I trust that I may be able to give some of them credit for either returning my stamps or sending equal exchange if they chance to see foregoing list.
- Yours truly,
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Written for the ERA.

Notes from New Jersey.

Late advice from British Honduras indicate that the 15c and 20c surcharge stamps, Scott's Nos. 30 and 36, have gone out of issue.

I wish to chronicle a new printing of the 1 1/2d on 2d Samoa, Scott's No. 21, which made its appearance during the early months of the present year, 1900. Description: Perforation 11x11; surcharge in black ink instead of blue; the fraction bar does not extend so high, and the lettering of the surcharge is much lighter than in that of the first printing. The most striking difference is found in the shape of end of the base in the figure two (2) of the new surcharge which has the end turned up vertically at a right angle. In color the stamp is bright yellow which is the same as the last printing of the 2d 1887 issue, which stamps by the way come in three (3) very distinct shades: orange, 1st printing, issued 1887, Perf. 11x11; ochre yellow, 2nd printing, issued in 1898, Perf. 11x11; bright yellow, 3rd printing, issued in 1899, Perf. 11x11.

I am not positive as to the exact dates of issue but the above are the dates when they came into my hands direct from the Islands. The last printing of the surcharge 3d on 2d was also made on the bright yellow stamp.

In regard to the new 1/2d stamp from Fiji Islands as listed by Stanley Gibbons in the Monthly Journal of June, 1900, this stamp was issued in 1898 when the color was changed from gray to a very dark, almost greenish, black "a peculiar shade." The stamps were at first perforated 11x11. They come in several shades.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending October 6th.

New Stockholders.

1640. **BLACKMAN, W. P.**, Winona, Minn.
1641. **HARRINGTON, T. F.**, Waltham, Mass.

Resignation Received.

727. **ESSELBORN, PAUL**, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Changes of Address.

1537. **PARTELLO, CAPT. J. M. T.**, from Fort Sheridan, Ill., to Tien Tsin, China.

1391. **ZUG, JOHN**, from Westport, to Everett, Washington.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Sept. 29th 569
New Stockholders..... 2

Total membership October 6th 571

The Board of Directors has appointed **H. G. Smith**, of Winona, Minn., Superintendent of Sales. As soon as his bond is

prepared and approved he will be ready for business. As **Mr. Smith**, as Treasurer, has sent out bills for the annual dues, he will continue to act as Treasurer for a time, as a change now would create an unnecessary amount of confusion in accounts. **Mr. Smith** will make announcement in due time as to rules and regulations for his department. **Mr. Tuttle** will retire books in his possession and close up his accounts as rapidly as possible.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

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*New South Wales No. 65, 5d green.....	.10
*New South Wales No. 68, 1d red brown & black.....	.15
*New South Wales Nos. 92, 93, 94, 3 var.....	.45
*New South Wales No. 105, 6d blue green.....	1.25
*New South Wales, Unpaid 1/2 to 20sh, complete.....	4.00
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, October 3rd.

Mr. M. H. Lombard, Secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society, has been honored with three medals at the Paris Exposition. For France, unused, a silver medal; France, used and unused, a gold medal; for fifty rare stamps, a bronze medal. Mr. Lombard's collection of French stamps have taken many medals and it is unnecessary to add that the collection is a very valuable one.

Mr. Farmer, a prominent collector of Detroit, Michigan, has been in town the last few days. He has been noticed in many of the stamp shops.

The one hundredth regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, which occurs in November, is to be observed in a suitable manner. A special entertainment is to be provided, the expense of which is to be defrayed by donations of stamps which will be sold under the hammer without reserve to the highest bidder. Anyone, whether a member of the Society or not, can contribute stamps or submit bids for this sale. Mr. J. H. Lyons, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass., has charge of the auction, and any bids or contributions should be addressed as above. Much interest is being manifested among the members and an increased membership and attendance is expected the coming season. If a member, make it a point to attend the November meeting, if not a member send in your application for membership at once. The members of the Society are always glad to welcome new additions to their ranks. I must not omit to say that Mr. Lyons has shown me a few of the stamps donated, and that they were desirable ones such as the members and others will be glad to bid on.

The stamp season is starting earlier than usual this year and bids fair to equal if not surpass previous years in the amount of business transacted. One dealer when questioned if the season had opened with him replied that it had not closed since last year and that the summer business had been good even through the heated term and vacation season, and that many of their customers had taken their collections with them to their summer homes to fill up blank spaces there.

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Table listing various Seychelles stamps with columns for 'Var.' and 'Price.' Includes entries for 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900.

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Table listing pictorial sets for New Hebrides, Somali Coast, Borneo, Labuan, Sudan, Tasmania, Tonga, Greece, and Congo, with prices ranging from 10c to 1.10.

Prince Edward Island, Unused.

Table listing unused stamps from Prince Edward Island, including 86s 4p rose, 3p blue, 4p black, 87s 1c orange, 4c green, 5c black, and 1c mauve.

CRETE, 1900.

This is one of the most beautiful sets of the year. It is handsomely engraved and the colors are fine. The set unused, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 1epta, 25c

THE ADHESIVE.

This monthly magazine edited and published by Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., is one of the best in existence. Mr. Chapman has had a wide experience in newspaper work and formerly issued the Performer. Our business manager, Mr. Wylie, edits the "Press Review" in THE ADHESIVE and is authorized to receive subscriptions. Every number is illustrated, finely printed and filled with interesting matter. When you order anything from this list enclose your subscription, 30c

1899. Melange, All Unused. 1899.

Table listing various unused stamps from 1899, including Chile, Ceylon, Mauritius, Iceland, British Guiana, Trinidad, Grenada, Spalar, Alwar, Caylon, India, New Zealand, and Straits Settlements.

Sets of Nicaragua, Unused.

Table listing unused stamp sets from Nicaragua, including 188s, 189c, 189t, 189z, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897.

Leward Islands.

These stamps are picked copies. All UNUSED with original gum. Blocks of four, of many at same rate:

Table listing various stamps from the Leeward Islands, including Antigua, St. Christopher, and Nevis, with prices ranging from .03 to 2.00.

ALL UNUSED. POSTAGE EXTRA.

1900. Novelties, All Unused. 1900.

Table listing various novelty stamps from 1900, including Italy, Danish West Indies, New Zealand, Uruguay, Federated Malay States, Japan, Cape of Good Hope, Queensland, Germany, Australia, British Guiana, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Chile, Dutch East Africa, Seychelles, Danish West Indies, British Honduras, and Straits Settlements.

Scott's Catalogue.

One might as well attempt to travel without a guide book, or a time table, as to collect stamps without a catalogue. The only catalogue on the market is the one we offer. We send it post-free, mailed with Omahas or Columbians and your choice of two premiums; celluloid perforation gauge, or 1000 Omega Hinges, 58c

United States Entire Envelopes.

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Large table listing various United States envelopes with prices, including 1864, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.

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Complete set of 6 Postage Due, cancelled50
4 varieties Regular Issue and Postage Due10

Special: On page 589 in 58th Edition Standard Catalogue the Tientsin, China, as well as others are listed as stamps "issued without competent authority and never did postal service; they should therefore be considered as purely fraudulent."

Nevertheless Others As Well As Myself Collect Them.

I have sold quite a few sets to collectors of China and China Treaty Port stamps who have read all what is mentioned in the catalogue about these stamps. They as well as myself collect them as curiosities to go with the rest of the China Treaty Port stamps. Tientsin, China, sets will be found in many of the largest and most valuable collections of China and China Treaty Port Stamps.

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Noted by the Way.

The collector who ignores minor varieties misses, it seems to me, much of the pleasure of collecting. Ever since I began to collect stamps it has been one of my chief sources of enjoyment to search out and add to my little collection varieties which the general run of collectors have passed by unnoticed, or, if observed, thrown aside as a variation too slight to be worthy attention. Common stamps have been made to yield me as much or possibly more pleasure than the accumulation of rarities has given the collector of ample means. There is a charm of association to these varieties which one has sought and found, perhaps discovered, for one's self which is hard to define, and gives to the pleasure of their possession a quality altogether different to that which attaches to the normal varieties which all recognize and which one secures in the ordinary way without individual search and study. If you love collecting for collecting's sake you cannot afford to ignore minor varieties, if you like to study your stamps, if you are naturally given to close observation you will collect them. Pleasure, knowledge, growth in ability to acquire it first hand, and in power of observation, are all to be entered on the credit side of the ledger. Pleasure few of us will turn our backs upon, and knowledge is power in philately, just as it is in all things. As for the field it is almost unbounded. Hundreds of minor varieties are already listed in our catalogues, but there are yet countries practically untouched as far as the catalogues are concerned, and while other students may have been in the field before you, as far as you are personally concerned, your researches can be original and the benefit consequently as great, while the possibility of a discovery of general importance or of adding something of value to the fund of philatelic knowledge is always before the student. I use the term student because to me it is synonymous with collector of minor varieties. One cannot be a student of stamps and ignore them; search for knowledge along any line brings them out and the deeper we go the finer the lines are drawn, slight variations often being of greatest importance in the student's researches.

Much might be and has been written on this subject and I make these few observations merely because I think it a good idea to keep the subject stirred up. The more students we have among our general collectors the better. The specialist is likely, as a matter of course, to make a study of his particular country, but the general collector, as a rule, thinks he has his hands so full in getting the "straight" varieties that he cannot bother with minor variations. I do not by any means advocate that he shall take as part of his task the securing of all the minor varieties

which he finds listed, or which dealers may have to offer him at the fancy prices often asked. This alone would make him no more a student than collecting of "straight" varieties with a catalogue before him as a guide. In the matter of purchases he can best judge for himself. What I do advocate is for the general collector, as well as the specialist, to make himself familiar with the researches of others that he may recognize and take advantage of the opportunities which pass his way of securing interesting minor varieties at no advance over the price of the ordinary, and also, by study and observation, become able for himself to note at once any variation from the normal in the stamps which come under his notice.

Scarcely anyone of course will pass pronounced varieties such as inverted surcharges, striking differences in shade, etc. Such are quickly noted, provided they fall into the hands of any of the vast army of collectors. It is the less striking varieties of engraving, type, shades, etc., to which I refer. Varieties of perforation require only the millimeter scale to bring them out, but the close observer will detect the variation and apply the scale where another would pass the stamp by. Color and shade offers one of the most fertile fields and nothing adds more to the beauty of one's album than well contrasted shades. I freely admit that I am somewhat of a crank on this particular line, because for me they have contributed largely to the pleasure of collecting. Not only because of their beauty are they of interest, but representing and determining as they often do distinct printings or re-issues, they sometimes prove of great value to the student. A great deal may hinge on the shade of a stamp.

If you are a general collector who has never thought these things worth bothering with, just give them a trial and see if it will not add to the pleasure of collecting. I certainly think it has a tendency to beget in one the spirit of the true collector.

A recent number of the *A. J. of P.* mentions the Costa Rica 10c, 1889, having been found in vertical pair, imperf. horizontally. I have the 1c of the same issue imperforated vertically. I secured a block of ten about a year ago from a party in New York, who found them in a sheet which was otherwise normal. I also came across the other day a variety of Philippine Is., 1879, No. 168, type A21, in which the S of Corros in the surcharge is missing. The surcharge on No. 178, 1r on 5c blue, comes in a decided yellow green and in a blue green also.

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AGRICULTURE.			
Catalogue Price.	59th	My Price for	
1st.	2nd.	3rd.	
1c yellow.....	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.75
2c yellow.....	1.00	.75	.50
3c yellow.....	.75	.50	.35
4c yellow.....	.50	.35	.25
10c yellow.....	8.00	5.00	3.00
12c yellow.....	6.00	4.00	2.00
15c yellow.....	3.50	2.50	1.75
24c yellow.....	4.00	3.00	2.00
30c yellow.....	4.50	3.50	2.50
EXECUTIVE.			
1c carmine.....	8.00	6.00	4.00
2c carmine.....	8.00	6.00	4.00
3c carmine.....	6.50	4.00	2.00
6c carmine.....	15.00	12.00	7.00
10c carmine.....	10.00	7.50	4.00
INTERIOR.			
1c vermilion.....	.75	.50	.35
2c vermilion.....	.05	.03	.02
3c vermilion.....	.05	.03	.02
6c vermilion.....	.05	.03	.02
10c vermilion.....	.50	.35	.25
12c vermilion.....	.40	.25	.15
15c vermilion.....	.50	.35	.25
24c vermilion.....	.75	.50	.35
30c vermilion.....	.75	.50	.35
90c vermilion.....	2.50	1.50	1.00
JUSTICE.			
1c purple.....	1.50	1.00	.65
2c purple.....	3.00	2.00	1.00
3c purple.....	.75	.40	.25
6c purple.....	1.00	.50	.40
10c purple.....	3.00	1.75	1.40
12c purple.....	2.50	1.25	.75
15c purple.....	6.00	4.00	3.00
24c purple.....	17.00	12.00	8.00
30c purple.....	20.00	12.00	8.00
90c purple.....	37.50	35.00	18.50
NAVY.			
1c blue.....	1.25	1.00	.60
2c blue.....	.50	.30	.20
3c blue.....	.20	.15	.08
6c blue.....	.50	.30	.20
7c blue.....	10.00	7.50	4.00
10c blue.....	2.00	1.25	.75
12c blue.....	1.50	.75	.50
15c blue.....	3.00	1.75	.75
24c blue.....	4.00	2.75	1.75
30c blue.....	3.00	2.00	1.00
90c blue.....	10.00	7.50	4.00

POST OFFICE.			
Catalogue Price.	59th	My Price for	
1st.	2nd.	3rd.	
1c black.....	\$0.40	\$0.20	\$0.10
2c black.....	.20	.15	.10
3c black.....	.01	.01	.01
6c black.....	.15	.08	.05
10c black.....	1.35	1.25	.75
12c black.....	.75	.40	.30
15c black.....	1.00	.75	.40
24c black.....	1.00	.75	.50
30c black.....	1.00	.75	.40
90c black.....	2.00	1.25	.65
STATE.			
1c green.....	2.50	1.50	1.00
2c green.....	5.00	3.00	2.00
3c green.....	.75	.50	.35
6c green.....	.75	.50	.35
7c green.....	3.00	2.00	1.25
10c green.....	2.50	1.75	1.00
12c green.....	4.00	2.50	1.25
15c green.....	4.50	3.00	2.00
24c green.....	8.50	6.00	4.00
30c green.....	7.00	5.00	3.50
90c green.....	12.00	8.00	6.00
TREASURY.			
1c brown.....	.15	.10	.05
2c brown.....	.10	.07	.04
3c brown.....	.03	.02	.01
6c brown.....	.10	.05	.03
7c brown.....	1.50	1.00	.75
10c brown.....	.25	.15	.10
12c brown.....	.15	.07	.03
15c brown.....	.25	.15	.10
24c brown.....	4.00	2.50	1.50
30c brown.....	.25	.15	.10
90c brown.....	.60	.35	.20
WAR.			
1c red.....	.05	.03	.02
2c red.....	.05	.03	.02
3c red.....	.02	.02	.01
6c red.....	.05	.03	.02
7c red.....	2.50	1.50	.75
10c red.....	.25	.15	.07
12c red.....	.20	.10	.06
15c red.....	.25	.15	.06
24c red.....	.20	.15	.06
30c red.....	.20	.15	.06
90c red.....	1.00	.85	.50
POST OFFICE SEAL STAMPS.			
Registered, green.....	.25	.15	.10
(Post Obitum) brown.....	3.00	2.00	unused only

were appointed as Entertainment Committee for the November meeting. Messrs. Lyons, Wylie and Johnson were appointed as a committee to consider the best method of creating more enthusiasm in the Society. Meeting adjourned at 9.10 o'clock. M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

GRAND AUCTION SALE

of stamps to be held at the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, at Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, October 16th.

All collectors, whether members or not, are invited to attend and bid on the same. There will be many other lots that will arrive too late for publication, so you may miss some good "snaps" if you do not come.

All collectors who cannot attend can mail their bids to J. H. LYONS, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass., who will execute the same free of charge.

Each lot is sold as one piece and bids are for the lot.

Lot.	Catalogue Value.
1 U. S. 1847, 5c on cover, fine.....	..
2 " 1871, 24c, used, fine.....	\$1.50
3 " 1888, 30c, used, fine.....	1.25
4 " Interior 12c, soft paper, unused.....	3.00
5 " State 7c, used.....	3.00
6 " War 7c, unused.....	2.50
7 " Post Office 12c, unused.....	1.00
8 " " 30c, used.....	1.00
9 " " Treasury 7c, Justice 10c, used.....	3.00
10 " Navy 3, 6, 12c used, 12c unused.....	5.20
11 " Envelope entire, No. 1238, used.....	.75
12 " " " 1235, unused.....	1.00
13 " " " 1250, ".....	3.50
14 " " " 1728, ".....	1.00
15 " Revenue First issue, 5c Playing Cards, 10c Proprietary, surcharged S. H. & Co. (Samuel H. & Co.) Priced in Adenau's Catalogue at.....	5.00
16 " Rev. 1848 Documentary, 1c pair part roulette, unused.....	..
17 " Rev. Pair 2c, same.....	..
18 " " " 10c, ".....	..
19 Match Stamp, Greenleaf & Co., 3c old paper.....	2.50
20 Home Bitters Co. 2c, fine.....	1.50
21 " " 3c, ".....	.75
22 Canada Bill Stamps, 10 var.....	..
23 Bavaria 1862 2k, Fiji 1880 6d, both unused.....	.65
24 German Levant Nos. 501 to 505, used.....	2.50
25 Great Britain No. 45, unused.....	3.50
26 Nova Scotia 3d dark blue.....	1.50
27 British East Africa 1896 1 rupee, unused.....	.80
28 South African Republic 1878 2d block of 4, unused, priced by Stanley Gibbons for 1901.....	3.48
29 Timor 1885, 5, 10, 20, 50, 80, 100, 200, 300 reis, 1887, 10 reis, all unused.....	2.64
30 New South Wales 1898 6d green, unused, o.g., fine, worth.....	1.75
31 Niger Coast 1894 2d, o. g.....	.87
32 Newfoundland 1c on 3c, unused.....	.60
33 Porto Rico 1890 20c, rare shade, unused.....	..
34 Trinidad 1883 complete, unused.....	1.43
35 U. S. Rev. \$10.00 Conveyance, fine.....	2.00
36 " " \$10.00 1898, fine.....	1.50
37 V. R. I. on Orange Free State 1/2, 1d, in blocks of four, each block showing one thick V, unused.....	..
38 Russia 1880 1 rouble, unused.....	.90
39 Tein Tain blocks of four, 1/2, 1c, 1/2, 1c, Unpaid, unused (16).....	..
40 Nicaragua Envelopes and Wrappers, unused, cut square, 1890-1891 complete (17).....	.90
41 Tonga No. 35, unused.....	1.25
42 Hayti 1898 50c, unused.....	.60
43 Hawaii 1882 10c black, used.....	1.25
44 " " 1883 10c vermilion, used.....	1.00
45 A copy of "A History of the Postal Issues of Hawaii".....	1.25
46 U. S. 1855-60 1c type one, used, fine.....	5.00
47 " " 3c outer line, unused, o. g.....	12.50

[Advt.*

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Boston, October 9, 1900.

The ninety-ninth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, October 16th, at 8 o'clock, sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder will give a short talk about his trip this past season to the

stamp centres of Europe, and then will follow a

Grand Auction Sale

of stamps to be sold, without reserve, to the highest bidders.

These stamps have all been contributed by the members and the money received will go towards paying the expenses of the 100th meeting in November. There are many good stamps to be sold and many bargains can doubtless be had.

Come and help make it a success. Bring any friend who would be likely to bid.

There are some stamps in this Sale that you cannot buy of any dealer in Boston. Send mail bids if you can't attend.

The September Meeting.

The ninety-eighth regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, Sept. 18th, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and 12 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was voted to hold an Auction at the October meeting towards paying the expenses of the 100th meeting in November and Messrs. Lombard, Carpenter and Green

Indiana Philatelic Society.

- G. E. FISCUS, President, 112 Ash St., Indianapolis, Ind.
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Mekeel's Announcements.

The readers of the ERA may look for us in this column every week during the season and we will change our offers in each number.

Mekeel's Drummer. This little paper has grown very popular. Although it is entirely free, no subscription being charged our customers.

The easiest way to get on the mailing list is to send an order from the following list.

Enclose a stamped return envelope with orders of less than \$1.00.

All lightly cancelled, except those marked * which indicates unused.

Argentina 1892, 1 peso, blue.....	\$0.30
Brazil, Unpaid, 1890, 70cr purple.....	.25
British Bechuanaland 1887, 6p lilac.....	.10
*British Guiana 1889, 2c mauve and black....	.15
British North Borneo 1889, 25 dollars, blue	1.00
Canada 1859, 10c lilac or violet.....	.23
*China (Shanghai) 1889, 20 cash on 100 cash,	
blue, No. 114.....	.95
Newfoundland 1876, 5c blue, rouletted.....	.17
*Niger Coast Protectorate 1894, 5p lilac.....	.40
*Oil Rivers (Niger Coast) 1892, 5p 1/2 n&carm.	.20
*Oil Rivers (Niger Coast) " 5p 1/2 lilac and blue	.15
*Oil Rivers (Niger Coast) " 5p lilac and blue	.20
Paraguay 1892, 40c blue.....	.10
Paraguay 1892, 80c yellow.....	.15
Paraguay 1892, 80c blue.....	.20
Paraguay 1892, 1 peso, olive.....	.25
Peru 1895, (March 17th Com.), 20c orange....	.25
Peru 1895, 2 sol, carmine.....	.40
Peru, Deficit, 1897, 25c blue.....	.15
Peru, Deficit, 1897, 50c red.....	.25

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Cat. Nos.		Cat. Price.	Our Net Price.
56	50c yellow green.....	\$1.00	\$0.35
63	25c black on blue.....	1.00	.35
74	10c bistre brown.....	.20	.08
75	20c blue.....	.35	.12
108	20c black.....	.35	.15
131	10c orange.....	.18	.07
137	1 peso, claret.....	2.00	.75
152	10c bistre brown on rose.....	.25	.07
153	20c brown on blue.....	.25	.12
158	5c orange brown on buff.....	.08	.05
164	10c brown on lilac rose.....	.12	.06
414	Registered, 10c yellow br'n on light buff.....	.15	.07

The above 12 stamps, all fine copies, original gum, cataloguing \$5.83, having an actual face value, silver, of \$2.50, will be sent post free for \$1.75.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The first installment of Advance Sheets of the 60th edition of Scott's Catalogue, were mailed to subscribers Oct. 1. United States, all issues, and the Confederate States, are the stamps included in this installment. A few changes in regular issues are noted, but the number of minor varieties of paper etc. has increased. Almost all Departments are catalogued on ribbed paper. Cut envelopes, no apparent changes; locals, no changes; revenues, many changes.

The activity of the Chicago Philatelic Society is envied by their New York brethren. Although this city supports several societies, they are all inactive to a certain extent. The Collectors Club manages to add a few members each month, but not in proportion to what the Windy City boys are doing. The National Philatelic Society is another one that has failed to add many members the past year. The Manhattan Society, from what I have seen of it, is unprogressive, and not up-to-date. If our local society men expect an increased membership list they must get out and hustle, and they should commence now, before the "season of the long nights and the short days" is passed.

I note that several chroniclers of new issues have just listed the 1900 Western Union Frank. This stamp was mentioned in these notes the early part of last spring when it first appeared.

A scheme is on foot to aid the sufferers of the Galveston disaster by means of a stamp auction. Mr. W. F. Gregory of this city is the originator. He intends to hold a sale November 1st, and seeks contributions of stamps from dealers and collectors for this worthy cause. All donations will be acknowledged in the Auction Catalogues. Mr. Gregory's address is 71 Nassau Street. VOLUNTEER.

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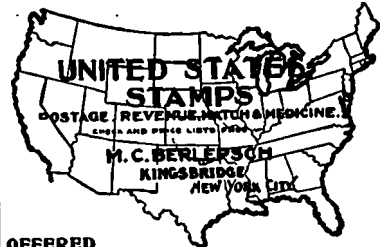
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WHOLE No. 387.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates and portraits.

Buenos Aires Filatelico, Vol. IV No. 126,

August:

Suspension of the Magazine.
The Philatelic Press.

Collectionneur de Timbre Poste, No. 239,

September:

Paris Philatelic Exhibition.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV

No. 41, October 11:

Cuba $\frac{1}{2}$.

London Letter.

German Philatelic Congress at Frankfurt.

New York, Chicago and Boston Notes.

Samoa Perforations and Shades.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 1,

October 6:

Too Much Borneo.

English Letter.

Philatelic Record, Vol. XXII No. 10, Oct.:

*Mrs. Charlotte Tobay.

Stamps of the Transvaal.

Philatelic West, Vol. XIII No. 2, October:

Where to Get Stamps.

History as Portrayed on the Pages of a Stamp Al-

bum.

Postal Cards of Finland.

Origin of Philately.

Inauguration of Our Postal System in Hawaii.

Post Office of China.

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Vol.

XI No. 123, September:

Stamps, Coins and Medals.

Cuba $\frac{1}{2}$.

Paris Philatelic Exhibition.

Stamps of Holkar.

Postal Organization of Siam.

*New Forgery of the "Connell."

Forged Makings.

Manufacture of French Stamps.

Orange Free State.

Swap, Vol. I No. 8, August:

Philatelic Gleanings.

Another paper has suspended publication. *Buenos Aires Filatelico* closes its existence with the August number. A great sorrow which has befallen the owner is given as the reason. It is to be regretted that there will now be no good representative journal in the Argentine.

Naturally the philatelic exhibition at Paris forms the subject of the leader in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*. Considerable space is given to describing the exhibits of M. Mirabaud, who showed among other things the complete first issue of Hawaii, with type varieties, valued at about \$7,000. His collection of Swiss is valued at about \$40,000. The public press generally gave sensible notices of the exhibition, but some of the minor ones and the "funny" journals poked no end of fun at it a *la Francais*.

We have been having quite a little dis-

cussion lately in the magazines and papers concerning the $\frac{1}{2}$ surcharge of Cuba. Some authorities claim that this means "and $\frac{1}{2}$ " making the stamp $2\frac{1}{2}$ reales; others say it means "Interior $\frac{1}{2}$ real" and was for a local rate. To my mind that has always seemed the most likely explanation, and in the current number of *Mekeel's Weekly* is a long article by J. M. Andreini bristling with official documents which will undoubtedly settle the question for many a year to come. I doubt if there are many collectors who hereafter will believe otherwise than that the stamp is a $\frac{1}{2}$ real stamp issued in consequence of the postal decree of November 15, 1855, creating a municipal and suburban post for Havana. "Iberius" deserves the thanks of collectors for settling this question so effectively.

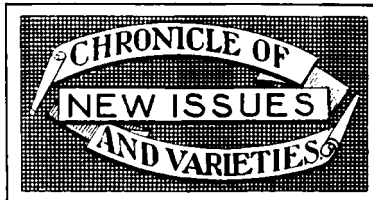
The reference list, etc., of the stamps of the Transvaal is continued in the *Philatelic Record* from 1895 through the surcharge of July 2, 1893. The illustrations are particularly good, and the writer, E. J. Nankivell, gives his ideas as to the relative values of the different varieties. When Transvaals are in question, what Nankivell says, goes. By the way, I wonder if we are to have any more numbers of the *Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly*?

Postal card collectors will be interested in the continuation of the article on the cards of Finland, which is appearing in the *Philatelic West*, from the able pen of R. R. Thiele.

Illustrations are given in the *Monthly Journal* of the two "War stamps" issued in Victoria. They are quite handsome stamps, and while their sale has fallen far below what was counted upon, they will probably be treasured in many collections in remembrance of the fact that colonial troupes fought side by side with the regulars from the tight little isle.

The best account yet of the Paris exhibition is that in this paper. The list of awards is given in such a shape and with such comments that it is almost as good as having seen the stamps.

The stamps of the Indian native state Indore, or, as incorrectly listed, Holkar, are the subject of the editor's study this month. These stamps are free from speculative taint, few in number, and comparatively easy to obtain in either used or unused condition. The article contains much of interest concerning them.



By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—We have received from Mr. A. Calman the 10c Perak and 20c Negri Sembilan surcharged in three lines as above. The surcharge is in black, companions to the 1c and 3c already listed.

Adhesives (Provisional):
10c lilac and orange (Perak).
20c green and yellow (N. Sembilan).

INDIA, *Orcha*.—In common with other editors we chronicled the new set and we now find that this state has never issued any stamps. *Mekeel's News* brands the issue a fraud and quotes the *P. J. of I.* as follows:

"We fear that the so-called Orcha stamps are a swindle. Our suspicion was aroused by the odd way in which they are being sold in India. Certain firms have been offered the sole agency, and this struck us as an odd proceeding on the part of the Orcha State. So we asked the Superintendent of the Postal Division in which Orcha is situated to make inquiries. He had never heard of such stamps. So he addressed the State authorities who replied that 'postage stamps are not yet circulated in Tikamgarh (i. e. Orcha), therefore they are not to be sold as yet.' This was on July 19th."

Military Offices in China.—In number 383 we listed the regular set as having been surcharged "C. E. F." with the exception of the 3 pies, carmine, which we now chronicle. There is also some stationery to be included.

Adhesive (Provisional):
3 pies, carmine.
Envelope (Provisional):
 $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green on white.
Post Cards (Provisional):
 $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, brown on buff.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, " " "
1 anna, blue on buff.
121 anna, " " "

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—*Ewen's Weekly* announces a new set in preparation of the De la Rue type. The only error of importance found on the surcharged

2½d blue Cape is the absence of a period after "Colony."

QUEENSLAND.—The *Australian J. of P.* chronicles a new 2 shillings. It is of the same type as the 1sh listed in number 357, figures in four corners. The color is light blue and comment is made that it is not nearly as affective as the now obsolete brown 2 shillings.

Adhesive (Regular Issue):
2 shillings, light blue.

SEYCHELLES—The *Monthly Journal* announces the receipt of the 8c envelope surcharged "SIX CENTS" in black in tall narrow capital letters.

Envelope (Provisional):
8c carmine, surch. "SIX CENTS."

SURINAM.—In number 383 on the authority of *Le Timbre Poste* we listed a 1c surcharged on the 2½c of the King's head type. It seems that this too is a bald attempt at deceiving the philatelic public. On the authority of an exchange, *Mekeel's News* states that this so-called provisional is "a swindle, and an old one at that. It is said to have been introduced for the first time in 1891 or 1892. Probably the manufacturers thought their product had been forgotten and they could reap their harvest at this late date without molestation. Mr. Robert deserves the thanks of the philatelic public for his prompt action in this matter."

VICTORIA.—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that the Postmaster-General has under consideration a proposal to commemorate the proclamation of the Commonwealth by the issue of special illuminated penny post cards.

From Our Regular Correspondent.
Canadian Notes.

I have several "new issues and varieties" of the Canadian Philatelic press, to chronicle this week.

The *Philatelic Advocate* issued its 50th number this month. Never, since it first started, has the *Advocate* skipped a month.

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* has resumed publication.

One of our monthlies' September number was numbered "Whole No. 27" while only twenty copies have been issued. Will the scientific editor please explain where "Whole No. 24" can be obtained?

The Canada Stamp Co., of Quebec, has started a paper called the *Canada Stamp Sheet*.

The *Philatelic Fun* is announced from Berlin, Ont.

It is rumored that one of our papers will change hands shortly and that a new one will appear from Montreal.

The several dealers here report trade to be satisfactory. One thing which is noticeable, is, that although the new catalogue will be out in a few weeks, business has not

slackened up as in previous years, when collectors waited to see what the prices would be in the new catalogue before buying. This is probably caused by the general impression that there will be very little change in the prices this year.

The following is clipped from the October number of the *Strand Magazine*:

IMITATION.

"Here is a curious instance of fraudulent dealing in stamps. Mr. C. B. Brown, Jr., of 41 St. Quintin Avenue, North Kensington, W., sends the following explanation of this philatelic curiosity. He says: 'The inclosed photograph is of some stamps which were sent over with some others from Port Said. On looking them over I observed that the stamps were forgeries. Seeing the suspicious post-mark, of which only a small part occurred in the corner of each stamp, I placed the stamps together in such a manner that the whole word of the post-mark should show. The word, as will be seen in the photograph, turned out to be IMITATION. This, let me add is a trick of the wily Egyptian, for suppose anyone accused him of selling forgeries, the vendor could say at once that had the purchaser put the stamps together he would have seen at once that their genuineness was in no way guaranteed'"

As nearly as I can make out from the picture which accompanied the above the stamps are the Sudan Camel post and the Suez Canal stamps.

From Our Regular Correspondent.
Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Wm. Sellschopp of San Francisco is expected in town about October 15th to 18th. He will stop at the Union Square Hotel. He intends to leave on the 20th inst for an extended tour of Europe.

Wm. P. Brown of this city conducts his stamp business now under the firm name of the "Stamp and Coin Exchange."

Branch No. 1 of the Empire State Philatelic Society elected the following new officers for the year 1901 at the meeting held October 1. President Jno. D. Carberry; First Vice-President, Harry E. Robinson; Second Vice-President, Wm. K. Fletcher; Secretary, A. J. A. Stark; Treasurer, Geo. W. Ring; Auction Manager, Wm. J. Coleman; Assistant Auction Manager, F. W. C. Hoppole; Trustees, N. S. Rickard, H. R. Mackey and J. Newkirk.

The programme of entertainment for the balance of 1900 at the Manhattan Philatelic Society meetings are as follows: Oct. 18th, Germany and Colonies; Nov. 1, Stamps on Covers; Nov. 15th, South Eastern Europe; Dec. 6th, Foreign Revenues, and Dec. 20th, General Collections.

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cash cannot be inserted here as they do not come under
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Navy 2c, " ".....	.50	.25
" 10c, " ".....	2.00	1.00
" 15c, " ".....	3.00	1.50
Scott No.		
32 1c blue, type III, used copy.....	10.00	5.00
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147 15c green, unused.....	2.50	1.00
151 15c dull violet, unused, no gum..	8.00	3.00
152 24c purple, used.....	1.50	.60
158 15c green, unused.....	.75	.35
162 15c black violet, unused, no gum..	10.00	4.50
179 5c blue, Taylor, unused.....	2.00	1.00
179 5c " " used.....	.10	.05
191 90c carmine, unused, close at S..	7.50	3.00
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1052 1c Newspaper, unused.....	.25	.12
1029 2c " ".....	.35	.15
1030 3c " ".....	.60	.30
1031 4c " ".....	.40	.20
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Pub.

Wednesday, October 10th.

Collectors of the popular Niger Coast stamps will be interested to know that the five penny deep violet of the 1894 unwatermarked set has begun to appear here watermarked. The watermarked stamps will, no doubt, sell rapidly.

Mrs. Holt of Hartford has shown me the following uncatalogued varieties from her collection: A three cent rose, 1861, with big margin, also an imperforate two cent, 1894, and an imperforate unused two cent orange Internal Revenue, and a part perforate two cent blue Playing Cards found on the back of an old photograph. While these are not classed as great rarities, still they are not often met with, and many of us would be glad to have them in our collection.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s fifty-fifth sale occurs on Tuesday evening, Oct. 23, instead of Oct. 30, as originally advertised. The sale includes 565 lots, consisting of foreign countries and United States revenues, postage and envelopes, also wholesale and vaudeville attachments. This firm advertise three sales in November.

Mr. W. G. L. Paxman, proprietor of the new Canada journal, the *Stamp Sheet*, has sent me for examination the three correct shades of the eight cent 1892-93 issue, Canada. Only two of these shades are listed, the lilac gray and the slate, but the other is entirely different in color, being nearly purple black. While at present the stamp is comparatively common, and can be found among lots of the common variety, still some day it may be scarce. I have seen few wholesale quotations on this stamp and those are three times higher than for the common variety.

I have seen and heard of few collectors of used plate numbers. A few days ago I chanced to see quite a collection of these interesting stamps, which in this condition are much scarcer than unused. Another specialty which seems to be on the increase is the collecting of precancelled stamps. Many of the best philatelists today are taking it up, and I could name several who stand in the front ranks of philately who have started a collection of these stamps.

The delivery of registered mail by special carriers in this city has been abandoned. The reason of this is because receivers of registered mail have complained of the infrequent registered mail deliveries as compared with the regular carrier deliveries, which resulted in the regular carriers, in addition to their usual duties, being required

BRYAN * *

says the Travelling men are all going to vote for him. We know of only one travelling man for Bryan, and that one is Aguinaldo, and he can't vote, anyhow.

There are more than one traveler after our stamps, however, and you should be one of them, especially for the Lee Stamps expected in a few days.

LEWIS ROBIE,

ITHACA, MICHIGAN.

P. S. You would hardly believe it, but that young, enterprising Associate Editor of *Osgood's Stampman* swallowed a tack the other day, and in the morning he had a nail in his toe.

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WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Stamps of Holkar.

This is the State known to others than stamp collectors by the name "Indore"; but the stamps being inscribed "Holkar State Postage," they have always been known as the stamps of Holkar, and it is therefore best, perhaps, to adhere to that title. The State is one of the most important of those in Central India. It lies in about 18 deg. 40 min. N. latitude and 78 deg. E. longitude. Its area is 8,400 square miles, and the population in 1891 was 1,091,689. The present Maharaja of Indore (whose state title is "Holkar") succeeded on July 12th, 1886; he is entitled to a salute of nineteen guns, or twenty-one within his own territory. The capital of the State is also named Indore, and it had in 1891 a population of 75,400.

January, 1886.

The first issue of postage stamps was chronicled in *Le Timbre-Poste* and in *The Philatelic Record* for April, 1886; the former journal states that the issue took place at the beginning of that year, and M. Moens catalogues the one stamp of that type under the date January, 1886.

The design consists of an almost full-face portrait of the then Raja, Tikaji Rao Holkar, in an oval, enclosed in a rectangular frame containing inscriptions—in English at right and at foot, and the same in in Devanagari characters at left and at top. The spandrels are filled with a pattern of flowers. The whole design is very finely drawn, and the impressions have almost the appearance of *taille-douce* engraving; they may be such, but I am inclined to think that the original die only was engraved in *taille-douce*, and that the stamps are very fine lithographs, from a stone produced by transfers from the engraved die.

The earliest impressions are in a beautiful bright *mauve* tint, and on *white* paper, varying in thickness, and with a very thick gum, which I think accounts for some of the apparent thickness of the paper; but there are impressions in pale *mauve* on a quite thin paper, which is sometimes turned yellowish by the gum. What I have believed to be later impressions (they reached Europe later, I am sure; it was in 1892 that I first saw them) are in a kind of dull *lilac* shade, and the paper, which is thin, is also much discolored by the gum, and perhaps by age. It is a question, I think, whether it is possible that both varieties were part of the same printing on thin paper, and that the difference in the colour of the second is due entirely to their longer sojourn in an unfavourable climate. The difference, however, exists now, and we cannot help recognizing it, but there are some intermediate shades.

The perforation is sometimes described as $14\frac{1}{2}$, but as a matter of fact it gauges 15 horizontally and about $14\frac{1}{4}$ vertically, and as far as I have seen is regular. I believe

that this, like the later issues, was produced by Messrs. Waterlow and Son.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, bright mauve, mauve; *thick white paper*.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, pale mauve; *thin paper, white to yellowish*.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, dull lilac; *thin, yellowish paper*.

According to a statement in *The Philatelic Record* for May, 1886, higher values—1, 2, 4, and 8 annas—were to be issued, but no postage stamps of any other value appeared until some years later. The Raja died in June, 1886, but the stamps with his portrait were not immediately superseded.

In July, 1888, *Le Timbre-Poste* reported on the authority of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, that 1 a. and 2 a. fiscal stamps had been found used for postage. We gather from M. Moens' catalogue that these were the very handsome *Court Fee* stamps, of upright rectangular shape and large size, with portrait of the late Raja. There is a similar set of stamps—1 a., 2 a., 4 a., and 8 a., with portrait of the present Raja—in use now. It would be interesting to know whether the postal use of any of these was ever authorised, or whether they have ever been used on letters.

1889-90.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamp with the portrait of the present Raja was, no doubt, issued at the beginning of 1889. It is chronicled, in *Le Timbre-Poste* for March of that year. The design is similar to that of the first $\frac{1}{2}$ a. stamp, but on a smaller scale, and with the head of Shivaji Rao Holkar substituted for that of the former ruler of the State. The inscriptions remain as before.

This stamp, and those of the same type issued later, are undoubtedly printed from *taille-douce* engraved plates, and the engraving is of a very high class, though not, I think, quite so fine as that of the first issue, the lines of shading of the portrait being more strongly marked, and the flowers in the spandrels rather heavier. They are on a fairly thick paper, with the same perforation as before.

The first supply seems to have been soon exhausted, as a provisional $\frac{1}{2}$ a. stamp was issued in the course of the year. A second lot of the permanent type came out in 1890, and shows a slight difference in the shade of the impression. If we term the first *brownish purple*, we may call the second *purple-brown*, the latter being distinctly *browner* than the former, and in most cases having the paper *yellowish*. If it were not for the fact that there was a temporary exhaustion of the supply (as shown by the issue of a provisional), we might almost suppose that the difference in tint was due solely to the action of the climate; but the second shade was chronicled in *Le Timbre-Poste* for August, 1890, when the fresh supply can only have been a short time in India.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, brownish purple (1889).

$\frac{1}{2}$ " purple-brown (1890).

September (?), 1889.

Le Timbre-Poste for November, 1889, chronicled a provisional $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamp, on the authority of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*; this stamp must therefore have been issued as early as September.

The design, as commonly illustrated, does not show the whole of the inscriptions quite clearly; but is far more complete in that respect than the great majority of the originals. The inscription at the top reads *Holkar Sarkar*=State of Holkar, that at the bottom *Dak Karkhana*=Post Office or Postage, while across the centre is the value *Half Anna*.

The impression appears to be hand-struck. It is in water colour, probably mixed rather too liquid to give good results, and many copies are extremely defective. The paper is thin *pink* wove, and the impressions are irregularly placed on the sheets. There is no perforation.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, dull black on *pink*.

In 1892 I first saw copies of this in *deep black* oil colour, on paper of a brighter rose colour than before. The same die was used, I think, but the impressions in oil are sharper and clearer than those in the water colour, though many of them are defective. I have no doubt that these are reprints. There was no suggestion that they were a reissue, or that there was any fresh occasion for a provisional stamp.

1892.

I saw the new values, issued early in 1892, in March of that year. They probably came out before the beginning of the year. They are identical in design with the $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of 1889, and bear their respective values in Devanagari at top and English at foot, as in the case of the earlier stamp. They are printed by the same process, on the same kind of paper, and have the same perforation. These stamps are very uniform in shade; possibly there has been only one printing.

$\frac{1}{4}$ anna, dull orange-yellow.

1 " deep green.

2 annas, vermilion.

I have a horizontal pair of the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna perforated all round, but imperforate between the two stamps. It is also doubly perforated along the bottom, giving the appearance of a very fine roulette. I have seen another similar pair, and both bore an oblong obliteration of native characters in a narrow frame; they have also the original gum on the back, and they were probably found in the stock and rescued from postal use. The 1 anna has been chronicled recently imperforate horizontally, but I have not seen it.

ENVELOPE.

End of 1893.

The envelope and post card of Holkar reached us from India in January, 1894. They must have been issued before the end

of 1893, but how long before I do not know. The envelope bears an impression of a ½ anna stamp in the right upper corner. The design is the same as that of the adhesive of 1889, but it is typographed, instead of being printed from a *taille-douce* engraved die, and consequently the fine lines are not nearly so clear and sharp. The colour is a kind of *lilac-brown* tint, varying slightly in depth. The paper is thin white wove, size 124x95 mm., and the name of the manufacturers, "WATERLOW & SONS, LIMITED, LONDON WALL.," in small *sans-serif* capitals, is embossed along the upper edge of the right hand flap.

½ anna, lilac-brown.

POST CARD.

End of 1893.

The post card, as I stated above, appears to have been issued at the same time as the envelope. It bears an impression of the ¼ anna adhesive (printed in the same manner as the stamp upon the envelope) in the right upper corner, a species of Coat of Arms (?) in the upper centre, and inscriptions in Devanagari and in English, with lines for the address.

The device in the centre consists of a Spear and a Club (?), crossed, with a Sun under an Extinguisher above them, and a Horse on the left and a Bull on the right. The inscription at the left reads *Holkar Sarkar—Post Kard*, the line below is no doubt the usual instruction. The whole impression is in *orange*, on card faced with *pale lilac*. Size 124x87 mm.

¼ anna, orange on lilac; reverse white. The list of the Postal Issues of this State is a very short one. There can be no doubt that the stamps, etc., are thoroughly worthy of the attention of collectors, and all of them are common in used condition. —EDITOR Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

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The 331st regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, October 4th, at the Society's room, 205 E. Madison St. The meeting was called to order by the President with 25 members attending.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Alex. Holland, Chairman of the Room Committee, reported that the large hall at 205 E. Madison St. had been se-

cured for the regular meetings of the society, the first and third Thursdays of each month. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged with thanks.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. Holland for his exhibition of stamps at the last meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. E. J. Kiefer, Allegheny, Pa., for the box of cigars furnished by him for the smoker.

REPORT OF GOVERNING BOARD.

The following were elected to membership: Mrs. Lena Stebbins, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 601. Edward Mendel, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 602.

M. H. Lombard, Winchester, Mass.; Passive No. 603. Arthur B. Whitmer, Tecumseh, Neb.; Passive No. 604.

M. C. Jensen, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 605. The following applications were ordered posted:

Active Membership.

JORDAN, SCOTT, 16 E. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

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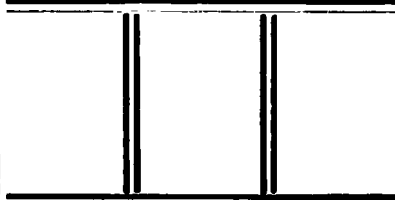
TALLGREN, O. R., Menborg, Finland; proposed by W. R. Patterson.

The resignation of C. S. Thompson (No. 507) was accepted.

After the meeting Mr. Warren E. Burton, Lake Geneva, Wisc., exhibited his collection (the finest of its kind in the world) of Canadian Revenues. This collection abounds with unused o. g. copies of the rarities of these pretty and interesting stamps.

JOHN J. OESCH, Secretary.

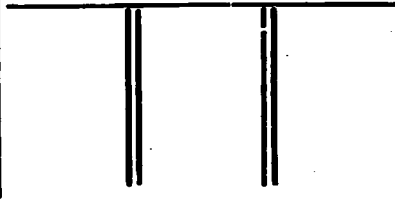
At the next meeting Thursday, Oct. 18th, Mr. Z. G. Stebbins will exhibit his fine collection of British Colonials. Be sure and attend if possible.



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The 58th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday, October 9, 1900.

Present, Messrs. Bruner, Luff, Perrin and Scott.

President Bruner called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The name of Wm. J. Battis was dropped from the membership roll, he having failed to qualify.

The resignations of Messrs. Baker, Hyatt, Levick and Serfling were read and accepted with regrets. Other communications were received and read.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$403.40 exclusive of U. S. bonds, was read and approved.

The House Committee's report was accepted as read.

Moved, seconded and carried that the House Committee be authorized to purchase a new set of ivory pool balls.

After the transaction of business of minor importance the Board adjourned at 9.40 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

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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.]

FORGED CAPE SURCHARGES.

LONDON, 28th Sept., 1900.

The Editor WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA:

Dear Sir: We notice in the W. P. E. for September 1st, paragraph on page 410, chronicling British Bechuanaland surcharged on Cape of Good Hope, watermark Crown and CC. Such a stamp can only exist as a forgery. The whole of the Cape 1sh green, CC watermark, were used up by the end of 1884, but the surcharge was made on the 1sh green which was in 1886. The only stamps then in stock were those watermarked anchor and these are the only ones that were used. This stamp with any other watermark can only bear a forged surcharge. We have already pointed this out in regard to another value and we think that philatelic journals should take more pains in chronicling these as varieties than is done at present, and this is our reason for writing.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY GIBBONS, LTD.

PHILATELIC INFORMATION WANTED.

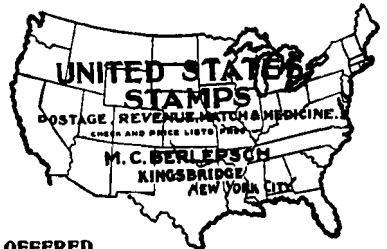
DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I should be very glad if any one of your readers could give me information on the following points:

(1.) With reference to the first two stamps of Grenada. There seems to be a diversity of opinion as to their date of issue. The "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," (published by Scott S. & C. Co.) and the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, give: *unwmked.* 1861; *wmked.* 1864. Scott's 50th gives *unwmked.* 1860, *wmked.* 1860-66. Now, with this difference of opinion, and the fact of my having seen so many of the *wmked.* series with such an infinitesimal shred of *wmk.*, I am emboldened to ask if the so-called first issue is really *unwmked.*; or whether they are of the *wmked.* series, and just escaped the infinitesimal shred.

(2.) My next question is with regard to the Jamaica split provisional of Feb. 1867. I have one of these splits, on the envelope, postmarked Sept. 21st, 1868. As there is no other stamp on the envelope (which gives some signs of having been sealed), I would like information on the postage rate, special or otherwise, that would convey a letter for one half-penny, certainly at that date. Gibbons says the provisional was specially authorized by a decree in the official *Gazette* of Jamaica.

(3.) My next question is in connection with the split provisional of S. Lucia, — ½d on half 6d, 1892. No catalogue mentions the split on *both* dies of the 6d, but



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I am breaking up a collection of about 500 varieties of United States and Canada, and will send them on approval marked at net prices from 40 to 75% off catalogue rates. First class reference required from each applicant, commercial reference preferable. Also please state the class of stamps desired. There are no very great rarities in the collection but a number of the medium class. I am not a dealer but have quite a lot of duplicates and would like to correspond with small dealers requiring a few stamps to sort up their stock. The prices will be attractive. If collectors will send want list I shall be pleased to quote for any stamps I may have. W. MORTON WEBB, Mining Engineer, 28 Delaware Block, Leadville, Colo. [88*

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as I have it apparently on both, I write to ask if such a thing is known.

Any information on these points would be gratefully received by

J. B. T.

A COVER FREAK.

BALTO., Md., Oct. 8, 1900.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,

Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: Have received thousands upon thousands of letters from every point in America, but the day's mail brought me the greatest curiosity, a letter mailed to my address from Corden, Ill., with a 2-cent Canada postage stamp. It passed through the railway mail cars, several large offices, through Sta. D to my private box without a single drawback.

If you are interested in original covers place it among your collection as a curiosity.

Yours truly,

F. L. HOOPER.

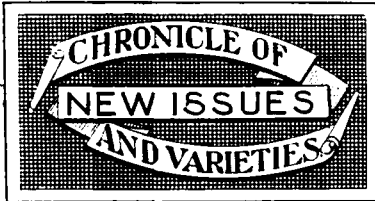
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WHOLE No. 388.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A correspondent informs us that the 10c, surcharged "REVENUE" comes in two types but neglects to state the differences. We will describe the types next week.

CHILE.—In number 362 we listed a quantity of new stationery for this country. The 2c green wrapper should have been listed in carmine and we now chronicle this correction.

GERMANY, Offices in the Levant.—It is stated that a "special 5 pf wrapper of the old numeral type has been manufactured to receive the '10 paras' surcharge." *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* interjects these remarks into its Chronicle: "Query, is the stamp 5 pf. or 3 pf.? and have wrappers been, specially stamped recently for the Levant? They are no longer in use in Germany, we believe."

Offices in China.—In number 380 we listed the new provisional issued at Kiaschnao. There are type varieties in the shape of the figure 5 and, as well, the letters. The width of the former varies from 11 to 12 mm.

GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Several correspondents have called our attention to the fact that they have been unable to obtain any 25 pf of this colony, in fact its existence is very strongly doubted. Should any of our readers have a copy in their possession we should be glad to be made acquainted with the information.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* for September contains particulars of a new pictorial post card and two new envelopes of the values 1d and 2d. The post card has a portrait in a circle in the lower left corner labelled "Major Robin, First Contingent," brown on buff.

The *Journal* also has the following anent the two envelopes:

"We have also new 1d and 2d envelopes, of the same size, with a circular stamp embossed in the right upper corner, bearing a profile of the Queen, copied from the latest coins of Great Britain, within a band inscribed 'NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE' above, and value below. The correspondent who sends us these, states that they are only intended for collectors, as only the post offices in districts where there are stamp collectors are expected to keep them in stock!"

It is a wonderful government that is able to locate its thousands of collectors in this manner.

PERSIA.—An English firm states that it has received the 5 ch. stamp of 1899, on white paper, surcharged with an undecipherable rectangular device, partly covering two stamps. This value thus disfigured was issued provisionally owing to the stock of 5 chahi on greenish paper having run out.

Adhesive (Provisionals):
5 ch yellow on white, surch. in violet.

SALVADOR.—In looking over some of the 1899, 2c surcharged "1900 UN CENTAVO" we discovered an error hitherto unchronicled. It consisted of "ccn" in "CENTAVO."

SAMOA—*Mekeel's News* recently referred to the receipt in San Francisco of entire sheets of the 6d lilac, first issue imperforate, also the 1d blue, same issue imperforate. The *News* now quotes the *Australian Philatelist* as follows:

"It will probably be news to the *London Philatelist* and *Mekeel's Weekly* to know that these stamps are merely printers' waste and that they came from the offices of Messrs. S. T. Leigh & Co., lithographers, of Sydney, some years ago, and have never seen Samoa."

VENEZUELA.—No doubt our readers will be patient in regard to our chronicle of the new "Castro" surcharge. We have noted the fact of its existence and it is probable that all the sets are to have this surcharge applied to them. We will bunch them later.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Bogert & Durbin will hold their 150th auction sale on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 2 P. M. The sale comprises many single items and a few wholesale lots for dealers or speculators. The prices obtained for these lots make one believe that speculators

are the heaviest purchasers as it happens that accepted bids in many cases are fully fifty per cent. higher than the prices quoted at private contract.

From the *American Journal of Philately* I glean the following, which illustrates what a government can contrive to delude the stamp collector:

The Postal Department of Victoria has entered into the used stamp business with a vengeance. Their circular reads as follows:

SPECIMEN STAMPS.

A set of Victorian Postage and Postage-due stamps of all denominations from 1/4d to 20s, including Post Cards, Stamped Envelopes, and Newspaper Wrappers may be purchased for £1. The full set, from 1/4d to £100, may be obtained for £5.

Application to be made to the Comptroller of Stamps.

The stamps will be cancelled either by light postmark or by being marked "Specimen," as the purchaser may desire.

The practice of trying to obtain revenue in this manner at the expense of deluded philatelists ought to be beneath the dignity of a Government institution.

We would suggest that the same firm start a grocer's establishment at the corner of the G. P. O., and various other methods of obtaining an existence throughout the building. If the stamps were offered only surcharged with the word "Specimen," no one would grumble. Collectors would then know exactly what they were getting, but it is a downright deception to postmark these stamps to order, with a date (we have seen a set) making it appear that they had done duty in the ordinary way. The principle is distinctly objectionable, and we take this opportunity of letting the philatelic public know what to expect. The values above 20s are seldom, if ever, used postally. Probably some sets will be bought to fill up blank spaces but as a speculation they are worthless now.

The *New York Philatelist* for October has just appeared. The contents are varied and of an interesting kind. The "Fraud Reporter," one of the features, tells of the fraudulent doings of stamp thieves. One in particular I call the ERA readers' attention to, a subject which I hinted to several weeks ago. The party in question is a young man of gentlemanly appearance and of pleasing manners in his talk and actions, but who seems to be a slick one. His name is Louis R. Thomas of Linden, N. J., also 324 E. 16th street, N. Y. City. His method of operation is on a par with a school-boy, but it appears he has taken in several of our prominent dealers for various amounts. G. B. Calman, Jacob Weigel, C. S. Sheldon, C. B. Fargo, are among the

victims. Those who have any claim against this party should address C. W. Abbott, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, who has the subject in hand for presentation to the proper authorities.

VOLUNTEER.

Mekeel's Announcements.

Realizing that the ERA's readers include collectors of every class, we endeavor to select special offers for this page that will include as great a range of variety as possible.

We hope that each reader will examine the following list.

Every customer's name is entered on the mailing list, to receive regularly Mekeel's Drummer, which is issued from time to time, and contains matter of more or less interest to collectors.

Interesting Stamps. We have selected a number of good things of special interest, which would be an improvement to any collection. Will be sent on approval to people we know, but cash orders given preference.

UNITED STATES (1867, 90c Embossed.)
A good used copy of the 1867, 90c blue, embossed (catalogued \$12.00) not perfectly centered, but a very fair specimen, net for.. **\$7.75**

A complete used set of **UNITED STATES 1869 ISSUE,**
1, 2, 3, 6, 10c, 2 varieties of 15, 25, 30 and 90c, eleven stamps (catalogued at \$28.54), net for **\$15.00**
It is a good average used set of stamps, none torn or defective, some copies really fine, but others not perfectly centered, nevertheless a bargain.

GUATEMALA.
1882, 2c brown and green, centre inverted, unused, fine, o. g. **\$6.90**

SALVADOR.
1896, 15c on 24c purple, surcharge inverted, a rare variety, unused, fine, o. g. **\$1.25**

SAN MARINO.
Registration Envelope 1894, 5 lire, blue, red, yellow, green and gold, the largest stamp in existence, a fine, entire copy, used, lightly cancelled **\$5.75**
The same bearing in addition fine, used copies of the 2, 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 45 and 65c San Marino stamps of current issue..... **\$6.80**

GREAT BRITAIN.
The 45 orange, is a large and very attractive stamp, we offer a lightly cancelled copy.... **\$8.25**

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.
\$.00 rose red stamp, with Maltese Cross cancellation..... **\$6.00**
25c purple, surcharged "Provisional Govt.," unused, fine, o. g. **95c**
1853, 5c blue on ordinary white wove paper, unused, fine, o. g. **\$5.00**
1853, same as above, in pair with the variety, containing the intersecting line, stamp number two in sheet, the pair, fine, o. g. **\$17.50**
1853, same, in pair with variety containing the extra dash, stamp number seven in the sheet, the pair, fine, o. g. **\$17.50**

U. S. LOCAL, ADAMS & CO.'S EXPRESS
1853, 25c black, Scott's type L2, catalogue number 2201, priced \$5.00, a fine copy, initialed and uncanceled..... **\$1.75**

NEW YORK, POSTMASTER STAMP.
1845, 5c black on bluish, a superb horizontal pair, used on original letter, initialed and lightly cancelled..... **\$12.50**

ST. LOUIS, POSTMASTER'S STAMPS.
1845, we have a complete set of three varieties of the 5c and the three varieties of the 10c on greenish paper, the varieties necessary for the reconstruction of the 1st plate. Several of these stamps are on the original covers. Photographs of the six stamps will be sent for..... **50c**
and price of the six stamps quoted to prospective purchasers upon request.

SOMALI COAST.
1894, 25 francs, rose and blue, the large diamond shaped stamp of the Camel Post, unused, o. g., fine..... **\$6.75**

The 50 francs blue and rose, unused, o. g., fine..... **\$13.80**

CONFEDERATE STATES.
1862, 10c rose (Jefferson), fine unused copy, o. g. (catalogued \$5.00)..... **\$2.50**

NIGER COAST (OIL RIVERS).
1894, Provisional, 5 shillings on a pence green and carmine, violet surcharge, unused, o. g., fine and very rare **\$39.00**

1892, the cut provisional, half of 1 penny, lilac, surcharged 1/2 in red, catalogued by Gibbons, 17-sh 6p (\$4.37), net **\$3.25**

Pair of same on uncut stamp, catalogued by Gibbons 40 shillings (\$9.74), net **\$6.90**

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.
1892, 5 pesos, red on pale rose, unused, o. g. **\$3.30**

ST. LUCIA
1883-85, 1 shilling, orange and black, unused, fine, o. g., not priced unused, \$22.50 used, a rare and desirable stamp **\$13.75**

VENEZUELA.
Scott's Catalogue quotes as follows: 1893, No. 99, 25c orange, black surcharge, no price, used or unused.
Gibbons' Catalogue quotes as follows: 1893 No. 190, 25c orange, black surcharge, 20 shillings, (\$4.87), either used or unused.

We have a few fine copies, o. g., that we will sell each..... **\$1.20**

NEWFOUNDLAND.
1863, 4p lake, complete sheet of twenty stamps, unused..... **\$10.88**

1863, 6p lake, complete sheet of twenty stamps, unused **\$7.68**

1863, 1sh lake, complete sheet of twenty stamps, unused..... **\$14.08**
(We only have one sheet of each of above.)

NOVA SCOTIA.
1860-64, 1, 2, 8 1/2, 10, 12c, set of five stamps, very fine, unused..... **\$3.10**

CUBA.
Puerto Principe Provisionals.
1898 99, 5c on 1c violet..... **\$1.75**
18, 8-99, 10c on 1c violet **\$4.25**
Above are fine used copies.

The following are very striking and attractive sets of stamps, and add a great deal to a collection.

Obock 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c, set of eleven stamps, unused..... **\$0.82**

Small Coast 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30c, set of eight stamps, unused **.45**

Labuan 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c, set of nine stamps, unused..... **.65**

French Congo 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c and 1 franc, set of thirteen stamps, unused..... **1.35**

United States Stamps. Our net prices on all U. S. postage and revenue stamps will be issued in the next Drummer, be sure to get a copy.

War Department—
A fine well centered unused copy of the 7c War, with o. g. **\$1.95**
A pair or block of four at same rate. Also a strip with plate No. and imprint. Price on application.

United States 1873, Continental Print, thin hard paper. Block of four, 10c brown, fine, o. g. **15.00**

The following U. S. stamps can be supplied unused, o. g., singles, blocks or strips, at same price per stamp.

	Net Price per Stamp
1855-60, 3c dull red, type II	\$0.09
1861, 3c dull red	.09
1862, 2c black	.30
1867, 2c black, embossing 11113	1.95
1860, 2c dark brown	.80
1873, 10c brown	2.50
1870, 15c red orange	.35
1882, 1c ultramarine	.07
1882, 3c blue green	.10
1882, 10c brown	.20
1883, 4c blue green	.08
1887, 2c green	.05
1887, 3c vermilion	.08
1887, 1c ultramarine	.05
1888, 4c carmine	.08
1890-93, 1c ultramarine	.04
1890-93, 2c lake	.05
1890-93, 2c carmine	.05
1890-93, 3c purple	.05
1890-93, 6c brown red	.10
1894, 2c pink, triangle I	.05
1899, \$2.00 brown "Omaha"	2.05
Agriculture Department, 2c yellow	.85
War Department 1873, 7c re1	1.95
War Department 1870, 1c soft paper	.05
Newspaper 1865, 5c blue, white border	1.95
Unpaid 1894, 1c claret, old type	.05
Unpaid 1894, 2c claret, old type	.05
Unpaid 1894, 10c claret, old type	.18
Unpaid 1894, 1c no watermark	.03
Unpaid 1894, 2c no watermark	.05
Unpaid 1895, 1c watermarked	.02
Unpaid 1895, 2c watermarked	.04
Unpaid 1895, 3c watermarked	.06
Unpaid 1895, 5c watermarked	.10
Unpaid 1895, 10c watermarked	.18

Canada Also. The following unused, mint condition can be supplied at same price per stamp single, strips or blocks.

	Net Price per Stamp
1868, 15c lilac, (2 shades)	.25
1882, 1/2c black	.08
1897 Jubilee Issue.	
1/2c black	.20
1c orange	.02
2c green	.04
3c bright rose	.05
5c deep blue	.08
6c rich brown	.35
8c violet	.12
10c brown violet	.15
1897 Maple Leaf Issue.	
1/2c black	.02
1c green	.02
2c purple	.03
3c carmine red	.04
5c dark blue	.07
6c chocolate	.10
8c orange	.12

Something Less in Price. The following stamps are all fine and the list is sure to contain something any collector will be glad to have at the price.

Enclose a stamped return envelope with orders of less than \$1.00.

All lightly cancelled, except those marked * which indicates unused.

Chile 1890, 3cc red, fine	\$0.08
Canada 1893, 5cc blue, fine	.18
*Canada 1868, 15c lilac	.25
*Canada 1868, 15c red lilac	.25
*Canada 1877, 15c blue gray	.50
*Canada 1875, 8c blue, Registered	1.60
*Newfoundland 1866, 24c blue	.35
*Newfoundland 1866, 12c pale red brown	.30
*Nova Scotia 1860, 12 black	.30
*Nova Scotia 1860, 2c mauve	.30
*Nova Scotia 1860, 8 1/2c green	.75
*Nova Scotia 1860, 10c vermilion	.70
U. S. 1888, 90c purple	.60
*Sierra Leone 1895, 6p red violet	.24
Samoa 1895, 5p on 4p, numeral surcharge in red	.30

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending October 20th.

Application for Membership.

RICE, CLARENCE B., 51½ E. 4th St,
Oswego, N. Y.; age, 28; occupation,
Agent U. S. Express Co. References:
Chas. S. Sheldon, Geo. R. Tuttle.

Reinstated.

1393. BURNS, RICHARD F., 36
Union St., Boston, Mass.
1313. LYONS, J. H., Box 16, Rox-
bury, Mass.
106. RICHARDSON, L. C., 105 Cross
St., Lawrence, Mass.
493. COE, WM. S., 2427 Webster Ave.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

The four reinstatements above given were reported to me by the Treasurer the week following the Convention and the letter was mislaid. My apologies are hereby tendered to them for the delay in reinstatement. These are the last reinstatements under the old law. All reinstatements hereafter will be published under the head "Applications for Reinstatements" and will lie over one month for an opportunity for objections, the same as applications for membership.

Resignations Received.

727. ESSELBORN, PAUL, Ports-
mouth, Ohio.
1335. GOUCH, FRANK B., Woon-
socket, R. I.
The resignation of F. W. Haskell reported received July 14, has not been accepted as the stock certificate has not been returned.

In the report of application for membership of Emil N. Kiefer, July 21, the name of his guarantor, Adam J. Kiefer, 712 Liberty St., Allegheny, Pa., was accidentally omitted.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Oct. 13th.....	573
New Stockholders.....	4
Total Membership October 20th.....	577

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Members wishing to place stamps in Sales circuits should write for blank books at once, price 5c each, and those wishing to receive approval lots should send in their names immediately.

When this notice appears I shall have filed my Bond and be ready for business. I trust all members will take an interest in this Department and express same by their acts.

H. G. SMITH,
Supt. of Sales and Purch. Dept.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

116 Nassau St.
New York City, Oct. 13th, 1900.
292 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Oct. 6th, valued at..... \$11,398 76
28 books retired since Oct. 6th, valued at (from which has been sold \$58.17) 385.34
Total number of books in circulation 264, valued at... \$11,013.42
GEO. R. TUTTLE.

Bavaria 1900 Type.

2, 2x2 pf gray.....	\$0.05
5, 5x5 pf green.....	.c8
10, 10x10 pf carmine.....	.15
3 pf brown and black, "oo".....	.08
3x2 pf brown, gray and black (Prov.).....	.10

POSTAGE EXTRA.

Beginner's List No. 12, free!

A. LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmor St., BALTIMORE, MD.

200 VARIETIES FREE! Send us a silver quarter and a two-cent stamp for a years' subscription to the *Allegheny Philatelist*, and receive as a premium 200 all different Stamps. KIEFER PUBLISHING COMPANY, Allegheny, Pa. [89*

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Notes from New Jersey.

The numerous enquiries as to the existence of the 3d current issue of Great Britain surcharge for use in the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Scott's No. 59 "Omissions" listed as 3a) can be answered in the affirmative, they were issued and placed on sale in 1899. How long they remained on sale I am unable to answer, but from present indications they seem to be quite scarce, and I would advise collectors who are fortunate enough to possess copies to hold fast to what at the present appears to be good.

The sale of this stamp may have been discontinued by the post office authorities pending the disposal of their old stock of 3d lilac unappropriated die.

Some collectors will remember how they were served up two or three years ago when the British South Africa Co. withdrew from sale the shilling stamps (2sh, 2sh 6d, 3sh, 4sh and 5sh) of the 1896 issue, in order to run off the old stock of 1890, quite a run on these values was occasioned. Prices went up and spaces were filled at several times face value. In a few months the stamps were again placed in issue and could be purchased at a small advance above face. The 1896 issue of British South Africa are generally referred to in Rhodesia as the stamps of the Raid issue, Dr. Jamison's raid occurring at about this time.

I have frequently wondered if the £1 stamp issued in 1897 has been withdrawn temporarily in order to run off the old £1 blue of 1890, this is a question that should interest buyers.

Under New South Wales I desire to mention the following varieties in shades and perforations: Shade variety, 2½d dark Indigo blue.

Varieties in Perforations:

New South Wales, present issue:
2½d blue, perforated 11½.
5d green, perforated 12.
6d orange, perforated 12.
10d lavender, perforated 12.

The following have appeared in the now current 12x11½:

4d brown.
8d red lilac.
9d on 10 red brown.
10d lavender.
1 shilling (2 shade-).

SAND BURR.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.,
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Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

Mr. Geo. L. Toppan furnishes us with a
bit of information, and we quote him:

"Possibly it may interest the readers of
the ERA to know that the firm here which
has been using the "Pre-cancelled" stamps
of the denominations of 3c, 5c and 8c, have
decided to discontinue their use. The 1c
value, which is used by a different firm,
will still be used."

Mr. E. Marks, manager of the Marks
Stamp Co. of Toronto, is to make a European
trip, leaving on the 31st inst., and we
acknowledge receipt of a couple of circulars
announcing his intention and giving some
special "clearance sale" prices good for this
month.

A very careless blunder occurred in this
column last week, caused by haste in prepar-

ation of the copy. The two coin catalogues,
Premium and Price, mentioned as received
were from the Stamp and Coin Exchange,
13 Ann St., N. Y., and not the Scott
Stamp & Coin Co. as stated. The error
was discovered too late to allow of correc-
tion last week.

The following is given us as the result of
the recent election of officers of the Phila-
delphia Philatelic Society:

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Karl Knapp.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

The 56th sale of B. L. Drew & Co. occurs
Friday evening, Nov. 16th, in Elks'
Hall, Boston. Some 560 lots are listed in
the catalogue.

Catalogue of a big four-night sale under
the management of the J. W. Scott Co.
has been received. The sale will be held
on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday evenings, Nov. 20, 21, 22 and 23rd,
at the Collectors Club, New York City.

The *Metropolitan* prints the following
from the *New York Daily Press*:

The residence of Jose M. Andreini, was
robbed yesterday of jewelry to the value of
\$500. After some detective work on the
part of a conscience-stricken mason, who
had left the door open, the thief was landed
in the Tenderloin police station with all of
the property on his person.

The Andreini family were away at Iona
Island. They had made arrangements for
certain repairs to be made to the house
stoop during their absence. H. R. Schaefer,
a mason, was working there, and having
occasion to go in and out of the house fre-
quently, left the basement door open.
While Schaefer was mixing mortar in the
rear a negro entered the house, passing
rapidly to the bedroom of Mrs. Andreini
on the third floor. A general ransacking
of drawers and wardrobes disclosed a quan-
tity of jewelry with which he crammed his
pockets. He then went down to the first
floor, where his ineffectual attempts to
draw the front door's bolts attracted the at-
tention of a maid. The negro, first pick-
ing up an overcoat, brushed her aside, and
ran through the basement to the street.
The maid's cries brought Schaefer just in
time to get a good look at the negro, but
too late to catch him.

Schaefer finished his work, bemoaning
his carelessness. After he had had his supper
he went over to the Tenderloin. The
glaring lights of a resort in Thirty-first
street, under whose illuminated sign scores
of negroes passed back and forth, attracted
him. Into it he went. At a pool table,
cue in hand, Schaefer found his quarry.
Back to the street he went for Policemen
Hughes and Wallersen, and, accompanied
by them, re-entered the place and captured
his man. The prisoner said he was Frank
Emerson, of 214 West Thirty-third street.
A search of his clothing brought to light
the stolen jewelry.

In No. 385 of the ERA I advertised No. 46 Hawaiian
pair o. g. fine, for \$1.75. This was not a mistake of
the printer's but my own, and should have been \$2.75.
Am sorry I had to return money and trust it will not
occur again.

I have two pairs each of the following Orange Free
State surcharged V. R. I., showing a distinct variety
in the Vd.

10 orange, pair.....	\$0.30
1d purple, pair.....	.40
2d purple, pair.....	.50
British East Africa 1896, 1 to 5a.....	.50
British Central Africa 1897, 1p on 3sh.....	.30
Grenada No. 22, tete be he pair.....	.50
Victoria No. 169a, block of 4.....	.20
Natal No. 57, 5sh, o. g.....	1.60
Tasmania No. 39, 6p red lilac.....	.30
Newfoundland Jubilee 1 to 6oc, o. g.....	3.00
Zanzibar 1896, wmk., 1/2 to 4 1/2.....	.65

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" 1895, 1, 2, 5, unused o. g.....	.20
Labuan 1897, 1, 2, 3, used.....	.05
Niger Coast Protectorate 1894, 1/2d.....	.03

JOHN NEANDER, 37 Third Ave., ALBANY, N. Y.

N. and M., 5 to 15 var., cat. \$1.00.....	\$0.30
6c Proprietary, lilac.....	.60
7c 1870.....	.30
1891 and 1896, 1c on cover, both.....	.20
Omaha 1 to 10c.....	.25
*Sheet 100 Canada, Imp. plate No. 1.....	1.50
*Blocks 4 Canada 1882, 1/2c.....	.50
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Look up our list in last week's issue, there may be something interesting. We will deliver the 60th Catalogue at your office or residence anywhere in "greater Boston" free for 50c.

ORANGE FREE STATE.

Most every dealer is advertising the V. R. I. surcharges, but who has the early obsolete issues in unused condition? Try your dealer and if you cannot procure them then consult my ad in Mekeel's Weekly No. 509 and ERA No. 385. So great has been the demand for these stamps, both singly, in pairs and blocks, that I am now all out of No. 10 in unused condition, although I have a few used copies left at \$2.50 each, otherwise all stamps of Orange Free State advertised are still in stock.

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- China (Russian), set of 6..... .37
- China (Japanese Wedding Stamp)..... .03
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- Alexandria, set of 5..... .10
- Port Said, set of 5..... .10
- French Congo 1900, Set of 13..... 1.40
- Guatemala " " 7..... .25
- Labuan " " 7..... .55
- North Borneo " " 2..... .15
- Swiss Jubilee " " 3..... .15

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is doing all in its power to discourage the use of private proprietary stamps. J. Ellwood Lee made their requisition and put up their deposit of \$1800.00 many moons ago but could not get the stamps, finally a threat to sue for the deposit with interest brought the reply that the stamps would be ready October 15th. I have just inquired at the Chicago office and am told the stamps are still "to arrive."

Another large firm sent a design of their prospective stamp to Washington for an estimate, which was finally forthcoming after a lapse of three months. They wisely concluded that if it takes three months for estimating the cost of the die, etc., it would take in the neighborhood of three centuries (more or less) to have the die made and the stamps printed, and therefore refrained from ordering.

Writing of Private Proprietaries brings a thought of Lewis Robie. Robie (without his whiskers) tells me he was "thrown down" hard in his request for private stamps for his special preparation of breath perfume, and has decided that his stamp shall adorn a package, or rather, an envelope, containing a corn plaster—the Nickel Corn Plaster.

Mekeel's Boston correspondent is in doubt as to the existence of several of the stamps of the German Southwest Africa sets. Referring to the first set (1897) Senf says, in a foot note, "The 25 and 50 pf stamps of this series were issued in very small numbers (for the World's Postal Union Bureau) but were never put into use." Personally, I cannot vouch for the existence of the 25 pf stamp, but the 50 pf is shown here in a collection. I have never been able to secure the 25 pf of the second set (1899), nor do I know of anyone who has seen it; and I have come to the conclusion that it does not exist.

German Colonials are no doubt becoming very popular, and I notice many of the Chicago collectors are making efforts to fill up on these stamps while they are comparatively cheap. Probably the rarest set of the series is the first set of Marshall Islands (spelled "Sch"). This set is lacking in most collections and I know of but one collector in this city who has it.

Mr. W. Sellschopp, of San Francisco, passed through Chicago today en route to Europe. I understand he is to make his home permanently abroad.

JOHN J. OESCH.

WE HAD

Brother Severn down in our ad here this week, but the receipt of Osgood's decayed watermelon looking Stampman reminds us of what Keokuk Carter also says in the white edition, and we are forced to the conclusion that we, Osgood and "Doc" Cottlow, are not the only liars now existing. The only difference between us and Brother Carter is when we lie you know we are lying, and when he lies an impression is left that the little cuss may be telling the truth.

We are telling you the truth, however, that our next ad will probably quote J. Ellwood Lee stamps, on receipt of which price lists will be mailed.

LEWIS ROBIE, ITHACA, MICHIGAN.

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- Home Bitters Co. 2c, fair copies only..... .50
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Several collections for sale from \$350.00 to \$4000.00 each.

Auction Sale Catalogue free to auction buyers.

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I am breaking up a collection of about 500 varieties of United States and Canada, and will send them on approval marked at net prices from 40 to 75% off catalogue rates. First class reference required from each applicant, commercial reference preferable. Also please state the class of stamps desired. There are no very great rarities in the collection but a number of the medium class. I am not a dealer but have quite a lot of duplicates and would like to correspond with small dealers requiring a few stamps to sort up their stock. The prices will be attractive. If collectors will send want list I shall be pleased to quote for any stamps I may have. W. MORTON WEBB, Mining Engineer, 28 Delaware Block, Leadville, Colo. '88*

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- U. S., 30c 1869, horizontal strip 3, used..... 4.00
- *Confed. 1864, 1c orange, fine..... .37
- Mobile, Ala., 5c blue, on cover, fine..... 4.50*

- Send for selection of stamps on cover.
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- A. Bechtler Carolina Gold dollar..... 3.00
- 1854-72, Calif. gold 1/2 doll., round or oct..... 2.50
- 1855-72, Calif. gold 1/4 doll., very fine..... 2.50
- 1862, Liberia, 2 cents, large, copper..... .12

Send for some coins on approval. List of 87 bargains free.

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Br'er Robie

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- Corea 1895, 5, 10, 25, 50p, *..... \$0.25
- S Switzerland 1881, 1 1/2c yellow..... .02
- Austrian Levant 1890, 2ap on 5k red..... .02
- North Borneo 1893, 25, 50c, \$1.00..... .50
- Postage extra under 50c. Fine 33 1/4% approvals. References.

D. W. OSGOOD, Box 502, Pueblo, Colo.

British Colonials, Unused, O. G.

British Bechuanaland 1892, 1sh.....	\$0.50
Ionian Islands, 1d and 2d.....	1.16
Grenada 1883, ½d, tete beche pair.....	.06
Natal 1895, ½d on 6d, "fancy letters".....	.16
Niger Coast 1897, ½d, 1d and 2d.....	.15
Postage extra on orders under 50c.	

W. F. PRICE,
84 Washington Ave., NEWARK, N. J.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
- Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, No. 310, October: Paris Philatelic Exhibition.
- Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXVIII No. 321, September: Catalogue—Mexico.
- Antwerpia, Vol. III No. 36, September: German Philatelic Congress. Valedictory Notice.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XI No. 9, September: Fourth German Convention at Hamburg.
- Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XIV No. 186, September 30: Balloon Post of 1870. Philately at Pretoria. Echos of the Philatelic Exhibition.
- Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vol. VIII No. 12 (56), September: W. Sellschopp & Co.
- London Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 105, Sept.: Paris Philatelic Exhibition.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV No. 42 (511), October 18: London Letter. Chicago, Boston, New York and California Notes.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 2, October 13: Washington Notes. English Letter.
- Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol. IX No. 10, October: Wurtemberg Postmarks. Philatelic Miscellany.
- Perforator, Vol. XVII No. 4, September: P. S. of A. Convention. History of the P. S. of A.
- Philatelic Advocate, Vol. IX No. 4, Oct.: United States Minutes.
- Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXIV No. 1 (151), September: Stamps of Saxony. Philately vs. Stamp Collecting.
- Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. II No. 6, Oct.: Anent Pre-Cancellations. Querely Addressed Letters. Stamp Distributor.
- Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Vol. VI Nos. 7, 8 (69, 70), July, Aug.: Ronolfo Laass. Anniversary of the Postal Union. Bolivian Forgeries. Africa and Its Postage Stamps.
- Revue Philatelique Francaise, Vol. XI No. 116, August-September: Official Opening of the Philatelic Exposition. Exposition Banquet. Suppression of Forgeries. Stamps of Saint Pierre Miquelon. Visit to the Stamp Manufactory.
- Stamps, Vol. IV No. 9 (45), September: Stamp Exchange Clubs. Recent Exhibitions. Paris—Melbourne. Post Cards Etc. New Zealand—Queensland.
- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VI Nos. 144, 145, Sept. 15, 29: Status of Making Stamps. Reminiscences of a Philatelist. Marie I. King of the Sedangs. Paris Exhibition a Success.

A supplement to *Antwerpia et Scaldia Philatelic* announces the suspension of that journal with the present number. It is possible that the publication may be resumed after January 1, 1901. I shall be sorry not to receive this paper for it has

frequently had items concerning philatelic publications which I cannot find elsewhere.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie contains a good account by Victor Flandrin of the Balloon Post of the Siege of Paris in 1870-1. The government decrees authorizing the establishment of the post are given in full.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* presents us with notes from Washington signed "The Optimist." Some facts are given concerning the proposed Buffalo exposition stamps, and it is stated that neither designs or colors have been settled definitely.

The *Perforator* contains the fullest account of the P. S. of A. convention that I have seen. It is of course the official record and contains all the officers' reports. The society seems to be in a much sounder condition than for some time, all the delinquent members having been dropped. The Treasurer's report shows a small balance on the right side. "Smiling Brodie" is the President for the next year and Buffalo the convention place. We will meet you there with our camera.

Pre-cancelled stamps are the subject treated by writers in both the *Philatelic Bulletin* and *Philatelic Chronicle*. Quite a number of new varieties are announced and it seems that with the advent of the holiday season and commencement of the new year many additions will be made to the already long list. At some not very distant date I shall prepare a revised list for the readers of the ERA.

The *Revista* of the Argentine society has not visited me for many months until within a week, when the July and August numbers arrived at once. The catalogue of Argentine fiscals is now dealing with the issues of the city of Buenos Aires. The other contents of the journal are fully up to the former standard.

The main part of the *London Philatelist* is given up to a very full report of the Paris philatelic exhibition. It goes into details quite fully and mentions all the prize winners with their exhibits.

The *Revue Philatelique Francaise* is also largely given up to exhibition matters, the addresses at the opening ceremonies and at the banquet being reported in full. A long list of the special medals with the names of those to whom they were awarded is also given.

Stamps contains a number of reproductions of the Orange River V. R. I. surcharges both in natural size and enlarged. The Fiscal notes by A. Preston Pearce are to my mind the most interesting thing now running in the magazine. They ought to be longer however.

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 many Duplicates to exchange for others not in my collection; send yours and receive mine. Napoleon Caforette, No. 234 Water St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Dallas M. Keppel, Tiffin, Ohio, has a Scott's No. 2432 on original cover, listing \$100.00, which will be exchanged for space fillers in a collection of about 5000. Send a list of Duplicates with offers. U. S. stamps preferred.

Wanted, stamps of Native India, French and Portuguese Colonies for Columbian 3 and 6-cent used, even exchange, or 1874 1 cent blue on fawn envelope, mint state, catalogued 50c, for 40c worth, ten for \$3.00 worth. W. G. Jerrens, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Will exchange stamps with collectors all over the world. Send me 50 or more stamps and receive same number and value. Rare for rare. Simon Blum, Cold Spring, Stearns Co., Minnesota. U. S. A.

Wanted: U. S. Revenue Proofs on Cardboard. Will give in exchange good stamps or Cardboard Proofs of U. S. Stamps. In sending Proofs price same according to the amount of Catalogue value you want in exchange. Albert E. Chase, A. P. A. No. 1271, Brunswick, Me.

To exchange for other good stamps: Germany 1862-66 ½ groschen, green, imperforated, rouletted and colored lines; Bavaria 1850 12k, red; Norway 1862, 2s, 3s, 24s; U. S. 1861. 90c; all used. T. M. Drossner, 566 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Exchange fine piece real Indian tapestry chamois skin, embroidered with porcupine hair, worth \$25.00: I will take \$60.00 worth of stamps, catalogue over 5c each. Harry Baudry, Grocer, 520 Ellice Ave., West, Winnipeg, Man.

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"Wouldn't it wrinkle your stockings" to buy 50 all different U. S. cat. \$1.25 or over for 95c? I'll fill your order. 25 var. unused Cuba, 25c. E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

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The Origin and Introduction of the Postal Card.

While adhesive postage stamps have been in use since 1840 it was about 30 years later, on October 1, 1869, when the first Postal Card was issued by the Austrian Empire, where until this day it is called "Korrespondenz-Karte" (correspondence card).

The credit for having successfully agitated its introduction belongs to Professor Emanuel Herrmann, of Vienna, and Austria claims for him the honor of having *invented* the Postal Card.

However, the subject of introducing in the German mails the use of an open Correspondence Card was discussed by Dr. Stephan, who represented the Prussian Post Office Department at the German Postal Congress at Karlsruhe (Baden) in 1865, four years prior to the introduction of the Postal Card in Austria, which latter country, until 1866 a member of the German Confederation, was likewise represented at that Congress.

While the proposition of Dr. Stephan was listened to with much interest, the idea of sending *open* correspondence through the mails was such a novel one in those days that it was not acted upon by that Congress.

It was not until 1870 that Postal Cards were introduced in Germany, Luxemburg and Switzerland. During the next year (1871) Belgium, Canada and Denmark fell into line, while the United States adopted their use in 1873 and other countries followed until at present these convenient card boards are used in every civilized country.

It was again Dr. Heinrich von Stephan, (later Postmaster General of the German Empire until his death in 1897) the *inventor* of the Postal Card, who devoted his energy to the establishment of uniform international postage rates, his untiring efforts in this direction leading to the formation of the Universal Postal Union in 1875.

This again led to the adoption of International Postal Cards the uniform rate having been fixed at 10 centimes (French) = 2 cents, Germany taking the lead in their introduction.

The first United States Universal Postal Card (2c blue) was issued in 1879, and while Canada introduced a 2c card ("To United Kingdom" in 1877 the Postal Union Card was not issued until 1879.

While Postal Cards have been collected ever since their introduction, especially in Europe, the American collector was rather slow in taking them up, and it was not until the early eighties that they were collected to any considerable extent, since which time a large number of very fine collections have been formed.

HOW TO COLLECT.

Some collectors confine themselves exclusively to unused cards on the ground of their beauty as such, while a few, known

to the writer, collect them only after they have done postal duty.

The great majority, however, collect both used and unused and this is, according to the writer's experience, the mode to be recommended for the reason that completeness is more easily attained.

Various schemes for the arrangement of a Postal Card collection have been resorted to, such as pasting the cards in scrap books, with paste or gummed hinges, a mode which has long since been abandoned, owing to the injury done to the cards by the paste.

My advice to the beginner is to keep the cards in large manila envelopes which can be bought in any stationery store, each country separate, until the collection is fairly on the way, and then arrange them in a regular *Postal Card Album*, as designed, copyrighted, and manufactured by the writer.

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ADVANTAGES.

As every collector knows, it is impossible to build up a *complete* collection of postage stamps on account of the great scarcity and the prevailing high prices of hundreds, even thousands, of stamps.

This does not apply to Postal Cards, among which there are but few great rarities. Besides the highest face value of a card is 4 cents, a double Postal Union Card, while stamps run up as high as, and in some countries even higher than \$5.00. Again, the collector of Postal Cards is not troubled and worried with the greatest enemy to the collector, the counterfeiters.

Some stamp collectors who have never seen a foreign Postal Card judge them by the design and quality of the cheap productions of the U. S. post office department—ADOLPH LOHMEYER'S Price List No. 12.

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Mekeel's Announcements.

(Continued from page 30.)

Netherlands 1896, 5 gold green and brown.....	.98
*Niger (Old Rivers Protectorate) Registration envelope, unused and entire, 2p blue, black surcharge.....	.95
*Colombian Republic 1888, 1 peso, claret.....	.75
Argentina 1894, 5 pesos, blue.....	.30
Brazil, Unpaid, 1897, 700r purple.....	.22
British Bechuanaaland 1887, 6p lilac.....	.10
*British Guiana 1889, 2c mauve and black.....	.15
British North Borneo 1889, 25 dollars, blue.....	1.40
Canada 1899, 10c lilac or violet.....	.23
*China (Shanghai) 1889, 20 cash on 100 cash, blue, No. 124.....	.95
Newfoundland 1876, 5c blue, rouletted.....	.17
*Niger Coast Protectorate 1894, 5p lilac.....	.40
*Old Rivers (Niger Coast) 1892, 2p gr'n&carmin.....	.15
*Old Rivers (Niger Coast) " 2 1/2p lilac on blue.....	.20
*Old Rivers (Niger Coast) " 5p lilac and blue.....	.10
Paraguay 1892, 40c blue.....	.15
Paraguay 1892, 60c yellow.....	.20
Paraguay 1892, 80c blue.....	.20
Paraguay 1892, 1 peso, olive.....	.20
Peru 1893, (March 17th Com.), 20c orange.....	.25
Peru, Definit, 1897, 5c blue.....	.15
Peru, Definit, 1897, 5c red.....	.25
Rhodesia 1896, 15h green and blue.....	.25
*Hawaiian Islands 1893, 25c purple 'Prov. Govt.'.....	.95
Porto Rico 1895, 4 mil, orange brown.....	.23

The Following are All Unused.

Johore (Straits Settlements), 1894, 3c on 5c lilac and green.....	.15
1894, 3c on 6c lilac and blue.....	.15
1894, 3c on \$1.00 green and carmine.....	.95
Porto Rico 1876, 50c blue, black surcharge.....	.50
1876, 1 peseta, black with surch. (No. 12).....	.75
1893, Jubilee, 3c dark green.....	.95
1898, 4 mil, orange brown.....	.25
1898, 4 centavos, orange.....	.60
1898, 5 centavos, grey brown.....	.07
1898, 10 centavos, vermilion.....	.10
1898, 15 centavos, slate green.....	.15
1898, 20 centavos, macon.....	.20
1898, 40 centavos, violet.....	.40
1898, 60 centavos, black.....	.75
1898, 80 centavos, red brown.....	.50
Port Said 1900, 3 francs.....	.45
Port Said 1900, 5 francs.....	1.40
French Congo 1900, 2 francs.....	.55
French Congo 1900, 5 francs.....	1.40
Germany 1900, 3 marks.....	1.00

VERY CHEAP SETS.

Corea 1895, 5, 10, 25 and 50p, four stamps, unused.....	.18
Bahamas 1884, 1, 4, 6p and 1sh, four stamps, lightly penmarked.....	.18
India 1885-94, on H. M. S., complete set, 3 pieces, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8 annas, 1 rupee, set of seven, used.....	.10
Venezuela 1885-99, 10 different, including two 1 bolivars stamps, used.....	.08
1894, Instruction, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1 bolivar, lightly penmarked, 5, five stamps.....	.08
1900, surcharged Resellada, R. F. M., 5, 10, 25c Correos, used.....	.10
Sarawak 1875, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12c, five stamps, unused.....	.65
Belgium (Antwerp Exposition) 5, 10, 25c, three stamps, unused.....	.15
Switzerland 1900, large Jubilee type, 5, 10, 25c, three stamps, unused.....	.12
Norway (Unpaid), 1, 4, 10, 20, 50 ore, five stamps.....	.15
Martinique 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15c, six stamps.....	.08

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, October 17th.

Mr. Capron, manager of the Boston Stamp Co., has shown me several imperforate pairs of various values of Fernando Po stamps. They are all of the 1890 issue which is of the same type as the 1898 issue of Cuba. As far as I can learn these scarce stamps are unlisted.

H. F. Dunkhorst, the Washington dealer, was in Boston last week, displaying as usual a fine line of stamps.

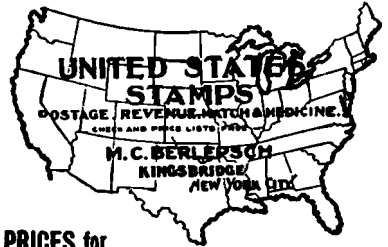
Just now as V. R. I. stamps are in the philatelic mind, I will venture to mention two varieties which I have not yet seen chronicled. Mr. E. A. Holton exhibits the two penny and the three penny surcharged on Orange Free State, both with the thick V. These stamps came in a very recent importation.

I learn from foreign sources that the Paris Philatelic Exhibition is a philatelic success, but undoubtedly a financial failure. Twelve booths had been reserved to be rented to dealers at the rate of about two hundred dollars each. Only two of these are rented, bringing in about four hundred dollars instead of about twenty-five hundred as expected. One booth was rented Mr. Th. Lervaire of Paris, and the other by Mr. Paul Kohl of Chemnitz. This loss of revenue is the direct reason of the failure, and resulted in a decision of the committee that no gold medals will actually be given, but instead a diploma of honor will be presented. An idea of the number of exhibits may be gained from the fact that 176 prizes and medals were awarded. Some philatelists claim that the Paris Philatelic exhibition does not compare with those previously held in London and Manchester either in interest or completeness.

It seems probable that the four and a half penny Great Britain will be withdrawn at an early date, on account of its similarity to the new bi-colored one shilling stamp.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held this evening at the usual place. A larger attendance than usual was noticed. The principal feature of the evening was the auction sale of stamps donated the Society, which contained 108 lots, for which good prices were realized and the treasury enriched thereby about seventy-five dollars. Five applications for membership in the Society were received. The sale was enlivened by the good natured jokes and witticisms indulged in between the auctioneer, Mr. Lyons, and the members.

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NEWTON, MASS., Oct. 12, 1900.

Editor W. P. ERA,
Dear Sir: Since sending you list of "irregular" correspondents, which you published in No. 386, I have heard from and wish to give credit to Mr. W. T. Roberts, care Stafford & Co., Arequipa, Peru.

Yours truly,
A. W. DUNNING.

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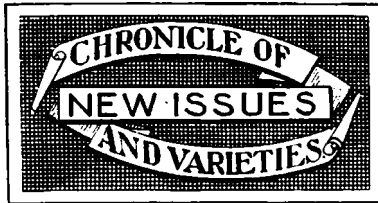
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VOL. XV. No. 5.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1900.

WHOLE No. 389.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CAYMEN ISLANDS—Our editors are now adding a new stamp issuing colony of Great Britain to their chronicles. It may be interesting to our readers to note the following from Mr. Bartels in *Mekeel's News*:

"Great Britain has been so prolific in issuing stamps for its various colonies throughout the world; that most of us have thought that by this time the ground had been fully covered and that stamps were in use in every island in her possession. The British West Indies have been especially well supplied, yet at this late date we are to add another group of three islands to the stamp issuing possessions of this great country mentioned. The Cayman Islands are located 150 miles northwest of Jamaica and south of the western province of Cuba. Thus far only the two smallest values have been received, but it is probable that more will follow. The design is the same as the current issue of British Honduras and other colonies."

Adhesives (Regular Issue):

½d green.
1d rose.

COREA.—We have already listed two or three values of the new set and we have now been shown by Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. other values that we now list:

Adhesives (Regular):

2 re, grey.
4 cheun, carmine.
3 cheun, rose-pink.
6 cheun, blue.

DUTCH INDIES.—In addition to the three envelopes surcharged as referred to in number 383 we find that the 15c of 1888 has been similarly treated. The *A. J. of P.* also states that four of the current Netherlands envelopes have been surcharged with value at top and "NED. INDIE" at bottom in block capitals:

Envelopes (Provisional):

10c on 15c 1888 bistre.
10c on Netherlands 10c grey lilac.
12½c on " " 12½c blue.
15c on " " 15c yellow-brown.
20c on " " 20c yellow-green.

FRENCH CONGO.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* reports having received a 30c 1892 surcharged in two lines "Valeur-15" from Brazzaville on a letter dated July 10th. It is evident that the artistic set recently chronicled for this colony did not put in an appearance early enough to prevent the creation of this provisional. Upon the authority of our French exchange we list:

Adhesive (Provisional):
15c on 30c brown and bistre, surch. in blue.

GREECE.—We have been shown by Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. several provisionals just received. We know nothing of the facts leading to their issue. The surcharge consists of the value in the form of a large numeral in one line and "lepta" or "drachma" in the other on the current issue. We have thus far seen:

Adhesives (Provisional):
20 lepta on 25 lepta, blue, perf.
20 " " " imperf.
1 drachma on 40 lepta, imperf.
2 " " " perf.

INDIA.—The values recently chronicled as about to be changed have been received in their new colors. The set is as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):

3 pies, grey.
½a light green.
1a carmine.
2a violet.
3½a ultramarine.

Adhesives (Official):

½a light green, "On H. M. S."
1a carmine, " "
2a violet, " "

LORENZO MARQUES.—*Mekeel's News* states that the 10c revenue stamp has been cut horizontally in two and each half surcharged in five lines: "5c Correio de Lorenzo Marques 5 reis."

RUSSIA, Offices in the Levant.—In number 374 we listed a 4 paras, surcharged on 1k for use in the Levant. According to Whitfield King & Co. of England: "The 1 kopec Russian Levant was wrongly surcharged '5 paras' instead of '5 paras.' Despite the inscription, the stamp is sold at the intended figure, 4 paras, and not until the whole stock is exhausted will the error be rectified."

SWITZERLAND.—We are informed by I. C. Stockner, Elgin, Ill., that another commemorative stamp has been created to celebrate the jubilee of the establishment of the postal union. It takes the form evidently of a provisional but we cannot describe it intelligently. Mr. Stockner writes: "A new stamp, 5 on 3, date 1875-1900, green, very pretty."

UNITED STATES.—A new carrier stamp has been unearthed according to the *Amer-*

ican Journal of Philately. It is the "Hopedale Penny Post." The stamp is evidently of a type set design the above words being printed in two lines. It is thus treated by this magazine:

"Mr. Zephyr Mathieu has shown us a new carrier stamp which appears to be a genuine variety. The type is of the style employed in the days of carrier stamps, and there are various indications about the letter, on which it is pasted, to lead us to the conclusion that it is a genuine variety."

Carrier Stamp:

Hopedale Penny Post, black on pink.

We note that Mr. Bartels in *Mekeel's News* gives some information in regard to the change in the colors of the revenues:

"The change in the present issue of revenues has been exciting considerable interest, but as yet I have not seen it stated definitely anywhere just what this change is to consist in. It is not true that the entire set will be printed in one and the same color, but only the values from \$1 to \$50. A special kind of ink has been prepared by one of the government's experts which will dissolve as soon as it comes in contact with strong acids. It is said that this ink can only be manufactured in one color which is gray and this is to be used in future for the stamps of above denominations. The color is not very favorable to the appearance of the stamps, but it has been decided to sacrifice beauty in favor of safety and to avoid the possibility of the stamps being cleaned after once being used.

In order to distinguish the different denominations more readily the stamps will be surcharged with very large double line numerals which will avoid the possibility of mistakes."

URUGUAY.—The *A. J. of P.* announces a new set in preparation for this country. The values and designs thus far recorded are:

1c green, "A herd of cattle."
2c red, "Genius of Agriculture."
5c blue, "Genius of Uruguay."
7c orange, "Fertility of the Country."
10c violet, "Commerce controlling the cattle industry of the country."

A ½c wrapper, 5c envelope and 3c letter card are also to be issued.

No values higher than 10c will be issued, presumably owing to a sufficiently large stock of these being on hand.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer has favored us with the two new cards commemorating the 75th anniversary of the independence of this country. Both are printed in black on white, value 2c, one with the statue of Liberty and the other showing "La Piedra Alta." They were issued on August 25th.

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1869, 30c		2.50	.85
1870-71		1.50	.50
Postage Due, 30 and 50c brown		3.50	.75
" " " red-brown		2.10	.45
* Agriculture 1c, gum, but off center		3.50	1.25
" " 2c, "		1.00	.35
" " 6c, full gum, off center		.75	.30
Justice 6c		1.00	.35
" " 10c, small corner missing		3.00	.75
" " 12c, few perf. missing		2.50	.60
Navy 12c, slightly damaged		1.50	.30
Post Office 24c		1.00	.30
State 1c, slightly damaged		2.50	.50
" " 2c, "		5.00	1.00
" " 15c, fine, but not centered		4.50	1.75
" " 15c, fair copy		4.50	1.75
War 7c, heavily cancelled		2.50	.50
* Austria, newspaper, 1kr lilac		3.50	1.50
" " " 1kr lilac		1.25	.50
Bahamas 1p carmine, CC, 1 1/2		1.00	.35
* Br. Guiana 1871, 1c on \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$4		.48	.30
Bavaria 1862, 18c		1.50	.25
* Baden 1861, 1kr black		1.50	.35
" " 1kr rose		.75	.25
Bremen No. 8, 5 s gr.		3.50	.75
Brazil 1850, 18c		.75	.30
1850, 30c		1.00	.40
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No. 59, 5s		1.50	.35
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N. S. Wales No. 41, 8p orange		.75	.25
registered, No. 304		2.50	.50
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Salvador 1870, 20c violet		1.50	.55
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

MONTREAL, October 24th.

In my last notes the compositor made me say [Just what the copy said.—ED.], in reference to a certain Canadian paper, that only twenty numbers had been issued. This was an error as twenty-five numbers had been issued.

The Canadian general election which takes place on the 7th of November is the topic of conversation here, and consequently stamps are not heard of as much as formerly.

It is claimed by some that should the present government be defeated, the Conservatives will give the contract for stamps to the British American Bank Note Co., which would probably mean a new issue in the near future.

Just as I am about to close these notes I

hear from a most reliable source that one of our dealers has had the misfortune to have some thirty dollars worth of stamps stolen from one of his counter books.

Owing to the fact that there is not time to obtain details I will not be able to give same this week.

A. R. MAGILL.

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 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 332d regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Oct. 18th, at the Society's hall, 205 E. Madison St. The meeting was called to order by President Wolseffer and 24 members answered the roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. W. E. Burton for his fine exhibit of stamps at the last meeting Messrs. Lefever, Massoth and Oesch were appointed a committee to look for and engage a permanent room for holding the Society's meetings.

REPORT OF GOVERNING BOARD.

The following were elected to membership:

- Scott Jordan, Chicago, Ill., Active No. 606.
- C. L. Annan, St. Paul, Minn., Passive, No. 607.
- O. R. Tallgren, Meuborg, Finland, Passive, 608.

The following applications were ordered posted:

Active Membership.

BIRR, CHAS. E., 141 E. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by C. E. Severn.

Passive Membership.

MARTIN, EBEN S., 299 Dayton Ave., St. Paul, Minn.; proposed by F. N. Massoth

AFFLERBACH, HERMAN, Great Falls, Mont; proposed by P. M. Wolseffer.

After the meeting Mr. Z. G. Stebbins of Chicago exhibited his elegant collection of British and United States Colonial stamps. This collection is in the front ranks of Chicago collections and the superb condition of every specimen makes it an attractive collection for exhibition purposes.

JOHN J. OESCH, 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.

To exchange for other good stamps: Germany 1862-66 1/2 groschen, green, imperforated, rouletted and colored lines; Bavaria 1850 12k, red; Norway 1863, 25, 35, 24s; U. S. 1861, 90c; all used. T. M. Drossner, 566 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. [90]

Have volumes 9 to 14 of ERA, also volumes 5 to 14 of "Meekel's Weekly," 10 complete volumes; will trade entire lot for best offer of U. S. or Canada stamps. W. F. Fratcher, 344 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich. [90]

Would like to enter into an exchange with collectors having about 3000 varieties of stamps. Send sheets and receive mine. Herman W. Boers, 389 Maple, Detroit, Mich.

A fine collection of stamps (cat. over \$1000) to exchange for a good printing press or printing material. Or will exchange stamps in lots to suit. Write. R. N. Edwards, Brooks, Me. [91]

Wanted, stamps of Native India, French and Portuguese Colonies for Columbian 3 and 6-cent used, even exchange, or 1874 1 cent blue on fawn envelope, mint state, catalogued 50c, for 40c worth, ten for \$3.00 worth. W. G. Jerrens, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [92]

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- Hawaii Scott's No. 32, mint state, 30c each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 33, mint state, 30c each.
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- Hawaii Scott's No. 35, used copies, 6c each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 40, mint state, \$1.50 each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 43, used copies, 3c each.
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- Hawaii Scott's No. 46, mint state, \$1.35 each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 53, mint state, 16c each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 54, mint state, 15c each.
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- Hawaii Scott's No. 57, mint state, 3c each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 58, mint state, 25c each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 59, mint state, 10c each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 60, mint state, 22c each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 64, mint state, \$1.10 each.
- Hawaii Scott's No. 72, mint state, \$1.25 each.
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The Editor's Bears.

Our Kimberley correspondent recently sent over a number of doubtful "Mafeking Besieged" stamps for opinion. The overprint on all is undoubtedly bad. This particular type of forgery may be recognized by having a comma after "Besieged," a variety which is stated not to exist in the genuine stamps.—*Ewen's Weekly*.

There is every probability of a considerable advance taking place in the values of the older issues of the Orange Free State. It will perhaps culminate in the publication of Stanley Gibbons' new 1901 edition of their Part I catalogue, but prices will be at least maintained afterwards, and may even continue to rise steadily. The issues of the Orange Free State are among the most interesting of any country, and it has only needed their inclusion in "Part I" to place them in the front rank of popularity. This, Lord Roberts has now incidentally accomplished.—*Ewen's Weekly*.

CASE OF A. D. BUCHANAN INTERESTS COLLECTORS OF FOREIGN STAMPS.

GRAND JURY WILL INVESTIGATE AN ACCUSATION AGAINST HIM OF COUNTERFEITING—GANG SAID TO HAVE DUPED PHILATELISTS SUCCESSFULLY.

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 20.—[Special.]—Postoffice Inspector Herbert Towison left for Chicago tonight to appear before the grand jury in the case of A. D. Buchanan, charged with counterfeiting foreign postage stamps. The case will come before the grand jury next week, and its action is watched with considerable interest by philatelists.

It is said that the gang of counterfeiters had traveled all over the world and secured perfect impressions of the postmarking stamps required in the execution of this scheme. They hit upon a novel scheme and required a great variety of stamps and instruments to carry it out. In order to convince their dupes that the stamps were genuine they placed them on printed envelopes bearing addresses of foreign concerns or individuals, canceled them, and postmarked them with just such stamps as are used in postoffices through which they would have to pass in order to reach their destination.

In the collection there are copies of postoffice stamps used in countries from all parts of the world, and even the envelopes are of the make frequently used in the countries whose cancellation marks they bear.

The charge of counterfeiting has been made against Buchanan because he had the collection and chest of implements in his possession, but he lays the charge to one Clark, who was arrested previously on a less important charge and jumped his bail, being now at large.

[Postoffice Inspector James Stuart said last evening that there was little probability of the prosecution of Buchanan on the charge of counterfeiting. The fact that the stamps were of foreign denominations and were manufactured to be canceled would render prosecution on the charge of little avail. But one case of a similar kind has come under the inspector's notice in thirty years. "A clear case of fraudulent use of the mails has been proven, however," said the Inspector.]—*Chicago Tribune*.

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20	" \$2.50 Inland, slightly damaged.	.70
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22	" and Issue, 1, 3, 5, 15	1.58
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24	" \$2.00 (2), \$2.50	1.50
25	" 1898, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00	
26	" Imp. and P. F., 7 var. 2c to 25	1.56
27	" 35 varieties and dup. 2c to \$2.00	3.10
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33	" 1900, 3c lake	
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35	" 2c Wrappers, cut square	2.36
36	" 2c yellow brown Cards	
37	" Revenue Receipt	
38	" Great Britain, 8 varieties	.48
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211	Shanghai 1893-96, 1/2 to 20	9 .30
211a	" Jubilee, complete	7 .25
212	" unpaid '93, complete	7 .50
243a	Crete 1900, 1 to 1d complete	7 .75
305	Fernando Po 1899, 1 to 20c	8 1.00
341	Gambia 1887-89, complete	8 1.25
364	German China 1898	6 .50
366	" Morocco 1899	6 .50
366a	" same on orig. letter	6 .60
372	Gibraltar Morocco Agencies 5 to 50c	6 .40
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

One of my notes in No. 387 referred to Mr. S. B. Bradt of Rockford, Ill. This is in error as it should read Mr. S. B. Bradford. Whether the error is mine or the "censor's" I have been unable to determine. [It was the office "cat," and apologies are extended.—Ed.]

Another variety of the pre-cancelled stamp is shown here. Roxbury Cross Station, Boston, Mass., inverted cancellation.

The first batch of the Advance Sheets of the new Scott Catalogue have reached us this week, being about two weeks late. As the question of altered valuations is always a matter of note, I have compiled the following statistics, showing the rise and decline in the different classes of United States stamps:

GENERAL ISSUES POSTAGE,
1847 to 1900.

	Unused.	
40 stamps increased,	\$89.34	
9 " decreased,	29.15	
Total increase,	\$60.19	
	<i>Used.</i>	
22 stamps increased,	\$ 8.58	
22 " decreased,	58.66	
Total decrease,	\$50.08	

DEPARTMENTS.

	Unused.	
5 stamps increased,	\$2.95	
2 " decreased,	.52	
Total increase,	\$2.43	
	<i>Used.</i>	
1 stamp increased,	\$0.30	
1 " decreased,	.02	
Total increase,	\$0.28	

DUES.

	Unused.	
4 stamps increased,	\$0.58	
4 " decreased,	.18	
Total increase,	\$0.40	

	Used.	
6 stamps increased,	\$0.44	
7 " decreased,	1.73	
Total decrease,	\$1.29	

REVENUES.

	1st Issue Imperforate.	
18 stamps increased,	\$49.27	
4 " decreased,	13.05	
Total increase,	\$36.22	

	1st Issue Part-perforate.	
3 stamps increased,	\$6.50	
3 " decreased,	.55	
Total increase,	\$5.95	

	1st Issue Perforated.	
43 stamps increased,	\$2.73	
9 " decreased,	3.95	
Total decrease,	\$1.22	

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2 " decreased,	1.50	
Total decrease,	\$1.33	
	3rd Issue Perforated.	
2 stamps increased,	\$0.15	
3 " decreased,	1.15	
Total decrease,	\$1.00	

The 6th Auction Sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Saturday night at the Palmer House. About 35 bidders were in attendance including several out-of-town collectors. The prices realized on the foreign stamps were entirely satisfactory, while the United States stamps did not go any too well.

JOHN J. OESCH.

Philatelic Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

* Means with plates and portraits.

Adhesive, Vol. I No. 10, October: August Dietz. Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps. The Meets at Milwaukee. Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 5 (38), October: Foreign Revenue Stamps. Notes of the Convention. American Journal of Philately, Vol. XIII No. 10, October: British East Africa and Zanzibar. Stamps of the Transvaal. Paris Philatelic Exhibition. Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. X No. 10, October: Fourth German Collectors' Day at Hamburg. Brown's Advertiser, Vol. III No. 49, Oct.: Advertisements only. Bulletin Mensuel, Vol. IV No. 42, Oct.: Notes, etc. Canada Stamp Sheet, Vol. I No. 2, Oct.: What Shall We Collect? Uncle Sam as a Stamp Maker. British American Notes. Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. IV No. 52 (138), September 22: More About Making Stamps. Gwalior Errors. Exchange, Vol. II No. 3, October: Current Private Proprietaries. Revenue Notes. Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 3, October 20: Washington Notes. English Letter. Our Travelling Correspondent. Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV No. 43 (512), October 25: Habitados of Puerto Rico. New York, Washington, Boston, Chicago, etc. Notes. Montreal Philatelist, Vol. III No. 4 (28), October: Philately in India. Canadian Locals. References. A True Canadian Local. Notes From New Zealand. New York Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 1, Oct.: The Damaged Specimen. New Catalogue. Associate Editor's Chat. Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Vol. IX No. 12, September: Orange River V. R. I. Stamps. Quaker City Philatelist, Vol. I No. 1, November: Our Debut.

"Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps" is continued in the Adhesive and like former installments is very interesting. Cordova, Hayti, Guadeloupe, British Guiana, Gabon, New Caledonia and Hamburg are the subjects treated in this number. For general cussidness commend me to the latter country. No attempt seems to have been made to adapt the size of the sheets in such a manner as to make it easy to reckon up values. Sheets of 80 or 100 stamps would have made it easy work, but the printers made them up with 120 or 100 which produces some very odd results.

Emil Kiefer didn't exactly paint Milwaukee and Chicago red, but to make up for it he has painted the cover of the Allegheny Philatelist a brilliant carmine. It looks better than the former plain black. Emil writes me that he expects a new cover for the November number.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

United States and Foreign Stamps.

My prices for stamps offered in this advertisement are as low if not the lowest of any advertisement which appears in this issue. Should any stamp or stamps be offered at lower prices in this issue I will make good my statement by reducing my prices to meet the lowest.

Table with columns for 'Unused' and 'Used' stamps, listing various countries and denominations with prices. Includes sections for 'UNITED STATES, UNUSED' and 'NEW ZEALAND, USED POSTALLY'.

TERMS: Cash with order. Postage extra on orders under 50c. None are sent on approval. If any stamp is not entirely satisfactory it can be returned within two days after received and money will be promptly refunded if so desired. Please remit by Bills or P. O. Money Order and not by unused stamps.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 3118 Washington Street, BOSTON, MASS.

The very interesting paper on foreign revenue stamps read at the Milwaukee convention by A. G. Burgoyne is given in full and I trust will be read by all. It will of course appear in the Year Book which will soon be in the printer's hands I am informed.

John Luff has compiled reference lists of the stamps of British East Africa and Zanzibar which appear in the American Journal of Philately with numerous descriptive and explanatory notes. The large number of provisionals has rendered these countries

somewhat of a terror to most collectors, and Mr. Luff is deserving of a hearty vote of thanks for putting before us such a clear statement of the various types, etc. The Journal, by the way, was awarded a gold medal at the Paris exhibition and it was certainly well deserved.

"And you assure me that this postage stamp of Napoleon I is positively genuine?"

"Sir! there can be no doubt of it! For this collection came to me from my great clerk uncle who commenced it in the last

century."—*Bulletin Mensuel des Echangeistes Reunis.*

"The Optimist" in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* gives full descriptions of the accepted designs of the Buffalo stamps which it is now decided will be printed in two colors.

The one cent value will have a picture of a lake steamer, the two cent a railway train, the four cent an automobile, the five cent Niagara Falls, the eight cents the canal locks at the "Soo," and the ten cent an ocean steamship. The colors will be practically those of the present set although the exact shades may differ considerably. The central design in each case will appear in black.

J. M. Andreini has some notes in *Meeke's Weekly* concerning the Habilitados of Puerto Rico which are mighty interesting. As these stamps were issued as a direct consequence of our blockade of the coast they are particularly interesting to American collectors.

J. M. Bartels is to act as Washington correspondent for the *Weekly* and all philatelists will welcome his reappearance. We have missed the weekly budget he used to give us in the *Metropolitan*.

The *New York Philatelist* has absorbed the *Collector* and thereby becomes the official journal of the Sons of Philatelia. In the current number appears the report of the Milwaukee convention.

Mr. Dodge becomes associate editor and contributes several columns of interesting notes concerning topics of current interest.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* is a new arrival from the City of Brotherly Love, which promises as follows:

"We intend to publish a magazine not a stale newspaper, and no news of any sort will ever appear between its covers; neither will we insult all the poor phil. by inserting accounts of great finds of Brattleboro's or Millbury's, nor print long exhaustive (in more ways than one) papers on certain uninteresting countries, of which no one but the high mucky mucks have any of."

Whew!

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- 1169. BAKER, MAJOR S., from 145 West 76th St., New York, to Cleveland, Minn. Temporary only.
- 317. CABOT, DR. JNO., from 126 W. 48th St. to 2643 Broadway, New York City.
- 345. KLEINE, WM., from 32 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., to 168 Lewis St., New York City.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Oct. 20th.....	577
New Stockholders.....	2
Total Membership October 27th.....	579

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

All members desiring to patronize the Sales Department should send in their names at once so as to be placed on circuits.

If you have no control stamps you can secure them of me at 10c per sheet of 100 stamps.

You will need them as I intend to enforce the rules of this Department.

H. G. SMITH, Supt. of Sales.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

116 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 20th, 1900.

264 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Oct. 13th, valued at.....	\$11,013.42
123 books retired since Oct. 13th, valued at (from which has been sold \$593.91).....	3,524.70
Total number of books in circulation 141, valued at.....	\$7,488.72

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1, American Philatelic Association.

A regular meeting of Branch No. 1 was held at 1603 Marquette Building, Thursday, October 11th, at 8 p. m.

Members present were Messrs. Doncyson, Michael, Wolsieffer, Lefever, Stebbins, Oesch, L. H. Miller, W. F. Miller, Merell, Gurley, Severn and Flanders.

Visitors present were Messrs. Moisant and Massoth.

Mr. Alex. Holland, President, being absent from the city, Mr. C. E. Severn was appointed to fill the chair.

The report of Mr. Michael, Treasurer, was read and shows the Branch to be in good financial standing.

The report of the Committee on Circular was accepted and Committee was released.

There being no further business to be transacted, the balance of the evening was spent in a social way, all enjoying a pleasant evening.

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1/4c L. & K.....	.50	3/4c J. & J.....	.03
1/4c L. & K.....	.10	1/4c Marchand.....	.20
3/4c Marchand.....	.20	2/4c Od Chem.....	.15
2/4c Marchand.....	.10	3/4c Piso.....	.03
4/4c Marchand.....	.40	1/4c Dr. Williams.....	.10
3/4c Piso.....	.08	J. ELLWOOD LEE	
3/4c Railway.....	.05	as soon as they appear	
3/4c Warner.....	.18	At Right Prices.	
2/4c Hostetter imp.....	.10		

ALSO WE OFFER THIS WEEK:

Hayti 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c, set of 8.....	\$0.40
" 1898, 15, 20c, set of 2.....	.35
" 1898, 2, 5, 10, 50c unpaid, set of 4.....	.70
" 1899, 1, 2, 5c, set of 3.....	.08
Dominican Rep. 1900, 1, 2, 5c, set of 3.....	.12
Switzerland 1900, 5, 10, 25c, set of 3.....	.12
Grigg & Scott 10 black on silk, cat. 75c.....	.30
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VERY CHEAP SETS.

Corea 1895, 5, 10, 25 and 50p, four stamps, unused.....	\$0.18
Bahamas 1894, 1, 4, 6p and 15h, four stamps, lightly penmarked.....	.18
India 1883-91, on H. M. S., complete set, 3 pies, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8 annas, 1 rupee, set of seven, used.....	.10
Venezuela 1883-99, 10 different, including two 1 boliviar stamps, used.....	.08
1832, Instruction, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1 boliviar, lightly penmarked, five stamps.....	.08
1900, surcharged Resellada, R. F. M., 5, 10, 25c Correos, used.....	.10
Sarawak 1875, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12c, five stamps unused.....	.65
Belgium (Antwerp Exposition), 5, 10, 25c, three stamps, unused.....	.15
Switzerland 1900, large Jubilee type, 5, 10, 25c, three stamps, unused.....	.12
Norway (Unpaid), 1, 4, 10, 20c, 50ore, five stamps.....	.15
Martinique 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15c, six stamps.....	.08
Obok 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c, set of 11 stamps, unused.....	.82
Small Coast 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30c, set of 8 stamps, used.....	.45
Labuan 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c, set of 8 stamps, unused.....	.65
French Congo 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c and 1 fr., set of 13 stamps, unused.....	1.35

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, October 27th.

Mr. Chas. H. Stone's auction sale of United States and foreign stamps was held at Elks' Hall on Thursday evening, October 18th. There was a good attendance and the 479 lots brought good prices.

As an example of what some collectors expect, I quote from a recent letter shown me by a Boston dealer: "Dear Sir: If you can supply me with the better grade of *unused British Colonials* at fifty per cent. off you may send me selection. All specimens must be in first-class condition, well centered, original gum, etc., * * *

There are bargain hunters among buyers of stamps as among buyers of dry goods or clothing, and some who are so unreasonable as to expect to buy a good unused stamp at less than face value.

Stamp robberies are occurring with alarming frequency and it behooves stamp dealers to keep an eye on their stamps, especially when strangers are in their offices. Boston has been wonderfully free from these unfortunate occurrences, but you can never tell where the lightning will strike next. Not infrequently stolen stamps have been returned to the owners voluntarily, apparently when the conscience of the thief troubled him, if thieves have such a thing as a conscience, but in the case of stolen stamps it would probably be some other fellow's stamps voluntarily returned and not yours.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel was in town a few days last week.

Mr. Lyons of the Colonial Stamp Co. has shown me a one-cent green pre-cancelled stamp surcharged Boston, Mass., with the surcharge inverted.

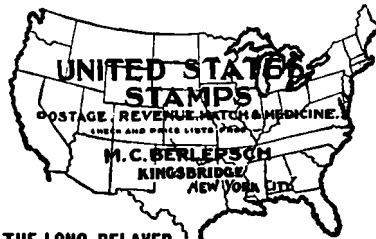
B. L. Drew & Co.'s fifty-fifth auction sale took place on Tuesday evening, October 23rd, when 565 lots brought \$1,044. As a whole the stamps brought very good prices.

The Venezuela 1899 set is being now used, surcharged 1900 in black figures.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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1874 1/2 r rose, (Gibbons rsh).....	\$0.05
1/2 r " inverted surch. and small "C".....	.10
1875 3/4 r (Gibbons gd).....	.18
*1887 5c green, litho, perf., (Gibbons gd).....	.04
* " 25c orange, litho, roull.....	.04
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 *U. S. cut sq., 1837, 1c on orange, No. 1327..... 5.00
 *U. S. 3c 1869, horizontal strip 3, used..... 4.37
 *Confed. 1854, 1c orange, fine..... .37
 Mobile, Ala., 5c blue, on cover, fine..... 4.50
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 1855-71, Calif. gold 1/4 doll., very fine..... 2.50
 1862, Liberia, 2 cents, large, copper..... .12
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NEW ISSUES.

Austria Unpaid, Imp., set of 12.....	\$1.40
Perf., " ".....	.90
China (German), set of 6.....	.50
China (Japanese), set of 14.....	1.90
China (R. sian), set of 6.....	.27
" (Japanese Wedding Stamp).....	.09
Crete, set of 8, 11 to 2 dr.....	1.65
Alexandria, set of 5.....	.10
Port Said, set of 5.....	.10
French Congo 1910, set of 13.....	1.40
" " " " 7.....	.25
Guatemala " " 7.....	.55
Labuan " " 2.....	.15
North Borneo " " 2.....	.15
Swiss Jubilee " " 3.....	.15
My price	
Persia 1891, set of 11 (Cat. value \$13.50).....	3.50
" 1898, " " 16 (" " \$18.00).....	4.50
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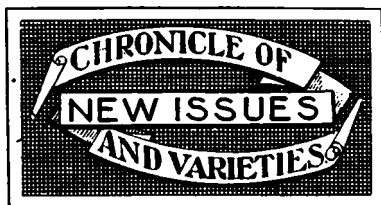
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THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

Vol. XV. No. 6. PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1900. WHOLE No. 390.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BAVARIA.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer has favored us with the following reply card:

Post Card (Regular):
10x10 pf carmine on buff, dated oo.

BORNEO.—In a letter to the *Fortnightly*, Whitfield King & Co. have this to say regarding the much discussed monkeys:

"The 4c monkey stamps have at last been issued in North Borneo, and we have pleasure in sending you a specimen of the only kind known there—the red and black stamp. The earlier printing in ochre and black has never been issued anywhere but at the Company's office in London, and we shall not include it in future editions of our Catalogue. The enclosed stamp was issued on August 17th, and was received by us this morning. We expect to hear from Labuan shortly."

COOKS ISLANDS.—Information is at hand showing that the New Zealand parliament has voted 37 to 4 in favor of annexing Cook and Savage Islands. What effect this may have upon the postal issues of the Cook Islands is purely speculative, but it would not be at all strange to see the entire set now in use displaced by the regular issue of New Zealand.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The new set referred to in a late number has appeared and the values and colors are as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):

- ¼ centavo, blue.
- ¼ " red.
- 1 " olive.
- 2 centavos, green.
- 5 " red-brown.
- 10 " orange.
- 20 " mauve.
- 50 " black.
- 1 centavo, pale brown.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The *A. J. of P.* announces dollar values in the regular protected states type for the new union as titled above:

Adhesives (Regular):

- \$1.00 green and yellow green.
- \$2.00 green and carmine.
- \$5.00 green and blue.
- \$25.00 green and orange.

Perak.—In the meantime this state puts in two more surcharges as a "P. P. C." reminder:

Adhesives (Provisional):
1c on 4c lilac and carmine.
1c on 5c lilac and ochre.

FERNANDO PO.—We have seen the new set of stamps for this colony. The type is unchanged and the colors are as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1 milesimo, black.
- 2 milesimo, ".
- 3 " "
- 4 " "
- 5 " "
- 1 centavo, deep green.
- 2 centavos, violet.
- 3 " carmine.
- 4 " black-brown.
- 5 " bright blue.
- 6 " red-orange.
- 8 " bronze-green.
- 10 " claret.
- 15 " dark violet.
- 20 " olive brown.
- 40 " brown.
- 60 " green.
- 80 " deep blue.
- 1 " red-brown.
- 2 " Turkish red.

HONG KONG.—Mr. Bartels states in *Mekel's News* that a 1c yellow envelope and a 10c violet registration envelope have been issued.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy has sent us the new ½d envelope to complete the set, the 1 and 2d having been listed two weeks ago. The *Australian Philatelist* describes it as follows:

"The ½d was engraved in Auckland, and bears a cameo bust of Her Majesty embossed in white on ground of solid color, enclosed in a scalloped oval. This is surrounded by the inscriptions 'New Zealand' above, and 'Postage Half Penny' below in white sans serif capitals; an oval line encloses the inscriptions, and another octagonal frame completes the design. The bust is copied from the current coinage."

Envelope (Regular):
½d, green on white.

NICARAGUA.—*Mekel's News* chronicles a 10c envelope of the Asenjo stationery of this description: "The central feature of the design is the same as the regular postal adhesives, but the frame is much larger and forms a transverse oval. With the envelope the size reported, 100x95 mm., it would seem as if the space for the address would be somewhat limited.

Envelope (Regular):
10 centavos, violet on white.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—We can assure our friends that sufficient of the 2½d blue Cape Colony has been or will be surcharged to go around. Don't pay fancy prices for this provisional. Says an English exchange:

"A reader of the *Fortnightly* has been

informed by a friend at the Cape that 'a sufficient supply of the Orange River Colony surcharge on the 2½d Cape has been issued to last six months, after which the stamps of the Transvaal and Orange River will be changed.' Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., in a communication on the same subject, place the number of 2½d Cape stamps surcharged at 240,000."

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Noted by the Way.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* in its issue of Oct. 6th, gives editorial utterance to some conclusions which, it seems to me, are a trifle far-fetched, and which does not in all cases bear out. "To our mind," it says, "it is impossible to go too deep into such an interesting study as philately, but at the same time it is simply ridiculous for the average collector to attempt to go below the surface of stamps unless he confines himself strictly to one country, and even that must be a small one." To my mind the collector who does not go below the surface misses much of the pleasure of collecting. Have not the greater number of specialists and students whose researches have proven philately to be far more than a mere hobby or schoolboy pastime been at one time "average collectors" who *did* go below the surface, and if they had not how much poorer had been the philatelic literature of the past two decades and how slight, comparatively, the fund of philatelic knowledge at the disposal of the student of today. The average general collector can easily take some country as a specialty and I find a great many collectors do this. He can go as deeply below the surface in his specialty as the limits of his purse coupled with the pleasure and benefit he is deriving make reasonable. In his general collecting he can follow the same course in a less degree, securing varieties of watermark, perforation etc., as reasonable opportunities present. The collector who makes a rule of paying attention only to surface varieties, distinct variations of design and color, which would be patent even to the non-collector bids fair, it seems to me, to become merely a collector in the sense of an accumulator, and in any branch of art, study or science he who does not nor even attempts to go below the surface adds little of value to the general fund.

I cannot agree with the statement of the editorial that "The collection of minor varieties is a waste of time and money. The re-

50 varieties South and Central America.....	\$0.30
35 " British Colonials.....	.25
50 " U. S.....	.20
50 " rare stamps, cat. over \$2.00.....	.50

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sult is useless and unmeaning as a collection to show to strangers, and is about the only way in which money can be wasted in the purchase of stamps." By minor varieties it must be borne in mind is included all varieties of watermark and perforation and if these then, logically, grilles and varieties of paper. It is not a waste of time if it adds to the pleasure of collecting for the individual and to the fund of exact, minute and systematic knowledge which has placed philately far above the level of a hobby, if not indeed clothing it, in its highest aspects, with the dignity of a science. This it has and does do. Frequently in showing my collection to non-collectors that which seemed most to impress them was not the beauty and variation of design and coloring apparent to the eye at first glance, but the minor varieties of type or engraving, the varieties of paper, watermark and perforation which were beneath the surface of things, yet playing so important a part in value, and demonstrating to them that stamp collecting was not merely the passing hobby of collectors whose accumulating instincts must find an outlet in something, but a recreation, the pleasure and profit of which was increased by study. As for this collecting of minor varieties being a waste of money, must we always measure the returns for money invested by a per centum of dollars and cents? But, even granting this, which is not the truest standard, is it from the point of dollars and cents a waste of money? It is doubtless true that the collector who has a very limited purse and can invest but a small sum, a dollar or so per week, in his collection, can make a showing larger, more artistic and pleasing to the eye by confining his purchases to varieties of design and color, but even then by the study of the catalogues and other philatelic literature at his command he can acquire a knowledge of minor varieties which may enable him to acquire many at practically no additional cash outlay, cultivate his powers of observation, and often result in a direct profit.

The writer of the editorial in the *Metro-politan* takes as an illustration of his statement an assumption concerning the Bahamas 1d 1882, watermarked Crown and CA, which, perforated 14, catalogues \$2.50, and perforated 12 only 20c. He assumes that a dealer buying a thousand first hands will find among them some of

the scarce variety which he will retail at the same proportion of catalogue as the commoner one. The purchaser of the perf. 14, should he later attempt to resell, would doubtless be offered 10c for it, or, in other words, no more than for the common variety, because the dealer in his lot of a thousand found sufficient of the rare perf. for his wants, hence, "there is not the slightest reason for his paying an additional sum for a stamp of which he already has an ample stock." Would not this in the main hold true of any stamp, provided the dealer already has an ample stock, one which is likely to meet all demands for some time to come?

To assume, as generally true, that when a collector desires to resell he can get no more for distinct varieties of watermark and perforation than for the common variety of same design and color and must stand a complete loss of the additional purchase price of the rare variety is, it seems to me, a pretty far-fetched conclusion. My experience as a dealer has been that a large percentage of collectors desire distinct varieties of watermark and perforation, particularly of Great Britain and Colonies. Hence, the demand existing, dealers need them for their stocks and can afford to pay accordingly. The demand, of course, is not as great as for the commoner varieties of same design and color, but the number available to supply it is proportionately smaller. I have bought many collections and lots of stamps, paying for varieties of watermark and perforation the same per cent. of catalogue I did for the other stamps, and I think this is frequently done. If we take the market prices extending over a period of say the past ten years, I think we will find the prices of distinct varieties of watermark and perforation holding their own pretty well with the others, and collectors who invested in some of these minor varieties not bemoaning their purchases.

In my last "Notes" in the ERA I had something to say concerning minor varieties and the general collector, and concerning it I received a letter from a young collector in a Western state from which I quote as follows: "I am a young general collector with little money to spend on stamps, and would get little pleasure out of them if I did not look for minor varieties. * * * I have written this simply to let you know there is at least one general collector of small means who takes pleasure in hunting the slight variations in stamps because of the interest he has in them." It is hardly necessary that the amateur be able to invest thousands instead of single dollars in his collection in order to derive pleasure and profit from minor varieties.

Greece has appeared with a surcharge. It is the current 25c blue with the surcharge in black, one line Greek inscription with value 20 below.

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From an Occasional Correspondent.

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The color of the current 2d stamps of Bermuda have been changed from violet brown to chocolate brown.

The 6d green of New Zealand (local print perf 11) comes in two shades. The stamps were first printed in light green with a slight yellowish tinge, the second printing, which occurred just before the color was changed to rose, was made in dark green. In this shade the stamp is hard to find and should be sought for.

Current 1d and 2d stamps of the Pictorial issue also run very much to shades. The 1d ranges from deep carmine to rose. The 2d from brown lilac to mauve. The 2½d was first printed in dark blue, now it is offered to the public in deep ultramarine.

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Written for the ERA.

Notes from Australia.

The 2 shilling Queensland, four figures, is out in green, a light green, rumor has it that it will be changed for a darker hue.

New Zealand stamps are coming now watermark. The 2d of the old Queen's head type has been reprinted on the thick paper, watermark N. Z. and star, double line N. Z. I have seen some of the Victorian high value postmarked lately, they being a good deal commoner than New South Wales high values. All Victorian stamps being available for fiscal or postal duty.

I was shown a block of New South Wales, 9, brown, without surcharge, at the exhibition. Recently there was seen a sheet of the nine-penny with a double surcharge. They are catalogued by Gibbons at 15 shillings each and seem to be good property at that.

We are as much in the dark here as you are in America re the New Zealand, brown and blue, no watermark, that is as to its value. It fetched \$1 each here when it first came out and is selling now at 25 cents.

We are to have a new journal, being the second one now here. It is called the *Australian Journal of Philately*. It has made an auspicious start at the time of our exhibition, which, by the way, was a great success for Sydney. There were over 2,000 people visited it the two days it was open, and the exhibits were estimated at over \$100,000, and were only the collections of members of the Club. The complete plates of Sydney Views being very fine, and some very scarce stamps that are rarely seen being shown; one member, Mr. Himmeloch, showing a block of four unused New South Wales 1 shilling, watermarked 4, and several 3d United States, complete from 1847 to date. That is, all the straight out varieties of postage stamps, Columbian issue, used and new, and all issues since 1892 ditto, including a set of pairs of Omaha, unused with *plate Nos.*

With Federation coming along our Australian stamps will have some similarity about them, and are booked for a rise now in view of the new set for the Commonwealth of Australia.

The President of our Club, Colonel Williams, P. M. O., is away gathering V. R. I.'s and other surcharges in South Africa, and incidentally doing a little soldiering as well. The Army Medical Corps, of which he is commander, has received great

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The Samoan provisional government set seems to be going up here. It is quoted now at (10 shillings) \$2.50 per set. The writer recollects buying his set of Hawaiian Officials at 35h 6d, when that was the market price, and now notices they fetch \$3 and over at auction in New York.

We never have stamp auctions here, except the small ones at the Club.

The new value stamps of 1sh 3d, 2sh 6d and some other value stamps of New South Wales have not made their appearance yet, and, in view of the Federation, I don't suppose they will now.

Our Post Office here has a very fine collection, which has been re arranged, mounted and generally brought up to date by the veteran Mr. Bassett Hull, whose services to philately in general and to our exhibition in particular, are to be recognized in a suitable manner shortly.

I think this is all I can think of at present. Wishing the ERA every success, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
"WARICK."

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Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

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Remember the next issue will be the Special for November, and will receive an extra circulation to recently accumulated names for the two-fold purpose of giving our advertisers extra circulation and to increase our subscription list.

COMING AUCTION SALES:

Catalogues of two Boston sales have reached us. They are the 57th and 58th sales of B. L. Drew & Co. and are to occur on Wednesday evening, Nov. 21st, and Friday evening, Nov. 30th, respectively, in Elks' Hall.

We note with no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction the stand taken by the new Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Association, and desire to call attention of our readers to the same, as given in Mr. Oesch's Chicago letter this week. We heartily agree with them and have for some time deplored the dignity endeavored to be maintained by some and the accompanying continual decrease in membership and interest.

If the above free expression of our opinion transgresses in the opinion of some of the "powers that be" or others, we hereby offer our humble apology and crave indulgence—although at the same time not waive our idea of our right to such expression in this column.

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Chicago Notes.

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Now that the annual conventions of stamp collectors are over, and that Chicago has landed the board of Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Association, it has been expected that the same push and hustle which has characterized the advance of the Chicago Philatelic Society will be exhibited in the national association. But, evidently, such is not the case. As expressed by a member of the A. P. A., "things are no better now than before the election."

At the usual weekly round-up of Chicago collectors at Severn's office, Saturday afternoon, the subject was referred to in the course of the conversation and it seems that the Chicago Vice Presidents are willing to lend their aid, in fact are willing to take the initial step to increase the membership of the Association by drawing philatelists' attention to the fact that it will benefit them to become members; but they fear such a course would be distasteful and contrary to the wishes of the balance of the board of Directors. We think it is a fallacy to believe that a national stamp society will appear undignified in soliciting members through the medium of advertising, or rather, by keeping the Association matters immediately before the eyes of the philatelic public.

At the height of the Association's success the officers evidently did not deem it out of place to solicit new members, as is evidenced by the 12-page pamphlet, before me, which was circulated in 1889, under Mr. John K. Tiffany's regime, entitled "The American Philatelic Association. What it aims to do, what it accomplishes, and why all philatelists should be numbered among its members." This is only one instance, and as I understand it, the Official Organ, in those days, was singing the praise of the Association at all times.

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2c " orange, .03	20c For. " " .43
2c Playing Cards, blue, .10	25c Bond, " red, .05
2c Proprietary, .03	25c Entry of Goods, " .08
3c For. Exch., green, .03	25c Insurance, " .01
3c Proprietary, " .05	25c Life Insurance, " .10
3c Telegraph, " .15	25c Power of Att'y, " .01
5c Agreement, red, .02	25c Protest, " .13
5c Express, " .03	25c Warehouse Rec., " .20
5c For. Exch., " .03	30c Inland Exch. lilac, .03
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Then again, take that sedate, although local, society, the Birmingham Philatelic Society, who do not hesitate to circulate pamphlets and circulars enlarging upon the benefits to be derived by collectors affiliating with them and who are at all times soliciting new members.

Inactivity, as regards the presentation, in a forceful but dignified manner, of the benefits and advantages enjoyed by members of the Association, before the collectors of this country is to be deplored. A national body, such as the A. P. A., should be a powerful association, and it should be endeavored to have its membership embrace every honest and intelligent stamp collector in America.

JOHN J. OESCH.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, October 31st.

In my notes of October 20th I mentioned several imperforate pairs of Fernando Po stamps I had seen, and by error my notes read that they were "all of the 1890," which should have read, "they are all of the 1900 issue, which is of the same type as the 1898 issue of Cuba."

The 251 blue of Greece, Athens print, perforated, is now being surcharged 201 in black.

Mr. E. B. Todd of Calais, Maine, a prominent collector, has been in Boston for the last week.

The four Corean stamps of the 1895 issue were printed in Washington. The new 1900 set are engraved and printed at Seoul.

I have noticed in the chronicle of new issues a six penny carmine stamp for New Zealand. A letter from a correspondent there, dated September 28th, describes this new stamp as pink, and no doubt this is correct. The postage due stamps are quite scarce in New Zealand as the Post Offices do not always use them. A new stamp is to be printed about December 1st to celebrate penny postage in the Colonies.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Canadian Notes.

MONTREAL, November 1st.

The following is a partial list of some of the stamps stolen from one of the local dealers, as mentioned in my last notes: Canada, \$2 and \$3 Jubilee, used; 7½d green. U. S. 5c 1847, on part of yellow envelope, post marked "Troy, N. Y.," \$3 Inland Exchange, \$3 Second Issue, also some of the Newspaper stamps. The theft was committed while the lady who was in charge of the shop was getting some stamps which were in the window. The stamps which were stolen were mounted in a counter book and were not missed until after the thief had left the shop.

The following notices have been issued by the Post Office Department:

Correspondence with the Orange River Colony.—The Department has been notified of the re-establishment of regular mail communication to and from the Orange River Colony, formerly the Orange Free State.

Rates of Postage to Porto Rico, Hawaii, Philippine Islands, etc.—Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippine Islands and certain Islands in the Samoan group being now United States territory correspondence of all kinds posted in Canada addressed to those Islands will be subject to the same rates of postage and to the same regulations generally as apply to correspondence sent from Canada to the United States.

The Savings Bank Branch will be open every Saturday evening between 7.30 and 9 o'clock, for the receipt of Savings Bank deposits, and the transaction of other Savings Bank business.

The special object in view is the convenience of persons receiving weekly wages who may wish to make deposits on Saturday evening, but the same privilege will of course be available for all classes of depositors.

The following was clipped from a daily paper:

WANT PAY FOR OLD HAWAIIAN STAMPS.

HONOLULU, Oct. 20.—Hawaiian Postmasters who held office under the republic are endeavoring to have the United States redeem several thousand dollars' worth of Hawaiian stamps. Under the laws of the republic, the Postmasters purchased their stamps outright. When annexation came no provision was made for redeeming these stamps.

Mr. F. W. Wurtele, Manager of the International Stamp Co., was married last week.

A. R. MAGILL.

If Stamps Were Abolished.

Many people appear to imagine that a sudden cessation of the issue of postage stamps by all the countries of the world would break the poor philatelist's heart. Of course that is a complete mistake.

Such a contingency as the abolition of a postage stamp is very remote, but it is brought just within the bounds of possibil-

ity by an invention just submitted to the postal authorities by a Mr. James Garratt, of Camberwell.

Mr. Garratt is one of the many who have experienced the annoyance of wanting to post a letter and having no stamp to stick on it. On a recent occasion this gentleman walked two miles to get a stamp, but was fortunate enough to get it at the end of his walk. Many of us have gone farther and fared worse. But as it happened Mr. Garratt's walk put into his mind the germ of an idea which should in the end be worth a small fortune to him. Being a metal-worker by trade, Mr. Garratt had no difficulty in making a working model of the little appliance which he is asking the Postmaster-General to affix to all pillar boxes for the benefit of the stampless public.

The invention consists of a square box showing a long slit for the insertion of the letter, and two slots for halfpennies and pennies. The person with a letter to stamp pushes the end of his envelope into the slit, drops 1d or ½d, as the case may be, in one of the two slots, and lo! the envelope is stamped with one or another of two hand-stamps, reading respectively "½d Paid" and "1d Paid." Mr. Garratt claims for his invention that it contains no springs or other complicated machinery; that the stamping apparatus cannot be got to work until the copper is inserted; and that the only possible objection to the machine is that it will not test counterfeit coin.

As regards this only drawback, Mr. Garratt, reasonably enough, claims that the small boy who defrauds the ordinary penny-in-the-slot machine by means of metal discs, does so for the sake of some concrete advantage, such as a cake of chocolate or a packet of cigarettes. But as neither stamps, cigarettes, nor anything eatable can be got out of his pillar-box attachment, Mr. Garratt thinks that the temptation to defraud it will be almost nil.

The postal authorities, however, have so far declined to seriously consider Mr. Garratt's proposals. It is a way they have at the Post Office as at the War Office; but it is possible that the force of public opinion may in time compel St. Martin's-le-Grand to take the matter up.

Any extensive adoption of this plan of stamping letters would bring the abolition of the adhesive postage stamp well within sight. Well, it would not greatly grieve philatelists, who already have some 40,000 varieties of stamps to busy themselves upon; but it would be a sad blow to the rulers of certain minor stamp-issuing countries and to many hundreds of speculative officials all over the world.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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The one hundredth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, November 20th, at 8 o'clock, sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

The Committee report as follows:
 Mr. W. C. Van Derlip has been invited to give an address.

Mr. John N. Luff, of New York, will exhibit his magnificent collection of stamps of the United States. This is probably the finest collection of U. S. in the world, cataloguing fully \$30,000 and was awarded a gold medal at Paris. You will miss one of the greatest philatelic treats of your life if you are not present.

A collation will be served, and there will be music.

COME, and have a good time, and invite any friend who is interested in stamps, whom you think might be induced to join the Society. *We want new members.*

NOTICE—It is absolutely necessary that you notify the Secretary as early as possible, if you intend to be present and if you will have a guest.

The October Meeting.

The ninety-ninth regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, October 16th, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and 34 members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Committee appointed to consider best method of creating more enthusiasm, accepted.

The following applications for membership were presented:

Mr. WM. D. ELDREDGE, Boston; proposed by J. F. Capron.

DR. CHAS. BURLEIGH, Malden; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. CHAS. H. STONE, Cambridgeport; proposed by A. W. Batchelder.

MR. LOUIS G. BARRETT, No. Cambridge; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. ISAAC W. RISDON, Somerville; proposed by J. H. Lyons.

The Auction Sale followed. Amount realized \$62 89.

Meeting adjourned at 9.40 o'clock.
 M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 3rd.

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Total Membership Oct. 27th..... 579
 New Stockholder..... 1
 Total Membership November 2nd.... 580

The Board of Directors has received and accepted the resignation of Mr. H. G. Smith as a Director and Treasurer to take effect December 1st. Mr. C. L. Annan, Room 43 Great Northern Railway Bldg, St. Paul, Minn., has been elected a Director and Treasurer to fill the vacancy thus created. Members will note that Mr. Annan will assume charge of the Treasurer's duties on December 1st.

The membership list will be held open until it is ready for the printer, to give the tardy members an opportunity to remain in good standing without the formality of reinstatement.

The Year Book will not be ready before the latter part of November; the delay is from various causes all of which are unavoidable.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
 WINONA, MINN., Nov. 1st, 1900.

32 books received during week and placed in circulation, valued at \$953.17

I am forming an entirely new set of circuits and trust that members who have been patrons of the Department during the past year will notify me at once of their

desire to continue so as to get all circuits working without delay.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

116 Nassau St.

New York City, Oct. 27th, 1900.

141 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Oct. 20th, valued at..... \$7,488.72
 95 books retired since Oct. 20th, valued at (from which has been sold \$466.13)..... 3,185.54

Total number of books in circulation 46, valued at... \$4,303.18

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3/4c Marchand.	.20	3/4c Od Chem.	.15
3/4c Marchand.	.10	3/4c Piso.	.03
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Mekeel's Announcements.

The list of stamps on pages 30 and 36 of the ERA for October 20th is still current and we hope the readers will refer to it and send an order if they have not done so already.

Mekeel's Drummer. The Drummer for October 27th contained a complete list of the company's net quotations on all United States Postage and Revenue stamps. Did you get it? If not get in line, it is sent free to all customers.

The number for November 10th will be mailed on that day, and will contain the company's net prices on the stamps of all the new U. S. Dependencies, as well as other matters of importance.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Another sufferer at the hands of Louis Thomas is Burger & Co. of this city. We will perhaps hear from others in the course of time. A few weeks ago I made the statement that C. W. Abbott had the case in hand, but it appears that he only wished to edit the information and not to proceed in a legal fight against this party as I inferred.

While Mr. Sellschopp was in town he bought quite heavily of the local dealers. He spoke most hopefully of the present state of the stamp market and predicted a big Winter and Spring trade. He said the demand for new issues cancelled was unprecedented, the demand coming principally from the middle-west states.

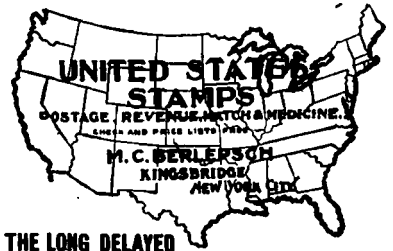
The new issue of Dominican Republic was authorized to be placed on sale October 21, at the New York Consulates office, a cable dispatch giving the intelligence being received on that date as pre-arranged.

They were only 100,000 copies of ¼ centavo issued, and if no more are printed, it is very likely this stamp will be bought largely by speculators.

The burglars who robbed the residence of J. M. Andreini and who were afterwards captured through the detective instinct of a mason who was working on the premises, escaped (the burglars) from jail last Sunday, after killing their keeper and fatally injuring a fellow prisoner. One of the burglars was eventually killed by falling from one of the windows of the jail, but the other one managed to land safe and sound and escape with a whole skin.

Messrs. J. E. Handshaw & Co. have purchased the stock of the Columbian Stamp Co. on East 23rd St., and Mr. Perrin has purchased the fixtures.

From B. L. Drew & Co., of Boston, I have received two catalogues of auction sales to be held the latter part of November. The 57th sale will occur on Wednesday evening, November 21st, and contains nothing but unused stamps with original gum. The vast majority are in very fine condition, and a very large proportion are in P. O. state. It is a lot that any collector, however fastidious, can bid on and feel perfectly sure of satisfaction. The 58th sale will be held on Friday evening, November 30th, same place. The stamps in this sale are the property of W. Elliott Woodward Co. of Boston. The contents of these sales will be on exhibition at the office of J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau street,



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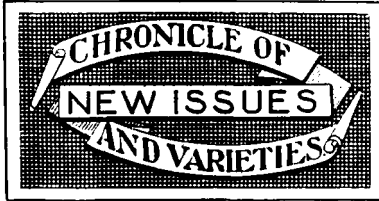
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRAZIL.—The *A. J. of P.* notes two distinct varieties in the current 2 o reis: "It appears that the head has been re-engraved, the neck being shorter, the laurel leaves more heavily shaded, and a frame-line now surrounds the medallion, whereas no such line was formerly apparent."

A variety is also reported in the 500r on 3oor carmine newspaper stamp: "The flag of the figure 5 may be found either curved or straight. In some cases the curved flag is in the upper 500 of the surcharge, in others in the lower and in some instances in both."

CRETE.—In number 378 we gave upon the authority of a French exchange a detailed description of a projected set of unpaid letter stamps. The bubble is exploded by the *A. J. of P.* as follows:

"On the authority of some European contemporaries, we announced some months ago the early appearance of a separate issue of unpaid letter stamps. We are now informed by the highest postal authority of the island that no such issue is intended.

"In order to provide unpaid letter stamps, the values from 1 to 20 lepta of the regular types are perforated in two crossed diagonal lines of pin holes, each line showing seven holes about 2 mm apart. Only the values from 1 to 20 lepta have been perforated in this way, the higher values being used for the purpose of denoting unpaid postage without any surcharge or perforation whatever."

It is reported that owing to the entrance of Crete into the postal union the surcharge hitherto in use will hereafter be omitted. To make our chronicle complete we therefore list these values free from any surcharge:

Adhesives (Regular):

- 50 lepta, blue.
- 50 lepta, violet.
- 1 drachma, grey violet.
- 2 drachma, yellow-brown.
- 5 drachma, green and black.

JAPAN.—*Mekeel's News* gives us particulars of a new adhesive that is somewhat of a novelty. We are indebted to Mr. A. Lohmeyer for a new letter card described by the same paper: "The letter card is of the ordinary shape and size, but is perforated along the sides only (forming the ends when folded). Fold the card up, stand it on end and you will find the stamp (same type as the 3 sen adhesive) in the upper left-hand corner. There is a Japanese inscription under the stamp, meaning 'folded post card.'"

The adhesive is a 1½ sen and "is for use on private postal cards only and is not available for other postage. The letter card is for use in Japan and where there are Japanese post offices in China and Corea." Both were issued October 1st.

Adhesive, (Post-Card Issue):

1½ sen, pale blue.

Letter Card (Regular):

3 sen, violet brown.

Offices in Formosa.—The *News* also states that the complete current set of Japan has been surcharged with minute characters signifying Formosa:

- 5 rins, grey, red surch.
- 1 sen, lilac-brown, red surch.
- 2 sen, green, red surch.
- 3 sen, brown violet, black surch.
- 4 sen, carmine, black surch.
- 5 sen, orange-yellow, red surch.
- 8 sen, olive, red surch.
- 10 sen, blue, black surch.
- 15 sen, violet, black surch.
- 20 sen, red-orange, black surch.
- 25 sen, blue-green, black surch.
- 50 sen, violet-brown, black surch.
- 1 yen, carmine, black surch.

PARAGUAY.—The *A. J. of P.* reports three new telegraphs used postally, two of which are provisionals. The 30c and 50c have been surcharged in black with the new values respectively of 5c and 10c: "The old value is blocked out and the new value printed on each side of the central coat of arms."

Postal Telegraphs:

4c black, red and green.

Postal Telegraph (Provisional):

5c on 30c black, green and gray.
10c on 50c black, violet and gray.

TRANSVAAL.—Bright & Son report having seen the 2d surcharged in error "V. I. R."

TURKS ISLAND.—The new stamps, according to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, represent a sailing vessel in an oval frame. The following values are reported, (the 2sh and the 3sh being larger than the rest of the set):

Adhesives (Regular):

- ¼d green.
- 1d rose.
- 2d black-brown.
- 2½d blue.
- 4d orange.
- 6d violet.
- 1sh purple-brown.
- 2sh violet.
- 3sh brown-lake.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. C. E. Severn notes the following provisional revenue in *Mekeel's News*:

"A collector here shows a specimen of a so-called provisional revenue of the Van Dyke Bitters Co., St. Louis, that is akin to that used by the Lambert Pharmacal Co., of the same city, early in July, 1898. It is merely a label on which is printed: 2½ cents, U. S. Internal Revenue, and the information that as revenue stamps could not be procured, returns would be made on a sworn statement."

WURTEMBERG.—A German paper announces the issue of a 25 pfennig, official stamp of the type O1.

Adhesive (Official):

25 pfennig.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

A variety of the precancelled stamp, which to my knowledge has not been chronicled, is the Boston, Mass., on the 1 cent ultramarine of the 1890 issue. The cancellation is identical with the one appearing on the 1 cent green of the present issue. This stamp was found among a lot of common used stamps put away several years ago by a Chicago dealer.

In looking over a lot of the older issues of United States stamps, I found a copy of the 2c vermilion, (soft paper variety) which evidently saw service as a provisional revenue, being surcharged vertically, in three lines, "Piso's Cure for Consumption." The surcharge was ~~at~~ off center and part of the surcharge of the next stamp shows on this copy. I should, therefore, judge these stamps had been overprinted in entire sheets or part sheets.

The Seventh Auction Sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society, which will be held at the Palmer House, Saturday, Nov. 17th, comprises 602 lots of the medium grade of stamps. The popular auctioneer, Mr. Dan Long, will officiate as usual. A sale consisting entirely of wholesale lots will be held early in December.

JOHN J. OESCH.

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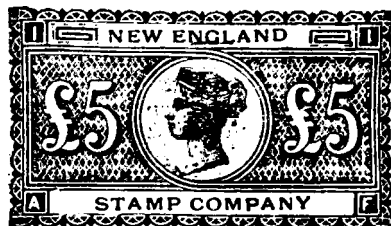
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A Year's Printing.

I received the other day a copy of the latest report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and find in it many items which I think will be of interest to philatelists. It covers the period from July 1, 1899, to June 30, 1900, and in the case of the private die stamps I have added the figures from last year's report with totals.

REVENUE STAMPS.

Of the documentary values from 1 to 50 cents inclusive there were printed 576,300,000 in sheets of 200 and 42,012,000 in sheets of 216. Of the higher values the following quantities have been printed:

\$ 1.00	4,288,000
3.00	512,000
5.00	128,000
50.00	64,000
100.00	10,000
500.00	1,000
1000.00	1,600

It will be noticed that no printings of the \$10 or \$30 are reported for the past year. Of the proprietary issues there were 285,200,000 in sheets of 200 and 145,152,000 in sheets of 216 and 21,100,000 of the playing card stamps.

PRIVATE DIE STAMPS.

	1899-00	1898-9	Totals
Centaur Company 1 1/4c,	54400,000	1,600,000	7,000,000
Hostetter Company 2 1/2c,	600,000	400,000	1,000,000
Branca Brothers 4c,	162,500	50,000	212,000
Radway & Co. 3/4c,	640,000	320,000	960,000
Warner Safe Cure Co. 3 1/4c,	320,000	128,000	448,000
Piso Company 3/4c,	1,280,000	640,000	1,920,000
Od Chemical Company 2 1/2c,	160,000		160,000
Anti Kamnia Company 2 1/2c,	160,000		160,000
Lanman & Kemp 3/4c,	730,000	380,000	1,110,000
1 1/4c,	35,000	10,000	45,000
1 3/4c,	160,000	80,000	240,000
Dr. Williams Medicine Co. 1 1/4c,	480,000		480,000
Johnson & Johnson 3/4c,	2,240,000	960,000	3,200,000
Chas. Marchand 3/4c,	18,000	8,000	26,000
1 1/4c,	125,000	54,000	179,000
1 3/4c,	24,000	1,600	25,600
2 1/4c,	58,000	32,000	90,000
3 1/4c,	7,000	8,000	15,000
4 3/4c,	2,000	1,600	3,600
7 1/2c,	2,400	2,200	4,600

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Of the regular series of postage stamps, Postage Due stamps and Special Delivery stamps there were printed 4,026,452,574. Of the \$2.00 and \$5.00 values only 2,345 of each were printed.

For Cuba there were delivered 15,600,000 ordinary stamps, 100,000 Special Delivery and 430,000 postage dues.

Porto Rico received 5,000,000 one-cent, 1,000,000 two-cent and 50,000 8-cent Adhesives with 5,000 10-cent Dues and 50,000 each, of the 1 and 2-cent values.

For the Philippines the figures are as follows:

1-cent	1,000,000
2-cent	3,000,000
5-cent	500,000
15-cent	300,000
50-cent	100,000

Of the Postage Dues there were 120,000 of the 2-cent, 60,000 of each of the 1, 5 and 10 cents and 1,000 of the 50 cents.

For Guam there were printed 147,000 ordinary stamps and 5,000 Special Delivery. In addition to the above there were printed "Specimen" stamps as follows:

- United States—1 sheet each value.
- Cuba—Postage, 4 sheets each value.
- Special, 8 sheets each value.
- Dues, 2 sheets each value.
- Cuba on U. S.—1 sheet each value.
- Porto Rico—Postage, 1 sheet each value, (8c. 2 sheets).
- Dues, 2 sheets each value.
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- Dues, 2 sheets.

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"	" 313, 1 1/2p mauve "	.55
1895	" 316, 1 1/2p brown "	.15

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1448	1875, 5c blue on amb.	.25	.15	.90	7.00
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1463	1881, 2c die C on cr...	1.50	.35	2.50	20.00
1468	1874, 1c blue on or...	.10	.05	.25	2.00
1473	1883, 1c blue on blue.	.30	.21	1.30	12.50
1478	1875, 1c blue on fawn	.50	.25	2.00	12.50
1494	1883, 4c gr'n on wh...	.15	.10	.60	4.25
1494	1883, 2c red on fawn	.25	.12	.75	5.00
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn	.75	.25	2.00	10.00
1512	1884, 2c br'n on amb.	.05	.03	.25	2.25
1514	1884, 2c br'n on fawn	.10	.05	.40	2.75
1515	1884, 2c br'n on fawn	1.00	.75	5.00	45.00
1516	1881, 2c br'n on blue	.10	.04	.40	2.75
1548	1887, 2c gr'n on wh...	.50	.25	2.00	18.00
1553	1887, 4c carmine, o. b.	.20	.12	.75	5.00
1564	1887, 5c blue on o. b.	.15	.12	.75	6.00
1563	1887, 30c choco., o. b.	1.25	.75	6.25
1569	1887, 4c carm. on bl...	.15	.12	.75	5.00
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Dues, 1, 2, 5, 10c.

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Philippines—15, 50c. Dues, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c.

Guam—3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 15, 50c, \$1.00, 10c Special.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Notes from New Jersey.

In making an incomplete study of the British Honduras 5c and 10c stamps surcharged revenue. I find in a pane (if I may use the term) of 60 stamps the following varieties and deviations from the normal.

1st. The error Revenue occurs but once in 60 stamps. It is located in the sixth row from the top and occupies the fourth position from the left.

2nd. Each pane presents two varieties of surcharge differing in length, viz.: in the upper seven rows comprising 42 stamps the surcharge measures from 12¼ to 12¾ millimeters, whereas in the three lower rows comprising 18 stamps the surcharge measures from 11¼ to 11½ millimeters and has been made with a slightly smaller type.

3rd. The surcharging has been badly done in what appears to be Nonpareil capitals. The style of type used and the many smaller varieties due to blurring and a poor impression causing broken and imperfect letters opens the way for fraud and the counterfeit.

SAND BURK.

The philatelic press has lately been asserting that the British Museum Authorities did not appreciate the philatelic portion of their possessions and that gifts were being refused. There cannot have been very good foundation for these rumours for we hear on the best authority that a large sum of money is being spent on cases which will readily enable any page of the National Collection to be examined at will. Eight pages are to be shewn in each frame—four one side and four the other,—covered with glass. The frames are to be arranged on shelves much the same as books in a library and any frame can be extended far enough to permit of the easy examination of its contents. The sheets of V. R. I. Orange River stamps have arrived and will also be shown. We hope that the Museum will also apply for sheets of other Colonial stamps, a request which our Colonies would no doubt readily grant. Had such a collection been commenced years ago, it would have been of priceless

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 10th.

Application for Membership.

HENDERSON, JOSEPH B., Columbus, Kansas; age, 19; occupation, Bank Clerk, Columbus State Bank. References: Frank Bescher, William P. Kelby.

Change of Address.

1487. YOUNG, ALBERT H., to Box 1525, New Haven; Conn.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership November 10th... 580

I have received the bond of H. G. Smith as Superintendent of Sales; the bond is for \$20,000.00 and is issued by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Baltimore. The bond requires merely the formal approval of the Board of Directors which will be given next week and then our new Superintendent will be started on his year's work.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

I am forming an entirely new set of circuits and trust that members who have been patrons of the Department during the past year will notify me at once of their desire to continue so as to get all circuits working without delay.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

116 Nassau St.
New York City, Nov. 3rd, 1900.

46 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of
Oct. 27th, valued at..... \$4,303.18
20 books retired since Oct. 27th,
valued at (from which has
been sold \$119.42)..... 3,576.45

Total number of books in circulation 26, valued at..... \$726.73

GEO. R. TUTTLE.

The Editor's Spears.

FULL STORY OF THE MAFEKING FORGERIES.

Information is now to hand from correspondents at the Cape to the effect that the forged Mafekings were known there fully four weeks before the *Fortnightly* came out with the news of their discovery in London. This seems to finally clinch the theory that at least one large lot of the forgeries was of Cape origin.

"S. T. A. I.," writing to the *Cape Argus*, complains of the masterly inactivity of the Cape Town Police in face of his denunciation of the people who were placing these forged stamps upon the market. This gen-

tleman furnished the police with: (1) the names of parties who had been swindled, and also the names of philatelic experts prepared to testify to the forgeries; and (2) the addresses and a full description of the people who had palmed off the forgeries.

In spite of all the trouble he had gone to, "S. T. A. I." could get no information from the police as to what was being done. Enquiries elicited only the cold official answer that the matter was "under investigation." Up to the time of his letter to the *Cape Argus*, no real action appears to have been taken.

"The gang," this gentleman adds, "consisted of three foreigners—a woman and two men."

A more detailed account of the parties engaged in placing the forgeries is given in a letter from Mr. Shelvoke, of Shenstone, Staffs, who, it will be remembered, promised to make enquiries as to the source of the supplies received by him from his son at the Cape. Mr. Shelvoke writes:

The chief of the gang appears to have been rather a meek-looking elderly man, who represented that he was just down from Mafeking and very hard up. He gave his address as Mr. Sicker, Palm Cottage, Rondebosch, and actually allowed the stamps to remain in the hands of my son until next day. In the meantime they were examined by a dealer, who pronounced them genuine. This same dealer afterwards bought to the amount of £40 from a woman who signed her name as Emilie Sicker. Needless to say nothing is known of these people at the address they gave. The forgery was at length discovered through a dealer submitting some of the stamps to the Postmaster.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

A Newspaper Clipping.

GANZER GETS HIS DOOM.

ANOTHER COUNTERFEITER DISPOSED OF
BESIDES JUDGMENT IN SEVERAL
OTHER CASES.

Richard P. Ganzer, alias Rudolph Meyer, of East Rutherford, who was last week convicted in the United States District Court of having counterfeit bills in his possession, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Kirkpatrick to seven years and six months in the state prison and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Other sentences were imposed by Judge Kirkpatrick as follows: Maurice Baratz, conducting an illicit distillery, one year in the Hudson county penitentiary and \$500 fine; Arthur Gurmos, smuggling, sentence suspended; Pasquale Garafola, counterfeiting, three years in the Hudson county penitentiary and \$500 fine; Eugene Garvin, washing and restoring revenue stamps, three years in the Essex county penitentiary.

A nolle proes was entered to the indictment for counterfeiting against Pasquale Audenfoli, who turned state's evidence against Garafola.—*Daily True American*, Trenton, N. J., Nov. 6.



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- " No. 4, 10kr, lith28
- " No. 5, 15kr, lith65
- " No. 6, 25kr, lith88
- " 1872, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25kr, the set25
- " 1888-91, No. 31, 3 florins67
- Norway No. 32, 1kr 50 ore blue18
- *U. S. small I. R., block letter05
- " " " " " blocks of 4, 50c; per 100 2.50
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- 1sh bistre, o. g 5.75

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., - - BOSTON, MASS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Dub.

Wednesday, November 7th.

Mr. Clifton A. Howes has shown me a 6 penny, blue, V. R. I. on Orange Free State with the cancellation Field Post Office, British Army, South Africa, within two concentric circles. The date appears in the centre with the number 35 over it. This number, apparently, is the number of the field post office. Another one is a one-half penny, orange, V. R. I. on Orange Free State, cancelled Field Post Office, B. O., British Army, S. Africa, with the cancellation within two concentric circles, and the date in the centre, as in the case of the 6 penny blue. Instead of a number over the date appears a star. Still another interesting stamp which Mr. Howes shows is a 1 penny, blue, Orange Free State, cancelled with Army P. O. 43. S. Africa, within a single circle.

The 10 centavos, lilac, of Chile, has just been changed to yellow. This stamp was short lived.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 56th sale occurs on Friday evening, November 16th, consisting of United States and foreign stamps in lots for collectors and dealers. Five hundred and sixty lots are listed.

The Army Post Office staff in South Africa consists of 10 officers and 332 men. During 8 months of the war 5,629,938 letters were sent out and 2,731,559 sent home. In the Crimean war for the same length of time 362,000 letters were sent out and 345,000 sent home. Even taking into consideration that a much larger force is in South Africa the difference is marked.

The annual report of the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom for the year ending March 31 last contains much interesting matters statistical and otherwise. It is estimated that 3,588,748,000 pieces of mail matter were delivered during the year. Each inhabitant of the United Kingdom received during the year an average of more than 88 pieces of mail matter, of which 55.3 were letters, 9.8 postals, 17.3 books, 4.0 newspapers and 1.9 parcels. The large number of 16,256,852 letters were registered; 288,667 pieces of mail matter were posted without address, and 2,767 of these contained cash or currency to the amount of £9,764.

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58..... .30	67..... .30	77..... .15
59..... .10	68..... .30	78..... .27
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70..... .02	86..... .15	100..... .08
71..... .03	87..... .03	103..... .05
72..... .15	93..... .02	106..... .05
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More Ploughing of Neglected Ground.

BY JOHN PAALZOW.

Miss Swift's most excellent article on State Revenue Stamps in the June number of *The Virginia Philatelist* suggests to me another "neglected field" in the revenue stamp line, and that is the stamps printed on checks and other documents. Why should they not be as collectible as revenue stamps? Such they surely are.

Their purpose was to pay a tax, the same as the adhesives, and they were made under the same safeguards as the adhesives which were printed under contract by the different firms of Butler & Carpenter, Joseph R. Carpenter and the National Bank Note Co.

Then, as now, the government appointed certain concerns in different parts of the country to imprint these stamps upon such papers as were required by law to be stamped. The dies from which these impressions were made were kept in the custody of a government inspector stationed at the establishment, whose duty it was to keep a record of each impression made, and to see that the Treasury of the United States received its share. I use the word "share," for, strange as it may seem, a discount off the face value was allowed.

Before me lies a receipted bill of the American Phototype Co., 87 Cedar Street, New York, dated April 27, 1867, against a well-known lithographing firm of Richmond, for printing Revenue stamps, and it may be well to repeat it here *verbatim*.

254 impressions.....	\$ 2.54
1016 stamps at 2c less 2½%....	19.82
Expressage.....	1.25
do.....	1.50

\$25.11

This discount was not so great as that allowed by the government for the purchase of the adhesive stamps in quantities, for them a rebate of 4% was allowed for stamps purchased in sums of over twenty dollars, and 4½% for purchases in sums of over one hundred dollars. This discount, however, was payable in stamps at par.

This same receipted bill has in its upper left hand corner the two cents revenue impression required at that time on all receipts over twenty dollars. The company advertises its business upon this bill-head as follows:

This Company under contract with the Internal Revenue Department

PRINTS

REVENUE STAMPS

on the following vouchers, viz.:—Checks, Bills of Exchange, Drafts, Bills of Lading, Bills of Sale, Certificates, Brokers' Notes, Original Process, Pawners' Checks, Passage Tickets, Powers of Attorney, Proxies, Protests, Warehouse Receipts, Weighers' Returns, Satisfaction of Judgments, Sheriffs' Returns, Receipts for Money or Property, etc.

A good many of the vouchers mentioned above, required by law much higher values

than a two-cent impression, so there must have been such also.

Unfortunately for the Southern collector this section of the country does not yield many finds in Revenues and so, with the exception of the single instance of a five cent impression, described later on, the writer has not seen any such of higher value, and it is to be hoped that some one more fortunate than he in the possession of such will give description of them. As it is the writer can only give an account of what he has and leave it for others to complete the list. He writes this brief account only from such specimens as he possesses.

The first impression seems to have been in use from 1867, probably a good deal earlier, but no specimen of an earlier date than on the bill already mentioned, viz: April 27th, 1867 is at hand, and it is on checks dated in 1871. The design is as follows: A sharp pointed oval 47 millimeters high, has on each side of the top and bottom, scroll ornamentations, making the extreme width at top and bottom 30mm. Around the inner edge of the oval runs a band 1mm. wide upon which the figure 2 alternates with an X. Six mm. from the bottom point of this band is a cross line and in this space is the numeral of value, 1½mm. above the line is another, and in the band thus formed, is the inscription TWO CENTS in colorless letters.

From each end of this band rises a white line which 24mm. above forms another oval; in this space is the Bird of Freedom, with flapping wings and outstretched neck. What it is resting upon is hard to describe, for the impressions on hand are rather dim. Four mm. above are two other lines, starting out from the inner band, intersecting and then continuing to the band, forming thus four spaces. In the upper one are the colorless letters U. S. in monogram. On the space in either side are three ivy leaves, and in the space formed between the two lines is INTERNAL REVENUE with a star between the two words. The impression is yellow in color varying in shades from light to dark. A variety of this stamp has below the whole an octagon shaped band 28mm. long and 4mm. wide, bearing in colorless letters

GOOD WHEN ISSUED FOR THE PAYMENT OF MONEY.

This last is on a receipt for a note sent to close an account. The variety without this addition is found on checks as well as on notes, letter heads used by bankers, and other business men, acknowledging receipts of money, etc.

On a certificate of membership to the National Tobacco Association dated December 6th, 1870, a stamp similar to the one described above is imprinted with the exception that the value is five cents, and in place of the screaming eagle, Lincoln's full face bust is upon the stamp.

A new design of the two cents impression must have been decided upon early in 1871. I have a check dated June 26, 1871,

which bears the following: A circle 36mm. in diameter has Washington's bust in it; a colorless ring 1mm. in diameter runs around the circle containing the bust, in the center of this ring is a fine circle surrounded by a larger one, 3mm. in diameter. Shell-like ornaments divide this circle in four parts which contain the words UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE; the former two in the upper, the latter two in the lower spaces. Two more circles surround the one bearing the inscription, the first one consisting of a band with colorless dots. A row of fancy work completes the central design. From each side of this, two parallel bands are running out 12mm. apart, each band 5mm. wide; the bottom and top lines of these two bands measuring 19mm.; the two inner lines measuring 11mm. Between and at the end of these two bands is on each side a fancy shield, upon each one of which the figure 2 is given three times and the spelling of two ten times. Surrounding this addition and between the bands until they touch the fancy shield are arabesque ornamentations. This impression I have also on a notehead used to acknowledge receipt of money dated January 18th, 1873, and on checks as late as July of the same year.

The next design is on a check dated July 27, 1872. It is a parallelogram 28mm. wide and 50mm. high. One mm. from the outer edge a white line runs all around; in each corner are small colorless ovals measuring 5 by 3½mm. in which the numeral 2 appears. Touching the lower edge of the upper and the upper edge of the lower ovals and the top and bottom line of the parallelogram is an oval bearing the inscription TWO CENTS in top between the two small ovals, and in a similar position between the bottom ovals. Lace work covers the space below the top inscription and above the one in the bottom, so that the oval appears broken 10mm. from the top and bottom. In the center is an oval 30mm. high enclosing another 23mm. high. On the band formed between these two ovals are the inscriptions UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE: the first two on top, the other two at the bottom in colorless capital letters. The center oval contains the bust of Franklin to the left, very similar to the one cent stamp of the 1870 issue. The last check with this stamp is dated June, 1873. Co-existing with it must have been two other designs which I find on checks dated September and October, 1872, respectively.

The first of these two is another Eagle design. It consists of a circle 28mm. diameter containing an inner one of 22mm. diameter. The 3mm. wide band so formed bears the legend UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE TWO CENTS. In the inner circle is the eagle with spread wings and head thrust forward, this time looking toward the right. It is perched upon bolders of rock. Above and below the outer circle are two small circles 5½mm. in diameter

and each bearing the colorless numeral 2. Scroll work ornaments finish the design at either side of the small circles. This design was still in use in 1875.

On a check bearing date Oct. 12, 1872 is one entirely different from any of its predecessors. An oval 26mm. high and 20mm. broad has in it the bust of Washington looking toward the right. The oval is bound by a rope like ornament; above the top is a shell shaped ornament and at the bottom a shield. A scroll, starting at a point 24mm. from the edge of the oval on the left, and on a level with the center, runs downward to the shield; this scroll is 4mm. wide and bears the inscription UNITED STATES; a like scroll starting on the other side of the shield, and running to a point 24mm. to the left of the oval, has the inscription INTER. REVENUE. At the ends of each of these two scrolls is a small circle 5½mm. diameter which contains the numeral 2. A scroll starting 19mm. from the left and on a line with center of the oval runs up to meet the shell-like ornament on the top and has the inscription TWO CENTS; a like scroll starts from the top ornament and runs correspondingly to the other, bearing also the words TWO CENTS. The spaces formed between the scrolls and the oval, both on the right and left of it are filled with scroll and lace work. Scroll work outside of the inscription-bearing scrolls, gives them also a fine finish, and this design is perhaps the most striking looking of the lot, to which the red orange color in which it is printed adds also.

The neat design which was in use in April, 1873, is composed of an oval 30mm. high and 25mm. wide supported on each side by a circle 18mm. in diameter. The oval contains a smaller one measuring 24 and 19mm. respectively. On the 3mm. wide band so formed are the words UNITED STATES above, and INTERNAL REVENUE below the central oval, which itself bears the bust of Franklin. The circles on each side are each surrounded by another one 6mm. larger, which latter, however, is broken and disappears when coming in contact with the oval. The band thus formed contains at the point of greatest distance from the oval the words TWO CENTS, the balance of the band being ornamented by a double row of colorless dots. The inside of the circles is filled with engine turned work. From the band and starting from the beginning and ending of the TWO CENTS is an ornament resembling the top of a pointed oval, the apex of which is 6mm. distant from the band. A similar ornamentation goes out above and below the central oval which has the colorless numerals 2, at top and bottom, the remainder of the band so formed being ornamented with scrollwork.

The next one to appear is a design very similar but a good deal smaller and neater appearing. In it the center is a circle 22mm. diameter to which are joined on

either side a circle 10mm. diameter. The center has a bust of Franklin. The two side circles each bear the colorless numeral 2 on a horizontally lined ground. At the top and bottom of the large and at the side of the small circles is placed a heart-shaped ornament. Between these ornaments runs a cogwheel band 1½mm. wide. The centre circle is surrounded by an outside circle broken into four parts by the side circles and the heart shaped ornaments on top and bottom forming a band 3mm. wide. The four spaces contain the words: UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE. A similar narrower circle forms a band 2mm. wide around the side circles which contain the words TWO CENTS at the points of conjunction of the 3 circles scrolls ornament the indentations.

This brings me now to the last one and the one which I think was still in use when on July 1st, 1883, the tax on checks was abolished. This is a rhombus 80mm. from one side apex to the other; enclosing another rhombus measuring 64mm. The four bands so formed contain the words UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE in colored capitals upon a white ground. 19mm. from the side apex of the inner rhombus is an oval 24mm. wide containing a smaller one 20mm. wide, which latter has in it a very crude head of Liberty upon a vertically lined ground. The band 2mm. wide formed by the outside oval is ornamented with horizontal lines. On each side of this band and 2½mm. distant from it at the top and bottom and 2mm. at the center runs a curved line which forms a space in which appear the words TWO CENTS in colorless capitals. The space of the inner rhombus not taken up by the ovals is ornamented with colored lines alternatingly broad and narrow. The angles of the two rhombuses are each broken above and below the oval by a small circle 9mm. diameter containing a smaller one 7½mm. diameter which each contain the colorless numeral 2 upon a horizontally lined ground. Scroll work ornaments the edges of the circles as well as the side angles of the whole design.—*Virginia Philatelist.*

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PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

Various circumstances have combined to prevent, until now, our making special reference to the premature demise of the oldest of stamp magazines. The cessation of the regular appearance of *Le Timbre Poste* must at any time have seemed premature to those who have been its constant readers for many years, and who, like ourselves, have been dependent upon it for monthly chronicles and varied information; but its editor and publisher added bitterness to our grief by taking the fullest advantage of the liberty he had reserved to himself of bringing his year to an end with almost indecent haste. We had hoped that our old friend *Le Timbre Poste* would have passed gently away with the closing months of the dying century; but convulsions came on in the early part of the year, the almanac was turned inside out, we had two Aprils, June and July were knocked into one, September and October came in June, and the snows of December were melted in the early days of August; in fact, the funeral procession proceeded at a gallop, and the mourners have hardly got over it yet.

To have produced thirty-eight annual volumes of a magazine devoted to the best interests of Philately is an achievement of which anyone might be proud; and it must be remembered that our hobby has had its ups and downs during that period. Stamp collecting has not always been the popular, the fashionable pursuit that it is at present, and at more than one time during those thirty-eight years the current stamp magazines of the whole world might have been counted upon the fingers of one hand. *Le Timbre Poste* survived all those vicissitudes that have wrecked so many of its younger brethren, and, at the end of a successful career, has gone into retirement with the master-mind and master-hand which originated it and conducted it so well. We once more wish our *confreres* many years' enjoyment of the rest which he has so fully earned.—Editorial in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

WHERE THE POSTAL CARDS COME FROM.

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1855,	1c blue	.08
	10c green	.25
	12c black	.50
	24c lilac, unused	4.00
	30c orange	4.50
	5c brick red	8.00
1861,	10c green, unused	1.50
	24c lilac, unused	3.00
	30c orange, unused	3.75
	90c blue	2.00
1868,	15c black, 12113	2.50
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	\$1.90, nice	2.25
	\$3.50, a beauty	3.50
	\$10.00, good copy	2.00
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	4c, good	.65
	6c, "	.65
	30c, unused	.25
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Bilateral Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

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Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XIV No. 187, October 15:
Provisional Stamps of Obock.
Fraudulent Use of Cancelled French Stamps.
Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. IV Nos. 53, 54, Vol. V No. 55, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13:
Philately in South Africa.
New Cape Penny Stamps.
Orange River and Transvaal Stamps.
Railway Letter Post Stamps.
Letters From Bloomfontein.

Mekeel's Drummer, Vol. II No. 1 (7), October 27:
*Col. C. A. Coolidge.
Paris Philatelic Exposition.
Late Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV Nos 44, 45, November 1, 8:
Boston, Chicago, New York, Washington and California Notes.
Hawaiian Prov. Govt. Errors.

Collectors' Companion, Vol. II No. 2, November:
Stamps of War Time.

London Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 106, Oct.:
Early Issues of Belgium.
Mafeking Siege Stamps.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV Nos. 4, 5, October 27, November 3:
Washington Letter.
English Letter.

Morley's Philatelic Journal, Vol. I No. 10, October:
American Fiscals for the Philippines.
Princes and Rulers.
Reference List of Japanese Telegraph Stamps.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. IX No. 5, Nov.:
U. S. Minutes.
Mail in Central Africa.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. X No. 118, October:
*J. R. F. Turner.
Postmaster General's Report.
Twenty Years Stamp Dealing.

Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. IV No. 9, September:
Indian Telegraph Stamps.
Portuguese Indian Provisional.
First Post Cards in South America.
Notes on Ceylon.

Philatelist, Vol. XXI No. 10, October:
Regulation of Values and Current Selling Price.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VI No. 146, October 13:
Frivolous Side of Philately.

Swap, Vol. I No. 9, September:
Interesting Stamps.

Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt, Vol. X No. 10, October:
*Eduard von Huber, Augsburg.
Society News and Mexican Stamps 1895-99.
Notes on Hamburg Stamps.

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 2, Oct.:
*Wm. Ralston Lecky.
German Colonial Stamps.

Your humble servant has been very much occupied with politics during the past few weeks, and campaigning with an artillery company until the wee sma' hours does not leave much time for philatelic literature. Now that it is settled that we are to have four years more of prosperity, I think I can settle down to the old routine once more.

Belgium is a good country for a specialist of moderate means, and the article in the *London Philatelist* by M. P. Castle treating of the early issues of that country will be a boon to many collectors. With the exception of the articles which have appeared from time to time in the *American*

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Journal of Philately, I do not recall any lengthy articles on these stamps in the English language. The article covers the issues of 1849 to 1863 inclusive.

Morley's Philatelic Journal contains a very interesting two-page illustrated article treating of the fiscal stamps issued in the Philippines by our army government. The designs have already been illustrated in *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, but there is a large amount of additional information in this article. Of the Giro series the following values have been seen: 15, 20, 30, 60, 80 cents, 1p 20c, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 pesos, with the date 1899. Of the 1900 set there have been seen 5, 20, 60 cents, 1p 20c, 2, 3, 5 pesos. Several other values are supposed to exist in each set.

Of the oblong Sello stamps there are 25, 40, 50 cents and 1 peso. When these stamps get to be a little better known I have no doubt that they will be included in our catalogues as a necessary appendix to the U. S. revenues.

Mr. Stewart-Wilson's article on Indian telegraph stamps continues to occupy the place of honor in the *Philatelic Journal of India*. The present installment fairly bristles with extracts from official documents and correspondence and will settle many disputed points.

A short article is given on the surcharged provisional issued some few months ago in Portuguese India, 1 1/2 reis on 2 tangas blue. A letter from the postal officials states that there were 20,000 surcharged and that they were current from June 19 to 26.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has absorbed the *Young Stamp Collector*. This makes the fourth journal which has been amalgamated with the *Fortnightly* and philately is none the worse for the fact. We certainly have too many papers for our own good. It sometimes makes me wish we did not have such cheap newspaper rates of postage, for if each publisher had to pay a cent on each copy mailed there would be less papers issued.

The *Virginia Philatelist* presents a much better looking cover this month, and I trust the printer will not offend again.

The series of articles by Aug. Dietz, treating of the German colonial stamps is brought to a close with the current number. Marshall Islands, New Guinea, China, Caroline Islands, Marianne Islands and Samoa are the subjects described.

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(His son is an ardent coin collector.)
 - Guernsey, 1, 2, 4, 8 doubles, bright red..... .22
 - Dominican Rep., 5, 10 cents, mint..... .12
 - Boer penny, Kruger's picture, mint..... .25
 - 1847 Hawaii, 1 cent, fine and scarce..... .50
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The 333rd regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Nov. 1st, at Room 1603 Marquette Building. The meeting was called to order by President Wolsieffer with 19 members present. Mr. Chas. E. Birr attended as a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Z. G. Stebbins for exhibiting his collection at our previous meeting.

REPORT OF GOVERNING BOARD.
 The following were elected to membership:
 Herman Aftlerbach, Great Falls, Mont.; Passive No. 610.
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 The Treasurer reported cash on hand \$110.25.

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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.]

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 29th, 1900.
EDITOR WEEKLY ERA,

My dear Sir: It seems that "Uncle Sam's" greenbacks are not a marketable currency in the recently created Orange River Colony, or is the following only another form of refusal to sell the "V. R. I." surcharges to other than residents?

"G. P. O. BLOOMFONTEIN, O. R. C.,
28th SEPT., 1900.

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R. HOLLIVAN,
For Postmaster.

Adolph Lohmeyer, Esq.,
Baltimore, U. S. A."

Since I made the above remittance I expected that it would be returned, for I had no reason to think that an exception would be made in my case, but I had no idea that our greenbacks which are sought after in all parts of the world, and are specially asked for by many of my correspondents, would be made to shoulder the blame.

Your truly,
A. LOHMEYER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:
Since no one ventured to answer J. B. T. let me offer the following:

(1.) First two stamps of Grenada, Father Pemberton says 1860 for the unwatermarked, 1864-66 for the watermarked; Evans' catalogue gives the same dates. The Stamp Collectors' Magazine through 1868 has nothing to say on the matter. The Tapling collection has six single copies of the unwatermarked, and a block (imperfect however) of four. Gordon Smith, who catalogued the Tapling Collection, dates the two unwatermarked as June, 1861. The 1 and 6 watermark (the 6 both rose and vermillion as 1864, small star. The large star as 1870. Senf has 1860 and 1864.

(2.) Jamaica Split Provisional of 1867. I was unable to find anything in regard to this, and a Mr. Ernst who has lectured on postal matters was unable to help me.

(3.) One has to theorize in Stamp Land. The 6d came on both types, should this be type or die? Were there two matrices? (See Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. 2 No. 24.) Then why should not the provisional come this way? The postmaster may have had some of one type in the drawer when he received a new supply of the other type. And so both types may have been used for the provisionals.

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The Paraphe in Puerto Rico.

Popular interest in the issues of Puerto Rico at the present time may serve as our excuse for bringing to light an explanation of some of the surcharges used on the Spanish Puerto Rican stamps, and their origin. We quote liberally from a note by Mr. V. G. De Yassi, in the *Philatelic Record*, and others. From 1855 until 1873 the stamps issued for Cuba and Puerto Rico were alike. In 1873, however, the Puerto Rican government observed a falling off in the revenue derived from the sale of postage stamps as compared with telegraph stamps, and a secret investigation developed the fact that Puerto Rican merchants were in the habit of selling the stamps below face value, and further research showed that Cuban merchants frequently remitted stamps to Puerto Rico in payment of small amounts, as the depreciated paper currency of Cuba was accepted in payment for them in Havana, while in Puerto Rico they could be purchased only for gold, thus making the transaction a profitable one for the Cubans.

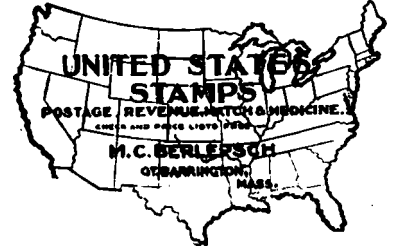
The criminal proceedings which were instituted as a result of these inquiries established the genuineness of the stamps offered under face value in Puerto Rico and put a stop to the speculation in the following manner. About the middle of 1873 all stamps sold by the Puerto Rican postoffice were surcharged, and these only were thereafter accepted for postage. The surcharge applied consisted of the *paraphe* of some prominent postal official.

In earlier days it was the custom among officials and other personages whose names were attached to important documents to protect their signatures from forgery by the addition of a meaningless intricate flourish continuous with the last letter and which, being a purely individual invention, constructed after no design or law of composition, was extremely hard to imitate. This protective ending of the signature is the *paraphe*.

The *paraphe* surcharged upon the stamps of 1873 was that of the Governor General. In 1874 that of the Governor General and the Intendente or Superintendent of Posts. This set consisted of three values, 25c, 50c and 1p. None of the 50c or 1p were ever put into actual circulation however.

In 1875 the same values of Cuban stamps were surcharged as in 1874 and put into use.

In 1876 the 25c, 50c and 1p, Cuba, were again surcharged with two *paraphes* as before, but of the new officials. In June 1875 the officers having charge of the stamped paper of the island stole 325,800 of the 25c and 19,000 1p values. In order to render these stolen stamps valueless, the *paraphe* of the Governor General was repeated on all those remaining, making a triple surcharge on stamps of Puerto Rico used after June 1876.—*The International Philatelic Review*.



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*3/4c Marchand, .20	*3/4c Marchand, .50		
*3/4c Marchand, .10	*3/4c Piso, .02		
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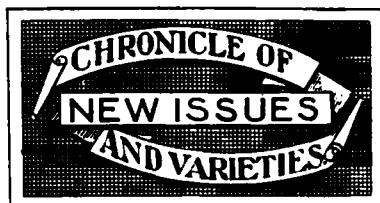
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

AUSTRIA.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer favors us with a new 6 heller letter card, yellow brown on yellowish. This must be supplementary to or else supersedes the new 6 heller chronicled in number 366, issued on blue.

Letter Card (Regular):
6 hellers, yellow brown on yellowish.

CEYLON.—The *Monthly Journal* announces the 3c green, surcharged in black "On Service." The 15c blue issued this year has been similarly treated:

Adhesive (Official):
3c green, black surcharge.
15c blue, " "

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC, Antioquia.—On the authority of a continental exchange *Mekeel's Weekly* describes two new stamps. They are "of the 1896 type, 2 pesos carmine and 5 pesos orange, but instead of having the central portion printed in black (as numbers 105, 106, 115 and 116) it is omitted altogether! If these were in the old colors, the supposition would be that they were errors; in these new shades they may possibly be revolutionary provisionals of some kind, the part omitted being the government arms."

Adhesives (Provisional):
2 pesos, carmine.
5 pesos, orange.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The *Monthly Journal* has received the bi-colored 5c Perak surcharged as above:

Adhesive (Provisional):
5c Perak surcharged "FEDERATED MALAY STATES."

INDIA, Faridkot.—The new 3 pies carmine has been surcharged in two lines in black "Faridkot State" for use in this state.

MALTA.—Messrs. Bright and Son have received the new 1sh 4d stamp showing the Grand Harbor at Valetta. An odd value surely, and we have seen no refer-

ence to the needs that brought it into existence.

Adhesive (Regular):
1sh 4d red-brown.

NICARAGUA.—In number 376 we chronicled the new 2c card, carmine on white. Mr. Lohmeyer sends us a specimen of it and, as well, the other stationery listed below. Mr. Lohmeyer writes: "This is the first issue under the new 10 year contract with Dr. Maximo Asenjo. There will be no unused yearly remainders like the 'Seebecks,' as all turned over to the contractor will first be cancelled."

Post-Cards (Regular):
2x2c carmine on white.
6c blue on cream.
6x6c blue on cream.

SALVADOR—A new set has appeared for which we should be devoutly thankful. It is thus described by Mr. Hopkins in *Mekeel's News*:

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The Paraphe in Puerto Rico.

Popular interest in the issues of Puerto Rico at the present time may serve as our excuse for bringing to light an explanation of some of the surcharges used on the Spanish Puerto Rican stamps, and their origin. We quote liberally from a note by Mr. V. G. De Yassi, in the *Philatelic Record*, and others. From 1855 until 1873 the stamps issued for Cuba and Puerto Rico were alike. In 1873, however, the Puerto Rican government observed a falling off in the revenue derived from the sale of postage stamps as compared with telegraph stamps, and a secret investigation developed the fact that Puerto Rican merchants were in the habit of selling the stamps below face value, and further research showed that Cuban merchants frequently remitted stamps to Puerto Rico in payment of small amounts, as the depreciated paper currency of Cuba was accepted in Puerto Rico they could be purchased only for gold, thus making the transaction a profitable one for the Cubans.

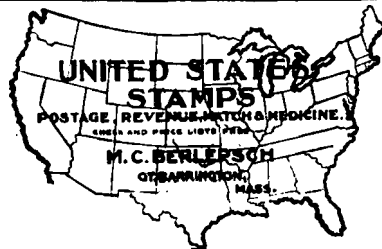
The criminal proceedings which were instituted as a result of these inquiries established the genuineness of the stamps offered under face value in Puerto Rico and put a stop to the speculation in the following manner. About the middle of 1873 all stamps sold by the Puerto Rican postoffice were surcharged, and these only were thereafter accepted for postage. The surcharge applied consisted of the *paraphe* of some prominent postal official.

In earlier days it was the custom among officials and other personages whose names were attached to important documents to protect their signatures from forgery by the addition of a meaningless intricate flourish continuous with the last letter and which, being a purely individual invention, constructed after no design or law of composition, was extremely hard to imitate. This protective ending of the signature is the *paraphe*.

The *paraphe* surcharged upon the stamps of 1873 was that of the Governor General. In 1874 that of the Governor General and the Intendente or Superintendent of Posts. This set consisted of three values, 25c, 50c and 1p. None of the 50c or 1p were ever put into actual circulation however.

In 1875 the same values of Cuban stamps were surcharged as in 1874 and put into use.

In 1876 the 25c, 50c and 1p, Cuba, were again surcharged with two *paraphes* as before, but of the new officials. In June 1875 the officers having charge of the stamped paper of the island stole 325,800 of the 25c and 19,000 1p values. In order to render these stolen stamps valueless, the *paraphe* of the Governor General was repeated on all those remaining, making a triple surcharge on stamps of Puerto Rico used after June 1876 — *The International Philatelic Review*.



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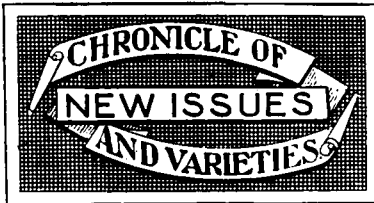
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Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

AUSTRIA.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer favors us with a new 6 heller letter card, yellow brown on yellowish. This must be supplementary to or else supersedes the new 6 heller chronicled in number 366, issued on blue.

Letter Card (Regular):
6 hellers, yellow brown on yellowish.

CEYLON.—The *Monthly Journal* announces the 3c green, surcharged in black "On Service." The 15c blue issued this year has been similarly treated:

Adhesive (Official):
3c green, black surcharge.
15c blue, " "

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC, Antioquia.—On the authority of a continental exchange *Mekeel's Weekly* describes two new stamps. They are "of the 1896 type, 2 pesos carmine and 5 pesos orange, but instead of having the central portion printed in black (as numbers 105, 106, 115 and 116) it is omitted altogether! If these were in the old colors, the supposition would be that they were errors; in these new shades they may possibly be revolutionary provisionals of some kind, the part omitted being the government arms."

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FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The *Monthly Journal* has received the bi-colored 5c Perak surcharged as above:

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5c Perak surcharged "FEDERATED MALAY STATES."

INDIA, Faridkot.—The new 3 pies carmine has been surcharged in two lines in black "Faridkot State" for use in this state.

MALTA.—Messrs. Bright and Son have received the new 15d stamp showing the Grand Harbor at Valetta. An odd value surely, and we have seen no refer-

ence to the needs that brought it into existence.

Adhesive (Regular):
15d 4d red-brown.

NICARAGUA.—In number 376 we chronicled the new 2c card, carmine on white. Mr. Lohmeyer sends us a specimen of it and, as well, the other stationery listed below. Mr. Lohmeyer writes: "This is the first issue under the new 10 year contract with Dr. Maximino Asenjo. There will be no unused yearly remainders like the 'Seebeks,' as all turned over to the contractor will first be cancelled."

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1421	1876, 3c red, Centennial	.60	.30
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1462	1880, 1c blue on cream	.20	.10
1463	188, 2c vermilion on cream	1.50	.35
1473	1885, 1c blue on blue	.30	.15
1478	1878, 3c blue on fawn	.50	.25
1492	Nov. 1883, 2c red on fawn	.95	.10
1494	1885, 4c green on white	.15	.07
1496	1883, 4c green on amber	.15	.07
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1509	June 1884, 2c brown on blue	1.00	.30
1513	July 1884, 2c brown on amber	.50	.20
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1540	1886, 3c blue on amber manila	1.00	.75
1565	1887, 30c chocolate on o. buff.	1.25	.75
1571	1887, 30c chocolate on blue	1.25	.75
1708	1864, 2c black on manila, die 2	.65	.35
1719	1874, 2c vermilion on manila	.10	.05
1723	1884, May, 2c brown on manila	.25	.12
1724	1884, June, 2c brown on manila	.50	.25
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Mr. B. L. Drew of Boston was in the city Monday and Tuesday, exhibiting lots of his 57th and 58th sales to be held in Boston Nov. 21st and 30th, respectively. The lots were examined by a large number of enthusiastic collectors, and the stimulating effect of viewing the fine lots was immediately felt.

Speaking of auction sales, Washington is putting on Metropolitan airs and will hold a bona fide auction sale next month, Dec. 4th, the same being conducted by Mr. Bartels. Several small sales have been held here in the past, but they hardly reached the estate of an up-to-date affair. There are about 500 lots of particularly desirable stamps. Catalogues are out and copies may be had by addressing Mr. Bartels.

The annual report of the Auditor for the Post Office Department indicates that we, as a nation, are growing at a tremendous pace. The receipts of the Department from all sources for the year were \$102,354,579, and the expenses \$107,259,298, leaving a deficit of about \$5,000,000, being considerably less than last year's shortage. The principal item in the receipts was for stamps, envelopes, cards and wrappers, amounting to \$94,013,699, the total receipts for carrying newspapers and all other periodicals amounting to less than \$4,000,000. A comparative statement shows that during the last 110 years the population has increased in the ratio of 19 to 1, the wealth of the people 40 to 1, the postoffices 1,000 to 1, and the revenues of the Post Office Department 2,700 to 1. Twenty-five years hence our cousin, John Bull, will look like a thirty-cent due stamp alongside Uncle Sam.

Mr. H. F. Colman, one of our top-notch dealers, who is a clerk in the Interior Department, is also something of a politician, as well. Last week business had to stand aside while he went over to New York State to help roll up that big majority for McKinley and Roosevelt.

The officials at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing profess to believe that no more stamps with surcharge will be issued for Porto Rico or Guam, and do not expect the surcharged variety to continue in use in the Philippines for a great while.

Speaking of the Danish West Indies I would say there was a fair chance for Uncle Sam to get hold of them in the near future, not at the price of \$7,000,000 placed upon them by Denmark, but at a much lower valuation. During this winter the matter will be officially discussed and Denmark will probably get down to hard pan, in which event Uncle Sam will shell out the cash and take out a bill of sale.

A certain dealer is having a good demand for revenues, unused, at less than face, since the stories of his experience with the detective appeared in print. It is surmised that a small boy looking over sales books noticed a one dollar revenue, without gum, offered for 80 cents, and that he must have mentioned the matter to some person who gave the detective a tip and the letter called on the dealer to see what sort of stamps he was offering, unused, at less than face. It is evident Uncle Sam is going after wrongdoers with a sharp stick. Of course, in the case in point, the stamp was genuinely unused, and had been sold to the dealer at a low price because the owner was hard up. The new series of stamps, surcharged and printed in an ink sensitive to acids, will be out this week, then the manipulator of acids will be against it sure enough.

A SENATOR'S SON.

Philatelic Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
- Adhesive, Vol. I No. 11, November: Notes on Sheets of Stamps. Ernest J. Wurtele. London Letter. J. Ellwood Lee Co. Stamps. New Catalogue.
- Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. VII No. 6 (39), November: Approval Sheets, Dealers and Collectors. St. Louis Notes.
- Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXVIII No. 322 October: Catalogue. Morelos—Nicaragua.
- Briefmarkenhandler, Vol. V No. 3, Oct.: Advertisements only.
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, No. 240, October: Postage Stamps at the Universal Exposition. The Gallic Cock. Eulogy of Philately.
- Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XIV No. 188, October 31: The "Salomon" Type of Haiti.
- Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. V Nos. 56, 57, October 20, 27: Manufacture of French Stamps. Reference List of the Stamps of the S. A. R. Philately in South Africa. Samoan Perforations.
- General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Vol. XVIII No. 361, October 25: Advertisements only.
- McKeel's Drummer, Vol. II No. 2 (8), November: On the Subject of Stamp Collecting. Interesting Confederate (Nashville). British East Africa.
- McKeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV No. 46 (515), November 15: Puerto Rico Habilitados. Boston, New York, etc. Letters. About Stamp Making. Newspaper Mixture.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 6, November 10: Washington Notes. English Letter.
- Philatelic Record, Vol. XXII No. 11, Nov.: Collection of Minor Varieties. Stamps of the Transvaal. Notable Philatelists—Emil Tamsen. Army Post Office in South Africa. Republic of Formosa. Sedang and Its Stamps.
- Philatelic Spectator, Vol. III No. 4 (12), October: Stamp Talk.

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- Postal Cards and Covers, Vol. I No. 4, October:
- Orange Free State Cards.
- Victorial Post Card Paragraphs.
- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. IV No. 147, October 27:
- Reminiscences of a Philatelist.
- Identifying Stamps.
- Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Vol. XI No. 124, October:
- Stamps of the Argentine Republic.
- Postal Organization of Siam.
- Stamps of New South Wales.

Rev. R. R. Thiele continues his most instructive "Notes on Sheets of Stamps" in the *Adhesive*, finishing Hamburg and taking up in addition those of Hannover, Luebeck and Oldenburg. The Hannoverians are all in sheets of 120 stamps, while the other two places issued them in 100. As in the case of Hamburg some queer totals are the result.

A fine portrait of Major Wurtele, president of the D. P. A. adorns the front cover and is repeated in the body of the journal with a sketch.

If there is anything that I dislike, it is to see the front page of a magazine covered with advertisements. I told Kiefer, at the Milwaukee convention, that I thought he would be wise to drop out the ads and have simply the title, etc., on the front cover. The November number is at hand and one hardly recognizes the *Allegheny* it looks so neat and tasty with its new dress. My best congratulations!

Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste gives a summary of what postal and stamp exhibits there were in the exposition buildings. Fac-similes of the U. S. Postal Station Postmarks are also given. One of these is the flag type, the other the bar type.

Ewen's Weekly presents a reference list of the stamps of the South African Republic, arranged on simplified lines with approximate values of many of the varieties.

Mekeel's Drummer illustrates a recently discovered Confederate envelope for Nashville. It is of the postmark variety with Paid 10, in place of the date; 1861 being allowed to remain when the rest was removed. Strange to say, this envelope was

not used from the city of its issue, but from another point [in another state with two regular C. S. stamps pasted over the handstamp.

J. M. Andreini, having settled the Y&K controversy, is now taking a whack at the counterfeit Habilitados of Puerto Rico in *Mekeel's Weekly*. There are quite a number of these frauds floating around, and it is best not to purchase the stamps except from dealers of the highest standing.

Mr. Bartels states that the total number of periodical sets sold was 26,989 of which 5,000 were sold by the department direct and consisted of originals, except the \$5 value, of which only about thirty were included.

According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist* a new value has been added to the documentary set, namely a \$2 stamp. The design is the same as that of the other dollar values and the color will be like all the rest, gray with numeral surcharged in black.

Another bit of news in the same number is, that Japan has surcharged her full set for use in Formosa! The wedding stamp only, seems to have been overlooked, but that will probably come later.

Mr. Nankivell concludes his reference list of Transvaal stamps in the current number of the *Philatelic Record*, bringing it down to, and including, the V. R. I. issues of the present year.

Emil Tamsen figures as the "notable philatelist" this month, and quite timely, also, for much of what we know concerning Transvaals is due to his researches. He has not been heard from since the outbreak of hostilities, having gone back to Nylstroom at the beginning of the war to look after his business interests.

We are threatened with another *Philatelic Record*. Arthur R. Magill, Montreal correspondent of the ERA, announces his intention of issuing a paper of that name in January, 1901. The duplicating of names is to be regretted, and I hope the publisher will make a change. Why not the *Philatelic Recorder*?

Postal Cards and Covers completes its first volume and announces that it will be continued as a quarterly for another year. A most excellent article, treating of the Orange Free State cards, is given by Mr. Warhurst.

Some rather startling news is contained in C. J. Phillips' department in the *Monthly Journal*. After the close of the present year the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, will cease importing any more post cards, envelopes, wrappers or local stamps and will also cease to chronicle such in the

NICARAGUA 1900.
I have just received the first of the new issues under the contract with Dr. Maximo Aserjo. The 1900 set of Cards consists of four varieties:
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 - 1857, 3/4 penny, imperforate, close one side 2.00
 - 3 pence, perforated, fine " " 2.25
 - 1872, 10 cent rose lilac, unused " " .60
 - Newfoundland
 - 1857, 1 penny violet brown, unused " " 2.00
 - 3 penny green, triangle, " large margins " " 1.00
 - 1863, 2 penny lake, unused, large margins " " 5.00
 - " 4 " red br'n, " " " " .50
 - " 6 penny lake, " " " " .75
 - " 6 1/2 " " " " " 1.00
 - " 8 " " " " " 1.20
 - " 1 shilling " " " " .75
 - 1866, 5c brown, lightly canc'd and centered " " 4.00
 - " 10c black, unused, off center " " .90
 - " 12c orange, " fine " " .75
 - 1867, 1c brown lilac, unused, fine " " 1.00
 - " 3c vermilion, nice used copy " " 2.00
 - " 5c black, fine, unused " " 3.50
 - 1876, 1c violet brown, rouletted, used " " .90
 - 1897, Cabot Set complete " " 2.90
 - New Brunswick
 - 1851, 3d red, used " " 2.40
 - Nova Scotia
 - 1851, 3d blue " " .75
 - " 3d dark blue " " .90
 - 1860, 8 1/2c green, used " " 3.00
 - " 10c vermilion, used " " 1.00
 - Prince Edward Island
 - 1865, 1d orange, unused " " .75
 - " 6d green, " " 1.30
 - " 9d lilac, " " .65
 - 1873, 3c rose, " " .65
 - 1865, 4d black, used " " .70
 - 1872, 1c orange, " " 2.00
 - " 3c blue, " " 3.85
 - " 4c green, " " 3.25
 - " 6c black, " " 2.00
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- These are all fine copies, and satisfaction is guaranteed or your money back. I have also most of the cheaper varieties of B. N. A. fine copies at 1/2 c. off. Look up my ad. in last week's ERA. I have some of them left.

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Mr. Phillips is to be in this country from about November 24th to February 10th, and will visit the principal cities with a fine stock of rare stamps. Dates will probably be found in the papers later.

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Notes and Comment.

By THE EDITOR.

The editor has been favored with an unused specimen of the 1/2 penny Cape with surcharge "Orange River Colony," which was issued Oct. 13th, from Mr. H. L. Ewen, editor of Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, and acknowledges receipt with due appreciation.

The recent change in the management of the Sales Department of the American

1900 NOVELTIES JUST IN. ALL UNUSED AND FINE.

Queensland, 5sh green. \$0.75 Perak, 1 on 4c, 1 on 5c, pair. .18 India, new postal union colors, 3p, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, H. M. S. 1/2, 1, 2a; set of eight. .35 Greece, 30 on 40l. .12 " 50 on 40l. .15 New Zealand 1899-1900, native print: 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 6d, 7 var. .50 4d. .25; 8d. .25 1sh. .40; 2sh. .75; 5sh. 1.75

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Philatelic Association was made with the view of increasing its benefits and value to the members generally, and Mr. Smith, the new Superintendent, will put forth an earnest endeavor to make the Department a big success, and desires that members will take advantage of the opportunity offered them, and participate. Remember the larger the number participating the greater the benefits, and if you have stamps to sell send them in even if you don't care to buy; and if you are ready to buy at right prices send in your name and have it put on the list to receive books, even if you have no stamps to sell or exchange.

Circular and prospectus of the proposed Philatelic Exhibition, to be held in January next, has been received from the International Philatelic Union, Thos. H. Hinton, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Chelsea, London, S. W.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The new issue of Paraguay has been received in the mails—so far, I have only the five centavos, green. I have also received from Venezuela a one bolivar black surcharged 1900. Have also seen something "original" from Nicaragua, Unpaid Letter stamps, surcharged "Franques Oficial" in an oval circle. Next!

The following communication was received by a local dealer: St. Johns, N. B., Sept. 30, 1900.

Dear Sir: Seeing your ad in the New York Philatelist and as I am in want of a good company to uptain new issues from and not be humbugged by answering boges ads, I would be pleased to hav you send me a small lot of new issues first and if they sut I will order larger next time. I will make prompt returns for all stamps wanted by P. O. Order, the same day received. As to my honesty you may inquir of the following compgens.

References by permision, W. H. Thorn Co. St. John, N. B., Eastern Oil Co. St. John, N. B.

My address is L. F. RESTEAN, St. John, North End, N. B., Canada.

Communicating with the Eastern Oil Co., revealed the fact that the use of their name is unauthorized by them. His spelling is none of the best, as a glance at his letter will show. It is needless to say that a person who takes another man's name to advertise his own honesty, but without previously getting the permission to do so, is a person to be let severely alone.

Geo R. Tuttle will hold his 35th Auction Sale at the Collector's Club on Monday and Tuesday evenings, November 26-27. VOLUNTEER.

Table listing stamp prices for Labuan 1892, North Borneo 1893, etc., with prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$1.25.

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Table listing other stamp prices: Hawaii 1883, \$1.00 used, fine 6.25; Another, good 5.50; 12c mauve, unused, gum, (1901 list \$2.50) 1.20; Danish West Indies 14c, unused, some gum, fine 4.50.

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*1893, 5c black blue.....	1.40	
*1893, 10c black.....	1.70	
*1893, 12c black.....	1.70	
*1893, 10c vermilion.....	2.00	
*1893, 10c red brown.....	1.60	
*1893, 12c dull rose.....	2.75	
1894, 5c brown.....	.12	1.00
1894, 5c rose.....	.25	2.25
1894, 10c green.....	.75	
*1899, 1c green.....	.16	1.50
*1899, 2c carmine.....	.30	2.50
*1899, 5c blue.....	.75	
*1899, 5c blue.....	.25	2.00
*1883, Envelope 1c green, entire or cut square.....	.45	
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

In my notes of two weeks ago I referred to the inactivity of the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association as regards a concerted effort to increase the membership of the Association. From what I hear, I fear that my remarks have been misconstrued. It was not my intention to disparage the good work done by any one or two members of the board, but it was with the hope that my notes would cause a stir, in the right direction, among the members of the board collectively, that is, including the Chicago members.

At the time the so-called Chicago ticket was elected by an overwhelming majority, it was remarked on all sides, that with the energy and push displayed by Chicagoans so far this year in their local society, the newly elected Vice Presidents would go forth and do likewise, with the result of a doubled membership before next convention. And such was their intention, as I understand it. The first proposition advanced by one of the Chicago directors was frowned upon as undignified by another officer of the Association, (in my presence) and this rebuff immediately put a damper upon the enthusiasm of the entire Chicago outfit.

As almost one-quarter of the year has elapsed and no steps have been taken to interest stamp collectors (non-members) in the Association, the outlook for another inactive year seemed to be of the brightest and it was thought that a few hints might bring the individual members of the board closer together, and hasten the adoption of a feasible plan whereby the gospel of philately (as far as the A. P. A. is concerned) will be spread to reach each and every stamp collector in the universe, and the Association itself will reap the harvest of a substantial increase in its membership.

At the convention of the A. P. A., held in Milwaukee, it appeared that at least 90% of the members were in favor of reviving the Association's own official journal, but it was agreed with the present membership a regular paper could not be published successfully. Such a journal could probably be attempted if the membership numbered 1,000 or more, and as it is so earnestly desired by all, it would be a good goal to work for. With every member doing his utmost to assist the association in reaching that goal, and bringing in at least one new member, the membership would soon be doubled and the *American Philatelist* revived.

One of our local dealers, Mr. Alfred Michael, 810 Milwaukee Avenue, last week suffered the loss of a stock book of stamps,

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Tunis 5fr 188-93, fine, cat. \$2.00.....	\$0.98
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China (Russian), set of 6.....	.27
" (Japanese Wedding Stamp).....	.03
Crete, set of 8, 11 to 2r.....	1.65
Alexandria, set of 5.....	.10
Port Said, set of 5.....	.70
French Congo 1900, Set of 13.....	1.40
Guatemala " " 7.....	.25
Labuan " " 7.....	.55
North Borneo " " 2.....	.15
Swiss Jubilee " " 3.....	.15
Swiss Jubilee " " 3.....	.25
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The Editor's Bears.

The following communication appears over the signature of Robert M. Hackett, dated Auckland, Oct. 5th, in the *Chicago Record* of recent date:

NEW ZEALAND.

A penny postage stamp for New Zealand is being designed by Sir Edward Poynter, President of the Royal Academy. The stamp will be emblematical of New Zealand's adoption of a universal system of penny postage, and will be on sale before the beginning of next year, when the penny postage will be inaugurated. Some dissatisfaction has been shown at the disappearance of the queen's head from the postage stamps of the colony. About two years ago the government made a new issue of stamps and took the course of making them representative of the scenic and other distinctive characteristics of New Zealand, abolishing the emblem of empire in the shape of the queen's head which formerly adorned every stamp issued by the colony. The new stamps are exceedingly pretty and artistic.

Written for the ERA.

"Prey Without Ceasing."

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I came across the accompanying prospectus this week, sent out to certain collectors and dealers by E. Oneglia, Turin.

If the gentleman's stamp imitations are no better than his pigeon English they will deceive no one.

However, he has been able to gain 8 medals, 9 crosses of merit, diplomas, etc., ! ! ! !

Evidently with some of these "furriners" "skim milk masquerades as cream" with a vengeance.

In the catalogue accompanying the prospectus, Mr. Oneglia describes himself as "Member of the jury and of the Committee of honor of the International Exposition of Bordeaux, 1900." Of course there is always *something* lacking, for in this case I do not see that he has gained the Cross of the Grand Legion of Honor. Mark Twain says "Few people escape that," so I have been racking my brains to find a reason for his getting out of that distinction.

The letter will show what an extremely enterprising gentleman he is:

DEAR SIR:

My house is the first and, perhaps, the sole one in the world which has up to date put, clearly and as such, in trade the greatest stock of imitation stamps of every land, which, owing to the great expenses made for, are known to-day as the best, for they have been made with the marvellous modern proceedings and are a wonder of engraving, filigree, indenting, overcharge and stamp of obliteration.

For these reasons they have met with the universal approbation, so that most of the philatelists, who are boasting as experts, vexed, because they could not distinguish my imitation stamps from the genuine ones, made me the most unworthy commercial war.

If you want my new price-list with supplements of all my imitations, which I send gratis, you have only to give me your address, but very clear, and I will send it you at once. I am sure you will be very satisfied of its contents. If you will some specimens, as a trial, please add to your request a little sum.

I accept in payment rare stamps, to my mind, and buy also imitations.

For my imitations I have been awarded in various Exhibitions 8 medals, 9 crosses of merit, diplomas, etc., etc.

I sell my produces in order to favor those gentlemen who do not find, or will not, or cannot get the genuine stamps because they have been bought up by speculators who make a monopoly of them and are selling at usury prices. I beg to write French. Faithfully yours

E. ONEGLIA, Turin.

P. S. I beg the gentlemen who have, till date, received my price-list and are wishing to receive it further on, to communicate me their exact address in order to form a new index.

I have seen a lot of Cape of Good Hopes the last few days, all the regulars (triangular) and the two errors, one of them printed on laid paper, but apparently from the same die as the one on wove.

They are not even good pictures of the stamps, yet the person who wanted to sell them had the impudence to declare he had removed them from the envelope last week ! !

I expect that he has not removed them from the front of the envelope, but from the *inside* and the whole set may emanate from our hero, who at any rate is honest enough to advertise them as imitations, though that may be a virtue of the negative order.

In talking of forgeries, I remember as a small boy at school, in the later sixties, one fellow had a sheet of forgeries and make-ups from some firm in Scotland.

These were stamps of Paraguay—oblong, ship in centre—which I have since learnt were "made for collectors" and yet, curiously enough, on a Scott Catalogue of 1868, that I possess, a picture of this very stamp appears among the front illustrations.

Yours very truly,

J. B. T.

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The 59th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday, November 12, 1900.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Luff, Perrin and Scott.

Meeting called to order at 8 45 p. m. by President Bruner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$939 32, exclusive of U. S. bonds was approved as read.

The Secretary reported having issued a two week's card to Mr. T. L. Hazzard, of Allegheny, Pa., at the request of Mr. Luff.

The House Committee's report was read and accepted.

Mr. Luff reported that Mr. Duveen had withdrawn his resignation.

Mr. Bruner presented to the Club the book on "The Postage Stamps of Switzerland," and on presenting this handsome volume explained that this work had been purchased with money collected by private subscriptions among the members of the Club. A vote of thanks was tendered to the committee which obtained the subscriptions and also to the subscribers who kindly donated this handsome book to the Club.

There being no further business to transact the meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending November 17th.

Application for Membership.

McFARLAND, C. LOUIS, 1331 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, Cal.; age, 31. References: H. B. Phillips, A. H. Weber. Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

New Stockholder.

1647. WILLIAMS, FRED H., Paradise, Penn.

Changes of Address.

423. POLLOCK, EDWIN T., Lieut., U. S. Navy, from U. S. S. Dolphin, Navy Yard, to Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
1638. SCHENKEL, FREDERICO C., from Manila, Philippines, to Zurich, Switzerland.

Resignations Received.

978. TOOMBS, J. EVERETT, 492 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
1211. MASON, HARRY R., Newton, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Nov. 10th..... 580
New Stockholder..... 1
Total Membership November 17th... 581

The bond of H. G. Smith as Superintendent of Sales Department has been approved by the Board of Directors.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Nov. 10th, 1900.
32 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 1st valued at..... \$953.17
22 books received since Nov. 1, value 727.59
Total No. books in circulation
54, valued at..... \$1680.76
H. G. SMITH, Supt.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

116 Nassau St.
NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 10th, 1900.
26 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 3rd, valued at..... \$726.73
9 books retired since Nov. 3rd, valued at (from which has been sold \$80.61)..... 167.63
Total number of books in circulation 17, valued at..... \$559.10
GEO. R. TUTTLE.

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New unused set Kipling's works, 15 vols. complete, published by McClure at \$15.00, for \$30.00 cat. in good stamps, my selection. F. Putney, Jr., 34 School St., Gloucester, Mass. [93]

Correspondents wanted in all countries. Canada and United States stamps exchanged for same value of your country. 25 varieties for 10 cents worth, my selection. Basis, Scott's 99th. C. P. Sutton, Box 358, St. John, N. B., Canada.

Wanted: To swap good stamps on a printing press #36 or larger and complete outfit, also want good typewriter for stamps. Send sheets of your best duplicates and receive mine. Address, L. Doak, Pearl, Ohio.

Pair good boxing gloves, Photos from five leading pugilists: "Golden Hours" Nos. 411 to 508 and 512 to 537, fine condition, to exchange for good stamps. Unique Stamp Co., 28 Brainard Ave., Cleveland, O.

Wanted, stamps of Native India, French and Portuguese Colonies for Columbian 3 and 6-cent used, even exchange, or 1874 1 cent blue on fawn envelope, mint state, catalogued 50c, for 40c worth, ten for \$3.20 worth. W. G. Jerrens, Jr., 214 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. [92]

Wanted: U. S. Revenue Proofs on Cardboard. Will give in exchange good stamps or Cardboard Proofs of U. S. Stamps. In sending Proofs price same according to the amount of Catalogue value you want in exchange. Albert E. Chase, A. P. A. No. 1171, Brunswick, Me. [881*]

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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. Right words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Medium priced foreign stamps on approval at 50c.
U. S. 1897, 30c black, 6 cents.
U. S. 1895, 50c orange, 8 cents.
H. C. YOUNG, 74 Plenty St., Providence, R. I.

Packet No. 1, 100 varieties foreign stamps, 10c. Packet No. 2, 200 varieties foreign stamps, 25c. Fine approval books 12c postpaid for 25c. CALIFORNIA STAMP CO., P. O. Box 2563, San Francisco, Cal.

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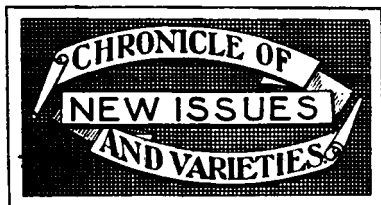
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CUBA.—This chronicle of new issues is incomplete without a reference to the new issues that appear as a result of the counterfeiter's cunning. To this class belongs the $Y\frac{1}{4}$ surcharges on the 2 reales carmine and orange red with the bar cancellation that have been put on the market during the past summer in large quantities. While we do not declare these to be all spurious we do warn collectors to exercise due care in purchasing these surcharges, Scott's numbers 5 and 6 particularly.

INDIA, Bhor.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* announces that this state intends to bring out a new set of postage stamps but questions the use to which they can be put in view of the fact that the post offices here have for some years been worked by the Imperial Post.

Hyderabad.—Stanley Gibbons Co. report having received a new provisional occasioned by the introduction of a $\frac{1}{4}$ anna rate for printed matter. The current $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamp has been surcharged in Persi-Arabic in black *pao anna*. The stamps are surcharged singly, varieties occur as might be expected and only a limited supply was printed as a permanent issue is expected shortly.

Adhesive (Provisional):
 $\frac{1}{4}$ anna in black on $\frac{1}{2}$ anna red.

NIGERIA.—The geography of South Africa is so constantly changing that it requires an athletic build to keep up with the train of events. The developments in Nigeria have a decided element of mystery. We have received a new set for Northern Nigeria of some half dozen values listed recently, and a new set for Southern Nigeria is promised. The *Monthly Journal* gives us this information:

"The late Niger Coast Protectorate has been extended considerably north, thus

taking in a large portion of the Niger, and is now known as the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria. I believe new stamps have been issued, superseding the old Niger Coast Protectorate ones. The boundaries of Lagos have been extended eastward.

"The remainder of the late Niger Company's territories now composes the Protectorate of Northern Nigeria, which is by far the largest in extent of any of the British West African possessions, having, roughly, an area of 300,000 square miles."

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—In keeping with the editorial reference contained in our last number we herewith list the $\frac{1}{2}$ d green Cape with surcharge of "ORANGE RIVER COLONY" presumably in, the three lines similar to the surcharge applied to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d blue. We may now expect from month to month a repetition of the interest that greeted the earlier surcharge on the Orange Free State, though in the latter instance the excitement was intensified by the fear that only a limited supply was obtainable. The query now is: Which value will be next used? Presumably the 1d.

Adhesive (Provisional):
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Cape surch. "ORANGE RIVER COLONY" in black.

TRANSVAAL.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ d "V. R. I." on South African Republic is reported with an inverted surcharge.

Various provisionals are coming to light many with questionable credentials to say the least. In our last issue we listed a township provisional and now Rustenburg, Zeerust and Machadodorp present us with their favors. From Rustenburg, the set $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2s 6d surcharged in violet "V. R." (according to the *Monthly Journal* issued June 23rd and used for a day). From Zeerust the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d surcharged "V. R." in deep bluish purple. From Machadodorp a type set 1d post card possibly the last postal emission of the shattered republic.

Mr. A. C. Merser, New Bedford, Mass., writes, "I received, Nov. 12, a complete set of V. R. I. Transvaal surcharges of 11 varieties, ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 10 shillings. The two highest values will be very scarce according to my correspondent."

TRINIDAD.—The press has been industriously announcing the retirement or exhaustion of the supply of the 5 shillings. We have been shown a letter by Mr. Fred S. Smith from the Postmaster-General who states that the present stock will no doubt last until 1902.

SWITZERLAND.—The stamps issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Postal Union have

been re-engraved as indicated in number 386 though not along the lines suggested. Only two of the values have been received as yet, the 5 and 10c. In both of these values the lines have been deepened and strengthened and in the 5c material differences are found in the shape of the 5.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

News and Gossip From Washington.

The question of the abolition of the war taxes continues to be one of the leading topics of discussion in Washington. No sooner does a Congressman or Senator arrive at the Capital than he is importuned by representatives of the press and importuned to divulge any views on this subject that he may have concealed about his mind. Almost without exception the opinion seems to prevail that action will be taken with a view to lopping off the revenue stamp to at least a considerable extent. As stated, the Ways and Means Committee of the House convened on Tuesday of this week and consideration of the revenue tax will be its first business.

There is one speculative stain upon the fair escutcheon of the United States, from a postal standpoint, that Uncle Sam will encounter large difficulty in removing, to wit: the last printing for the Island of Guam. The official report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing shows that upon Capt. Leary's requisition there were printed 152,000 stamps, from one cent to one dollar, representing a face valuation of \$10,700, for use of four or five hundred civilized people; stamps enough to last them until the millennium. The bald fact that there was a demand for stamps from Guam cannot, by any course of reasoning based upon the policy of the Government, heretofore, find justification. The Government issues postage stamps for the use of the people for postal purposes. That is the sole consideration. If not that where will you, pray, draw the line? If Uncle Sam proposes to issue stamps just because they will sell to a certain class he will issue a new series, or differently surcharge old series, every fifteen minutes, because they would sell. I will guarantee that a re-issue of the \$5.00 State or Navy 2-cent green will sell for enough to net the Government a good deal more than the

OUR MR. JOSEPH H. MAKINS HAS RETURNED FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

And we take pleasure in announcing that we have a very fine stock of the stamps of those Islands. Amongst other things he secured a few entire sheets of 5c 1853. There are twenty stamps on a sheet, and each stamp differs from the other; there are in reality twenty varieties. We will sell these at \$60.00 per sheet. Stock limited, and money will be promptly refunded if stock is exhausted. **Single copies can be supplied at \$3.00.** Also a few entire sheets of Scott's No. 29. There are only fifteen stamps on a sheet; these are \$40.00 per sheet. Single copies, \$2.50.

Unused. Used.		Unused. Used.		Unused. Used.	
1853, 5c blue, surch. specimen	\$0.50	1889, 5c violet	\$0.07	1894, 1c yellow	\$0.03
1853, 13c rose, surch. specimen	.50	1889, 5c black blue	1.00	1894, 2c brown	.06
1864, 1c dull mauve	\$0.35	1893, 1c bright mauve	.13	1894, 5c red	.10
1864, 1c violet	.25	1893, 1c blue	.13	1894, 10c green	.18
1864, 1c bright mauve	.12	1893, 1c green	.03	1894, 12c blue	.30
1864, 2c vermilion, brown gum	1.00	1893, 2c brown	.20	1894, 25c blue	.40
1864, 5c blue on bluish	1.25	1893, 2c rosy vermilion	2.00	1899, 1c green	.02
1864, 6c green	.25	1893, 2c rose	.08	1899, 2c rose	.04
1864, 18c dull rose (no gum)	.40	1893, 2c violet	.04	1899, 5c blue	.10
1875, 2c brown	.15	1893, 5c black blue	.20	1896, Official, complete set	3.00
1875, 12c black	1.25	1893, 5c ultramarine	.10		
1882, 1c blue	.07	1893, 6c green	.25	1881, 1c green	.07
1882, 2c lilac rose	.50	1893, 10c black	.30	1883, 2c rose	.10
1882, 5c ultramarine	.15	1893, 10c vermilion	.30	1883, 4c vermilion	.65
1882, 10c black	1.00	1893, 12c brown	.20	1883, 5c blue	.18
1882, 15c brown	1.80	1893, 12c black	.30	1883, 10c black	.40
1883, 1c green	.03	1893, 12c mauve, red surcharge	4.00	1893, 12c green	.18
1883, 2c rose	.08	1893, 12c mauve, black surcharge	12.00	1893, 1c rose	.18
1883, 10c brown	.60	1893, 15c brown	.50	1893, 10c black	.35
1883, 12c vermilion	1.00	1893, 18c red	.40	1885, 10c black, Special Despatch	1.85
1883, 12c mauve	1.50	1893, 25c purple	1.00	Postal Cards, Prov. Govt., 1893, 1, 2 and 3c, set	.40
1883, 25c violet	2.50	1893, 50c red	1.00		
1886, 2c rosy vermilion	.30	1893, \$1.00 rose red	4.00		
1889, 2c vermilion, imperforated	.60	Complete set of Prov. Govt., consisting of 21 var., only	26.00		
1889, 2c vermilion, imperf., reprint	.15				

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20 varieties, catalogued over 1.00	.40
50 varieties, catalogued over 8.00	3.25

All unused.

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We are paying special attention to this department. Send for a selection to-day with references. The discounts as well as the prices are attractive. References required.

Money promptly refunded for anything returned that is not entirely satisfactory.

Postmaster General's salary during his next term of office. If the Government will pander to stamp collectors at one time why shouldn't it at another. It is idle to say that the Guam series—second printing—was for postal purposes because on the very face of the deal it was for speculation. No sane person will contend otherwise. The Government received \$10,700 for that lot of stamps. The cost was precisely \$10.06, apportioned as follows:

Compensation of employes,	\$4.45
Plate printing,	1.60
Materials and miscellaneous,	4.01

There is an even \$10,000, after making generous allowances for stamps actually used for postal purposes, for which the United States Government gave nothing whatsoever, in return. Of course I understand that these stamps are available for postal use in the United States, but there is no use of splitting hairs over the matter. The officials know that they never will be used for postage because they are fully advised of the philatelic value of the stamps. Uncle Sam has simply taken advantage of the susceptibility of stamp collectors to work them for a cool ten thousand dollars.

just as Salvador and Nicaragua work collectors, and there is no excuse for it or explanation that will explain. The best Uncle Sam can do is to say he is sorry and that it will not occur again. The action of the Government in declining to permit the Buffalo series to range above the ten-cent value is substantial evidence that the practice of pandering to stamp collectors has come to an end. Everybody knows that if a dollar value of the Buffalo series should be printed that it would be purchased in large quantities by collectors and speculators, but everybody is equally well aware of the fact that such a stamp would be wholly uncalled for under the circumstances.

I am informed that the total printing of private die revenues for the year ending June 30, 1900, amounted to nearly 100,000 sheets or 13,000,000 stamps, the bulk of them being for the Centaur Co., Radway & Co., Piso Co., Lanman & Kemp, and Johnson & Johnson. At the present time no new orders for private dies are being booked by the Department, for the reason, it is believed, that many firms are holding

off until it shall be ascertained what action Congress proposes to take on the war tax proposition. Of course if the tax upon proprietaries is removed the need for private dies will be past.

It appears, from reports, that the Postal Department of the Philippines is now on a paying basis. The impression seems to prevail in many quarters that the surcharged stamp will not be continued for a great while, but that ordinary current stamps will be used in all the Colonies. Naturally nothing will be done until Congress has taken some action with a view to establishing the status of the Philippines, Porto Rico and Guam.

A SENATOR'S SON.

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The 334th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Nov. 15th, at 104 E. Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by the President with 16 members attending. Visitors present were Messrs. Wm. Meyer and C. L. O. Lucken of Chicago.

The Room Committee reported having an option on the room 2nd floor front of 104 E. Randolph St. By vote of the society the Committee was instructed to engage the room.

Report of Governing Board.

The following were elected to membership:
Eben S. Martin, St Paul, Minn., Passive No. 609.

C. L. O. Lucken, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 612.

Wm. Meyer, Chicago, Ill.; Active No. 613.
Jos. B. Henderson, Columbus, Kans.; Passive No. 614.

The following applications were ordered posted:

Passive Membership.

SARGENT, CAPT. FRED H., Fort Yates, N. D.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
EWELL, REV. EDWIN, Denmark, Iowa; proposed by F. N. Massoth

The membership of **S. E. Moisan** (No. 594) was changed from Passive to Active.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1901.

President: **P. M. Wolsieffer**, (declined),
A. F. Merell.
 Vice-President: **C. B. Geldert,**
H. W. Wolsieley.
 Secretary: **John J. Oesch**, (declined),
C. W. Arndt.
 Treasurer: **Chas. Schlieckert.**
 Governing Board (3 to be elected):
A. F. Boehm, P. J. Flanders,
E. C. Dodd, W. H. Bauer,
F. J. Lefever, E. H. Russell.

Upon motion the nominations were ordered kept open until next meeting.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$112.75 in the bank.

JOHN J. OESCH, Secretary.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF THE C. P. S. COLLECTION.

Donation from	Catalogue value.
F. Michael,	\$ 3.75
D. T. Eaton,	16.25
W. H. Bauer,	1.40
P. M. Wolsieffer,	4.80
F. J. Lefever,	10.44
Z. G. Stebbins,	30.95
W. W. K. Nixon,	4.00
E. M. Rosenthal,	2.71

Total, 141 pieces used and unused, \$74.80
F. J. LEFEVER, Custodian.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes from Philadelphia.

Mr. J. A. Whiteside was the first to receive and show the new 1 penny, carmine, Turks Island, in this city. On the whole it is a very pretty stamp, with a ship for the central figure.

Another dangerous bogus surcharge turned up at Bogert & Durbin's last auction sale. It was the Bahamas 1883, 4p on 6p violet, and was a very fine piece of work. It even deceived the eagle-eyed A. E. Tuttle. It was proved bogus by the fact that the surcharge appeared over the cancellation thus showing it was put on after the stamp had performed its duty.

The 13th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Nov. 16th at 1011 Chestnut St. Eight members and two visitors were present. A rousing auction sale was held by our able auctioneer, Mr. J. A. Whiteside, and the evening soon passed away and we left for our downy couches well satisfied with ourselves and the philatelic world in general.

News has always been scarce in this town and chroniclers of same have generally failed ignominiously in the attempt to gather any items from week to week worth publishing, but with the advent of our new society, quite an interest has been stirred up and we sincerely hope that enough will occur to merit noting in the ERA for some time to come.

Although it is not generally known, there are quite a number of collectors in this city who possess collections which would rival the best of them, but who are satisfied to go plodding along without help from anyone and consequently we hear nothing of them in the philatelic press.

The Penn Stamp Co. and the Quaker City Philatelic Publishing Co. will occupy an office jointly in the Weightman Bldg. to which all philatelists will be welcome.
D. C. E.

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* " 24c.	1.00	.40
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Treasury, 7c.	1.50	.45
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Bremen No. 8.	3.50	.75
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10c black.	1.25	.80
* Nos. 204, 205.	.60	.45
*New Brunswick 3d, mended.	16.00	2.00
" 1c brown-violet.	1.50	.60
Nova Scotia 3d, mended.	1.50	.40
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A STRAW

shows which way the wind blows. Last week we advertised in the ERA a set of stamps for \$1.15. A large dealer with a column ad priced the same set \$1.50. Our stamps were perfect, his could be no better. Since Sept. 1st our business has been double in amount over the corresponding period of last year, and our advertising has been cut down one-half. By the way, who pays for the column and page ads? Nobody but the collectors. The dealer has no other source of income. We would have to use a page if we put our prices up when some dealers do. We only advertise a very small part of what we sell. Your name on our mailing list will bring you all the new issues at low prices. Several new names were put on this week.

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To Dealers and Collectors.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hold on Dec. 15, or thereabouts, a sale of 500 lots embracing nothing but wholesale lots. A good line of Match and Medicine, U. S. Postage, Revenue and Foreign stamps, also Job Lots, Collections and Remnants of a dealer's stock. This is a rare chance for dealers to buy stock at their own price, and it is very important that you should send your name for this catalogue.

TO COLLECTORS.

About the same time a sale of 600 lots, embracing a good many fine stamps for collectors, will be held. I want every auction buyer to receive the catalogues of our sales which are gaining in favor daily. At least one sale a month will be held during the season.

Collections and dealers' stocks sold at reasonable per cent., and plenty of money will be advanced. 193*

F. N. MASSOTH, Auction Manager,
1803 Marquette Bldg., - - CHICAGO, ILL.

looked upon as good property to own. Some dealers never had one in stock.

Wm. Brown shows the new issue (?) of Turk's Island.

VOLUNTEER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

The seventh auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held as advertised, Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Palmer House, with an attendance of about 35 bidders, among whom several out-of-town buyers were noticed. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the auctioneer, Mr. Dan Long, Messrs. Wolsieffer, Massoth and Michael took turns at selling the lots. Prices as a rule were fair, considering the class of goods on offer.

The Auction Manager, Mr. F.N. Massoth, advises me that he will hold two sales in December, one on the 21st and the other on the 22d. The first sale, consisting of 510 lots, will be an innovation as it is made up entirely of wholesale lots and will be held in the Society's room, 1603 Marquette Building. The other will be held at the Palmer House and consists of 600 lots, among which are many single stamp lots of the cheaper, but hard to get, variety. Also about 100 lots of match and medicine. Taking this sale all in all it will surpass in quality any of the sales held by the Chicago Philatelic Society.

Mr. F. H. Ackerman informs us that a new society has been organized in his home city, Elgin, Ill., under the name Elgin Philatelic Society, of which Mr. F. S. Lombard is President and Geo. Hancock, Secretary. The Society has a membership list of 15, including such prominent collectors as Mr. E. C. Althen, Mr. Carlos H. Smith and Rev. M. E. Fawcett. There is no doubt that societies in the smaller cities do a lot of good to philately in general, and as their growth is always limited to their immediate surroundings, it would not be amiss for such bodies to become branch societies of the American Philatelic Association and thereby become part of the largest organization of its kind in this country.

The 2 mark Germany of the 1875-7 issue is a stamp that, according to the Standard Catalogue, has well earned the name of "Chameleon." Several years ago the color was violet, then it changed to lilac and red lilac and now, according to the advance sheets, it has turned to violet, and incidentally has advanced in price to \$12.00. It must be very annoying to the cataloguers to have the atmospheric condition in New York such, that a stamp will change color while it is being looked at.

The Board of Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Association held their first meeting Tuesday, Nov. 20th, and elected the following officers: Mr. Samuel Leland, President, and Mr. Chas. E. Severn, Secretary.

JOHN J. OESCH.

We Must Have Been

either smoking a Pink Pill or one of Charlie Severn's cigars when we wrote our ad regarding Brother Osgood, and his catching three fish on one hook at one time. He never did anything like that. No. The best he could do was to land two measly little fish, one at a time, about the size we used to scoop out of the New England brooks in our hands; but when he got home he had three, 2 perch and 1 smelt.

A smell of J. Ellwood Lee Stamps Free! You can also look at 'em for nothing, but if you want to possess a set, something that looks like and will pass for \$1.00 will have to be made manifest, to which price will be added four bits Jan. 1st.

Perhaps you don't want a set, anyhow. Very well- We have just bought a fine collection of 2000 varieties of all obsolete Postage Stamps, real good stuff, on which we give you 40% off; our standard discount on anything we have in stock, excepting the 1893 Private Proprietaries, which are net.

Send us your want list and jolly us along, anyhow.

LEWIS ROBIE,

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V. R. I.

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1 shilling of the same set	\$0.63
5 " " " " " "	3.85
A few pairs with thick V.	
3/4 Orange River Colony surcharge	.13

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1/2c L. & K., .05	1 1/2c Fletcher, .03		
1/2c L. & K., .10	1/2c J. & J., .03		
1/2c L. & K., .10	1/2c Marchand, .20		
1/2c Marchand, .20	2 1/2c Od Chem., .25		
1/2c Marchand, .60	1/2c Piso, .03		
1/2c Piso, .08	1 1/2c Dr. Williams, .10		
1/2c Radway, .05	Will have		
1/2c Warner, .18	the Emerson Drug Co.		
1/2c Hostetter imp., .10	soon.		
	*Means O. G.		

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" 1898, 2, 5, 10, 50c unpaid, set of 4.70
" 1899, 1, 2, 5c, set of 3.08
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From the *American Journal of Philately.*

Porto Rico.

**COUNTERFEITS AND REPRINTS OF THE
SURCHARGED ISSUES OF 1898.**

BY JOHN N. LUFF.

Philatelists are well aware that, during the war between this country and Spain, it was found necessary to issue, in the island of Puerto Rico, provisional stamps for postal and fiscal needs. These were made by surcharging such postage stamps of obsolete issues as were on hand. For postal purposes the stamps were surcharged in three lines "Habilitado—PARA—1898 y 99". For revenue purposes the surcharge was "IMPUESTO—DE GUERRA" in two lines with, on certain values, an additional line of "2 ctvs." or "5 ctvs." These revenue stamps were intended to pay a special war tax on letters. This tax was either two or five centavos. When the surcharge was applied to postage stamps of either of these values, the surcharge in two lines was employed. When stamps of some other value were to be overprinted, the surcharge bearing the new value in a third line was necessarily used.

The various surcharges were made by means of rubber hand-stamps and the colors were such as are commonly employed

for such stamping, viz: purple, violet and rose. The "Habilitado" surcharge was at first applied by means of a large stamp that made ten impressions at a time. Thus we have ten varieties of the imprint but the differences are so minute that it is difficult to distinguish them. Subsequently, for convenience, this hand stamp was cut in two parts and the surcharging done in rows of five. To the use of these large hand stamps is due the fact that the surcharge often appears on the side margins of the sheets and the spaces between the panels of stamps. The "Impuesto" surcharge in two lines was also stamped in rows of ten. I have not been able to detect any marked varieties in this overprint. The companion surcharge, with the new value in a third line, was stamped in rows of five and the differences between the varieties are very slight.

Ordinarily the "Impuesto de guerra" stamps pay only a fiscal tax and are not recognized by collectors of postage stamps. But in the case of this particular issue an exception must be made. The reason for this is given in the *Journal* for January 1899, as follows: "Between the time of the signing of the protocol which ended hostilities, on August 12th, and the final transfer of the island, on October 17th, to the sovereignty of the United States, Puerto Rico stamps of all kinds were accepted in full payment of postage and the surcharges referred to (i. e., the "Impuestos") were included among those so accepted, many of them were used during this period, on letters addressed to all parts of the world, and they must now be recognized as worthy of a place in the stamp collections."

As might be expected, some varieties of these surcharges have proved to be scarce. At the same time there are, in certain hands, large stocks of the same values without surcharge. The temptation to convert the one into the other is obvious. Recent developments show that the temptation has proved too great for weak human nature to resist.

I was lately shown a quantity of these surcharges and was at once struck by certain peculiarities. Deciding to investigate them, I consulted Mr. J. M. Andreini, and found that sterling philatelist at work on the same line. Thereupon we combined our efforts and thus I am enabled to lay before you the following result. There are at this time being offered in the market, by parties in Porto Rico, two lots of stamps bearing fraudulent surcharges. The first lot is not especially dangerous to anyone who is at all familiar with the genuine stamps or who uses ordinary care. The second lot is a much more serious affair as it consists of many genuine varieties, mixed with dangerous counterfeits and, what I believe to be, reprints. As the vendor of this lot holds a large quantity of unsurcharged remainders he is able to offer his products in sheets as well as singly.

I shall not attempt to describe minutely the differences between the genuine and the fraudulent surcharges, as to do so might enable the forgers to correct their mistakes and make something still more difficult to detect. But I shall describe the counterfeits in a general way.

(Continued next week.)

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4th St., Oswego, N. Y.

Resignations Accepted.

727. ESSELBORN, PAUL, Ports-
mouth, Ohio.

1335. GOUCH, FRANK B., Woon-
socket, R. I.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Nov. 17th.....	581
New Stockholder.....	1
	<hr/> 580

Resignations accepted,	2
Total Membership November 24th...	578

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

116 Nassau St.

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 17th, 1900.

17 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 10th, valued at.....	\$559.10
5 books retired since Nov. 10th, valued at (from which has been sold \$21.91).....	133.19

Total number of books in circula- tion 12, valued at.....	\$425.91
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NOTICE.

Of the 12 books still in circulation Boston holds 10 which were sent out on circuit June, 1900. I have been trying to get this circuit back, by writing to the different parties on the circuit.

GEO. R. TUTTLE.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,

WINONA, MINN., Nov. 17th, 1900.

54 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 10th, valued at.....	\$1680.76
17 books rec'd since Nov. 10, value	709.14

Total No. books in circulation 71, valued at.....	\$2389.90
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I am having quite a demand at present for Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cuba, Philippines and obsolete Leeward Island stamps.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1

American Philatelic Association.

A regular meeting of Branch No. 1 was held at Room 1603 Marquette Building, Thursday, November 8th, at 8 P. M.

The members present were Messrs. Severn, Merell, Stebbins, Michael, Oesch, Gurdley, Lefever, Wolsieffer, Doncyson and Flanders.

Visitors present were Dr. Dahlberg and Mr. Moisant. Owing to the absence of the President, Mr. C. E. Severn was appointed to fill the chair.

Books from the circulating Exchange Department of the parent Association were exhibited and a number of stamps were bought from them by members present.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer stated that the Manager of the Circulating Exchange Department notified him that hereafter books would be exhibited at every meeting.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Z. G. Stebbins for kind donation of stamps for auction.

Report of Treasurer, Mr. Michael, was read and accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, all members present went to the Great Northern Hotel to view the Auction Lots shown by Mr. B. L. Drew.

P. J. FLANDERS,
Secretary Branch No. 1,
5114 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Max Kindel, 7 Stolting St., Stettin, Germany, desires to exchange stamps with other collectors. All correspondence answered. [95*

I have good U. S. Postage to exchange for Revenues and M. and M. not in my collection. G. H. Cogswell, 26 Byron St., Bradford, Mass. [93&5c

Complete set of Newspaper stamps, strip of three each with plate number and one single set, finest centered copies imaginable, to exchange for one of the latest Cameras costing \$20 net. P. J. Kranz, Toledo, O.

I have medium grade U. S. and Hawaiian cancelled, to exchange for Canadian, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamps. Also have quantities 4c, 5c, 8c and 10c 1890, 1893 and 1895 issues to exchange. What have you to exchange? Chas. J. Foley, 154 Chicago St., Elgin, Ills.

New unused set Kipling's works, 15 vols. complete, published by McClure at \$15.00, for \$30.00 cat. in good stamps, my selection. F. Putney, Jr., 34 School St., Gloucester, Mass. [93

Wanted: U. S. Revenue Proofs on Cardboard. Will give in exchange good stamps or Cardboard Proofs of U. S. Stamps. In sending Proofs please name according to the amount of Catalogue value you want in exchange. Albert E. Chase, A. P. A. No. 1171, Brunswick, Me. [880*

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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. Right words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 10 cents.

Postpaid Set of Bolivia 1894 (1 to 20 cents) 5 var., 8c. Set Reunion Islands, 3 var., unused Scott's 20, 30 and 31, 1c a set. Set of 12 var. Australia, 7c. Set of 8 var. Roumania, 1894 to 1898, 7c. Blank Approval Books, 12 for 25c. Perfect Hinges, 1000 for 10c; 3000 for 25c. California Stamp Co., P. O. Box 2563, San Francisco, Cal.

Montverrat No. 12, \$12.00.
One very fine specimen of above used postally with regular cancellation (Ac8 and bars). A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass. [c

A party in Lynn, Mass., when ordering one of the packets offered last week, referred me to a certain well known lady philatelist for information regarding the other articles mentioned. Well, hardly. I have a suit for divorce and two breach of promise cases on hand now, and am not looking for any more trouble just at present. No trouble to fill orders for my packet of 50 var. British Colonials, (no Canada) including unused, at 25c each, however. E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

25 fine var. U. S. Revenues 25c. Approval sheets 25, 50¢. Reference. Harvey Davish, 715 N. 37 St., Phila.

Can send you fine selection of stamps on approval, 50¢ a few at 60¢ off. Send references.
J. C. SAWIN,
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U. S. Rev. 1862 10c Proprietary, 30 cents.
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Our best Packet is 200 Obsolete Varieties of fine U. S. Stamps, catalogued over \$12.00, for \$3.00. A U. S. collection itself. ULSTER STAMP CO., Rondout, N. Y. [c

Foreign Revenues, 500 varieties at not over 25¢ each. Write for selections. G. W. Pepper, Sutton Pl., N. Y. City. [93

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

Mekeel's Announcements.

TRANSVAAL (surcharged V.R. I.)

½ penny, green.
 1 penny, carmine and green.
 2 pence, brown and green.
 2½ pence, blue and green.
 The above four stamps, unused,
 o. g., fine, post free **39c** (the ½
 and 1p alone for 10c).

A fine cancelled copy of the Mexico 1 peso,
 blue and black, 1899 issue..... **38c**
 Mexico 1899, 50c black and maroon **18c**
6c PROPRIETARY. Do you want a fine copy?
 If so, we can supply you, if you write quick.

Agents Wanted. We want some
 good agents in
 schools to sell from our 50% dis-
 count selections, and we will offer
 some special inducements to reli-
 able parties who can sell stamps
 for us. Write for particulars men-
 tioning this advertisement.

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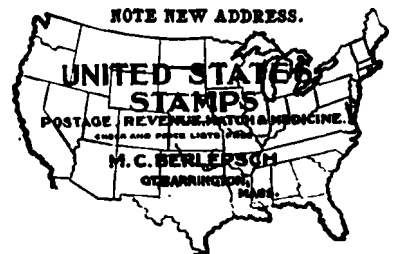
From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, November 21st.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 56th sale held on
 November 16th, realized \$1,000.27. An
 Orange Free State 1 shilling brown, 1891,
 used, brought \$2.60.

The 100th meeting of the Boston Phila-
 telic Society was held at the usual place on
 Tuesday evening, November 20th. The
 event was observed in an appropriate man-
 ner and thoroughly enjoyed by the 60 or
 more members present. The routine busi-
 ness was quickly disposed of, after which
 President Woodward, on the behalf of the
 Society, welcomed the members and in-
 vited guests. This was followed by a brief
 history of the Society from its inception
 to the present time, interspersed with
 President Woodward's interesting stories
 and reminiscences and was thoroughly en-
 joyed by all. Mr. John N. Luff, the in-
 vited guest of the Society, was introduced
 (although he needs no introduction here)
 and his fine collection of United States
 stamps which he brought with him was
 put on exhibition. This is the collection,
 intact, that Mr. Luff exhibited at the Paris
 Exposition, which was awarded such high
 honors, and is known as the finest collec-
 tion of United States stamps in the world.
 The collection is contained in four large
 volumes and consists of United States
 postage, departments, special deliveries,
 dues, some postmasters' provisionals and
 carriers. The collection is practically com-
 plete in pairs as well as in block, unused
 as far as possible. Shades are extensively
 shown as well as some oddities. Collectors
 of pre-cancelled stamps will be interested to
 know about the first pre-cancelled stamp so
 used, a specimen of which Mr. Luff
 showed me. The 3 cent stamp of the
 1851 issue was pre-cancelled by the Adams
 and Wells Fargo Express companies, and
 used on their express mail matter, which
 the government allowed them to carry if
 the usual postage was affixed, and it is fair
 to presume that they required the sender or
 the receiver to pay them an additional sum
 for the service rendered. The cancellation
 was by a horizontal and by a vertical pen
 line ruled with black ink through each
 stamp, thereby dividing each stamp into
 four equal parts. These stamps were pre-
 cancelled by sheets. During the evening a
 bountiful collation was served to which
 the members did ample justice. One of
 the pleasing features of the evening was
 the music, which was discoursed at inter-
 vals. I will mention as an interesting fact
 that all the Americans who took prizes at
 the Paris Exposition were members of the
 Boston Philatelic Society, save one. The
 success of the meeting was largely due to
 the efforts of the Entertainment Commit-
 tee. At this meeting four applicants were
 elected to membership, and ten applications



NOTE NEW ADDRESS.
 In consequence of so extensive a move, from NEW
 YORK CITY to GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.,
 which in addition to the customary household furniture,
 etc., includes a two-ton safe, and dozens barrels and
 boxes containing stamps, it is but natural that there
 will be some little delay in attending to correspondence.

With added facilities however, we hope to catch up
 quickly, and once settled in our new home, shall en-
 deavor to cater promptly to the wants of all interested in

United States Stamps.

All the new Private Proprietary stamps in stock,
 prices right. Send for list.

MORE SNAPS.

Importations.	
2c Express, blue, .12	50c Lease, .63
20c In. Exchange, .18	50c For. Exchange, .63
25c Protest, .35	\$5.00 Conveyance, .70
50c Orig. Process, .72	\$10.00 " 1.60
\$1.00 Inland Exchange per pair.....	.20

Above in FINE condition.
 Why don't you send me your want list? *

F. G. JONES, 108 E. Ormsby, Louisville, Ky.

ST. LOUIS STAMP & COIN CO.,

209 E. 5th St., ST. LOUIS, MO.,

bought the following cheap and offer at a small
 advance over cost.

- 4c Play Card, small hole, cat. \$8.00, net \$2.00
- *1872 3, U. S. 15c, no gum, a bargain 1.00
- *U. S. 1855, 30c, right side trimmed, o. g. 2.00
- *U. S. 1862, 5c red brown, repaired, bright..... 2.00
- *U. S. 1871, 2c, no grill or gum, centered50
- *Guano on U. S. 1 and 2c, o. g., the pair for.... .08
- 1851 Nova Scotia 1p, fair, well worth 3.00

Good stamps at low prices on approval.
 Satisfactory references required.

IN COINS WE OFFER:

- Coins below are cheap and desirable.
- 1610 Saxony, ½ Crown, 8 brothers 2.25
- 1814 Sweden, Crown, good, scarce..... 3.00
- Ancient Rome, Gold Aureus of Tiberius, who
 was emperor at time of Christ 9.00
- 1565 Saxony, ¼ Crown, good..... 1.00
- 1618 Spain, ¼ Crown, good..... 1.00
- India, Baroda, queer native piece12
- U. S. half-cent before 1857, good..... .15

Send for some coins on approval. List of 87
 bargains free. Unused U. S. stamps wanted, any quan-
 tity, any value.

were received to be acted upon at the next
 meeting. A philatelic treat is planned for
 the next meeting, when it is expected an
 interesting and valuable collection will be
 on exhibition.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Correspondence.

[The editor wishes it distinctly understood that he
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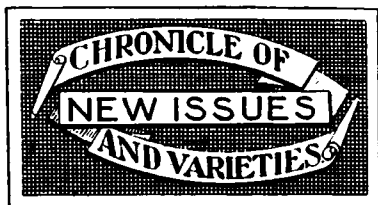
MENDING THEIR WAYS.

NEWTON, MASS., Nov. 20th, 1900.
 MR. W. W. JEWETT,
 Dear Sir: My list of "irregular" for-
 eign correspondents published some weeks
 ago in the ERA, is bearing good fruit. So
 far two parties have decided that "honesty
 is the best policy," and I now have pleasure
 in stating that Mr. C. Barrand, Paris,
 France, has given me full satisfaction for
 the exchange I sent him.
 Yours truly,
 A. W. DUNNING.

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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRITISH HONDURAS—The provisional 2c card chronicled in number 357 has been succeeded by a regular card of this denomination. The inscription is altered a little in the third line by reducing the size of "Post Card" and adding to the line "Carte Postale." We list both the single and reply.

Post Cards (Regular):
2c carmine on buff.
2xc carmine on buff.

CHILE—Though first announced in the columns of the ERA we have not as yet chronicled the change in color of the 10c, 1900 issue, from violet to orange.

Adhesive (Regular):
10c orange.

GERMANY—In number 380 we announced a new design for the German colonies to consist of two sizes, one for the pfennig and the other for the mark values, with a steamship for the central design. This will be true of all the colonies except the offices in the Levant, China and Morocco, for which the 1900 issue will be surcharged.

Offices in the Levant.—We have received from England a full set of the stamps of Germany surcharged as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):
10 paras on 5 pf.
20 paras on 10 pf.
1 piastre on 20 pf.
1½ piastre on 25 pf.
1½ piastre on 30 pf.
2 piastres on 40 pf.
2½ piastres on 50 pf.
4 piastres on 80 pf.
5 piastres on 1 mark.
10 piastres on 2 marks.
15 piastres on 3 marks.
25 piastres on 5 marks.

Offices in Morocco.—We have also received a full set of the current issue surcharged for use in Morocco. These are sent us by our English correspondent and we find the following values:

Adhesives (Regular):
3 centimos on 3 pf.
5 centimos on 5 pf.
10 centimos on 10 pf.

25 centimos on 20 pf.
30 centimos on 25 pf.
35 centimos on 30 pf.
50 centimos on 40 pf.
65 centimos on 50 pf.
1 peseta on 80 pfennig.
1 peseta 25 centimos on 1 mark.
2 pesetas 50 centimos on 2 marks.
3 pesetas 75 centimos on 3 marks.
6 pesetas 25 centimos on 5 marks.

On the authority of *Die Post, Mekeel's Weekly* gives us further information, that will prove of interest. The nine colonies are:

Cameroons.
Caroline Islands.
German New Guinea.
German Southwest Africa.
Kiao-chiao.
Mariana Islands.
Marshall Islands.
Samoa.
Togoland.

These nine colonies are provided with full sets of 14 values, including 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80 pf., and 1, 2, 3, 5 marks.

German East Africa has a set of 11 values, including 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesas (equivalent to 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 80 pf respectively) and 1, 2, 3 rupees (equivalent to 2, 3, 5 marks respectively).

German China is provided with a set of surcharged imperial stamps instead of the colonial set, there being 13 varieties in all (no 2 pfennig)."

GREECE—In number 389 we have listed some of the new surcharges, but we find that a considerably larger list must be recorded. In a foreign exchange we note the advertisement of an Athens dealer in which several new values are announced. A supplementary list of four values surcharged "A. M." and new value is also given. This latter lot is designed for "international packets and post orders." We will list the entire lot including those previously given and parenthetically would state that we have been shown the drachma values and most of the leptas.

Adhesives (Provisional):

20 on 25l '89, blue, imp. and perf. 11½.
20 on 25l '89, dark blue, imp. and perf. 11½.
20 on 25l '89, indigo, " " " "
30 on 40l '89, violet, " " " "
40 on 2l '89, grey, " " " "
50 on 40l '76, red, " " " "
1d on 40l '92, violet, " " " "
2d on 40l '92, violet, perforated 13½.
5d on 40l '92, violet on blue, imp. and perf. 11½.
Surcharged A. M. with new value.
25 on 40l '88, Belgian print, imp. and perf. 11½.
50 on 25l '88, " " " "
1d on 40l '79, violet and slate, imp. and perf. 11½.
2d on 5l '82, green, " " " "

HUNGARY.—*Mekeel's News* states upon the authority of an English exchange that the current 1 heller has been changed from gray black to lilac. We can ascribe no reason for the change.

Adhesive (Regular):
1 heller, lilac.

INDIA.—The *London Philatelist* states that the 2½ annas blue has been surcharged "On H. M. S." In number 389 we listed the lower values.

Adhesive (Official):
2½ annas, blue, "On H. M. S."

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—Last week we listed the new surcharge on the ½d green Cape. We have been shown by Mr. Chas. H. Stone a very distinct double surcharge, the three lines showing an excellent double impression.

ROUMANIA.—In number 385 we listed three values on thin paper without watermark, but with pale pink gum. Roumanian dealers are announcing that these are only provisionals to be in use only a little while. An English paper thus announces the new commemorative set:

"To celebrate the opening of the new General Post Office at Bucarest the authorities intended to issue a special stamp of the value of 30 bani. According to the *I. B. J.*, however, they have reconsidered the matter, and in order to benefit the postal treasury have decided to issue ten commemorative stamps of the following values:—1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, and 50 bani, and 1 and 2 lei, in their present colours. To distinguish them from the current issue they are printed on a paper coloured pink on the back and watermarked with a Crown and a Coat-of-Arms covering a block of twenty-five stamps. The two corner stamps of the first row in the block have a large 'R,' and the two corresponding stamps of the last row the numerals '1900' as watermark.

"Therefore, in order to possess the entire watermark, it is necessary to buy a block of twenty-five stamps, and if it is desired to have the full set ten such blocks must be purchased, involving an outlay of frs. 112.25, or £4 9s 3d. As the collectors with long purses are supposed to live only in the larger towns, these commemorative stamps have been sent only to the larger offices. According to one authority, only one hundred sets were printed; according to another, six hundred.

The obverse of these labels does not differ in the least from that of the current stamps; they can therefore be used for franking letters to foreign countries. It is said that they are only sold in blocks of twenty-five."

TRANSVAAL.—It was with some misgivings that we chronicled the Machadodorp postal card listed last week. It has been our privilege to inspect one, the property of Mr. M. J. O'Brien of Boston, and its stimulating properties causes this supplementary note concerning the last postal emission of the fallen republic.

UNITED STATES, Puerto Rico.—I have been favored by Mr. Geo. F. Duck with

specimens of new revenues just supplied this colony. They are about five inches wide and half an inch tall.

Adhesives (Revenue):
 1-100 black, imperf.
 5c green, imperf.
 3c blue, imperf.
 10c mauve, imperf.
 1c green, perf.

From a Special Era Correspondent.

News and Gossip From Washington.

A few days ago a Washington stamp dealer received a bona fide order for stamps amounting to something over \$750 from one patron, and the aforesaid dealer did not seem to regard it as a particularly good day for stamps either. We offer this simply to afford raw material for the "thinkers" of certain individuals who claim to have inside information to the effect that the stamp business has seen its best day and is on the toboggan.

In this connection it may not be out of place to say that in the opinion of this writer the present is a good time to buy United States stamps, that is if you need them. I do not say this because I am long on U. S. stamps and want to unload, but because the logic of events points that way. Everything seems to move in circles and the stamp business is no exception. Now the fashion is narrow trousers for men and tight sleeves for the fair ones. Five years ago you couldn't get sleeves balloonish enough or trousers wide enough. Five years hence the capacious pants will again be in style and the ladies will be working six yards of stuff into each sleeve. Five years ago it was a hard matter to get United States stamps in fine condition at any price within reason, and foreign stamps went begging. Now the reverse seems to be true in a measure, that is United States stamps are reputed to be rather slow sale and foreign have the call. United States stamps are, I believe, at low

point just now, and will have their inning of popularity next. Of course this is only one person's opinion, but the opinion is based upon the record of the past.

The postoffice officials decline to make public the name of the ship that will occupy the central space in the Buffalo ten-cent stamp. All that can be ascertained is that the ship will be strictly American in design and build. The officials say it is not the policy of the Government to take any action that will enable any corporation, person or city to reap advantage through advertising secured at Government expense. The steamer for the ten cent Buffalo series has been selected and the vignette will be reduced from a large photograph. If, after the stamps are issued the public is able to recognize the vessel all well and good, but the Government will give no advance publicity.

I have seen a practically complete set of the famous "Mafeking Besieged" stamps. I admit they look fine and very tempting. So do ten \$20 "Williams," the price asked. It pays to be besieged.

What are the obligations of the patron toward the dealer? When the dealer sends the patron a selection of stamps, at the request of the latter, and registers the consignment, is not the patron under obligations, legal and moral, to register the letter when he returns it to the dealer? A case in point: A Washington dealer some weeks ago sent a customer a selection of fine stamps, by registered mail. After waiting a reasonable time the dealer wrote asking for returns. No reply. Later he wrote again and received no reply. In response to a third letter the customer replied he had returned the selection but did not register it. The dealer never received the selection and has doubts if it was sent at all. There the matter rests. Although a collector myself, it occurs to me that having asked for the selection and received it, the patron was under obligations to deliver the stamps into the hands of the dealer, or at least exercise ordinary precautions, which in that case would have been to have registered the package. Does anybody take a different view of the matter?

It now looks as though there might be some debate over the proposition to reduce the war tax revenue, said opposition arising chiefly in the Senate. While it is not definitely known what the Ways and Means Committee of the House has determined upon, it seems to be accepted as probable that the tax on telegrams and express packages will be entirely removed, and the tax on deeds, mortgages and proprietary medicines and articles reduced, at least. The brewers and tobacco people will get little comfort in the House and say they will carry the fight into the Senate.

GREATEST BARGAINS! LOWEST PRICES! SETS OF FOREIGN STAMPS.

*Unused, "mixed" used and unused, others used. No two stamps alike in the entire lot.

Angola, 1885-94 mixed	7 for \$0.08
Angra, 1892-93 mixed	5 "
Antigua, mixed	3 "
Argentine Rep., incl. env. and wrappers	16 "
Austria 1850-95	45 "
" Levant and Venice	12 "
Azores, 1871-94 mixed	12 "
Baden, 1851-68 mixed	12 "
Bahamas 1882-90	4 "
Barbados, including wrappers, mixed	12 "
Bavaria, 1849-95 mixed	30 "
Belgium 1849-99	42 "
Bermuda	3 "
Bolivia, including envelopes, mixed	20 "
Bosnia, 1879-91 mixed	5 "
Brazil, incl. env. and wrappers, mixed	30 "
British Bechuanaland, mixed	4 "
" East Africa 1890-91	2 "
" Guiana, 1868-99 mixed	13 "
" Honduras, 1848-92 provisionals	5 "
*Brunswick 1865	4 "
Bulgaria, 1882-93 mixed	13 "
Canada 1850-93	12 "
Cape of Good Hope	7 "
*Cape Verde 1877-93	7 "
Ceylon 1872-93, incl. envelopes, mixed	9 "
Chili 1854-94	19 "
China and Treaty Ports, incl. envelopes and wrappers, mixed	25 "
Colombian Republic 1877-92	14 "
*Antioquia, Santander	4 "
Bolivia, Panama	9 "
*Congo 1886-88	3 "
*Corea 1886	3 "
Costa Rica 1863-92, incl. envelopes and wrappers, mixed	27 "
Cuba 1855-96	37 "
Curacao, 1873-93 mixed	5 "
Cyprus, incl. wrappers, mixed	5 "

SPECIAL: Unused stamps not accepted in payment. Postage 2c extra on orders under 50c. The demand for slightly damaged stamps at very low prices has been very large in this country as well as abroad. I have advertised both 1st and 2nd quality: 1st quality at the market prices, and 2nd quality at very low prices. Nine out of every ten orders are for 2nd quality at very low prices. All of the above sets are very low prices; some of the stamps are 1st and some 2nd quality just as I remove them from collections.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 3118 Washington St., * BOSTON, MASS.

WHOLESALE.

50 Bosnia 5 and 10c, evenly assorted	\$0.15
50 Portugal ass'd, 5 var. including surcharge	.13
50 New Zealand 1895, Newspaper 1/2p black	.15

Our New Wholesale List of Foreign and U. S. Revenues **FREE!**

OUR APPROVAL SELECTIONS 50% OR NET SATISFY.

Box 1352, BOSTON, MASS. **DALE STAMP CO.**

If the House recommendations pass the only effect will be to reduce the number of revenue stamps employed, and possibly do away with the proprietary series altogether.

Mr. Bartels reports an increasing number of bids for Washington's first auction sale which occurs Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, with prospect for good prices. The lots have been exhibited in Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Boston and have been pronounced gilt-edged. Some fine U. S., foreign and U. S. colonies are offered.

The Washington correspondent in the *Metropolitan* says there is talk of a set of stamps for the Island of Tutuila, of the Samoan group. Inquiry at the Department confirms this report but no information can be obtained as to the outcome of

J. ELLWOOD LEE SET, 75c.

Set of 5: 1/4c blue, 3/4c red, 1 1/4c green, 2 1/4c orange, 5c brown; complete unused, O. G. We also have the following:

Old Roulette.		New Roulette.	
*1/4c Fletcher	.10	*2 1/4c Antikamnia	.25
*3/4c J. & J.	.08	*4c Branca Bros.	.15
*5c L. & K.	.05	*1 1/4c Fletcher	.03
*1 1/4c L. & K.	.075	*3/4c J. & J.	.03
*1 1/4c L. & K.	.10	*1 1/4c Marchand	.20
*3/4c Marchand	.10	*2 1/4c Od Chem.	.15
*3/4c Marchand	.10	*3/4c Piso	.03
*3/4c Marchand	.10	*1 1/4c Dr. Williams	.10
*3/4c Piso	.06	" Will have	
*5c Radey	.08	the Emerson Drug Co.	
*3/4c Warner	.18	" Means O. G.	
*2 1/4c Hostetter imp.	.10		

ALSO WE OFFER THIS WEEK:

Haiti 1868, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c, set of 8	\$0.40
" 1868, 15, 20c, set of 2	.35
" 1868, 2, 5, 10c, unpaid, set of 4	.70
" 1899, 1, 5, 10c, set of 3	.08
Dominican Rep. 1900, 1, 2, 5c, set of 3	.12
Switzerland 1900, 5, 10, 25c, set of 3	.12
Grigg & Scott 1c black on silk, cat. 75c	.30
Postage extra on orders under 50c.	*

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Set Pan-American Souvenir Stamps FREE
to applicants for Approval Sheets, 50¢ disct.,
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Union Stamp Exchange,
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1000 Varieties for \$4.39.

For above price we will send you 1000 var. of genuine postage stamps, representing nearly every country on the globe, and neatly mounted on approval sheets in alphabetical order. The above packet is a collection in itself, and will please either advanced collector or beginner. This packet registered and post free for \$4.39.
CUMBERLAND STAMP CO.,
383 Spring Street, Portland, Maine.

Wanted for Cash!

All kinds of stamps of North and South American countries, per 20, per 100, and per 1000.
Price lists and offers requested.

W. HOUTZAKER,
15&3dm-404) THE HAGUE, HOLLAND.

NEW ISSUES.

Austria Unpaid, Imp., set of 12.....	\$1.40
Perf., " " " " " " " "	.90
China (German), set of 6.....	.50
China (Japanese), set of 14.....	1.90
China (Russian), set of 6.....	.27
(Japanese Wedding Stamp).....	.03
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" " " " " " " " " "	.55
Labuan " " " " " " " " " "	.15
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Last Thursday Mr. Bartels presented the Postoffice Department, for display purposes in the Museum, a complete collection of the first issue United States Revenue stamps in unused condition, elegantly mounted and handsomely framed. It is estimated the collection, which contains every stamp from the 1 cent to the \$200, is worth in the neighborhood of \$200, and Mr. Bartels is certainly to be commended for the spirit of generosity prompting the presentation of so valuable a collection. Mr. Bartels has received the following letter from the Postmaster General, acknowledging receipt:

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Nov. 26, 1900.

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Very respectfully,
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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

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Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular,
No. 311, November:
Chinese Stamps.

Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. VII No 6 (39),
November:

Approval Sheets, Dealers and Collectors.
Pacific Coast Notes.
St. Louis Notes

Auxiliary Philatelist, N. S. No. 2, Nov.:
Editorial Notes.

American Journal of Philately, Vol. XIII
No 11, November:

Stamps of the Transvaal.
Stamps of Belgium—1895 Issue.
Paris Philatelic Exhibition.
Porto Rico Counterfeit Habilitados.

Brown's Advertiser, Vol. III No. 50, Nov.:
Advertisements only.

Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. X No. 11, Nov.:
Mexican Stamps of 1895-99.
Post and Telegraph in Brazil.
Extension of the German Post in Morocco.

General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Vol. XVIII
No. 362, Nov. 5:

Advertisements only.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 7,
November 17:

Washington Notes.
English Letter.

Perforator, Vol. VI No. 2, October:

Across the Pond.
Friendly Letter.
Cincinnati Notes.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. III No. 1, Nov.:
Those Making Stamps.

Advance Sheets Both Catalogue.
Government—Locals.
Precancelled Stamps.

Philatelic West, Vol. XIII No. 3, Nov.:

Counterfeits and Their Detection.
Something for the Young Collector.
Stamp Collecting—Accessories.
Hints on Queensland.
Fiji for Beginners.
Philatelic Writers and Their Articles.
Scramble for Guam Stamps.

Revue Philateliqne Francaise, Vol. XI No.
117, October:

Special Stamps for French Foreign Offices.
New French Stamps.
Stamps of Thun and Taxis.
Stamps of St. Pierre-Miquelon.

Worcester County Philatelist, Vol. I No.
12, December, 1893:

Document Revenue Stamps of the U. S.
United States Stamps of 1851-57.

Canada Stamp Sheet, Vol. I No. 3, Nov.:

Postage Stamps Etc. of Canada.
Collection of Stamp Shades.
Sir Rowland Hill.
Stamp Repair Shop.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. V No.
58 (143), Nov. 3:

Making Siege Stamps.
U. S. Buffalo Issue.
Aguinaldo Stamps.
Cuba Y4.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vol. IX No. 1
(97), October:

Stamps of Mecklenburg Schweria.
Henry J. Crocker Collection.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV
No. 47 (516), Nov. 22:

Celestial Empire Historically Considered.
Story of China's Postal Service.
Geographical and Political Phases of the "Great
Pure Kingdom."
Formosan Puzzle.
Korea.
Issues of the Treaty Ports.
A Philatelic Treasure
John N. Luff.
Undooley on Shanghaish.
Stamps of Hongkong.

Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol.
IX No. 11, November:

Postmarks of Wuerttemberg.
The Saxon Envelope.

Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II
No. 7, November 22:

Relieving an Overcrowded Album.
Model Stamp Collector.
Chicago and Philadelphia Notes.

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New York Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 2, Nov.:

The Bargain Hunter.
New Prices.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VI No.

148, November 10:

Sixty Thousand Makingings.
What Do You Think of Makingings.

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular reprints from *Mekeel's Weekly* of some weeks ago the article on Chinese stamps by R. H. Geoghegan. The chronicle is fully illustrated as usual and is one of the best gotten up that I receive.

A small paper with a long name comes from Putnum, Conn., in the shape of the *Auxiliary Philatelist and Universal Exchange*. It is made up of brief notes and editorials. We should like to know who the official is who has "\$1,500,000 worth of Transvaal overprinted stamps."

What is the use of my saying anything about the wonderful Chinese number of *Mekeel's Weekly*? Every wideawake collector has probably seen it for himself by this time. It is a hammer and no mistake. It is a big thing for Saint Louis to publish such a marvelous number, and a bigger thing for Boston that the man who did it hails from the Hub. To Willard O. Wylie belongs the credit of the literary part of the journal, and the mass of information that he has brought together should call down on his head the blessings of thousands of collectors who have been in need of just such a cyclopedia. China is in every ones eye just now and we want to "know all about it."

(Continued next week.)



W. U. Frank, 1900, mint, 2c
Blocks same rate.

B. & O. Frank, 1885, mint, 8c
Block of 4, 30c.

Will have the Private Proprietaries of Emerson Drug Co. soon.

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ALL UNUSED.

Scott's No. 13, 4c; 14, 5c; 16, 5c; 18, 3c; 20, 3c; 24, 2c; 25, 4c; 26, 25c; 47, 5c; 48, 3c; 51, 2c; 52, 3c; 55, 3c; 56, 4c; 59, 2c; 60, 5c; 62, 75c; 63, 6c; 64, 1c; 65, 2c; 66, 12c; 67, 6c; 68, 8c; 69, 4c; 70, 17c; 72, 7c; 73, 3c; 74, 3c; 75, 20c; 76, 2c; 78, 6c; 79, 2c; 80, 3c; 82, 2c; 84, 7c; 85, 2c; 86, 3c; 87, 20c; 88, 3c; 90, 5c; 91, 2c; 92, 2c; 93, 15c; 94, 2c; 97, 2c; 98, 2c; 99, 7c; 100, 5c; 102, 5c; 103, 4c; 104, 4c; 108, 25c; 114, 25c; 117, 15c; 122, 3c; 123, 10c; 129, 10c; 131, 18c; 134, 20c; 137, 6c; 141, 1c; 142, 5c; 144, 1c; 145, 2c; 148, 1c; 149, 2c; 150, 2c; 151, 1c; 152, 2c; 153, 9c; 107, 1c; 108, 1c; 109, 2c; 110, 3c; 111, 5c; 112, 7c; 114, 1c; 126, 1c; 127, 1c; 129, 2c; 130, 3c.

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- Gold Coast 1884 91, 2sh brown 19

SCOTT F. REDFIELD,
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

The *Chicago Tribune* has sent the Chicago Philatelic Society a letter requesting advice as to how the Society intend celebrating the advent of the 20th century. This brings one to the thought that the beginning of the 20th century will be quite a prominent date philatelically, as no doubt many collectors will terminate their collections with the end of the year 1900, and devote their energy and money to filling up those blank spaces in their albums, while others will confine their efforts to 20th century stamps only. And oh! what a chance for that depleted treasury of some little one horse government, with a set of commemorative issues.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hold, what will be known as "The 20th Century Philatelic Banquet" the first or second week in January. This banquet will answer the double purpose of fittingly celebrating the advent of the new century and at the same time celebrate the closing of the most successful year in the history of the Society.

Another new set of private proprietaries are shown this week. The Emerson Drug Co. stamps, consisting of four values to the set. The center design of the stamps consists of a reproduction of a large sized bottle of Bromo Seltzer. What a relief the sight of these stamps will be to the inebriated person who has been gazing steadily at the circle of legs on the J. Ellwood Lee stamps.

I do not believe it is generally known that there are two varieties in the surcharge of the surcharged documentary stamps. The first variety shows a space of about 1/4 millimetre between the \$ and 5 at their closest point, while on the other the space measures about 2 millimetre. This variety appears in both the "reading up" and "reading down" surcharges.

At the next meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Dec. 6th, Mr. Alexander Holland, who has just returned from a business trip in the east, will exhibit his collection of Hayti stamps. This lot of stamps, as is generally known, were awarded the Silver medal at the Paris Exposition.

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Table listing stamp prices for Solitaires, including 'Angra 1866, 50 rei., blue', 'Austria 1866, 1 gulden, lilac', etc.

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Table listing stamp prices for Sarawak 1900, including '4c carmine', '10c blue', etc.

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Table listing stamp prices for B. C. A., including '1891-4, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8d, 1sh, six var., o. g.'.

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Table listing stamp prices for Chile 1900, including '1c blue, new design', '2c carmine', etc.



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All Unused. Postage Extra.

Table listing stamp prices for Danish West Indies, including '73, 3c green and lilac', '3c blue and lilac', etc.

As We Go to Press—All 1900.

Table listing stamp prices for 'As We Go to Press' sets, including 'Austria Levant, 10, 20 paras', 'Brazil, 20 reis, green, unpaid', etc.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

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55. KING, HENRY F., Box 33, Boston, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Nov. 24th.....	578
Resignation accepted.....	1
Total Membership December 1st.....	577

The Board of Directors have unanimously appointed Henry W. Wolseley, Resident Vice-President for Chicago, his commission being dated Nov. 19.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The books I am receiving are most of them made up of a very desirable class of stamps marked at prices that are most reasonable and members who are adding to their collections are missing it if they have not had their names placed on one of the circuits.

I wish to call the attention of all members who are receiving circuits to the fact that they must live up to the rules in all cases. If in your opinion any of the rules are burdensome use your influence at next convention to have them changed, but while they stand on our statutes I am only living up to your instructions when I insist on their being carried out.

Any member who removes a stamp must affix a control stamp in its place and all members who receive circuits whether they take any stamps or not must send me a report stating that they have forwarded it to next member on circuit, otherwise it is impossible to keep track of them correctly.

I trust you will all do your part in helping me to make this Department a success from the start and I will be pleased to receive suggestions from members at any time looking toward improvements in its working.

H. G. SMITH, Supt. of Sales.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Nov. 24th, 1900.

71 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 17th, valued at.....	\$2389.90
10 books received since Nov. 17, valued at.....	451.05

Total No. books in circulation 81, valued at.....	\$2840.95
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H. G. SMITH, Supt.

A Newspaper Clipping.

Cut Stamps in Two.

HOW THE FILIPINOS PROVIDE FOR ONE-CENT POSTAGE—THEIR SMALLEST ISSUE IS FOR TWO CENTS—CANCEL THEM WITH A PEN.

A stamp collector in Detroit wrote to James A. LeRoy, formerly of *The News*, and now secretary to one of the United States commissioners in the Philippines. LeRoy writes in reply as follows:

"In overhauling old papers, among those printed in the Aguinado camp, I came across a number of insurgent stamps.

The only one remaining is the one enclosed. However, this is the only issue of postage stamp I have ever seen. It is for 2 cents Mexican, a letter stamp. One cent was the charge for papers, so they cut the stamp in two in the middle, from top to bottom, and that passed for a newspaper stamp.

"The words at top and bottom, 'Correos, Filipinas,' are, of course, 'Mail—Philippines.' The emblem in the center is one of those of the Katipunan ('K. K. K.') society, which raised the revolt against Spain and was chiefly instrumental in bringing about the one against the United States. You can observe the way they imitated

masonry. The friars, against whom they began the war, claim, as you probably know, that this society is the offshoot of European masonry, which is, I suppose, not at all true. The stamp is cancelled by pen: '16 enero, 1899, Bagay,' meaning 'Bagay, Jan. 16, 1899.'

"Do you want a whole series of the Philippine stamps? I enclose two of the only ones at hand, the 2-cent stamps. I have never yet seen a Guam stamp. but there was a special Guam Spanish stamp, and there are American stamps now with Guam across them, as the word Philippines is across the face of these.

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Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, November 28th.

The dealers report many out-of-town collectors in during the past week, and a general awakening among dealers and collectors is noticeable. About this time in each and every year is observed a general stiffening in prices, and this year is no exception to this condition.

In my notes for the November 17th ERA, I gave a copy of an official letter from Washington in relation to the Pan-American series of stamps to be issued soon. This letter contained the information that this series would not be available for foreign correspondence under the rules of the Universal Postal Convention of 1897. Since then I have received another letter from the Department at Washington which is as follows:

Sir: Referring to the recent correspondence with you on the subject of Pan-American stamps, in which you were informed that these stamps would not be available for postage on international correspondence, I have to say that this question has since been given careful consideration and it has been finally decided that the Pan-American series will not come within the prohibition of the first paragraph, article two of the Universal Postal Convention of 1897, because, while the series will be "Commemorative" it would not be "of temporary validity" as the stamps will be good for postage indefinitely.

This puts this series on the same footing with the Columbian and Omaha series.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 57th sale of unused stamps took place on November 21st. A good attendance was noticed. The sum of \$1,200 was realized.

Mr. C. H. Stone has shown me a block of four Orange River Colony with a double surcharge on the one-half penny green, Cape of Good Hope.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

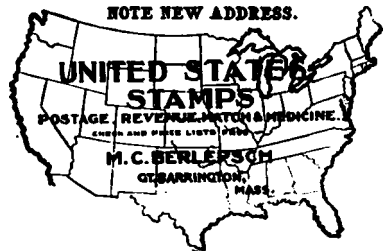
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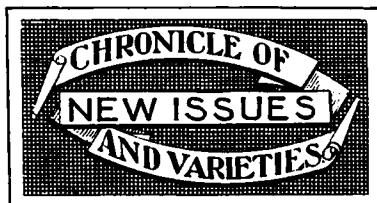
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A 5c stamp is reported of the current design, but in three colors: gray, black and blue.

Adhesive (Regular):
5c gray, black and blue on pale blue.

COREA.—It would seem that not satisfied with the activity of the past two years the set now in use is to be replaced next year by an issue in which the values are to be expressed in "cents" instead of "cheun." No doubt Major Evans after "chewing" this clipping over will urge that more "sense" upon the part of post office heads would be preferable to the true philatelist. From a French exchange:

"Our correspondent at Seoul informs us that by the middle of next year it is intended to replace the current series by a new one, of which the values will be expressed in 'cents' instead of 'cheun.' There will be thirteen values, namely, 1-5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c, \$1. and \$2; also two postal cards, one of 1c for internal use and another one of 4c for foreign use. The type, adopted by the Emperor himself, represents the imperial heraldic bird termed the 'violet falcon.'

"This series will be made in Europe, both because of insufficient appliances to produce the issue in Seoul and also from lack of ability to control the printing operations."

FINLAND.—We chronicled some weeks ago (386) the mourning label prepared through the enterprise of private individuals to signify the grief of Finland in being deprived by Russia of her postal independence. According to the *American Journal of Philately*:

"This was at first reported as a private affair, intended to mark the discontinuance of the use of the Finnish stamps for foreign postage, but the *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* now claims that the stamp was sold officially at the post office at Helsingfors, from the 14th to the 16th August, last, when it was interdicted by the Governor of Finland."

The above paper goes on to list this stamp but it seems to us that better credentials than those furnished in this clipping should be offered ere it is recognized as a postage stamp.

FRANCE.—After having noted the change in color of the 5c stamp of the score or more of colonies we are now to have the same pleasure in connection with the 10c which is to be changed to red. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* thus comments upon probable changes:

"The 10 centimes stamp, being about to appear in red to conform to the color of the Postal Union, it becomes necessary to change the color of the 50 centimes rose, with which the new 10 centimes might be confused. It is rumored that the latter stamp will be given the color of the current 2 francs of France, brown on bluish, with the name of the colony in carmine. And the 40 centimes, will it also remain red? Nothing is said on this point."

GREECE.—Last week we referred to the "A. M." surcharges on some of the new productions with which this country has favored us. We have ascertained the meaning of these mystic letters. They represent "Axia Metaliki," meaning "value in coin," as they are only sold at the gold rate of exchange and not for the depreciated paper currency. The "A. M." stamps are used exclusively for international postal parcels.

These surcharged stamps of both types will cease to be available after the current year, as will all other stamps now current in Greece, an entirely new set being in preparation for issue on January 1st next.

INDIA, Dhar.—In our last issue we chronicled a new 1 anna mauve with arms in the centre. New stamps are also being prepared for this state of a similar type with the values ¼ and 2 annas. In number 358 we announced the ¼ anna of a temporary issue designed after the style of the first issue and we must now chronicle a 2 annas on yellow paper, on the authority of Whitfield, King & Co.

Adhesive (Provisional):
2 annas on yellow paper.

MAURITIUS.—Upon early information furnished us by Mr. R. H. Graham (366) we chronicled a proposed change in the colors of the current issue. These changes are now taking place and we have three values to report in which the colors are changed.

Adhesives (Regular):
1c green, value in black.
2c lilac, " " violet.
4c lilac, " " carmine.

NEW ZEALAND.—We have found it very difficult to keep up with the vagaries of this colony, changes in designs, transpositions of colors, varieties in paper, prints and watermarks following each other with wonderful rapidity. The condition of affairs here is well described by a correspondent of the *London Philatelist*:

"There has been gross mismanagement either here or of the firm supplying the inks as the supply is constantly running short for the lower values which explains the varying shades.

"It is intended that all the values shall be on watermarked paper but owing to the varying size of the plates special sizes of paper will have to be supplied and there will be, I am afraid, some considerable delay in carrying out the instructions already given.

"In fact the whole issue has been most disgracefully bungled in every conceivable way. The designs were badly chosen, the colors of some of the values assigned to the wrong stamps, as for instance in the 1d first printed in England, in two colors; the 4d English print, representing the *White Terrace* being printed in pink and the *Pink Terrace* in mauve, and lastly the dies being engraved in varying sizes necessitated corresponding sizes of paper."

UNITED STATES.—Dr. Jesse W. Sargent has sent us a very interesting cover bearing the government postmark "Military Station, No. 1, Tientsin, China." Philatelists will watch with keen relish the progress of events in the stampic history of the Celestial Empire.

While we have referred to the J. Ellwood Lee Co. stamps we have not as yet listed them. We have seen a set and frankly confess that we do not consider them up to that standard to be expected from their much heralding:

Adhesives (Proprietary Revenues):

¼c blue.
¾c carmine.
1c green.
2½c orange.
5c chocolate.

Wm. H. Faber, Charleston, S. C., writes *Mekeel's News* that he has a variety in Charleston's Carriers thus described:

"I have in my collection of Charleston Carriers (Steinmeyer's, Honour's, Kingman's and Martin's), an Honour, No. 829, having a comma instead of a period after the word 'Paid,' of which variety I do not think there is a record; I regard it as unique. I obtained the stamp from Dr. Honour himself."

The \$1.00 revenue in gray is now replacing the red. This stamp has a large numeral of value in the centre of the stamp and it is to be followed by other dollar values of the same type.

Adhesive (Documentary Revenue):
\$1.00 gray.

Porto Rico.—To the list of revenues given last week as having been issued for use here, must be added a 1 peso in pink chronicled by the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.
Adhesive (Revenue):
 1 peso, pink.

URUGUAY.—*Mekeel's News* states "that various higher values have been issued in old types but new colors, and a copy of the 20c is the first to arrive in this country. The type is that of the 1889-90 issue (shown as A 37 in the catalogue) and the color is a pale blue."

Adhesive (Regular):
 20 centesimos, pale blue.
 The A. J. of P. describes a specimen, evidently cut from an envelope that it has received: "on laid paper and un gummed, we infer has been cut from an envelope. The design presents, in the central oval, a portrait in profile of a gentleman in uniform and military cap; above, in a curve 'CENTE 5 SIMOS'; below, 'REP. O. DEL URUGUAY'; all this is surrounded by a rectangular frame, with a square block at each corner enclosing a white numeral '5'."
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 5c ultramarine.

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- " " " 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 6d... .36

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- 1896, wmk. CA, 1d to 1sh, set of 5. 1.60

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates and portraits.
 (Continued from page 83.)

The *Allegheny Philatelist* is a trifle thin this month so far as its literary contents are concerned. The ads take up most of the journal. More meat please.

By far the most important article in the *American Journal of Philately* is that by John N. Luff which deals with the counterfeits and reprints of the Porto Rico Habilitados of 1898-99. A large lot of these has recently come upon the market which included the rarer varieties and, upon close examination numerous false surcharges have been discovered. It would be well to examine your collections and see if you have not been taken in by some of these frauds. I must acknowledge that I was just on the point of getting several of them when I was fortunate enough to be given a tip by Mr. Luff (John N) as to how to distinguish them.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* announces in its chronicle the issue of some fiscal stamps for Porto Rico. No descriptions are given except that the designs vary, and that the stamps are all of one size, 9 1/2 x 15 mm., except the dollar value which is larger. The following is the list:

- 1-10 cent black, for matches.
- 1/2 " green, for liquors etc.
- 3 " blue, " " "
- 10 " violet, " " "
- 1 dollar, pink, " " "

Can any of our readers give us a sight of these stamps?

William B. Hale contributes a letter to the *Perforator* giving his experiences "across the pond." The half tone cut of the convention group could not be completed for this number.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist* has a long article on those much written up and talked about Mafeking stamps which so few of us have seen, much less possess. A number of quotations of the new prices are given from the advance sheets and there is a short list of newly discovered pre-cancelled stamps.

G. W. Pepper's revenue articles interest me as much as anything in the *Philatelic West*. In the current number he gives brief and interesting descriptions of the various designs found on the early Austrian fiscals. At a first glance these stamps seem to be very plain and uninteresting, but a closer examination shows that they have many fine points from an artistic standpoint. Look at some of them and see if you don't think so.

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*Ecuador 1881-87, 1 to 50c	7 " .05
Egypt 1874-93, 5 pa to 5 pia	10 " .15
" Unpaid, 1882	2 " .10
" Official	3 " .15
† Envelopes and Wrappers	5 " .12
† Fiji Islands 1876-93	4 " .20
Finland 1866-92	16 " .15
France 1849-76	43 " .40
" 1879-92	13 " .05
" Unpaid 1859-82	5 " .15
" 1881-94	6 " .05
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French Colonies 1859-86	10 " .15
Funchal 1892-93	2 " .04
*Germany 1859-66, 1 to 10 alb, 1 to 30 kr. ..	11 " .35
" 1871-74	14 " .15
" 1873-89	24 " .15
Gibraltar 1886-89	6 " .10
Gold Coast 1884-91	4 " .05
Great Britain 1841-87	19 " .10
" Govt. Parcels	3 " .12
" Levant 1881-89	4 " .25
" Envelopes and Wrappers	5 " .05
†Greece 1862-92	24 " .25
†Guatemala 1860-83	2 " .07
†Guadeloupe 1891-92	3 " .08
" Unpaid 1884, 5 and 10c	2 " .25
†Guatemala 1871-95	17 " .40
" Envelopes and Wrapper 1875	4 " .20
Hanover	2 " .05
†Hawaiian Islands 1864-94	16 " .50
" Envelopes 1893, 1, 2, 5, 10c	4 " .50
†Honduras 1881-91, 1 to 20c	9 " .30
†Honduras 1865-92	13 " .20
*Honduras 1892 1c to 1p, complete set	11 " .30
Hong Kong 1861-90	8 " .10
†Horta 1892 93, 5 to 50c	6 " .15
Hungary 1872-78	16 " .10
" Envelopes 1871, 3, 10 kr.	2 " .05
Iceland	3 " .05

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agement of M. Henri Douchet, the well-known philatelist and printer of Mericourt L'Abbe, who proposes to devote a large part of his time to the conduct of the *Revue*. As the organ of the leading French societies, the journal ought to rank high among our periodicals, and I feel confident that in M. Douchet's hands it will be vastly improved.

An extract from the "Official Bulletin" of the Department of Posts gives the following news:

"To spare the feelings of those countries in which are found our post offices (French) the Minister of Commerce has decided to issue postage stamps of a new design. These stamps will bear the words 'Poste Francaise' in a label at the top of the stamp and in a second label in the lower part, the name of the country or locality. Eight sets will be issued: Morocco, Levant, Dedeagh, Cavalle, Port Said, Alexandria, Zanzibar and China. The indication of the local value, if there is any, will continue to be made by a surcharge."

Whether the designs have been selected or not is not mentioned, neither are the values.

After a lapse of seven years the *Worcester County Philatelist* comes to us once more. The number before me is dated December 1893, and contains two good articles, the first on U. S. revenues by J.

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106 E. 111th St., - NEW YORK CITY.

D. Bartlett which was read before the Springfield Stamp Club, and the second dealing with varieties of the 1851-7 issue of the United States. The paper is number twelve of the volume, but numbers ten and eleven are yet to appear before our eyes.

Ewen's Weekly always has something new about African stamps to relate, and the latest number contains some regulations concerning the Mafeking post office during the siege. The rates and times of opening and closing the mails is given and altogether it would seem that the stamps really had an excuse for having been.

The first number of *Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post* that I have seen is the copy now before me. It is a very prepossessing journal and should receive substantial support. The cover is one of the neatest that I have seen. Mr. Redfield proposes to say "I" in his editorials in place of "we" and for one, I think he is sensible. If I were an editor I would do the same.

The editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* recently sent a letter to some thirty prominent English philatelists asking their opinion of the status, etc., of the Mafeking stamps. Messrs. Avery, Bacon, Peckett and Nankivell think the prices too high, while others think that they are likely to go still higher. A few maintain that they were unnecessary and purely speculative while others maintain that they were really required. "You pays your money and you takes your choice!" More letters will be given in the next number.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, December 5th.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 58th sale of postage stamps was held Friday evening, Nov. 30, at Elks' Hall, where a long list of rare United States and foreign stamps, were sold at good prices. A very large attendance was noticed. An 1884 Kellogg, 2 cent red on blue, entire, P. O. state, brought \$20.25; same on manila, sold for \$16.75; Brazil 1891, 100r, inverted head, P. O. state, list \$2.50, brought \$3.55; Canada 1857, 7½p green, sold for \$10; Hawaii 1853, 13c dark red, unused, original gum, brought \$10 50; Lagos 1885, 2sh 6d, used, brought \$13; 1 shilling Nova Scotias, were knocked down at \$55; Philippines 1854, 5c orange, used, listing at \$20, was run up to \$19.50; South Australia 1871, 4d, Crown and V, used, sold for \$12.75; Tasmania 1853, 4p orange, unused, was secured by a bid of \$12 50. The sale realized \$1,544.

Much has been written about the Mafeking siege stamps, but I have not seen any information in regard to the postal rates and post office regulations. These are interesting facts to all, whether collectors of these siege stamps or not. The following extracts are from the local newspaper.

Extract from the *Mafeking Mail*, special siege slip of Thursday, March 22d, 1900:

LOCAL ITEMS.

Private letters will in future be sent by the Intelligence Department by runners in batches of 30, (letters not runners) at a time. First come, first served. The communications will be despatched in the order they are received. Don't all speak at once.

Extract from the *Mafeking Mail*, special siege slip of Saturday, March 24th, 1900:

NOTICE.

New arrangement for the transmission of telegrams and dealing with letters. The bombproof at the end of Minchius yard, at headquarters, will be open daily to receive letters and telegrams for North and South, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 10 A. M. (Sundays excepted). The following are the rates for telegrams: Via the North 9d per word, plus a fee of 1 shilling for a receipt duly stamped; telegrams for Cape Colony and Natal will be accepted by this route.

Telegrams via the South for Cape Colony and Natal will also be accepted, the rate being 1 shilling for 12 words, plus a fee of 1 shilling for a duly stamped receipt. Cablegrams 4sh 9d per word Plus 1 shilling receipt via the North, fee. Cablegrams 4shillings per word via the South, fee.

The sale of stamps for letters for local delivery will be restricted.

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30 " Inland Exchange.....	.03
40 " Inland Exchange.....	.03
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60 " Inland Exchange.....	.08

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A Few Selected At Random

FROM THE COLLECTION.

Condition: F, fine; G, good; Fa, fair; P, poor.
1851, 10c green, G \$0.40
1855, 12c black, F40
1870, 2c red brown, F, unused n. g.35
Navy Dept. 10c, F 1.00
" " 12c, F75

First Issue Rev., Imperforate.

10c Power of Atty., Fa, rare.....	7.00
25c Bond, F.....	2.00
50c Surety Bond, Fa.....	1.75
\$5.00 Manifest, G.....	1.50
\$20.00 Conveyance, G.....	1.25

First Issue Revenues, Perforate.

30c Foreign Exchange, G.....	.90
\$1.00 Passage Ticket, G.....	2.50
Prop, 1871, 5c black and green, G..	1.75
Chicago Match Co., 3c black, G, rare	8.00
Kennedy & Co., 2c black, pink p., F	1.50
Eagle Card Co. 5c black, F.....	1.25

Money refunded on all stamps you are not well pleased with. Look for another list next week.

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- 1869, 10 cent, .30
- 1869, 12 cent, .25
- 1869, 15 cent, .65
- 1869, 2 cent, new, .40
- 1869, 3 cent, new, .30
- 1869, 12 cent, new, 1.40
- 1870, 1 cent, new, 2.10
- 1873, 3c Cont., new, .20
- 1873, 7 cent, .22
- 1873, 12 cent, .22
- 1873, 15c Cont., .22
- 1879, 15c Am., .60
- 1872, 24 cent, .60
- 1873, 30c greenish, .20
- Block of 4, 90c 1873, mint, fine, .12.00
- Justice, 6c bluish, pair, o. g., superb, .2.20
- " " 6c purple, .1.70
- Periodical 1879, 60c, o. g., .1.60
- " 1879, 1, 2, 3, 4 cent, o. g., set 2.50
- Interior, complete set, mint state 2.25
- War, complete set, unused, o. g., .2.25
- rc State, new, perfect center, superb 1.20
- 9c War, new, superb40
- Block of 50, 1890 ac, cap. left "2", mint 4.00
- Block of 15, 5 cent claret dues, mint90
- 1879, 30c American, lot of 60 2.30
- Plate Nos. 1, 2 cent "Puerto Rico" surcharge. Write for prices if interested.

Your money back if stamps have been sold; also if stamps are unsatisfactory. If you don't see what you want in above, speak out; I have all kinds of bargains.

FRANK J. STILLMAN,
Assistant Disbursing Officer, House of Reps.,
3535 O Street, WASHINGTON, D. C.

From a Special ERA Correspondent. News and Gossip from Washington.

The warning sounded in several quarters concerning Cuban stamps bearing the spurious "Y" surcharges, seems to have come just in the nick of time, if not too late. A local dealer who is making a specialty of stamps of United States Colonies, has received a large number of consignments of Cubans, and last week the fraudulent surcharges appeared. The stamps in question came from Europe and while in one instance the genuineness of the surcharge was questioned by the sender, in another case no note was attached. Compared with a stamp with genuine surcharge the spurious overprinting is at once noticeable, the "Y" being tilted forward, but the average collector would readily pass the forgery. Several of these forgeries turned up in auction lots bid in at a sale last week by Washington parties. There is a vigorous demand for these surcharges, as well as all varieties of U. S. colonies, and it seems unfortunate that at the commencement of the campaign the Cubans should be compelled to struggle under the burden of constant suspicion. The only safe course for collectors to pursue when buying these stamps is to purchase them from dealers of known responsibility, who of course will guarantee all stamps and who would at once replace counterfeits with genuine, should they, themselves, be taken in.

The extraordinarily high prices realized last week at the Dionian auction sale in New York is the subject of general conversation and favorable comment by Washington collectors and dealers. It certainly augurs well for philately and its substantial foothold, that at the very beginning of a season that such a large holding of stamps should find new owners at forced sale at prices so high. I am informed by a local dealer that many stamps in the sale brought above catalogue value, and that the entire offering brought about 55% of catalogue. The unloading of stamps catalogued at upwards of \$24,000 at such prices cannot fail to have a wonderfully stiffening effect upon prices, in fact the effect is already felt by both collectors and dealers here.

As I intimated last week, stamps have passed low water mark, and the tendency is distinctly upward. You cannot buy stamps as cheaply as you could last spring nor two months ago. Stamps, well selected, are a gilt-edged investment. Money is plenty, that is, the interest rate is the lowest ever known. There can be no scarcity of money when United States Government bonds bearing only two per cent. annual interest sell at a premium of four and five per cent. Ordinary commercial and farm loans are being made on

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of our customers are kicking, yelping and howling over our \$1.00 a set price on the Lee Stamps, the face value of which is about 9c. They forget that \$3000 of Lee money was tied up with the government nine months, that the designs and plates cost over \$600, and scarcely one out of four are desirable specimens. Moreover, we are not first hands, and the perfect sets cost us close to 47c, but even if they only cost us 5 cents knowing as we do of the repeal of the law, and less than 2000 perfect sets in existence, we would be foolish from a business standpoint to offer ours for less, no matter what others may charge.

We are not arbitrarily mean however, and if you haven't ordered Scott's new Catalogue yet, send us 58c for it, the regular price post paid, and receive free a set of Emerson Drug Co.'s private stamps. More attractive than Lee's and maybe as scarce. 1/4c red, 1/2c green, 1 1/2c brown, 2 1/2c orange, the last of the 1898 series of Private Proprietaries.

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Auction Sale postponed on account of holiday rush. Exact date later. Catalogue free to auction buyers. We get on an average more mail bids than any other concern in the business. The reason is because we issue the most comprehensive and explicit catalogues and guarantee each lot to be "as described."

- .20 Colombian Republic No. 251, unused, o. g., good space filler.
- .15 "Pocket Edition" stock book. You can't get along without it.

I don't send out stamps "on approval" but have put some duplicate stock in the Exchange Department of the American Association at prices that will sell them, and puts in the shade so called approval discounts. I also have books in the C. P. S. Exchange Department.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 75 State St., Chicago.

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a basis of from three to four per cent. interest. The average person who has saved a little money is not satisfied with four per cent. interest, and he is on the lookout for opportunity to place his money. He will hit upon stamps one of these days, if he is not already doing so. The dealer will also be able to handle a larger stock with money rates low than when he was called upon to pay six and seven per cent. and instead of letting things go so he can turn over his money, he will hold the stamps and borrow money, and he will make money thereby.

Washington's first auction sale, held Tuesday night, Dec. 4th, was a tremendous success. Mr. Bartels had made preparations for the accommodation of a good-sized audience, but the crowd kept coming until they were packed in like sardines in a box. Prices were up in the pictures. Everything sold well and the majority of things brought fancy prices, some things record prices. Proofs and essays sold better than usual, United States fairly high, some things considerably above half catalogue. Foreign stamps of medium grade brought exceptionally good prices, and

revenues held up well above former quotations. But United States Colonies were the record-knockers. Scarcely anything sold at less than catalogue value, if in good condition, while prices ranged in some cases above double catalogue. The effect of this sale has not only been to greatly stiffen the stamp market in this section, but to stir up interest in the pursuit among local collectors, of which there are something like 200 in the city. It is hard to enthuse stamp collectors on a declining market. They enthuse themselves, without any assistance, on a rising market. The tide seems to have set in with a rush this year, and great things are expected ere the season is over. Mr. Bartels deserves special credit for assuming the risk in this enterprise and naturally feels very much elated over the successful outcome of the first sale. He is now arranging for a sale to be held in January and is open to receive consignments from parties having stamps they desire to realize upon. The secret of the success of Mr. Bartels' sale is the personal attention given to details in cataloguing the lots and the splendid clientele of auction buyers on his list.

There is good prospect that Washington stamp collectors may get together again and organize a society. There seems to be no lack of numbers nor enthusiasm; if somebody would make a move, call a meeting and take the initiative, the thing could be done. Let some of the enthusiasts talk it up.

A SENATOR'S SON.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Items from Canada.

The reduction of the domestic rate of postage on first class matter, from 3c to 2c per ounce, and imperial penny postage, effected under the Liberal party, who came into power in the Dominion in 1896, was no small factor in the re-election of that party to power, by an overwhelming majority a few weeks ago. Postmaster General Mulock, in the four years he has been acting as such, has brought down the deficit of the department to \$50,000 this year, whereas for several years previous to 1896, under the Conservative government, with a higher rate of postage, the deficits averaged \$800,000 annually. Hon. Mr. Mulock has certainly been an admirable P. M. G. In his early days he was an ardent stamp collector.

Mr. Arthur R. Magill, the ERA's Montreal correspondent, has purchased the *Philatelic Spectator* of Berlin, Ont., and will consolidate with his new paper the *Philatelic Record*. The *Spectator* was so rank a journal in many respects that the philatelic public owe Mr. Magill a debt of gratitude for bringing about its discontinuance.

Philatelic Fun was announced to appear from Berlin in November, but will not appear until January, when the projectors of the new paper hope to mail the paper as second class matter.

Mr. E. Marks, manager of the Marks Stamp Co., of Toronto, is spending several months in England and expects to be back in Canada by Dec. 24th. He was recently elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Philatelic Club of Toronto.

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The Boston Philatelic Society.

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BOSTON, December 11, 1900.

The one hundredth and first regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, December 18th, at 8 o'clock, sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder will give a talk about his trip to the stamp centres of Europe. He doubtless will have many interesting experiences to relate.

Mr. Alexander Holland's collection of Hayti, which was awarded the silver medal (the highest in that class) at Paris, will be exhibited. This will be a rare treat.

Come, and hear a good smoke talk, and have a good smoke (we will furnish cigars) and see a good exhibit of stamps.

Invite any friend who is interested in stamps whom you think might be induced to join the Society.

We want new members.

The November Meeting.

The one hundredth regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, November 20th, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and sixty-five members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Committee to prepare cards for members to distribute among collectors was accepted.

The resignation of N. D. Eldredge was accepted.

The following applications for membership were presented:

MR. JAMES H. WALL, Worcester; proposed by W. H. Colson

MR. H. D. TUDOR, Boston; proposed by F. P. Brown.

MR. F. S. WEST, Dorchester; proposed by F. P. Brown.

MR. C. F. POWERS, Boston; proposed by F. P. Brown.

MR. H. H. WOODWARD, Boston; proposed by H. E. Woodward.

MR. G. W. WHITING, Boston; proposed by H. E. Woodward.

MR. F. A. FOSTER, Boston; proposed by A. W. Batchelder.

MR. SAM. SCHLENKER, Brenham, Texas; proposed by W. O. Wylie.

MR. F. J. NASH, Somerville; proposed by H. L. Porter.

MR. WM. C. STONE, Springfield; proposed by Alex. Holland.

The Library Committee asked for an appropriation of \$25 which was voted them. Mr. Holland raised another \$25 by public subscription. The Society then invited Mr. Batchelder to give a talk at the December meeting.

The entertainment then followed, consisting of an address by the President, the exhibition of Mr. John N. Luff's magnificent collection of stamps of the United States, music, and a collation.

Every one present seemed to enjoy themselves and felt well repaid for coming.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Luff and the Entertainment Committee.

Meeting stood adjourned at 10.50 o'clock.

M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

EXCHANGES.

I want the "London Philatelist's" work U. S. Envelopes, 53-70, Vol. IV, V "Mekeel's Weekly." Will give fine exchange for these and other wants. Write for list. Earle A. Young, Box 35, Danielson, Conn.

Complete Vols. and odd numbers of philatelic publications to exchange for stamps. Will send list if desired. W. W. Dayton, Stonebank, Wisc.

I have "New York Weekly" from 1895 to 1901 complete also "Mekeel's Weekly," the ERA, "Boston Stamp Book" and many other philatelic publications to exchange for stamps. F. R. Kimball, Waltham, Mass.

5c Red Brown, unused, 55, cat. \$30.00, 3c Prop., Imp., 1c Telegraph, Imp., to exchange for best offer in stamps. D. Pick, 426 St. Nicholas Ave., N. Y. [97

U. S. Revenue and M. and M. Proofs on Cardboard wanted in exchange for good stamps or Proofs of U. S. Stamps. Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Me. [884c

I have good U. S. Postage to exchange for Revenues and M. and M. not in my collection. G. H. Cogswell, 26 Byron St., Bradford, Mass. [9385c

Entire U. S. Envelopes, Scott's Nos. 1302, 1311 and 1312, to exchange for good foreign. W. Weber, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y. [96c

Max Kindel, 7 Stolting St., Stettin, Germany, desires to exchange stamps with other collectors. All correspondence answered. [95°

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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.

Wanted: Great Britain 2d blue, both perforate and imperforate, for cash or good exchange. J. F. JOHNSON, 5 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass. [941f°

Beautiful Moss Agates from Wintah Mountains 10c postpaid. J. C. LONG, Granger, Wyo. [95

U. S. 5c 1862, 18c; 5c 1867, grill, \$1.60; 5c 1862, red brown, \$1.40; 5c Columbian Env., slate black, unused, cut square, fine, \$7.50. Approvals of course. ULSTER STAMP CO., Rondout, N. Y. [c

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending December 8, 1900.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership December 8th 577

The Secretary has taken it upon himself to hold the membership list open until December 1, to allow all belated members to pay up without having to be reinstated. The membership lists are now closed and will be in type when this report appears. The Year Book will probably be mailed by December 20.

The late Board of Vice-Presidents have turned over to me all of their records and I have turned over to Mr. Severn, as Secretary of the new Board, all of the current books and papers. The records of all matters that have been settled have been filed with the Assistant Librarian.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Dec. 1st, 1900.

81 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Nov. 24th, valued at \$2840.95
11 books received since Nov. 24, valued at 363.78

Total No. books in circulation 92, valued at \$3204.73

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS, 1900-1901.

The first regular meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, 1900-1901, was held at 1006 Journal building, Chicago. Present: Messrs. Wolsieffer, Leland and Severn.

The Board of Vice-Presidents was organized with Samuel Leland, First Vice-President, and C. E. Severn, Secretary.

Several communications from a member were read in reference to a case involving the substitution of stamps on the sheets of the complainant, while they were in circulation in the Purchasing and Sales Department. After deliberation, the Secretary was instructed as to a manner of procedure in the case.

A discussion as to methods of publicity whereby the prestige of the American Philatelic Association possibly could be increased was held, and it was decided that any plans that may be agreed upon by the Board of Vice-Presidents would be submitted to the other members of the Board of Directors for their approval.

It was decided to hold meetings so often as it is found necessary for the prompt transaction of business.

C. E. SEVERN,
Secretary, Board of Vice-Presidents.

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.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Nov. '26, 1900.
W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,
Portland, Maine.

Sir: I shall be pleased to have you insert the following:

SUBSTITUTION OF STAMPS.

I beg to bring before the members of the American Philatelic Association, through the Official Journal, the above subject, which is one of grave importance, and in a manner, threatens the success of the Exchange Department of the Association.

I have from time to time, since becoming a member of the Association, forwarded books of stamps for circulation through the circuits with varying results. In looking through a book of mine lately retired, I discovered that a splendid copy of the one shilling, green, Gambia (used), which I had priced at \$7.50 (cat. \$12.00) had been removed, and the space filled by a worthless copy of this exceedingly scarce stamp.

The price I placed on my stamp of \$7.50 would guarantee its condition, and the one returned was practically worthless.

I immediately forwarded to the Superintendent of Sales my complaint, with the stamp, and a full list of the numbers of Control stamps in the book, at the same time notifying the President of my loss.

The President in his reply regrets the occurrence, but informs me that the chances of recovery are slight, and refers me to Article VIII Section 3.

The Exchange Manager, Mr. Tuttle, informs me that as he is no longer Manager, he can do nothing, and states that I can, if I see fit, refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The exchange of stamps demands confidence, or protection, and if our Association is run on such lines that protection is not afforded, then indeed is there room for a change.

It was not until I had discovered my loss that I became aware of the fact that losses of all kinds were not paid from the insurance fund.

There seems to be no protection against substitution, all that it is necessary to do being to replace a stamp taken off by one of less value.

I think the subject one to demand the careful consideration of our Board of Directors and members of the Association, and take this means of bringing it to their attention.

R. H. WILCOX,
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

The Emerson Drug Co. have practically taken the traffic in their new Proprietary stamps out of the dealers' hands by refusing to sell more than one set to any person. They are very obliging, however, and will send a set to anyone applying for them and enclosing seven cents. As the face value of the stamps is 4¼c and the return postage 2c, they are evidently satisfied with the ¾c to cover the cost of mailing etc., relying probably on the advertising to benefit them indirectly.

The officers of the Chicago Philatelic Society, always on the lookout for innovations that will benefit the members and at the same time react in favor of the Society, have devised a series of competition exhibitions of stamps for next year in which all active members are invited to participate. The competition will be arranged in classes and countries and suitably inscribed ribbons will be awarded the three successful competitors in each class. The ribbons will be very attractive and worth striving for, irrespective of the honor which goes with each award, and will compare favorably with the awards made at the Paris Exposition where a printed slip of paper is all the successful competitors for gold medals have to show for their exhibitions.

It is expected by this method to bring to light all the good collections of this city and thereby learn who has the really fine stamps of the various countries. The judges or awards are now at work arranging the details of the competitions and no doubt the first exhibition will be held the second meeting in January.

The new editions of the International Albums have been on sale in the stamp shops for ten days and I am told are finding a ready sale. Owing to the late appearance of the Albums last year the dealers were unable to supply the holiday demand and thereby lost many dollars. This is happily avoided this year and accordingly the dealers are jubilant.

Mr. Alex. Holland returned last Sunday from his prolonged trip to New York and Boston and shows many fine stamps which he has picked up in the east. Chicagoans are enthusiastic over the exhibition of his Hayti stamps, which takes place at the next C. P. S meeting, and a large attendance is expected.

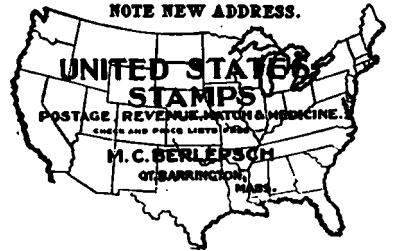
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, December 12th.

Mr. Tarr of Washington, D. C., has shown me a postal card surcharged for use in the Philippines with a double surcharge. Also a curiosity in a current 2 cent stamp on a part of the original cover. The envelope bears the postmark of March, 1900.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has discovered a second re-engraving in the 248 ultramarine Philippines, 1882 issue. The difference between the first engraving and the second and third re-engraving is explained and illustrated in the foot note following the same issue of Cuba. This second re-engraving is not listed in Stanley Gibbons catalogue nor does it appear in the advance sheets of Scott's catalogue.

Mr. J. E. Handshaw of J. E. Handshaw Co. of Smithtown Branch, N. Y., has been in town this week, displaying a large stock of desirable stamps at wholesale.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has complete sets of the South African Republic 1896, from one half penny to two shillings six pence, surcharged V. R. I. In examining complete sheets I noticed several errors or varieties. On the one-half penny green the sixtieth stamp appears with a large stop after R and I, and on the two and one-half penny ultramarine and green a large stop after the I.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th. Mr. Batchelder will give a talk on his recent trip to the stamp marts of England and the Continent. Mr. Alexander Holland's collection of Hayti, which took a silver medal at the Paris Exposition, will be shown to the members and invited friends. At the November meeting several new members were admitted and at the December meeting ten applications of membership will be acted upon.

Mr. Warren H. Colson of the New England Stamp Co. is taking a two weeks' business trip through New York State and Canada.

The six penny green and the six penny orange and the one shilling brown of the current issue of New South Wales have been found imperforate.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

News and Gossip from Washington.

The bill for the reduction of the war tax has been reported to the House of Representatives by the Ways and Means Committee. It carries an approximate cutting off of \$40,000,000 per annum and is far more sweeping in its scope than any one had been led to expect. As I hinted very strongly a month ago the revenue stamp will soon be a thing of the past, so far as the necessity for its use to any considerable extent is concerned, the proprietary stamp disappearing entirely. The House bill proposes the abolishment of all stamp taxes under the head of Schedule "A" except: Stocks, bonds, shares, etc., freight bills, or manifest, certificate of profits, entry of goods and withdrawal of goods. This removes the tax on telegraph and telephone messages, express, notes, checks, receipts, mortgages, deeds, leases and all papers save those excepted.

In Schedule "B" which included proprietary articles, medicines, etc., the tax is entirely removed save on wines. The tax on legacies remains the same save that no tax is levied upon legacies to charitable institutions, churches or educational institutions.

Upon beer the tax remains as at present save that a rebate of 20 instead of 7½ per cent. is granted. The only crumb of comfort the tobacco people get is a cutting off of the 60 cent tax on cigars.

The bill provides for the redemption of all revenue stamps made valueless by the act, by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. It was the original purpose to have the act become operative thirty days after the signature of President McKinley was attached, but this has been changed so that instead the law will be in force from and after its passage by Congress. My impression is that this date will not be later than February 1st, and it may be very much earlier. I believe the House will have passed the bill before Christmas. Possibly it will be a law by Jan. 1st. This is a short session and things are moving now at a very lively rate and the bill may be rushed through.

The annual report of Postmaster General Smith is out and while no specific reference is made to stamps, a few items will, I believe be of interest to stamp collectors.

Speaking of the Cuban fraud investiga-

tion, Mr. Smith says a number of persons were implicated and that the total thefts amounted to about \$130,000. A large part of this \$130,000 was secured from sale of the U. S. stamps surcharged for Cuba, Mr. Neeley being, it is alleged, the leading mind in the transaction.

Rural free delivery comes in for a good deal of attention and large appropriations are asked that the service may be increased. There are now about 1,500 of these rural routes and they have proven so successful and popular that within a few years the number will be way up in the thousands.

In dealing with the postal service in the Island possessions of the United States, aside from Cuba, the report says it has been efficient and highly satisfactory. The postal laws of the United States have been extended to Porto Rico and Hawaii, while in the Philippines, the service is on an independent basis provided for in the act of June 6, 1898. The service has been more than self-sustaining and instead of having to draw from the revenues of the islands to make up deficits, the revenues have exceeded the expenditures.

There were 7,129,990,202 pieces of mail matter of all kinds handled by our post-offices during the year. These were divided as follows: Letters, paid and free, 3,309,754,607; postal cards, 587,815,250; newspapers and periodicals, known as second class matter, 2,356,698,377; third and fourth class matter, 875,721,968.

Private cards increased noticeably, yet there was no decrease in the number of regular postal cards used. The number of registered letters containing money or valuables lost was 1,704. The Department recommends that the limit for which the Government is responsible be raised from \$100 to \$200.

All of the advance sheets of the new catalogue have been received, and probably before this gets into cold type the book itself will be in the hands of the public. There are few notable changes from the 1900 edition save in the Colonies of the United States, Cuba and the South African countries involved in the war with Great Britain. The latter have particularly jumped, and in the case of our Colonies the catalogue but poorly reflects values. In the great masses of stamps listed, both United States and foreign, the same prices as in the previous catalogue are found.

The total of Mr. Bartels' sale figured a

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"Orange River Colony"

Surcharged on Cape of Good Hope ½ green, Price \$0.62
 V. R. I. on Orange Free State 1d violet..... .04
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 V. R. I. on Orange Free State 3d blue..... .17
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Pewter dollar, and other rare stamps and coins too numerous to mention in this ad. We are not "sticklers" for high prices, but sell at a fair profit based on cost. Let us hear from you.

trifle over \$1,100 and the event is still the talk of philatelic Washington. Mr. Bartels is already at work preparing lots for the next sale which will occur the latter part of January.

The question whether Tutuila shall have a series of stamps or not will be determined within a very few days, so I am informed by the officials in charge.

A bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on Monday of this week advocating the reduction of the rate of letter postage from two to one cent. It is needless for me to say that the bill will never be favorably considered and that is the last that will be heard of it. Ten years hence we may have one cent letter postage but not this year.

It is reported that United States revenues, from 1 cent to \$50, will be surcharged for use in Porto Rico, instead of making new and distinctive dies for the new Colony.

Since writing the first paragraph the House has actually tackled the war tax reduction bill and it looks now as though the bill would have passed the lower House before the end of this week. There is no telling, however, how long it will be held up in the Senate.

A SENATOR'S SON.

Philatelic Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

* Means with plates and portraits.
 FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH.

Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XIV No. 189, November 15:
 French Obliterations.

Energy, Vol. II No. 4 (18), November:
 D. P. A. Notes.
 Gleanings.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. V Nos. 59, 60, Nov. 10, 17:
 Australian Commonwealth.
 New Penny Stamp for New Zealand.
 New Stamp from Bloemfontein.
 Universal Penny Postage.

Exchange, Vol. II No. 4 (10), November:
 A Point of View.
 Queensland 1 Penny 1896.

International Philatelic Review, Vol. III No. 1, October:
 Provisional Proprietaries.
 Fate of Damaged Stamps.
 Roumania 1861 Issue.
 Cuba ½ Surcharge.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV No. 49, December 6:
 London Letter.

Washington, Chicago, Boston and New York Notes.
 Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV Nos. 8, 9, November 24, December 1:
 Washington Notes.

English Letter.
 Puerto Rico Plate Numbers.
 U. S. Govt. Stamp Exhibit at Paris.

Montreal Philatelist, Vol III No. 5, Nov.:
 Address Before Winnipeg Philatelic Society.
 Current Tasmanian Stamps.
 New Zealand Post Office Statistics.
 South African Stamp Notes.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. IX No. 6 (52), December:
 Reprints.
 Stamp Statistics.
 United States Minutes.

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXIV No. 3 (153), November:
 Stamps of Saxony.
 Greek Games at Olympia.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. X No. 119, November:
 Myron Roberts.
 Line Engraved 2 Sen Stamps of Japan.
 Recollections of 20 Years Stamp Dealing.
 Notes From a Philatelic Diary.
 Sydney Philatelic Exhibition.

Der Philatelist, Vol. XXI No. 11 (272), Nov.:
 In the Philatelic World.
 Proofs, Essays, Etc.
 Fiftieth Anniversary of the Postage Stamp in Prussia.
 Regulation of Values and Current Selling Price.

Philatelliste Francais, No. 79, October:
 The Post Office Mauritius.
 Notes on the Provisional French Stamps Called Bordeaux.

Belgian Postal Obliterations.
 Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II No. 8, Nov. 29:
 Chicago Notes.
 Philadelphia Notes.

Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt, Vol. X No. 11, November:
 Moens' Retirement from Philately.

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 3, Nov.:
 *John T. Anderson, Jr.
 Origin and Introduction of the Postal Card.
 Sixth Annual Convention of the S. P. A.
 Uniformity of Inscriptions.

The study of postmarks and obliterations has not received the attention in this country that it has abroad, but is beginning to attract more or less attention especially among advanced collectors. Knowledge concerning the special obliterations used at this or that period, often saves one from purchasing a fraudulently cancelled stamp or a forgery itself. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* has a very valuable article on French obliterations by Dr. Voisin, dealing mainly

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Ewen's Weekly contains an illustration of a block of twelve of the new half-penny provisional from the Orange River Colony and a portrait of the *Weekly's* special correspondent in South Africa.

The first installment of a list of "high value" British colonial stamps (above one shilling) is given with their prices according to the last Gibbons' catalogue. For any one who has the money, I do not know a better line to specialize in. There are enough of them to make it quite a task to get them together and in value there is very little chance for a decline. The African colonies especially offer a bountiful supply. In design there are few stamps equal to these, as their size is sufficiently large to allow of detail work in the engraving. When the list is complete I will give a brief summary of the number listed.

The *Exchange* has been enlarged and is now a four page paper, a little larger than the ERA. There is one long article entitled "A Point of View" by Claude T. Reno and numerous short notes and reviews. The revenue department by John Peltz is interesting and should be kept up and enlarged. Revenues are going to boom and don't you forget it.

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"As pretty as a pink" is the *International Philatelic Review*. The leading article is on the subject of "provisional" proprietaries and the writer does not take any stock in such. He enumerates several of the early issue revenues with printed cancellations and asks "has anyone ever seen them called provisionals in any reputable catalogue and are they collected as such?" E. B. Sterling used to be considered quite an authority on revenues and was most certainly reputable and in the last edition of his revenue catalogue will be found a very full list of such surcharges. Adenau also devotes quite a space to them in his list I think but can not say positively as I have loaned my catalogue. As to collecting them, the fact that H. E. Deats considers them worthy of inclusion in his collection certainly ought to give them some standing. I know of many others who are collecting the surcharges on the present proprietaries, and while I do not think any of them worth the fancy prices some are putting on them, I do consider them worth saving.

Raynor Hubbell has a very chatty letter dealing with numerous topics of interest and most earnestly urges collectors to join some one of the philatelic associations which are to meet in Buffalo next year. Make it the American Philatelic Association and you will not regret it. The dues may seem high but it is well worth it.

Several of our journals have been announcing the issue of a set of stamps for the Caicos Islands and also a new set for

Turks Islands. Mr. Hopkins in his chronicle in *Mekel's Weekly* says that the two groups are united and that the stamps are one set. The design is quite pretty, being as follows: "three masted vessel with sails set, a small stretch of land in the foreground on which is a fisherman handling a cask while two other casks and a rake lie near by. Above the medallion in a curve "Turks and Caicos Islands." In the corners above are pine apples and some scroll work. Below the medallion is "1848 Postage 1900" and below that in large white letters "One Penny." Quite a relief after the deluge of ready made designs that we have had in such profusion of late years. The editorial columns contain considerable correspondence bearing on the Porto Rico "Habilitados" which have been faked so much lately.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has added a new feature lately in the shape of letters from Paris. Our old acquaintance Wm. B. Hale in the last two issues describes his visits to the stamp bourse and to the U. S. government exhibit at the exposition

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* contains a most excellent article by Oliver Firth on the 2 sen stamps of Japan of the issues 1871-75. A tabular arrangement of the varieties makes it easy to see what there are in the various papers etc. Another paper is to follow next month.

Paul Kohl has a two page half tone in *Der Philatelist* with cuts of some thirty-nine rarities which he offers for sale. They range in price from 75 to 1600 marks and purchasers can see just the condition of the specimens. It is quite a novel idea and a good one. Literature collectors will be interested in the four page list of papers advertised for sale by the librarian of the society.

Paul Hermand has a long and interesting article on the Bordeaux emission of France in *Le Philatliste Francais* which is full of official documents and correspondence. It is a most valuable contribution and I trust some of our publishers will see it in their way to translate it for the benefit of English speaking collectors. Jules Bouvez continues his valuable monograph on Belgian postal obliterations.

The lists of foreign philatelic papers which have been coming out in the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt* are continued in the November issue with the magazines in the Dutch, Scandinavian and Italian languages.

The Southern Philatelic Association held its sixth annual convention at New Braunfels, Texas, November 2. There are now 124 members in good standing. The *Virginia Philatelist* continues as official journal.

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- 24c, fine, unused, slightly repaired..... 2.00
- War, 15c o. g., fine strip of 6, imp. and pl. No. 87 .80
- 6c " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 0 .50
- 2c " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 35 .50
- 12c " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 1.80
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- 10c, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 1.30
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- 3c, o. g., .50 " 15c, o. g., 1.20
- 1856, 24c, new, superb, 2.20 " 15c, o. g. - pr., fine, 2.60
- 30c, " o. g., 3.25 " 30c, 1.50
- 30c, used, 1.90 " Navy 1c, new, .30
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- 10c, o. g., 1.50 " Justice 1c o. g., perfect, .75
- 15c, no diamond, 1.15 " 2c " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 1.50
- 24c, fine, o. g., 4.75 " 2c, superb, 1.10
- 90c, fine, 8.50 " 3c, fine, .25
- 1871, 10c Nat., new, 1.50 " 10c, new, fine, 1.20
- 12c Nat., new, 1.75 " 12c, " superb, 1.50
- 24c " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 1.65
- 1873, 7c Cont., new, 1.50 " State 2c, imperf. S, .90
- Col. \$2.00, superb pr., 2.10 " 2c, fine, 1.80
- War 15c, fine, o. g., pr., .20 " 3c, new, fine, .35
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- 6c, clipped, 1.00 " 30c, fine, 2.70
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FOREIGN.

- Ceylon 1861, 1/2 p, no wmk., new, superb..... 1.90
- Japan 1876, 12s, o. g., very fine..... 1.50
- Nevis 1870, 4p, good copy..... 1.50
- 1882-3, 2 1/2 p, fine copy..... 1.80
- Norway 1872, 6sk, o. g..... 1.40
- 1877, 2s, ore, unused..... 1.50
- Nova Scotia 6p yellow green, new, close margins 8.00
- 6p " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 3.50
- 6p dark green, used, good..... 3.50
- P. E. Island No. 2, new, fine, slightly clipped.. 2.00
- St. Helena No. 4, fine copy..... 1.38
- St. Lucia 15h CC 12 1/2, new, slight repair..... 2.50
- Tobago 5sh CC, unused..... 4.00
- Trinidad No. 1, mint state, fine..... 2.50
- " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 1.50
- " No. 4, used, fine..... 1.80
- " No. 8, mint state, fine..... .80
- " No. 26, light cancellation, very rare..... 6.00
- Turks Is. 1881, 4p, ult., very fine..... 1.60
- Virgin Is. 1865, 6p, o. g., superb..... 2.75
- " " 1881-8, 1/2 p, o. g., fine..... .85
- " " 1p, o. g., rose, fine..... .40

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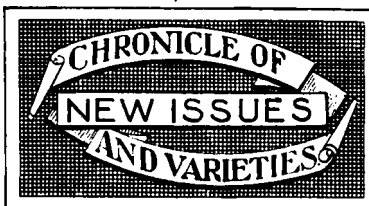
COLLECTORS! Send me 7c and your Want List of Foreign Stamps and I will send you the 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c Postage Due, 1894-5, and an unused Proprietary No. 298. Send me your Want List anyway. **F. R. Kimball, Waltham, Mass. 196**

stamps and gold coins, taken from his collection by some unknown party. Should any of the stamps described in the appended list, have been offered to dealers or collectors from Chicago the owner would appreciate the advise of such offering to the undersigned. United States: 1847, 10c unused; 1861, 5c brown yellow, used; 1861, 24c reprint; 1869, 90c used; 1869, 6c, 15c, 24c, 90c, unused originals, no grill; 1871, 90c, grill 9x13, used; 1871, 7c, 30c, and 90c, all unused; 1873, 12c, unused; 5c, 10c, 25c Newspaper; 5c Newspaper, pelure paper; \$24 Newspaper, unused; \$10 and \$20 State, unused; Perforated Revenue No. 2897 and 2900; 2nd Issue Revenue \$1.30; \$3.50; and \$25.00 unused.

The probable exhibitions for the next six months are as follows:

- Jan. 17—Hawaii.
- Feb. 7—United States, 1847-1901, General issues only.
- Feb. 21—Cape of Good Hope.
- March 7—Siam and Sarawak.
- March 21—Chile.
- April 4—Sweden and Norway.
- April 18—Argentine Republic.
- May 2—Canada.
- May 16—Japan.
- June 6—Netherlands and Colonies.
- June 20—Egypt and Soudan.

JOHN J. ORSCH.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—It is stated that the 16 centavos stamp of the new issue "has been withdrawn because there is no use for this value." It would have been just as well if this had been known ere it came into the hands of the public.

BELGIUM.—A French journal announces that two pictorial post cards have been issued for use on the packet-boats between Dover and Ostend. They differ from the regular cards in that they are printed on white with the views on the back of the cards.

Post Cards (Pictorial):
5 centimes, green on white.
10 centimes, brown-red on white.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* states that the color of the 48c stamp has been changed. It now appears in dark gray and lilac brown.

Adhesive (Regular):
48c dark gray and lilac brown.

CHILE.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* states that a correspondent at Valparaiso has sent it a new card, value 2c, design of 1900 adhesives.

Post Card (Regular):
2c red on pale blue.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—In keeping with the news furnished by the ERA's New York correspondent I list the two errors noted last week:

Adhesives (Errors):
5c inscriptions "Atlantico" and "Mar Caribe" reversed.
50c "Cinco" in place of "Cincuenta."

GERMANY, Offices in the Levant.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer has favored us with the new cards, Germania type, 20 paras on 10 pf surcharged for use here. The surcharge is in black and both single and double cards have been issued.

Post Cards (Regular):
20 paras in black on 10 pf, carmine on buff.
20x20 paras in black on 10x10 pf carmine on buff.

Offices in Morocco.—These cards of a similar nature are in use here. The surcharge is in black and both single and reply cards have been issued.

Post Cards (Regular):
5c green on buff, surch. in black "Morocco 5 Centimos."
10c carmine on buff, surch. in black "Morocco, 10 Centimos."
Reply Cards of both kinds.

GERMAN S. W AFRICA.—The controversy in the press relative to the issue of a 25 pfennig Germany surcharged in the second type may be considered settled in the statement contained in the *London*

Our Heart

just goes out, overflowing with real joy and gratitude to Miss Amy L. Swift, Brother Dodge, Friend Chapman, and other eminent philatelic writers and journalists, at their kind forethought and consideration of us in making so much noise and hullabaloo over the Private Die stamps of the J. Ellwood Lee Co. They don't state the facts but the more this set of Proprietaries is spit upon and written up as "spidery," "leg pulling," robbers, fakes, truck, speculative, trash, labels, Seebecks, etc., the more they are advertised and known. The more they are discussed and the more they sell and the happier consequently we become.

Like the Reverend Doctor, who preached against Robert Elsmere, and it cometh to pass that the Congregation arose and straightway went out and bought the book.

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Philatelist that on November 1st, 1899, 1000 stamps were thus surcharged at Windhock. In these the hyphen is omitted, "Sudwestafrica" appearing as one word.

PARAGUAY.—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have received two values of a new series for this country. No description is entered.

Adhesives (Regular):
5c dark green.
10c carmine rose.

ST. LUCIA.—After getting along all these years without any envelopes, this colony now has, according to *Mekeel's Weekly*, issued a 1 penny carmine on white laid paper. The type is the same as the 1d wrapper and November 5th was the date of issue.

Envelope (Regular):
1d carmine.

UNITED STATES.—The private proprietaries of the Emerson Drug Co. have finally come to hand. There are four values $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, the design consisting of a bromo-seltzer bottle in a sunburst. Students of the private proprietary situation say that these will be the last issued owing to the near repeal of the present law.

A set of revenues is reported to be in course of preparation for Porto Rico the forerunner of the new issue being a \$1 value, which is being designed.

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CORRECTION.

In the notice of the November meeting published last week the following should be inserted:

The following were elected members:

Mr. Wm. D. Eldredge, Boston.
Dr. Chas. Burleigh, Malden.
Mr. Chas. H. Stone, Cambridgeport.
Mr. Louis G. Barrett, North Cambridge.
M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

Indiana Philatelic Society.

Nov. 16th.—Meeting of the Indiana Philatelic Society. Good attendance. Election of officers for 1901 was held. Result: President, Chas. E. Babcock, 2064 Park Av.; Vice-President, C. L. Zimmerman, E. 18th St.; Secretary, Leo. Kahn, 1106 S. East St.; Treasurer, Geo. Bull, 608 E. 20th St.; Exchange Manager, Geo. E. Fiscus, 1112 Ashland Ave.; Auction Manager, B. F. Egan, 507 Birch Ave.; all of Indianapolis, Ind. Meeting then adjourned.

Dec. 5th.—Twenty-seventh meeting opened by the retiring President, Mr. Fiscus, who made a few appropriate remarks. Mr. Babcock then took the chair. Meeting proceeded. Minutes read and accepted. President appointed Mr. Egan to fill office of Secretary until the return of Mr. Kahn who is out of the city.

Secretary ordered to pay subscriptions to WEEKLY ERA for next 6 months for all members in good standing.

Several other motions were passed. Report from retiring Treasurer received as follows: showing \$39.82 paid in. Expenses of year, \$7.60. Balance on hand, \$32.22.

Exchange Manager reported about 30% of value of stamps received having been sold.

Secretary reports 26 meetings during year, 6 members expelled, 2 resigned. All members now in good standing.

Reports of Treasurer and other officers correct. Adjournment then followed and members proceeded to have a good time.

Chicago Philatelic Society,

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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 335th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Dec. 6th, at Society's room, 104 E. Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by President Wolsieffer with 24 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Messrs. Dodd, Massoth, and Dahl were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a banquet to be held the second week in January. The committee have full power to act.

Mr. Oesch placed before the meeting a plan whereby the society could inaugurate a series of competition exhibitions of stamps with suitably inscribed ribbons as awards to the successful contestants. The plan was favorably received and immediately adopted. After a long discussion over the details, Messrs. Oesch, Wolsieffer and Severn were appointed a working committee to perfect the details and get the plan started. The committee are to appoint the judges for the various exhibitions.

Mr. A. Holland then offered a silver medal to the contestant winning the largest number of points in the first six months.

Report of the Governing Board.

The following were elected to membership:
Fred H. Sargent, Fort Yates, N. D.; Passive No. 615.

Edwin Ewell, Denmark, Ia.; Passive No. 616.

The following applications were ordered posted:
TRAITER, MAURICE, Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Mich.. Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

The nominations of Officers for 1901 now stand:

President: P. M. Wolsieffer (declined), A. F. Merell.

Vice President: C. B. Geldert, H. W. Wolsieffer.

Secretary: John J. Oesch (declined), C. W. Arndt.

Treasurer: Chas. Schlieckert (declined), P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch.

Governing Board (3 to be elected):
A. F. Boehm, F. J. Lefever,
P. J. Flanders, E. H. Russell,
E. C. Dodd, P. M. Wolsieffer,
W. H. Bauer,

After adjournment Mr. Alex. Holland exhibited his prize winning collection of Haytian stamps. This magnificent exhibition was admired by all present.

JOHN J. OESCH, Secretary.

At our next meeting, Thursday, Dec. 20th, the annual election of officers takes place. A full attendance is expected.

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SPECULATIVE ISSUES.

The postal authorities of Victoria have announced that they are prepared to sell, and have already sold, the series of current issues, inclusive of fiscals and postage due stamps, from 1/4d to £100, postmarked to order, for a low price. This virtually brings Victoria on a level with a number of small states who have to depend on the post office for a large share of their revenue. The Victorian Philatelic Society, who have hitherto set their face against all speculative issues, have, at the date of writing, as yet made no outcry against it. For their reputation's sake we hope that they will make every effort to stop this disgraceful act on the part of the authorities; for it is nothing less than the prostitution of philately. Apart from this it would at once lower the value of the genuine postmarked specimens of high value, which are catalogued at a good figure. The Sydney Society was the first to cry out against our own speculative issue, and it caused the authorities here to withdraw the O. S. postmarked-to-order issue. In the face of this the Victorian Society cannot well skirk, what seems to us an imperative action. The Berne Bureau's regulations are strictly against the issue of postmarked stamps. If this was brought under the notice of the authorities they no doubt will see the propriety of withdrawing their irregular proceeding.—*Australian Philatelist.*

EXCHANGES.

Want Indian relics, arrow and spear points in exchange for U. S. postage and revenues. State what you have and price. A. C. Ketcham, 24 Highland Place, Yonkers, N. Y. [97]

Fine exchange offered for used stamps in horizontal pairs in fine condition. Also want unused foreign stamps, cataloguing over 20 cents each, issued before 1897. Member Manhattan Philatelic Society. A. Herrmann, 116 Produce Exchange, New York City.

48 rare stamps to exchange for Belgium Hares, poultry, phonograph records, or flower bulbs. Stamps cat. nearly \$100 by Scott's 58th. Other stamps to exchange. Stamp for reply. Mrs. Lulu Hagadorn, 36 Mechanic St., Amsterdam, N. Y.

A fine lot of foreign stamps to exchange for United States and her Colonies. Also U. S. and Colonies to exchange for same. Send sheets and receive mine. D. E. Brown, 930 Holly St., New Whatcom, Wash.

5c Red Brown, unused, 55, cat. \$20.00, 1c Prop., Imp., 1c Telegraph, Imp., to exchange for best offer in stamps. D. Pick, 406 St. Nicholas Ave., N. Y. [97]

U. S. Revenue and M. and M. Proofs on Cardboard wanted in exchange for good stamps or Proofs of U. S. Stamps. Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Me. [88tc]

Entire U. S. Envelopes, Scott's Nos. 1302, 1311 and 1312, to exchange for good foreigners. W. Weber, 860 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y. [96c]

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.

Hawaii No. 4c, 65c; No. 41, \$1.20. U. S. No. 1304, entire, \$1.00, fine; 1847, 5c, 25c; N. Y. 5c on white cover, \$1.50; 1873, 7c, 25c; 1861, 1c ultramarine, 0.8, 45c. Approvals at net prices. Ulster Stamp Co., Rondout, N. Y.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending December 15, 1900.

New Stockholder.

1649. HENDERSON, JOSEPH B,
Columbus, Kansas.

Reinstated.

235. BECKER, ALFRED L., 163
Highland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Changes of Address.

178. BERLEPSCH, M. C., from Nath-
alie Ave., Kingsbridge, New York City, to
Great Barrington, Mass.

1485. KNUDSON, WM., from 106 E.
23rd St. to 257 West 18th St., N. Y. City.

92. MEKEEL, GEO. D., from 4618
Cook Ave., to 604 Century Bldg., St.
Louis, Mo.

1487. YOUNG, ALBERT H., should
be Box 1325 (Not 1525 as given in No. 391),
New Haven, Conn.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership December 8th	577
New Stockholder	1
Reinstated	1
Total Membership Dec. 15th	579

The Membership list has been closed and I hope to mail the Year Book by the 20th. In next week's issue will be published a list of all those dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues. I am satisfied that over half of this number are dropped simply because they have neglected to respond to the Treasurer's notice.

A written notice of suspension will be sent to each member thus dropped, informing them of the method of reinstatement.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Dec. 8th, 1900.

92 books of stamps in circulation
according to my report of Dec.
1st, valued at \$3204.73
22 books received during the week
valued at 624.42

Total No. books in circulation
114 valued at \$3829.15

The number of applications to be placed on circuits is so great that the supply of really good books is inadequate to meet the demand. Books containing desirable stamps in good condition, neither soiled or torn if priced right, find ready purchasers. There seems to be no demand for the cheap grade of stamps as a majority of the members of the Association have them.

If you intend disposing of part of your collection to specialize put them in the Sales Department where they are insured and you will have quick returns.

I will report on books at any time upon request.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS, 1900-1901.

The second regular meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, 1900-1901, was held at 1006 Journal building, Chicago, December 5th, at 4.30 P. M. Present: Samuel Leland, First Vice-President, and Messrs. Wolsieffer and Severn.

The Secretary presented correspondence showing the developments in the matters now being considered by the Board of Vice-Presidents.

A plan to gain publicity for the Association with the aim of adding ultimately to

its numeral strength was favored and a meeting is to be held soon so that the methods may be fully approved before the matter is to be brought to the attention of the other members of the Board of Directors.

Routine business was transacted. Adjournment.

C. E. SEVERN,
Secretary Board of Vice-Presidents.

NOTICE.

Members will accommodate Ex-Treasurer Smith and make the present incumbent feel more like a Treasurer by directing their dues to St. Paul instead of Winona.

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT DEC. 1, '00.

To the Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Association:

I hereby submit my report from August 31st, 1900, to December 1st, 1900:

General Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Aug. 31, '00,	\$111.55
September dues collected,	68.40
October dues collected,	342.90
November dues collected,	98.60
	<u>\$621.45</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1900	Voucher No.	
Sept. 17,	Geo. A. Burton,	27, \$45.00
	Kiln & Hall,	28, 12.00
	H. E. Deats, Sec.,	29, 73.61
Oct. 18,	H. G. Smith, Tr.,	30, 18.15
	31, Jones & Kroeger,	31, 21.50
	27, Anthony Kilgore,	32, 18.00
Nov. 12,	H. G. Smith,	33, 1.20
	E. Doeblin,	34, 5.65
	H. E. Deats, Sec.,	35, 1.20
	G. L. Toppan, Pt.,	36, 6.49
	19, D. H. Bacon & Co.,	37, 12.05
	30, P. F. Bruner, V. Pt.,	38, 6.38
		<u>\$221.23</u>

Bal. on hand Dec. 1st, 1900, \$400.22

Stock Fund.

Amt at credit Aug. 31, '00,	\$1,629.00
Received during October,	9.00
Received during Nov.,	2.00
	<u>\$1,640.00</u>

Entertainment Fund.

Amt. on hand Aug 31, '00, last report, \$125.89
Total amt. cash on hand Dec. 1, '00, \$2,166.11
Which I herewith tender with vouchers to cover all disbursements.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

Above shows condition of the Association's Treasury on December 1st, when Mr. Smith turned it over to the new Treasurer, Mr. C. L. Annan—ED.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes from Philadelphia.

The 15th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, Nov. 30th, at 2825 N. 12th St. In the absence of the President the Vice-President presided. Mr. Ellwood Johnson applied for membership. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The meeting then adjourned, but many stamps and tales were swapped before the company finally broke up.

Again Mr. James Whiteside has stolen a march on the rest of our local collectors and was the first to exhibit a complete collection of the surcharges and provisionals from the seat of the South African fracas. The unused set of V. R. I.'s including the 6d carmine were especially admired, likewise the Baden Powell and Bicycle provisionals. The Orange River Colonies surcharges were also commented on due no doubt to their fine execution and general appearance. Last but not least, a Kimberley Siege soup-ticket came in for its share of lionization. Taking all in all Mr. Whiteside had a collection of stamps in those surcharges etc. worth going miles to see.

Mr. R. D. Breniser late of Johnstown, Pa., has moved to our city and will no doubt greatly augment our philatelic gatherings this winter.

A movement is being made to consolidate the Pennsylvania Philatelic Society with the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association, a dormant organization whose officers have not made reports for many moons. It is to be hoped that the consolidation will not result disastrously to the former.

The 16th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday, Dec. 7th, at 2825 N. 12th St. The Vice-President again presided. Mr. Ellwood Johnson was elected to membership. Mr. R. D. Breniser applied for membership. Owing to the absence of the Auctioneer no auction was held. Mr. Breniser entertained us all with his tales of his Canadian experiences.

D. C. E.

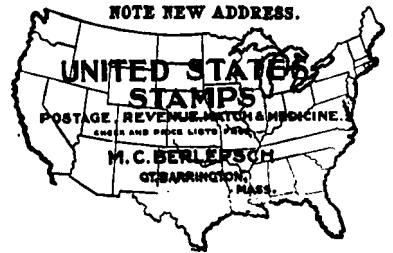
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" Soudan 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5c, unused.....	.10
Great Comoro 1897, 1, 2, 4, 5c, unused.....	.06
Indo China 1900, 5c* yellow green.....	.02
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25c Warehouse Receipt.....	.30
\$1.00 Manifest.....	.30
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	.65
\$1.50 Foreign Exchange.....	.38
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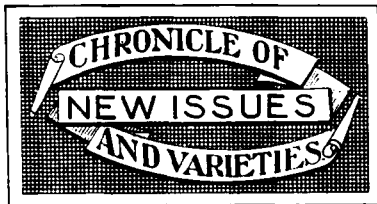
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Mr. A Lohmeyer has sent the ERA two commemorative pieces of stationery that possess some of the attributes of Oriental creations in that I am unable to fully describe their status. A postal card and letter card each bearing an impression of the circular 5 centavos green. On the reverse side of the postal card are the portraits of two distinguished looking gentlemen with the arms of Argentine Republic and Brazil ornamenting the design. The letter card has the same design, within, but the flap has impressed on it a 100 green, Brazil. It would seem as if Argentine Republic had been visited by two Brazilian officials and the post office department was endeavoring to extend the glad hand. I venture no authoritative statement as to cause of issue.

Post Card (Commemorative):
5c green on buff. Reverse in green and black.

Letter Card (Commemorative):
5c green on buff. Reverse in green and black.

CEYLON.—Will Mr. Otto Fuhrman who wrote me about stamps bearing the word "CAVE" please communicate his address to the editor of this department.

FINLAND.—It will be remembered that I rather doubted the wisdom of putting the mourning label of this country in the category of postage stamps, certainly not until the credentials presented had been carefully passed upon. It now appears according to certain correspondence in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that the pretensions of this label for recognition have no standing. I will supplement what I have already written, by quoting this rather interesting historical review:

"On the 14th of August, when the Finnish stamps were replaced by those of Russia, there was issued, by way of protest (not officially, but by private enterprise), a funeral label, with a solid black ground, bearing the Arms of Finland in yellow and

red, and the words 'SUOMI' above and 'FINLAND' below, in white. There was also a post card, with the same device in the right upper corner, 'UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE—CARTE POSTALE' at top, four dotted lines for the address, and an instruction in four languages at foot, on pale buff card 140x91 mm.

"The price of the label, '1 PENNI,' is marked on the back and the profits, if any, were to be devoted to the national schools. These labels were to be placed on the address side of the letters, and the Russian stamps on the other side.

"The Governor-General soon put an end to these demonstrations. Referring the matter to the Russian Ministry of the Interior, he obtained authority to forbid absolutely the use of these labels and cards, which were in circulation for not more than about forty-eight hours.

"These labels were never sold at the post office at Helsingfors, as has been stated in a French journal."

GREECE.—I gave early information of the use of the surcharged stamps (395) but the list printed needs two additions as follows:

Adhesives (Provisionals):

3d on 10 lepta, perf.
3d on 10 lepta, imperf.

It may be of interest to know the number of stamps surcharged. The official figures herewith given are incomplete in that the "A M" surcharges are not included:

20l on 25l,	950,000
30l on 40l,	180,000
40l on 2l,	180,000
50l on 40l,	170,000
1 dr on 40l,	140,000
2 dr on 40l,	100,000
3 dr on 10l,	80,000
5 dr on 40l,	75,000

NICARAGUA.—I have been shown by Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs an imperforate vertical pair of the 1893 5c dark blue. This is unlisted by Scott.

ROUMANIA.—I have referred to the pink gum issue (394) and am now informed that the following entire set has been issued. The watermark according to the *Monthly Journal* covers quite a territory, a block of twenty-five stamps being necessary to exhibit the same. It consists of a large "R" in each of the corner stamps of the upper row and the year of issue "1900" in the two corner stamps of the lower row. This is a commemorative issue pure and simple and differs only from the set hitherto in use in the matter of gum and watermark. On the authority of this same paper I recently listed (385) the 1, 5 and 15 bani on thin paper with pink gum but without a watermark. I will give the ERA readers the proper status of affairs when the atmosphere has cleared.

Adhesives (Commemorative):

1b pale brown.
3b red brown.
5b emerald.
10b rose-red.
15b black.
25b deep blue.
40b dark green.
50b orange.
1l grey-brown and rose.
2l orange and brown.

SALVADOR.—A provisional series of official stamps has been made according to the *A. J. of P.* by surcharging the Postage Due stamps of 1899 with "Franqueo Oficial" in oval accompanied by the wheel. The following values have thus far been treated:

Adhesive (Official):

On 1899 Postage Due.

1c orange.
2c orange.
5c orange.
10c orange.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, Perak.—In the past few weeks I have listed a number of provisionals. A "One Cent" on 2c (383) on 4c (390) on 5c (390) and "Three Cent" on 50c (392). According to Whitfield King & Co. there are several other provisionals to list. I have just received some of these provisionals from G. B. Calman of New York:

Adhesives (Provisionals):

"One Cent" on \$2.00.
"Three Cent" on 8c.
"Three Cent" on \$1.
"Three Cent" on \$2.

Written for the ERA.

Literature Notes.

"When are you going to give us some more literature notes?" is a question that I have had put to me nearly a hundred times during the past year or so, either verbally, or by letter. When I started these notes it was with the idea that they might interest a few of my readers and possibly arouse others to the fact that we had a literature which was worth investigating. Time for gathering the material for such notes has, however, been sadly lacking. I am not one of those persons who can sit down and reel off a few pages of wisdom on almost any abstruse subject and think that my dictum will settle it once and for all. When I say a thing I want to be able to back it up with some tangible proofs, and that means research, and researches take time. But I have been getting together a few scraps which I will now proceed to dish up.

A valuable series of articles dealing with the stamps, etc., of Belgium has been run-

ONLY ONE OF EACH!

Below I list a few of the Old issue Medicine stamps in my collection. Remember only one of each, so a small supplementary order will be appreciated. If stamps are sold money will be returned at my expense.

The prices quoted are net.

The letter following each price refers to condition: f, fine; g, good; fa, fair; p, poor.

	Old P.	Silk P.	Wkd. P.
J. C. Ayers & Co. 4c blue	\$.35 g	\$.10 f	\$.05 g
Brundreth Allcock's 1c blk.		.05 p	.02 f
John I. Brown & Son 2c gr.	.12 p	.03 fa	.04 fa
John Bull 1c black		.05 g	.05 f
" " 4c blue	.25 fa	.05 g	.05 f
Oliver Crook & Co. 4c blk.	.20 fa	.15 p	
Dalley's pain extract 1c blk.	.15 fa	.08 f	.16 f
Perry Davis & Son 4c brown	.20 fa	.04 p	.17 g
Fleming Bros. 1c blue		.03 p	.02 p
Seth W. Fowle 4c blk.		.05 f	.02 p
Dr. Harter & Co. 1c blk.	.50 f	.10 f	
Helmbold 2c blue	.08 f	.75 f	
Jno. F. Henry 1c blk.		.06 f	.02 f
" " 1c blue		.06 f	.03 f
" " 4c red.		.06 f	.03 f
Herricks Plasters 1c red.	.13 f	.05 g	.05 f
Hostetter & Smith 4c blk.		.13 f	.04 g
C. E. Hull & Co. 1c blk.		.08 f	.06 f
T. J. Husband 2c vermilion		.06 g	.08 f
D. Jayne & Son 1c blue	.03 p	.08 g	
" " 1c black	.05 p	.07 g	.04 g
" " 4c green	.14 f		.04 fa
Johnston, Holloway & Co. 1c blk.		.06 f	.06 f
" " 1c green		.06 f	.06 f
I. S. Johnson & Co. 1c ver.		.05 p	.03 p
J. H. McLean 1c blk.		.05 f	.01 g
R. V. Pierce 2c blk.	.55 f	.05 p	
Radway & Co. 2c blk.	.20 fa	.06 f	.02 f
D. Ramson & Co. 2c blk.	.22 g	.10 f	
Ring's Vegetable Am. 4c blk.	.50 f	.11 fa	.04 p
Wright's Indian Veg. Pills 1c gr.	.15 g	.05 f	.08 f
Young, Ladd & Co., perf. 1c gr.		.50 g	.11 g

Money refunded on any stamps not satisfactory.

If price is omitted on certain papers in the above list don't put them in your want list, they are sold.

LET ME PRICE YOUR WANT LIST.

F. R. HURST,

1317 Forest Ave., KANSAS CITY, MO.

ning for some years in the *American Journal of Philately*. There has been no system apparently in its arrangement and it is therefore a little difficult to find just the article that one wants without looking over most of the references in the annual indexes. I have therefore made a rough index by issues, etc., for my own use and reproduce it here for the benefit of my readers.

- 1850-63—XIII, 157, 296.
 1865-6—XIII, 297, 328, 395; IX, 108.
 1869—X, 31.
 1883, etc.—XI, 230; XII, 368.
 Antwerp—IX, 111.
 Brussels—IX, 518.
 Sunday Coupons—IX, 204.
 5 France—VIII, 403, 487.
 Express Stamps—X, 257, 306; XII, 219.
 Due Stamps—VIII, 590.
 Precancelled—IX, 22.
 Postal Packet Stamps—X, 116, 162.
 Telegraph Stamps—VIII, 450, 535.
 Envelopes—IX, 383.
 Entires with Sunday Labels—IX, 245.
 Postal Cards, etc.—XI, 9, 68, 118, 145, 189; XII, 85, 137, 175, 214.
 Manufacture of Belgian Stamps—X, 405, 442.

There are probably more articles to follow as the list is not quite complete as yet.

The following list of first issues of stamp papers in various countries is taken from an article in *Die Postwertzeichen-Kunde* by Victor Suppantchitsch in 1895:

England—*Monthly Advertiser*, December 15, 1862.

Belgium—*Le Timbre Poste*, February 15, 1863.

Germany—*Magazin fur Briefmarken-Sammler*, May 1, 1863.

Canada—*Stamp Collectors' Record*, February, 1864.

France—*Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, July 15, 1864.

United States—*Stamp Collectors' Record*, December 15, 1864.

Austria—*Briefmarken Anzeiger*, June 20, 1866.

Denmark—*Nordisk Frimaerke Tidende*, August, 1867.

Netherlands—*Continental Philatelic Magazine*, Indicator, 1869.

Spain—*Indicador de los Sellos*, July 15, 1870.

Italy—*Posta Mondiale*, July, 1873.

Argentine—*Revista Philatelia*, August 1, 1874.

Switzerland—*Schweizerische Briefmarken Zeitung*, October, 1875.

Chile—*Guia del Coleccionista de Sellos de Correos*, January 1, 1878.

Columbia—*Anunciador*, March, 1879.

New South Wales—*N. S. W. Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, November, 1879.

South Australia—*Australian Stamp Collectors' Journal*, November, 1879.

New Zealand—*N. Z. Stamp Collectors' Quarterly*, October, 1880.

Roumania—*Timbrophilo*, January 1, 1881.

Ecuador—*Revista del Mercado*, September, 1881.

Brazil—*Brazil Philatelic*, January 15, 1882.

St. Domingo—*Filatelic*, February 1, 1885.

Turkey—*Timbre Levantin*, May 25, 1886.

Norway—*Nordisk Frimaerkeblad*, July 31, 1886.

Peru—*Mercurio*, October 15, 1886.

Sweden—*Tidning for Frimaerksamlae*, December 1, 1886.

Portugal—*Philatelia*, April, 1887.

Hawaii—*Oceanic*, February, 1889.

Mexico—*Boletin de la Sociedad Filatelia Nacional*, March, 1889.

Tasmania—*Federal Australian Philatelist*, January, 1890.

Luxemburg—*Weltphilatelist*, May 20, 1890.

Curacao—*Correo del Caribe*, February, 1891.

Greece—*Hermes*, March, 1891.

Egypt—*Timbrologie Egyptienne*, October, 1891.

San Marino—*San Marino Philatelist*, January, 1892.

Venezuela—*Anunciado Filatelic de Venezuela*, January 30, 1892.

Puerto Rico—*Filatelia Antillana*, March, 1893.

Bollivia—*Filatelia Boliviana*, July, 1893.

Tripolis—*Timbrologie Africaine*, October, 1893.

India—*Indian Philatelist*, May 1, 1894.

If you were asked to make a list of such representative journals as would cover the period since 1863 to the present time, so as to show what had occurred in the philatelic world during that period what ones would you name. I tried it recently and found no difficulty in selecting three English periodicals which overlap each other so as to completely cover the entire period referred to above. The *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, 1863 to 1873 inclusive, the *Philatelist*, 1866 to 1878 inclusive (1877-8 being the *Philatelic Quarterly*) and the *Philatelic Record* from 1878 to the present time: *Alfred Smith's Monthly Circular* 1875 to date might be also mentioned but it is not, so does not contain much aside from its chronicle. During the past fifteen years there have of course been several which are valuable but the above three in themselves would cover the time. But sets of all three are not to be found in every library. The *Philatelist* especially commands good prices when it is offered at auction.

When we come to our own country it will take more papers to cover the period alluded to and we can not go back of December, 1864, when the first paper was issued by Allan Taylor in Montreal. I have not made up a satisfactory list yet myself and would like suggestions from my readers. From 1868 to 1879 and from 1888 to date is covered by the *American Journal of Philately*, but what shall we fill in the gaps with? The *Philatelic Journal of America*, 1885 to 1895 will fill in part of one gap.

Some time ago I had a query sent me by Mr. Jewett from a subscriber concerning the "Mormon" stamp. I had a distinct recollection of having seen an illustrated article on the stamp somewhere in my library, but with no index to help me I was at a loss to know where to look. Today I accidentally ran across the article in the *Philatelic Journal of America*, Vol. 5 page 95. Make a note of it for future reference. There are also several short items concerning it in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* Vol. 2 pages 22, 144, 169.

Some good lists of current philatelic papers have recently been published in the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt*. German, French, British, Dutch, Scandinavian and Italian have been listed so far.

A good alphabetical list of the most important articles in *Union* and *Der Philatelist*, 1877 to 1891 inclusive, appeared in *Der Philatelist* Vol. 13 page 39.

I am glad to say that the question of an index to our literature is now being seriously considered by the Committee on Philatelic Literature of the American Philatelic Association and some steps are likely to be taken soon to put it into motion. The report of the committee has taken most of our spare time recently revising the list of papers, and now that it is out time is ours for some other work.

W. C. STONE.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates and portraits.

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 15TH.

- Adhesive, Vol. I No. 12, December:**
 Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
 London Letter.
 Some Envelopes I Have Known.
- Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular,**
 No. 312, December:
 Porto Rico "Habilitados."
- Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXVIII No. 323,**
 November:
 Catalogue—Nicaragua—Norway.
- Carte Postale Illustré, Vol. II Nos. 16, 17,**
 October:
 Universal Exposition of Illustrated Cards at Paris.
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, No. 241,**
 November:
 Genesis of a Postage Stamp.
 Postal Marks of France.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XI**
 Nos. 10, 11, October, November:
 * Leon Brummer.
 Mecklenburg Envelope With Saxon Tress on Flap.
 Paris Exhibition.
 Postally Used Fiscals of Lombardy, Venetia.
 Old and New Catalogue and Price List.
- Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XIV No.**
 190, November 30:
 Stamps of Seychelles.
 Date Numbers.
- London Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 107, Nov.:**
 German China Provisionals.
 Der Philatelist vs. Mafeking Besieged.
 Dates of Issue of Mafeking Stamps.
 Wei-hai-Wei Courier Post.
- Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. V No.**
 61 (147), November 24:
 Mr. Turner's Mafekings.
 Collection of High Values.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV**
 No. 50 (519), December 13:
 Tientsin and Treaty Ports.
 English Periodical Stamps.
 Washington, Boston, Chicago, New York and California Notes.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No 10,**
 Dec. 8:
 Washington Notes.
 English Letter.
- Morley's Philatelic Journal, Vol. I No. 11,**
 November:
 V. R. I. on O. F. S. Postage.
 Types of 2c Seychelles.
 Bogus Hawaiian.
 Rare Fiscals at the Paris Exhibition.
 Telegraph Forms of Great Britain.
- Perforator, Vol. XVII No. 6, November:**
 Similarity of Designs in Postage Stamps.
 List of Paid Up Members P. S. of A.
- Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. IV No. 10,**
 October:
 Indian Telegraph Stamps.
 Dhar State Errors.
 Development of the Indian Post Office.
- Philatelic Record, Vol. XXII No. 12, Dec.:**
 Orange River Colony.
 Stamps of the Transvaal.
 Portuguese India Provisional.
- Quaker City Philatelist, Vol. I No. 2, Dec.:**
 Gumpas and Hinges.
 Current Comment.
- Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II**
 Nos. 9, 10, December 6, 13:
 Review of 1900.
 V. R. I. Varieties.
 Our Hobby.
 Chicago, Philadelphia and Canadian Notes.

With the December issue the *Adhesive* completes its first year and presents its readers with a title page and index for binding. In the 202 pages of the completed volume will be found many valuable articles, but I think that the seven chapters by R. R. Thiele on the arrangement of stamps in sheets are alone worth what Brother Chapman asks for the complete

volume. Eleven philatelists have had their phiz depicted and Miss Swift has entertained and instructed us every month. May the journal stick by us many years longer.

The rage for jubilee stamps has even struck the fiscals! The state of Amazonas, Brazil, has issued a series of four values to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Brazil. The design is illustrated in *L'Ami des Timbres* and has a bust of Columbus turned to the right with "IV Centenario de descoberta do Brazil Estado do Amazonas 1500-1900," at the top. It is quite a relief from the land (or sea) scape so common on commemoratives.

A very interesting article in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* entitled the "Genesis of a Postage Stamp" describes the various processes through which the stamp goes from the first rough sketch of the designer to the finished article. It is illustrated by reproductions of the French colonials of 1881, taken from essays presented M. Maury by M. Dubois, the artist.

The 10, 15, 25 and 50 centimes of each of the colonies are to be changed in color so as to conform to the Postal Union rules. The 10c will be red, the 15c rose gray on clear gray, the 25c blue and the 50c brown on blue. Only about seventy-six new varieties to commence the century with!

The stamps of Seychelles are the subject of the leading article in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. It is very thorough and interesting and will bear translating. It is to be continued.

Mafeking is the subject of two articles in the *London Philatelist* and the fact that one is from the pen of J. R. F. Turner makes it of especial interest to collectors, for the writer probably knows more about Mafekings than any other collector. He quite effectually sits down upon the writer in *Der Philatelist* who scoffed at the stamps as purely speculative, by showing numerous reasons for their issue. The fact that he has in his own collection upwards of fifty letters franked by from 200 to 300 of these stamps which went through the mail, either to Bulawayo or Great Britain, shows that they *did* pay postage. Two covers with these stamps are shown by half tones.

Edward J. Nankivell publishes in the *Philatelic Record* the most extensive and best arranged list of Orange River V. R. I. stamps that has yet been compiled. He commences with a list showing the quantities surcharged, and then describes the various varieties of the two main divisions, "level stops," and "raised stops," into which they are commonly divided. Of

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 U. S. 5c 1847, good copy34
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 6 different coins, 12c; 11 different coins24
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Canada Stamp Sheet, Vol. I No. 4, Dec :
Nutshell Hints for Collectors.
Illinois Notes.

Universal Penny Postage.
Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. V No. 62 (148), Dec. 1:
Transvaal V. R. I.'s.
United States Stamps.
Collection of High Values.

Filatelie Facts and Fallacies, Vol. IX No. 2 (98), November:
Henry J. Cracker Collection.
Edward Stephens Clark, M. D.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XIV No. 51 (520), December 20:
Corrections in Chinese Number.
Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago Notes.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 11, December 15:
Washington Notes.
Paris Stamp Auction.
English Auction Prices.
English Letter.

Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Vol. IX No. 14, November:
Stamp Postage.
Mafeking Siege Stamps.

Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist, Vol. III No. 2, December:
Hawaii.
Counterfeits.

Philatelic Inter-Ocean Vol. III No. 5 (15), December:
Postage Stamps from Guam.
Discouragement vs. Encouragement.

Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Vol. VI No. 9 (71), Sept.:

Postal and Telegraphic Doings in the Argentine in 1899.
Forgeries of Bolivian Stamps.
Paris Correspondence.
Stamps of the Argentine.
Stamps of Belgium, 1869.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VI No. 149, November 24:
How Philately Affects Gambia's Finances.
Philatelists' Insurance Policies.
What Do You Think of Mafekings?

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Vol. XI No. 125, November:

Cuba YK.
Stamps of the Argentine Republic.
Stamps of New South Wales.
Universal Penny Postage in New Zealand.

Worcester County Philatelist, Vol. I Nos. 10, 11, November, December, 1892:

Notes on U. S. Stamps.
Postal Cards.
Seebeck Contracts.
Balloon Letters of France.
Stamps of the Chinese Treaty Ports.

Filatelie Facts and Fallacies continues its account of the famous Crocker collection, and it is enough to make ones mouth water to read of such things as an unused pair of the 40 paras on 1/2 penny, British Levant, 6 penny Canada, perforated, on the original cover, etc.

Richard Geoghegan supplies some interesting items in correction of certain errors that crept into the Chinese number of *Mekeel's Weekly*. Mr. G. is acting British Vice Consul at Tacoma and is evidently an oriental linguist. His notes are of great interest and of value to all. Chinese stamps are more fashionable now than they used to be and we want to know all we can about them.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has an account of a stamp auction in Paris which was attended by its correspondent. It was conducted in a far different manner from those in this country, and from the fact that it took four hours to sell about one hundred lots, with no catalogue, and very little opportunity to see what you were bidding on, I think our sales would be somewhat of an eye-opener to the Parisians.

The *Philatelic Inter-Ocean* is with us once more, but does not contain so much literature matter as it used to. Stick to that subject Friend Cook and you will make more of a success than you will otherwise. We want a good paper of that character.

Our Argentine contemporary presents us with pages 61 to 68 of the fiscal catalogue of that country, the issues of the capital city being the text just at present. This catalogue, which has been running for some months, is of great value as it gives the quantities issued of most, if not all, the stamps listed. The illustrations are most excellent.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* gives an account of a suit brought to recover insurance on a collection of stamps owned by a prominent Jersey collector. The company tried to get out of settling for the stamps on technical points, but was assessed the full amount of the insurance.

Baron de Worms, Herbert Oldfield, R. B. Earee, R. Ehrenbach, W. Hadlow, Judge Philbrick, W. D. Beckton, Kirkpatrick & Pemberton and Stanley Gibbons express

their opinions on Mafekings and I think Mr. Beckton just about voices the opinions of most collectors, "ultimately they will be accepted by philatelists generally with a 'Don't let it occur again!'" Don't be in a hurry to buy seems to be the general opinion.

Some interesting clippings from the Wellington, N. Z., *Press* are given in the *Monthly Journal* concerning the recent announcement of universal penny postage by that far away land. Some of the law-makers there are worked up over the fact that the Queen's portrait is not to be on the new stamp and think it shows rather an unloyal spirit.

The articles on Argentine and New South Wales are continued and are full of interest.

Friend Brown sends me Nos. 10 and 11 of the *Worcester County Philatelist*, completing the volume. Although somewhat out of date they contain good articles and absolutely no advertisements. The Springfield Stamp Club was responsible for several of the articles.

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COUNTERFEITS AND REPRINTS OF THE SURCHARGED ISSUES OF 1898.

BY JOHN N. LUFF.

(Continued from page 78.)

The stamps of the first lot are, so far as I have seen, offered singly, that is to say, as detached specimens and not in sheets. The majority of them are cancelled. Not only have the surcharges been applied to used stamps, often of impossible dates, but unused stamps have been obliterated with fraudulent postmarks. I base the latter conclusion on the fact that, in one large selection which I have seen, the cancellations were all of certain dates, many of the stamps retained their gum, and irregularities in the perforation showed them to have belonged to the same sheets. The readers will remember that genuinely cancelled copies of these stamps can only bear dates from June 8th to October 17th, 1898, inclusive. Many of the surcharges are printed in an ink which is too red while others closely resemble the correct rose shade. The impression of these surcharges is usually too clear and sharp. The manufacturer has been liberal in providing inverted and double surcharges. I have before me the following varieties and think it probable that others exist.

Those marked * have forged cancellations.

"Habilitado para 1898 y 99"

Red or rose surcharge

*½m violet

¼m red brown

1m violet brown

2m salmon

4m blue green

1c claret

2c orange brown

3c dark blue

3c claret brown

4c slate blue

4c brown

5c yellow green

5c blue green

5c dark blue

*6c violet

20c olive gray

"Impuesto de guerra"

Red or rose surcharge

*5c on ½m red brown

Purple surcharge

*2c on 2m yellow green

Violet surcharge.

*5c on 1m violet brown

As I have said, the second lot is much more dangerous and is offered under conditions which tend to disarm suspicion. Leaving aside the test for genuineness, which we do not think it advisable to publish, the surcharges may be described as irregularly placed and often in too bright colors. The latter point is not, however, a

certain test. The forger evidently had no unused stock of the 3c dark blue and therefore selected for his purpose used copies which showed only a small portion of the cancellation mark. But in any large lot a few tell-tale dates can usually be found. The 5c green has also been decorated with a variety of surcharge hitherto unknown, viz: "IMPUESTO—DE GUERRA—2C. DE PESO," in three lines of Roman capitals, printed in either black or red. There is internal evidence that this variety is entirely fraudulent. In making these articles the collectors of varieties have been remembered, and inverted, double, and sideways surcharges have been provided for their detection.

The list of these frauds is as follow:

"Habilitado para 1898 y 99."

Rose surcharge

½m violet

2m salmon

3c dark blue

6c orange

8c rose

40c claret

"Impuesto de guerra 2c de peso"

Black surcharge

2c on 5c blue green

Red surcharge

2c on 5c blue green

The 3c blue and 8c rose exist with genuine surcharge and Mr. Andreini has a copy of the ½m violet on which the overprint, though somewhat blurred, appears to answer all tests. I doubt that any others of this list were ever officially and correctly surcharged.

But the most dangerous items of this lot are, what I believe to be, reprints. In *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News* for October 25th, Mr. Andreini states that Mr. Fontanelli—the purchaser of the remainders of the surcharged stamps and of the hand-stamps by which the work was done—told him that one of the surcharging dies had "unaccountably disappeared."

I have before me certain impressions of the "Impuesto" surcharge in three lines which, beyond any question, are not originals. The surcharge is identical with the first variety of the row of five and I believe that to have been the one which was lost or stolen and that these impressions were made from it. The list is as follows:

Surcharged "Impuesto de Guerra" and new value:

Purple surcharge.

2c on 2m salmon

Rose surcharge.

5c on ½m red brown

5c on 1m blue

5c on 5c yellow green

I have seen undoubted originals of the 2c on 2m salmon but I believe the others of the above list to be entirely fancy articles. There is, however, a genuine surcharge in violet of 5c on 1m blue.

In view of these unpleasant discoveries, I am inclined to doubt the genuineness of

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certain other varieties of these surcharges which have been chronicled but which I have not seen. If any of my readers can loan me copies of the following the favor will be appreciated.

"Habilitado para 1898 y 99"

Rose surcharge.

4c lilac rose

"Impuesto de Guerra"

Purple surcharge.

2c lilac rose

5c yellow green

Rose surcharge.

2c on 2m salmon

2c on 5c yellow green

Black surcharge.

2c on 2m salmon

3c on 10c rose

4c on 20c rose

5c on 5c blue green.

—*American Journal of Philately.*

At the close of the foregoing article the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., add a note to the effect that they may have possibly sold a few of the counterfeits described, being unaware of their true character. They list these varieties as follows:

"Habilitado Para 1898 y 99."

Rose surcharge, ½m violet

2m salmon

3c blue

6c orange

"Impuesto de Guerra."

Rose surcharge, 5c on ½m red brown

5c on 1m blue

2c on 5c blue green

5c on 5c yellow green

Purple surcharge, 3c on 2m salmon

Black surcharge, 2c on 5c blue green

And add "If any of our customers have recently purchased from us any of these varieties, we will thank them to return the stamps. If, on examination, they prove to bear fraudulent surcharges, we are prepared to refund the amount paid for them."

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

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Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

We extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greeting to all our readers.

The familiar orange £5 stamp of the New England Stamp Co. can now be obtained perforated on unwatermarked paper, gummied ready for use. They have been issued in sheets of sixteen stamps with the four outer edges straight, without imprint or plate number.

This number is issued as our December or "Holiday Special" without advance notice, and our regular advertisers will receive the advantage of an extra circulation without the usual increase in competition.

We acknowledge receipt of 1901 price list from Chas. E. Birr & Co., Chicago.

NEW ISSUE—FRANCE!

We have just received an unexpected new issue from France. Entirely new designs, delicate colors, and the higher values in large size. The demand for them will doubtless be great.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, set 5 var \$0 07; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25c, set .25; Same, with 30, 40, 50c, 1 fr, set .85; 2 francs .60; 5 francs 1.35

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JANUARY SPECIAL.

The Special for next month will be an unusually interesting one, devoted to Chicago Philatelics, and designated as our "C. P. S. Special," being issued in the honor of that well known hustling Society, and the special literary matter will be under its charge.

The number will receive an extra large circulation and especial efforts will be made to have a copy reach every Chicago collector who is at present or has been in recent years interested in stamps, but besides this it will receive a general free circulation to names gathered by us during the past few months.

The Special will be dated January 8th. As advertising space will be limited we must advise anyone contemplating using any considerable space to write early, and thus obtain good location, etc.

We have been kindly favored with a copy of the Year Book of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, handsomely bound in cloth, some 500 pages in size, containing full report of the work of the Section on Philately for the year 1899-1900. This is a valuable book for every philatelic library, and may be had by addressing the Secretary of the Section, Mr. John D. Carberry, 1125 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., and enclosing 14 cents to defray the postage on same.

We wish to state for the benefit of all interested that we have had an Index of Volume XIV compiled and will have same printed as soon as possible. A copy will be sent free, when ready, to all desiring it. We are under obligations to Mr. Fred Doughty of Saginaw, Mich., for the labor of compilation and hereby extend our thanks. Thanks are also extended the several friends who volunteered their services for this work.

Mr. Egan of Indianapolis informs us that all parties who put claims in his hands against one Wm. C. French of Grand Rapids, Mich., obtained settlement through the efforts of Mr. Larmour, Post Office Inspector at Battle Creek, Mich.

The 6th Catalogues have at last appeared and by this time a copy is probably in the hands of most of our readers. If you have not yet ordered a copy remember that when you send in your subscription you can obtain a copy postpaid by enclosing in addition the retail price of the book, 50 cents.

AN ADVERTISER SURPRISED.

One of our recent new advertisers writes us, under date of Dec. 18th, as follows: "I have received quite a little bunch of mail from my first ad. The result surprised me."

Uncle Sam!

Table listing various stamps and their prices, including No. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.

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Table listing various stamps from Queensland and other regions with prices, including No. 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, Netherlands 1891-4, 3c to 50c, set of 11, Paraguay 1900, mint 2c, 5c, 10c, Dominican Rep. 1900, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 10c, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.

Send for one of our approval books. Reference. T. MERRITT GIFFORD, - New Bedford, Mass.

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Table listing various U.S. Department stamps and their prices, including Agriculture 2c yellow, used or unused, 3c yellow, used or unused, 10c yellow, unused, 12c yellow, used, 15c yellow, used, Executive 2c carmine, unused, 6c carmine, used, 10c carmine, unused, Interior Unused set complete, Justice 1c, unused, 6c, unused, 10c, unused, 12c, unused, 24c, used, 30c, used.

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Barbados 1884, 4d slate.....	\$0.14
Curacao 1873, (No. 6) 50c purple.....	.18
1892, 12½c, 25c, each.....	.03
Dominican Republic 1899, 5c blue.....	.02
10c orange.....	.05
Dutch Indies 1892, 2½ gld brown and blue.....	.28
1899, 10 on 10c.....	.04
Gold Coast 1889, 10sh lilac and red.....	.72
Great Britain 4, green.....	.65
Netherlands 1888, (No. 37) 7½c.....	.04
(No. 39) gulden.....	.10
1896, 1 gulden.....	.09
1898, 1.....	.10
Norway 1879, 6 sk brown.....	.10
St. Vincent 1887-91, 2½d on 1d blue.....	.04
Spain 6c 1850, '51, '52, '53, the four for.....	.14

All of above are fine lightly cancelled copies.

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90 Nassau Street, - NEW YORK CITY.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Dub.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 59th sale was held on December 12th when 527 lots were sold. Switzerland 1850, 5R, a pair, catalogue \$3.00, sold for \$9.05. Their next sale will be held January 16th and 18th, when two fine general collections will be offered.

It is an interesting fact that the letter carriers in Porto Rico, while under Spanish dominion, received no pay from the Spanish government. Their salaries were paid by the citizens by a charge of one centavo for each letter delivered to them. Firms or others receiving a large mail were accustomed to pay the carriers a certain sum each week or month. These carriers were simply appointed by the government and then left to shift for themselves, and collect their own salary if they could.

EMERSON DRUG CO. SET.. 5c.

J. Ellwood Lee Set FREE!

We were very much surprised to read an advertisement in this paper of a prominent New England stamp firm stating the Lee Private Die stamps were made for collectors, which they know is not so, and at the same time advertising Lee's "Provisional" (?) Surcharges, 75c a set, inverts \$3.00 etc.

I have been in the employ of the Lee Co. for a number of years as a traveling Salesman, and have carried around in my grip samples of the products of their factories, with these so called provisional stamps attached, ever since the law was enacted, not thinking they were worth taking off. If you want to fill your album with this kind of stuff send in a set of the regular proprietaries and at a nominal cost will have our firm stamp them for you any old way desired, any colored ink, both sides, bias, inverted, etc., etc., or better still, get an engraver to make you a rubber stamp for your order for 50c, and go into the business. Any ordinary collector with common sense knows that the Lee Co. Private Die stamps are a regular government issue, but since the repeal of the law, the demand for all the Private Die stamps is so great, and, as stated before, there being only 2000 perfect sets issued, we would be foolish to sell the few sets we have remaining for less than \$1.00. They are not here, call them what you will. But if you don't care for *ghm* and are willing to take your chances on condition, if you are quick, you can get a set for nothing. Every collector has a friend in the drug business. Have him order for you Lee's Arnica Court Plaster for the 7½c, Lee's Cough Plaster for the 7½c, Belladonna Rolls for the 5c, and these you are.

The Emerson Drug Co., Baltimore, Maryland, will send you a set of their stamps for 5c and postage, but will not send more than 1 set, so it will be useless to send for blocks, strips, etc. We have these sets in stock, but are not for sale till we are able to get enough to fill our catalogue orders advertised and complete sets of entire series, 29 varieties, which we offer for \$5.00, Post Free. Other Patent Medicine manufacturers and the laity are writing us daily for a set, complete, as a souvenir of the Spanish war etc., and our former price lists and quotations for these stamps are cancelled. A new complete price list in the press and we will send you one, if you are on our mailing list. If you have deferred getting a collection of these stamps you had better do so at once. Our \$5.00 price will be advanced, if orders continue to come in as they are doing.

LEWIS ROBIE, - - Ithaca, Mich.

Miss LILLIAN H. MURRAY, Manager.

You said no yesterday, say yes today.

The New England Stamp Co. have just received a consignment of the new Bright's A B C Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps, Envelopes, Wrappers and Post Cards. This fourth edition catalogue is an improvement over the third edition, published nearly two years ago. Many new and improved illustrations have been added, and a new feature introduced which divides the used stamps of Great Britain only into two classes, which specialists of this country will no doubt appreciate, knowing the difficulty of procuring lightly postmarked stamps. The prices quoted for used copies in most catalogues is utterly unreliable as regards stamps in fine condition, therefore they have priced two grades of used stamps, "Light Cancellation" and "Usual Cancellation." It is understood, however, that the prices for usual cancellations is not for extremely heavily obliterated copies. A few quotations perhaps will be interesting, showing the difference in price between light and ordinary cancellations:

1862, Watermarked Large Garter.			
4p red,	Light.	Usual.	
0 6		0 1½	
1872-94, Watermarked Spray Rose.			
6p brown,	1 6	0 8	
6p buff,	1 6	0 8	
1878, Watermarked Maltese Cross.			
10sh slate,	30 0	17 6	
1£ brown lilac,	50 0	25 0	
1880, Watermarked Spray Rose.			
1sh salmon,	6 0	3 6	
2sh red brown,	70 0	40 0	
1880, Watermark Crown.			
1sh salmon,	1 0	0 8	
1883-84, Watermark Crown.			
4p green,	1 0	0 6	
9p green,	5 6	3 0	
1sh green,	1 0	0 6	
1£ pur. brown,	15 0	10 0	

From the preceding prices it will be seen that this firm consider lightly cancelled copies worth on an average from 33½ to 50% more than ordinary copies in the case of the stamps of Great Britain, which we must admit are, as a rule, more heavily cancelled than many other coun-

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tries. Using these prices as a criterion it would seem to be a fair estimate to say that stamps lightly cancelled ought to bring from 20 to 25% more than ordinarily or usually cancelled copies. In view of the fact that this matter of condition of the cancellation is becoming so important a factor in the purchase or sale of stamps, I can see, at no far distant day, the adoption by the leading catalogue makers of the world of this method of pricing postage stamps.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

American Philatelic Association.

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For the Week Ending December 22, 1900.

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Resignations Accepted.

1211. MASON, HARRY R., Newton, Mass.

978. TOOMBS, J. EVERETT, Worcester, Mass.

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453. ANDREEN, OSCAR.
1618. ARDEN, CHAS. L. F.
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37. BERGHOLZ, CHAS.
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1558. DEVEREUX, F. G., M. D.
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1623. DEWITT, SIDNEY H.
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117. FLACHSKAMM, H.
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129. GURDJI, V.
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162. KOENIG, FRANK.
1637. KAHN, LEO.
1176. LABELLE, Lt. Col. A. E.
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635. LINSLEY, E. B.
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274. MOREAU, C. L.
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896. WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. Com. A. G.

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129. GURDJI, V., 618 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
1234. HANSON, C. R., Gloucester, Mass.
472. KONIG, LUDWIG, Jagersberg 18, Kiel, Germany.
1490. PALMER, L. B., 29 Park Row, New York City.
896. WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. COMDR. A. G., U. S. S. Albany, care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Sq., London, Eng.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership reported Dec. 15	579
New Stockholder.....	1
Error.....	2
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	3
Resignations accepted.....	2
Dropped for non-payment of dues 139	<hr/>
	141
Total Membership Dec. 22nd	441

The Year Book will be mailed direct by the printer, Mr. D. H. Bacon, Derby, Conn. He informs me that all will be sent by the 22nd.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS, 1900-1901.

The third regular meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, 1900-1901, was held at 75 State St., Chicago, December 8th, at 4.30 P. M. Present: Samuel Leland, First Vice-President, and Messrs. Wolsieffer and Severn.

The report of H. G. Smith, Winona, Minnesota, as Treasurer, for the period from August 31st to December 1st, 1900, was approved. The amount of cash on hand, \$2,166.11, was sent to the Treasurer, C. L. Annan, St. Paul, Minnesota, whose bond has been accepted by the Board of Directors.

Routine business was transacted.
C. E. SEVERN,
 Secretary Board of Vice-Presidents.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
 WINONA, MINN., Dec. 15th, 1900.

114 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 8th, valued at \$3829.15
 13 books received since Dec. 8th, valued at 487.30

Total No. books in circulation
 127 valued at \$4316.45

Members in making requests to be put on circuits should in all cases give their full address with street number.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

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The 6th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday, December 10, 1900. Present—Messrs. Bruner, Calman, Luff, Perrin, Scott and Stebbins.

The President called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$1,099.61 exclusive of U. S. bonds, was approved as read.

Moved by Mr. Calman and seconded by Dr. Stebbins, that the Treasurer be authorized to sell our 4% U. S. bond, and that a committee of three including the chair be appointed to make a new investment not to exceed \$1,200. Motion carried, the committee appointed being Messrs. Bruner, Andreini and Scott.

The House Committee's monthly report was read and accepted.

Dr. Stebbins tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Governors, on account of inability to attend the meetings as often as he should desire; resignation accepted with regrets.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried,

a committee consisting of Messrs. Calman, Luff and Scott was appointed to have published the Constitution, By-Laws and membership list of the Club at a cost not exceeding \$50.

Three of the applicants for membership having been posted the required length of time, their names were balloted upon and Messrs. Hazzard, Power and Washburn were declared to have been unanimously elected subscribing members of the Club.

The following application for membership was received and posted on the bulletin board.

CHARLES J. PHILLIPS, London, England, subscribing member; proposed by P. F. Bruner, seconded by John N. Luff.

Adjourned at 10.15 P. M.
ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

GOVERNORS' MEETING.

The 61st meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Wednesday evening, December 12, 1900.

Present Messrs Bruner, Calman, Deats, Luff, Perrin and Scott.

The meeting was called to order at 9.45 P. M., with Mr. Calman in the chair and Mr. Perrin acting as secretary.

Mr. P. F. Bruner was nominated and unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. M. Andreini was nominated and unanimously elected Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. W. Scott was nominated and unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. Albert Perrin was nominated and unanimously elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Moved, seconded and carried that the President appoint the members of the various committees and announce same at the next meeting of the Governors.

Adjourned 9.55 P. M.
ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING—1900.

The fifth meeting of the stockholders and fourth annual meeting of the Club was held at the Club House on Wednesday evening, December 12, 1900.

The meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M. by President Bruner.

The following members answered to the calling of the roll: P. F. Bruner, Jno. F. Black, M. C. Berlepsch, H. L. Calman, H. E. Deats, N. Diechbourg, W. F. Gregory, J. Herzog, L. M. Homburger, G. E. Jones, John N. Luff, W. F. Morgan, Albert Perrin, Jos. S. Rich, H. E. Robinson, J. W. Scott, W. S. Scott, P. Stypmann, Geo. R. Tuttle.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting of the stockholders was dispensed with.

The reports of the following officers was received and read:

- The President's report.
- The Treasurer's report.
- The Secretary's report.
- The House Committee's report.
- The Amendment Committee's report.
- The Auditing Committee's report.
- The Membership Committee's report.
- The Literary Committee's report.

Moved by Mr. J. W. Scott, seconded by Mr. Calman that the phraseology of the Constitution and By-Laws be revised where required: carried.

There being no further general business before the meeting, the election of Governors was in order.

The names of Messrs. Bruner, Calman and Scott being the only nominations be-

fore the meeting for Governors to hold office until December 1903, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote. Mr. Low's name also being the only nomination for term of one year to succeed Mr. Stebbins who had resigned, the Secretary was instructed similarly in this case, and the Chair duly declared the election of Messrs. Bruner, Calman and Scott to hold office for three years and Mr. Low for one year.

Adjourned at 9.40 P. M.
ALBERT PERRIN, 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 notices. 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 wish to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps with collectors in U. S. and Canada. Send your sheets and receive mine. Bert Shrader, Rural Route No. 1, Greentown, Ind.

Die A 1857 Envelopes, rare foreign and U. S. for others. Send sheets and receive mine. Reference First National Bank. J. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

A good copy of 3c Proprietary Imperf. to exchange for other stamps of equal cat. value. C. F. Case, Sam's Valley, Oregon.

Want Indian relics, arrow and spear points in exchange for U. S. postage and revenues. State what you have and price. A. C. Keitcham, 24 Highland Place, Yonkers, N. Y. [97]

5c Red Brown, unused, 55, cat. \$30.00, 1c Prop. Imp., 1c Telegraph, Imp., to exchange for best offer in stamps. D. Pick, 466 St. Nicholas Ave., N. Y. [97]

U. S. Revenue and M. and M. Proofs on Cardboard wanted in exchange for good stamps or Proofs of U. S. Stamps. Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Me. [98]

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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.

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We present herewith illustrations of the new designs and list the set as follows:

- 1c bistre.
- 2c mauve.
- 3c light brown.
- 4c brown.
- 5c light green.
- 10c carmine.
- 15c orange.
- 20c purple brown.
- 25c blue.
- 30c lilac.
- 40c red and light blue.
- 50c brown and light blue.
- 1fr dull red and light green.
- 2fr purple and orange yellow.
- 5fr blue and orange yellow.

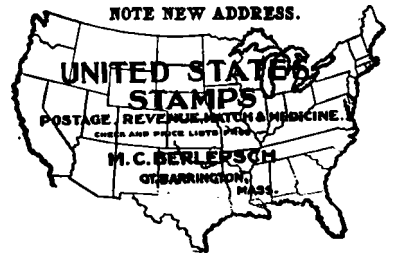
The 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5c are of the design of 4c; the 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30c of the design of the 15c, and the 40, 50c, 1, 2 and 5fr of the design of the 50c.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

The eighth auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Saturday, Dec. 15th, at the Palmer House. About 40 collectors were present and the bidding was lively throughout, and good prices were the order of the evening. This sale was without doubt the best of the C. P. S. sales, and the result justified the statement, that good stamps will always bring their value, even at auctions. The surprise of the evening was the prices realized on the United States stamps, as for a year or two these stamps went very low at Chicago auctions but the reaction set in and the bidding was strong on them.

Requests have been received by a local dealer, for approval selections, from Henry Smith, Burlington House, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Frank Sullivan, East Sioux Falls, S. D. Both requests were written on postal cards and the handwriting appears identical. As both request stamps to add to a 15,000 variety collection it might be well for dealers to think twice before sending them.

JOHN J. OESCH.

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

The 60th edition Catalogue reached Chicago and was placed on sale Dec. 24th. The usual flurry of sales, attending the receipt of the first batch of new catalogues, did not materialize, and comparatively few copies were sold the first day. The Catalogues are on sale in all the local stamp shops with the exception of Wolsieffer's. Their absence in this popular store is noticeable as he handled and sold thousands of copies of this necessary book in past years. Mr. Wolsieffer explains that he refused to sign the Scott Co.'s contract, binding him to refrain from cutting the regular price on the catalogue. This contract, by the way, is broken every time a dealer offers a premium with the catalogue at the usual price. Wolsieffer could not conscientiously sign the contract and then meet the competition. In future he will sell the Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, as an increased demand is springing up for this reliable edition.

The holiday sale of stamp albums was rather disappointing and some of the dealers lay the blame to the exclusion of the cut square foreign envelopes from the album. Many sales are reported lost on this account.

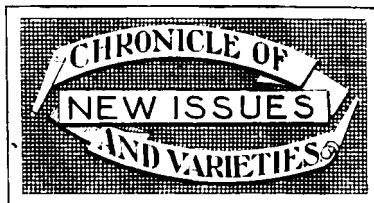
At the last meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society the annual election of officers was held and resulted as follows:

President—A. F. Merell.
 Vice President—C. B. Geldert.
 Secretary—C. W. Arndt.
 Treasurer—John J. Oesch.
 Governing Board—P. M. Wolsieffer, F. J. Lefever, P. J. Flanders.

Mr. Chas. J. Phillips of London attended the meeting and after adjournment exhibited his superb lot of rare stamps. All present were deeply interested and pleased with having the privilege of examining such a lot of rarities. I understand, Mr. Phillips' sales in Chicago amounted to several thousand dollars.

Referring to the surcharged German stamps (Germania Type) for use in the Levant, I notice the surcharge on the values 10 Pa, 20 Pa, 1 Pi, 2 Pi has the word Para and Piasters printed in capitals, while the values 1¼ Pi, 1½ Pi, 2½ Pi are printed in capitals and small letters. There *might* be a change in this later on.

JOHN J. OESCH.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

FRANCE.—After many months the new set has put in an appearance as mentioned in last week's ERA. I have been shown the same by Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., and while the set shows a large amount of care and thought, I am inclined to think that the public generally will be ill at ease. The first impression will not be a favorable impression and that means much when a set of stamps is seeking favor. I give illustrations of the different designs, represented by other values than those reproduced in No. 397. We list the entire set:

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1c gray.
- 2c red violet.
- 3c red brown.
- 4c brown.
- 5c green.
- 10c carmine.
- 15c orange.
- 20c brown violet.
- 25c ultramarine.
- 30c lilac.
- 40c vermilion and blue.
- 50c brown and blue.
- 1fr carmine and olive.
- 4fr mauve and orange.
- 5fr blue and (r).



HONG KONG.—In number 390, I referred to new envelopes issued by this colony but refrained from listing as I could give no

description of same. The 1c envelope is oblong in shape, 140 by 78mm. A set of Registration envelopes is thus described by Major Evans:

"These are in the current 'THOS. DE LA RUE AND CO. LTD. PATENT' style; the formula on the address side is headed 'HONG KONG REGISTERED LETTER', and there is an oblong space at the lower left for 'NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER.' On the back is a table of fees for insurance, from 25c for \$120, up to \$1.20 for \$1,200. The whole formula is in red."

Envelope (Regular):
 1c yellow on white.

Envelopes (Registration):
 10c purple, various sizes.

MAURITIUS.—A small sized envelope, 102x85mm. has been issued, un gummed flap, value 2c.

Envelope (Regular):
 2c lilac on white.

NEW ZEALAND.—I listed some time since (390) varieties in the postage due stamps. The *Monthly Journal* noted these the chronicle resulting in further discoveries that we now give *in extenso*:

"In reference to the Postage Due stamps, some varieties of which we noted last month, we regret to state that there are not only two sizes of the letter 'd' which accompanies the figures in the centre, but there are also two distinct varieties of the design of the stamps, differing in many of the details. They will therefore have to be classified as follows:

Die I. Fourteen dots and curves in the horse-shoe frame round the figures; the last curve on the right has the convex side outwards: 'POSTAGE DUE' measures 14½ mm., including the dot.

a. With large 'd.'
 ½d

b. With small 'd.'
 5d, 6d, 8d, 10d.

The 1s and 2s we have only seen in Die I.

Die II. Thirteen dots and curves in the horse-shoe; the last curve on the right has the concave side outwards: 'POSTAGE DUE' measures 13½ mm., including the dot; the letters 'N. Z.' are smaller than in Die I.

a. With large 'd.'
 ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d.

b. With small 'd.'
 1d, 2d, 4d.

SAMOA.—Mr. Hopkins of *Mekel's News* believes that collectors of U. S. will now be interested more than ever in these islands in view of their distribution between Germany and our own land. He quotes the following interesting discoveries recorded by the *Australian Philatelist*:

"It will be remembered that early in 1895 the Samoan post office was burned down and all the stock of stamps, with the exception of the 1s, were destroyed. The 1½d, and 3d surcharged on 2d orange

were in use at this time, and of course perished in the flames. The next consignment of Samoan stamps sent from New Zealand were printed in lighter shades than the former lots, and on the 2d yellow the surcharge will be found to differ very materially from the surcharge on the 2d orange. In the first type of the 1/2d the '2' of the fraction has a straight tail, in the second the '2' has an upright stroke to the tail. In the 3d the 'R' in the first type measures 3 1/2 mm in width and in the second type 4 mm. No doubt the types for overprinting the 2d were also destroyed in the fire, and new ones had to be constructed. This, no doubt, will account for the difference in the type of the surcharges."

VATIU.—I have already (384) listed the 8 piastres surcharged on the 2fr France. According to *Le Philatiste Francaise* the 5 francs has now been surcharged "20 piastres."

Adhesive (Provisional):
20 piastres on 5fr, red lilac on lavender.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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To the Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:

The Committee on Entertainment appointed at the last meeting, consisting of Messrs. Lyons, Burns and Pitman, have for Tuesday evening, Jan. 15th, 1901, secured the services of

MR. HARLOW E. WOODWARD, who has kindly consented to give his reminiscences of old time stamp collecting. Those who have heard Mr. Woodward discourse know it will be interesting, and your committee wish all members who can to attend and bring your stamp collecting friends with you.

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 - 1601 Etruria, Crown, Baptism of Jesus. 2.25
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Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
 - American Journal of Philately, Vol. XIII No. 12, December:
 - Orange River Colony.
 - Thurn and Taxis and Its Postage Stamps.
 - Oldest Pre-cancelled Stamps.
 - English Letter.
 - American Philatelic Magazine, Vol. V Nos. 1, 2, October, November:
 - Little Things About U. S. Stamps.
 - Tales from Life.
 - Cuba YX.
 - Keokuk Carter Speculates.
 - Speculation and Prices.
 - American Philatelist, Vol. XIV, 1900:
 - *Charles Philip Krauth.
 - By-Laws American Philatelic Association.
 - Fifteenth Annual Convention Report.
 - Reports of Officers etc.
 - List of Members.
 - Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. X No. 12, December:
 - Moens' Retirement from Philately.
 - Bulletin Mensuel de la Societe les Echanges Reunis, Vol. IV No. 44, Dec.:
 - *Armand Dethier.
 - Canada Stamp Sheet, Vol. I No. 4, Dec.:
 - Nut-hell Hints for Collectors.
 - Taken from the N. Y. Press.
 - Exchange, Vol. II No. 5 (11), December:
 - St. Kitts.
 - Buying Stamps in Turkey.
 - Mitteleuropaeische Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol. IX No. 12, December:
 - The New Senf Catalogue.
 - German Private Post.
 - General Anzeiger fur Philatelle, Vol. XVIII No. 365, December 4:
 - Advertisements.
 - Mekeel's Weekly, Vol. XIV No 52 (521), December 27:
 - Washington, Chicago, Boston and New York Notes.
 - Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 12, December 22:
 - Washington Notes.
 - Montreal Philatelist, Vol. III No. 6 (30), December:
 - Chronicle and Reviews.
 - New York Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 3, Dec.:
 - The Overobliging Postmaster.
 - Philatelic West Etc., Vol. XIV No. 1, Dec.:
 - *T. O. Young, R. V. McGrew, Felipe Nevada.
 - Counterfeits and Their Detection—Chile.
 - English Postmarks.
 - Philatelist of Old vs. Philatelist of Modern Times.
 - War Issues.
 - Postal Cards of Finland.
 - Hints on Hayti.
 - *W. G. L. Faxman, Chas. Beamish, C. Cools, C. E. Dudding, E. Chandee, C. W. Myers.
 - Philatiste Francais, No. 80, November:
 - Sea Post Offices.
 - New Stamps from Switzerland.
 - "Bordeaux" Stamps of France.
 - Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II No. 11, December 20:
 - Chicago, Canada, Philadelphia and New York Notes.
 - Revue Philatologique Francaise, Vol. XI No. 117, November:
 - Stamps of Nevis.
 - Stamps of St. Pierre-Miquelon.
 - Congo Francais.
 - Control Marks on French Stamps.
 - U. S. Fiscals for the Philippines.
 - Fiscals of Berne.
 - Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VI No. 150, December 8:
 - Dates of Mafekings etc.
 - Values of Grenadas.
 - Paraph of Puerto Rico.
 - Stamps of Mecklenburg Schwerin.
 - Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt, Vol. X No. 12, December:
 - Philatelic Papers in Slav, Magyar, Roumania, Portuguese and Spanish.
 - Philatelic Papers of the United States.
- The list of Orange River V. R. I. stamps which was prepared by Edw. J. Nankivell for the *Philatelic Record* and which I noted

Two Letters FROM A... PLEASED PATRON:

CHICAGO, Oct. 1, 1900.
 * * * I have between 4500 and 5000 specimens in my collection. I do not collect revenues, Mexico, the Seebek countries, China, or Col. Republic. If you have anything you think I can use as per your ad in ERA shall be glad to receive a selection.
 Yours truly, D— W—

CHICA O, Oct. 11, 1900.
 * * * Enclosed please find book of stamps from which I have taken \$3.48 less 50%, and send herewith \$1.75 in payment. The stamps you sent were the best I ever received at the price, remarkably good specimens and I shall be glad to receive further consignments. No U. S. at present.
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18,	1/2c on 3c or. yellow, .03	44,	1c on 3c red, .03
19,	1/2c on 3c yellow, .03	45,	2c on 3c red, .06
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123rdm-404) THE HAGUE, HOLLAND.

a short time since, has been reproduced in the *American Journal of Philately*. Jules Bouvez gives another chapter of his work on Thurn and Taxis, and John N. Luff tells about the oldest pre-cancelled stamps. They were the 3 cent 1851 issue used on letters carried by Adams' and Wells Fargo & Co's expresses. On the former a pen cross was used, while on the latter a handstamp of the initials of the firm.

An old friend in a new dress comes to my sanctum in the shape of the *American Philatelic Magazine*, published by Frank Brown of Omaha. Its contents are well written and selected with care, and I am glad to welcome the magazine. "Earnest collectors are urged to submit the results of their researches, but the assistance of amateur essayists is not solicited."

A live secretary and a hustler of a printer are responsible for getting out the annual number of the *American Philatelist* as early as this. But for the necessary delays incident to renewals of members' dues it might have been out long before. It is a volume of 94 pages, 13 more than last year. An excellent likeness of C. P. Krauth is given as a frontispiece. It contains the by-laws of the Association, verbatim report of the convention held in Milwaukee, annual reports of the officers etc., and the list of members arranged both alphabetically and geographically. The report of the committee on philatelic literature fills seven-enteen pages and this has also been issued in a pamphlet by itself. The book is printed by D. H. Bacon, the well-known philatelist of Derby, Conn.



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on a part of the original cover. For some reason a part of the description was left out and should have read, a current 2 cent stamp with a diagonal half used as 1 cent, on a part of the original cover. The envelope bears the postmark of March, 1900.

The dealers report that this year the Christmas sale of catalogues and albums is not up to the average amount, no doubt due to the late arrival of these useful and indispensable books.

The 6th edition of Scott's Catalogue is now in the hands of your dealer, therefore comment on its contents is unnecessary, as 58 cents will bring you a copy of this necessary and useful collector's companion. And in speaking of catalogues reminds me that a few days ago I chanced to be in the office of a large Boston dealer when a collector came in and inquired for the new catalogue, and on being told that it had arrived, asked if he could not buy one for 45 cents, adding that that was enough for it. Probably he did not know that all dealers are under agreement with the publisher not to sell for less than 50 cents.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

News and Gossip from Washington.

The new edition of the Standard Catalogue arrived the first of the week and scores of collectors have been listing up their collections with a view to determining the year's gain, from a material point of view. I have been told that the result is not as satisfactory as had been hoped or anticipated, the declines in prices rather overshadowing "jumps," save in the cases of certain United States Colonies and South Africans.

-Of course it is well enough to say that we should not let our thoughts wander to the commercial side of philately, but should value our collections on account of their beauty and the associations connected with their accumulation, but this view is not shared by the average collector, altogether. The accumulation of the stamps in his collection is the result of paying cash to some dealer for said specimens. When the collector examines his album and finds that certain stamps he purchased three or four years ago at a certain price have dropped in price from ten to twenty per cent. he is apt to raise the inquiry as to where this will end. I understand fully that when there is slight demand for certain stamps, and the stock is quite large the effect is inevitably to bear the market and prices slump. It is, however, most unfortunate, that those who essay to fix the market value of stamps, those who by reason of closeness of touch with conditions and size of holdings generally, should have in times

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past failed so utterly to gauge the actual market value of many stamps, that in following years it should be found necessary to materially reduce quotations.

Mr. C. J. Phillips, who is in fact the firm of Stanley Gibbons Co. of London, was in Washington recently, and "did" the Capital City of the greatest nation on earth. It may be interesting to ERA readers to know that Mr. Phillips carried along with him well up towards a half million dollars worth of stamps. They were of the cream of his great stock, and some Washington collectors who have seen some stamps before in their lives, had symptoms of palpitation of the heart when they gazed upon the books in Mr. Phillips' possession. I understand he had close to \$200,000 worth of stamps actually on his person during the day, the balance being stowed away, convenient to hand, in trunks, the entire stock being fully covered by insurance. Mr. Phillips has a coat especially made, with two large inside pockets on either side, and in these commodious crannies repose the four stock books filled with philatelic treasure. Blocks and strips and sheets of untold rarities all in perfect condition. While here Mr. Phillips called at the post office to get a registered letter, and when he opened it a check for something over \$1,100 dropped out, together with certain approval lots. This was from one custom-

er, only. Mr. Phillips has no time for small business—he is after the big game and he seems to land it. All of which has a tendency to impress us with the fact that this is a big world and that the stamp business is not dead.

Local dealers report an increasing business the past few days, the trade of local collectors showing a gratifying increase and the boy trade booming. It is anticipated that things will be lively during the next four or five months.

It really looks now, contrary to expectations, as though the House war revenue reduction bill would have some pretty hard sledding in the Senate. I am told that there is a strong tendency toward retaining the stamp tax on drafts, checks and perhaps notes, and that the beer tax is liable to present a different appearance after the Senate has dallied with the House bill. One thing is certain, the measure must become a law not later than March 4th, 1901. It is said Secretary of the Treasury Gage is not satisfied with the action of the House in cutting so big a slice out of the revenues. He recommended only \$30,000,000 reduction, and the House made it \$40,000,000.

Mr. Bartels is receiving some very fine things for his next sale, among others a genuine Buchanan envelope, the letter having been addressed by President Buchanan to his wife.

The scramble for United States Colonies still continues, and catalogue quotations seem totally disregarded. One local dealer informs me he is paying full catalogue for certain things and cannot keep them in stock when he gets them.

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- Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 336th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Dec. 20th, at 104 E. Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by President Wolsieffer with 28 members present. Visitors present were Messrs. Chas. J. Phillips, London, Eng., and A. L. Holman, Chicago, Ill. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Mr. Massoth reported that the annual banquet will be held Saturday, Jan. 12th, at the "Monroe." A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. A. Holland for

the exhibition of his Haytian collection at the last meeting.

Messrs. Severn and Dahl were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's books. The election of officers for the coming year resulted:

- President: A. F. Merell.
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Report of Governing Board.

The following applications were received:

Active Membership.
REYNOLDS, F. H., 200 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by A. Caird.

Passive Membership.
PETERSON, P. D., 212 North St., Eau Claire, Wis.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

HOUTZAMER, W., The Hague, Holland; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
ROBIE, LEWIS, Ithaca, Mich.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

The following were elected to membership:

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P. D. Peterson, Eau Claire, Wis.; Passive No. 619.

W. Houtzamer, The Hague, Holland; Passive No. 620.

Lewis Robie, Ithaca, Mich.; Passive No. 621.

The resignation of Mr. S. Baker (No. 427) was accepted.

After the meeting Mr. Chas. J. Phillips entertained those present with an exhibition of rare stamps.

JOHN J. OESCH, Secretary.

All collectors wishing to attend the banquet will please remit \$1.00 to Mr. F. N. Massoth and have a plate reserved

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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.

Philatelic supplies exchanged for good stamps. 1000 entire U. S. envelopes and new postal cards offered for adhesives, either U. S. or foreign. Cash paid for Confederate stamps. Joel H. DuBose, Huguenot, Ga.

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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.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending December 29, 1900.

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Applications for Re-instatement.

- 1287. ALLEN, PAUL, 3 East 48th St., New York City.
- 1224. BRIDGE, CHARLES F., 600 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.
- 1077. CANFIELD, EDWIN M., 100 Veazie St., North Adams, Mass.
- 1476. CAPRON, J. FAVILL, 26 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
- 640. CRITTENTON, GEORGE W. D., 27 West 84th St., New York City.
- 1459. DROSSNER, T. M., 566 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.
- 962. GRAVES, NATHAN R., 37 Weiting Block, Syracuse, N. Y.
- 347. HUBER, JULIUS H., 170 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
- 1047. JOHNSON, WILLIAM A., 1406 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- 720. MARTINEZ, E., 619 Common St., New Orleans.
- 274. MOREAU, C. L., 122 West 48th St., New York City.
- 818. STRAUSS, A., P. O. Drawer 63, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1518. TOELKE, H., 91 Grove St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
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- 702. WHITEHEAD, C. R., Morristown, N. J.
- 1557. WHITE, WM. S., Hillside Ave., Englewood, N. J.

1532. WILSON, HENRY D., U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Navy.

The address of Mr. H. M. Jones, No. 579, late of Columbus, Ohio, is wanted.

All membership cards and Year Books have been sent. Members who have not received theirs by the time this report reaches them, should report the same to me by postal card.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Dec. 29th..... 441
-H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Dec. 22nd, 1900.
127 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 15th, valued at..... \$4316.45
30 books received since Dec. 15th, valued at..... 795.30

Total No. books in circulation 157 valued at..... \$5111.75
H. G. SMITH, Supt.

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Rather than allow his mail service to suffer because of the temporary disability of one of his carriers Postmaster Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn yesterday, with a mail bag thrown over his shoulders, went out into the business section of the city and collected the mail himself, returning with it to the post office in good season. This is one of the most important routes in the city, because of the commercial nature of the mail. The regular carrier, who does the collection as well as delivery, was sick and no substitute was available. Postmaster Sanderson's action has won the commendation of his constituents.—*Boston Transcript*, Friday, Dec. 28.

JUST WAKED UP?

Chicago prides herself upon the expedition of her business methods, and is constantly devising new means to hurry things. The latest effort in this direction has been crystallized in a petition forwarded by the local postmaster to the authorities at Washington, in which he asks permission to sell one cent stamps already cancelled, so that the delay caused by the cancelling process at the postoffice may be avoided. The scheme contemplates the advance cancellation of the stamps in large quantities, for sale to firms which send out circulars daily. Postmaster Gordon has made a canvass of a number of downtown firms, and says they are almost unanimously in favor of the project.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

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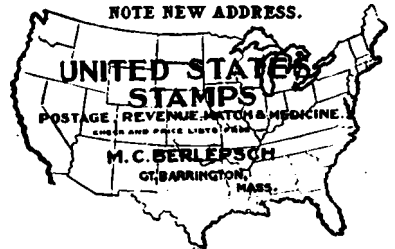
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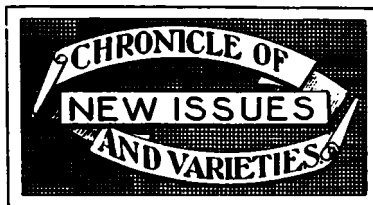
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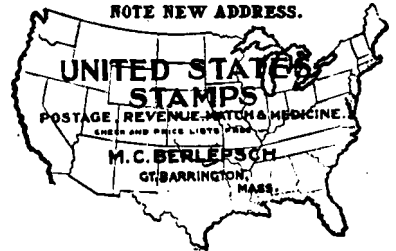
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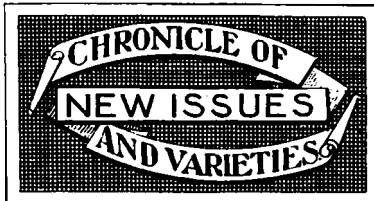
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 C. S. DRAKE, Superintendent of Exchange, 149B Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.

BOSTON, January 8, 1901.

The one hundred and second regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, January 15th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

The Entertainment Committee announce that at the January meeting Mr. Harlow E. Woodward will give a talk about "Old Time Stamp Collecting and Reminiscences." He will undoubtedly have many interesting experiences to relate and the Committee hope for a large attendance. Bring any friend who is interested in stamps. Make a special effort to have a large number present at the first meeting of the new century.

The December Meeting.

The one hundred and first regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, December 18th, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and twenty-seven members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following resignations were accepted: R. S. Coon, Edward Stang and John Early.

The application of Mr. L. T. Baker, proposed by F. P. Brown, was presented.

The following were elected members of the Society:

- Mr. James H. Wall, Worcester, Mass.
- Mr. H. D. Tudor, Boston, Mass.
- Mr. F. S. West, Dorchester, Mass.
- Mr. C. F. Powers, Boston, Mass.
- Mr. H. H. Woodward, Boston, Mass.
- Mr. G. W. Whiting, Boston, Mass.
- Mr. F. A. Foster, Boston, Mass.
- Mr. Sam Schlenker, Brenham, Texas.
- Mr. F. J. Nash, Somerville, Mass.
- Mr. Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.

The following Committees were appointed by the chair:

Nomination—Sircom, Drew and Rothfuchs.

Auditing—Sircom and Lombard.

Entertainment for January—Lyons, Burns and Pitman.

After the informal auction the entertainment followed, consisting of a talk by Mr. A. W. Batchelder about his trip to Europe. This was very interesting as well as instructive and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

The magnificent collection of Hayti belonging to Mr. Alex. Holland was then exhibited and was greatly admired.

A vote of thanks were given Mr. Holland and Mr. Batchelder.

The meeting stood adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.

M. H. LOMBARD,
Secretary.

USED JAMAICA STAMPS.

60h Catalogue

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

No. Fly price per 1, 10, 100

7 1871, 1d blue, watermark Crown CC, 2c 10c 50c

8 " " ad rose, " " " 2c 10c 50c

13 1872, 1/2d claret, " " " CA, 2c 10c 75c

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My Price for 100 of each, \$2.00.
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 POSTALLY CANCELED.
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 20c is Our Price.
THE MICHIGAN STAMP CO.,
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From Our Regular Correspondent.
Topics About Town.
 FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Complaints against S. E. Palmer continue to pour in. The postmaster says that he has received inquiries from all parts of the country asking about this party. I wish to state further that the letter received by the Guarantee Stamp Co. was post-marked "Elmira." This may not be of any importance, but I thought it best to mention it. Dealers from all parts of the country are communicating with the Campbell Bank officials, and at the rate they keep coming in it is evident that many dealers took the precaution to first investigate the applicant's identity, but still we may hear from a few who were hasty and forwarded selections without looking the party up.

I note that many dealers are kicking against the poor appearance and workmanship of the new catalogue. I believe they have just cause to do so. Another kick from some quarters especially from wholesalers is against the issuance of the catalogue in the middle of the busy season. The catalogue was announced for December 1st, consequently retail dealers and collectors withheld their orders for stamps until the catalogue appeared. As it was not issued until near January 1st this time, wholesalers have done very little for the past two months whereas they should have been rushed a month previous to Christmas. I believe if the catalogue was issued during the heated months, July or August, it would greatly increase the business during the so-called dull season, and at the same time not interrupt the busy Fall and Winter trade.

Tonight, January 3, is the election of new officers of the Manhattan Philatelic Society for the year 1901. The members will also get up a programme for the year ensuing.

VOLUNTEER.

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Philatelic Annual for 1900-1901.

Full of information for the collector, lots of it unobtainable elsewhere. Best work ever issued, excepting Standard Catalog. Price only 25c postpaid, and if you send the 25c now we will insert a 4 line exchange notice in it, free. Will go all over the world. Prospectus free. (A. P. A. 210.) [25c*]

H. C. BEARDSLEY, Box 216, St Joseph, Mo.

To Start Collecting.

THE TRUE STAMP COLLECTION.

There is to my mind but one legitimate stamp collection, and that is, so near as can be gathered, one of each and every variety of stamp authorized to be issued by the various governments of the world.

Thus in 1894 the U. S. Government decided to change the stamp-printing contract from the private Bank Note Co. and place the work in the hands of the Government Bureau. An issue of stamps was authorized and ordered consisting of twelve values, from 1 cent to \$5.00. The next year it was found advisable to print these stamps on paper which was watermarked, and the necessary order was given to print all stamps on the new paper bearing the post office watermark. Twelve values again were printed.

Now the legitimate collection should first contain these twenty-four stamps. We have seen a collection considered fine by its owner, which contained eight copies of the 1 cent and twelve copies of the 2 cent in different minute shades and tints, yet in the set the \$2 and \$5 stamps were missing. This collection was said to contain 20,000 copies; a grand collection, yet it would not hold a candle to an ordinary legitimate collection of 6,000 copies. The collector who boasts of 15,000 and 21,000 stamps is usually a boastful crank whose treasures (?) consist of twenty to thirty varieties (sic) of the commonest stamps, and where stamps even of ordinary rarity are noted only by their absence. These collections are usually mounted in blank albums and tastefully arranged, for a printed album would give all the defects away and boil down the 20,000-copies collection into a schoolboy's lot of 4,000. We have seen in the collection which we have in mind ten shades of the New South Wales current issue 2½d, catalogue 2 cts., and not one single Sidney view. Here are 40 tints of the Cape of Good Hope stamps listing at 1 cent and vacant spaces for the triangular woodblocks. The same may be said of almost every country.

It is true that these gentlemen, like all the rest collect for pleasure only, and each man must follow his own fancy in such matters, but what jars us is to hear and read about the 20,000 copies which simmer down to 3,000 and discourage new collectors, who, glancing over the catalogues are appalled at the impossibility of ever attaining a collection worthy of notice.

We advise the beginner to rest easy, there are not many collections of over 5,000 legitimate stamps, and collections of 10,000

could be counted on one's fingers. Ask your friend to show you his collection of 25,000 and eliminate all the tints and shades and fanciful stamps, and you will soon see the correctness of what I say.

Let the collector buy a Scott's International Album and try to fill the spaces only, never mind the margins, never mind the blank pages, you will have enough to do to fill in all the medium priced stamps. The most beautiful sight is, say a fine album containing all the stamps say below \$1.00. You have no idea what a collection that is, and what a safe investment, too! Let the specialist specialize, let the croakers croak, let the wise men frown, just keep on and fill the spaces, then put up your 6,000 copies collection at auction together with the 20,000 copies (tints) collection,—you can buy the 20,000 tints at the sale and have a good cash balance coming to you besides.

In stamp collecting it is like everything else, the legitimate is always the best and safest investment for the long pull.

HOW TO MAKE THIS COLLECTION.

Buy a Scott's International Album of a style suitable to your purse. Send to some responsible firm for approval sheets—let the packets alone—and buy any and every stamp which you lack. Place a limit as to the amount you will pay for a stamp. Say for the start, do not pay over five or six cents for any stamp. As many dealers allow large discounts six cents will pay for a stamp listed at ten or twelve cents. Thus you can get practically every stamp listing under twelve cents, and by exhausting the varieties on the sheets of two or three dealers you will soon have formed a good collection. Later you can raise your price to twelve cents per stamp, this will cover stamps up to twenty-five cents each, and beyond that you can buy here and there stamps to complete sets, and might pay even a dollar where countries could be filled or sets completed to advantage. In such countries as Netherlands, for instance, there is only one stamp that would cost as high as \$1, and the country could be completed without having to expend the sum of \$1 but for a single specimen. Italy, Belgium, Greece, Bavaria are all countries which can be completed with two or three exceptions at a figure of about twenty-five cents per stamp. The rarities will come later. Let the public auction sales alone until you are further advanced. It is better to patronize private sales where you get just the stamp which you need, and where there is no danger of your being carried away into paying too much in competition with others, besides the danger of being saddled with a lot of damaged stamps and duplicates.

Buy used stamps, the face value of foreign stamps cuts no ice when disposing of your collection. Buy from sheets and do not buy too expensive stamps until you are an expert yourself. You will be surprised to see with how little money you can gather a creditable collection.

INO.

I offer this week the following
RARITIES IN CARDS.

Grenada, 4c1, 1881, rd blue.....	\$3.00
St Kitts Settlements, 204, 3c on 4c, used ..	2.25
" " " " " 205, 3c on 4c, used ..	1.25
Jamaica, * 401, 1877, ¼d red and blue.....	4.00
" " " " " * 403, " " " 3d " " " " ..	1.50
Japan, * 302, 1873, 1 sep, blue and red	5.00

* Unused. All postpaid.
A. LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., BALTIMORE, MD.

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\$1.00 Entry of Goods.....	.05
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\$1.00 Inland Ex. change.....	.02
\$1.00 Lease.....	.05
\$1.00 Life Insurance.....	.10
\$1.00 Power of Attorney.....	.05
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	.60

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Cutter's Cuts on Columbians.

1893, 1c to 50c, used, fine	\$0.60
1893, \$1.00, new, o. g., \$1.75; used	1.35
1893, \$2.00, new, o. g., \$2.00; used	1.10
1893, \$3.00, new, o. g., \$3.00; used	2.25
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JANUARY 22, 1901.

Many good lots, something for everybody. If you buy at auction send for Catalogue.

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., - - BOSTON, MASS.

U. S. 1893 Columbians.

\$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5	\$14.20
\$4.00 rose carmine	4.00
\$1.00.....	1.75

All unused, never had a hinge on them, original gum and fine. Postpaid and registered free. Remit by money order or bills.

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Notes and Comment.

BY THE EDITOR.

Invitations have been issued for the Banquet to be given by the Chicago Philatelic Society at "The Monroe" on next Saturday evening. The editor regrets exceedingly that he cannot attend, but expresses his best wishes that the number will be large, likewise "the time."

A very careless error occurred in the ad of W. F. Price in last week's issue. It was in the address; it reading "Newark, N. J.," instead of "N. J." Probably no one was misled as all know the correct state, and Mr. Price's address is not new to our regular readers.

Catalogue has come to hand of the auction sale to be held by the Colonial Stamp Co. in Wesleyan Hall, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, on Monday evening, January 21st. 400 lots are listed.

We have secured a few more sets of

GUAM.

Complete Set, 1c to \$1.00, and Special Delivery, unused and fine.. \$4.50
Same Set, Seconds, including specimens not so well centered and straight edges 3.50
50c and \$1.00, the pair 3.00

The supply of these stamps has been reported exhausted. Compare these prices with those of anyone else *who has the goods.*

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.,

292 Washington St., - - BOSTON, MASS.

Send us your want list.

The *Chicago Tribune* of Dec. 30th mentions the plans made by many of the societies of that city to properly celebrate the commencement of a new century. One of the organizations included is the Chicago Philatelic Society. The following is given as emanating from Mr. Oeach the well known and popular Secretary:

"The advent of the twentieth century is an important time to stamp collectors in general. Owing to the large number of stamps, necessary and unnecessary, that have been issued and will be issued by the various governments, it is impossible for any collector to keep abreast of the times and secure a copy of each variety unless his purse is of an enormous size. Therefore many collectors will terminate their collections with the advent of the new century and bend their efforts and money toward filling up the blank spaces in their albums with old issues. Others, in large numbers, will confine themselves to twentieth century emissions only."

Remember the big "C. P. S. Special" is the next number of the ERA you will receive. It may be a little late but that will be made up for in size and contents.

Remember we supply the new Catalogue prepaid and a year's subscription to the ERA for One Dollar. Catalogue sent by return mail.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

News and Gossip From Washington.

Another Colony for Uncle Sam. That is the way it looks at this writing.

It is now admitted in official circles that the United States may acquire the Danish West Indies by purchase from the parent country. It is even stated that this desire on the part of the United States for the little spots of land down in the Caribbean Sea, has taken the form of a proffer of \$3,240,000 cash for the land. Of course this is a pretty high price for real estate; that is, it would be under ordinary conditions, but Uncle Sam does not hanker after the islands for farming purposes, but rather as a spot upon which to plant some forts and store some coal and erect a dock. It appears that a naval base is required in these waters and this is about the only opportunity of getting a foothold.

Denmark wanted about three times the sum offered here a short time ago, but it appears quite likely that she will call the offer and take the cash. Then, when the House of Representatives has voted the money, and the Senate has confirmed the treaty, the Stars and Stripes will be hauled up, and it will then be in order to welcome the new addition to the family, which is increasing rapidly and really becoming quite interesting.

What about the stamp feature of this prospective deal; that will be the point of particular interest to stamp collectors. It

Persia 1897, 5c on 5c, o. g.	\$0.05
" 1897, 1k on 5k, o. g. ....	.30
" 1897, 2k on 5k, o. g. ....	.55
Above set complete, very fine, o. g. ....	.85
Persia 1894, 1s to 8s, o. g. ....	.20
" 1894, 10s, 1 and 2k, o. g. ....	.75
" 1894, 5 and 20k, o. g.	2.50
Above 1894 set o. g.	3.25
Persia 1895, 1k blue, used. ....	.04
" 1895, 2k pink, used. ....	.08
" 1895, 5k green, used. ....	.30
" 1895, 10k orange, used. ....	.40
Above set 1895, used for. ....	.75
Soudan 1897, 1m to 1pi, used. ....	.25
" 1897, 2pi orange, o. g. ....	.20
" 1897, 5pi gray, o. g. ....	.40
" 1897, 10pi violet, o. g. ....	.75
Above set for.	1.50
Soudan 1897 unpaired letter, o. g., 4 var.40
U. S. Revenue 1878, \$1.00 red, cut.10

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Also a few 1895 U. S. Silver Dollars at \$1.50. 1870 and 1880 U. S. \$3.00 Gold pieces, \$10.00 per pair. These three pieces are in Brilliant Proof surface condition and very scarce.

Also 50 different dates U. S. large Copper Cents, all nice pieces, \$3.00 prepaid.

Cash with order.

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I solicit correspondence with dealers for exchange of wholesale lots. Send list of what you have and I will send my lists. (400)

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Send out approval lots of desirable stamps and coins on receipt of bank or business house references. *U. S. No. 42, 1c 55, o. g., fine, cat. 50c, only \$0.20
U. S. No. 2827, 5c P. Card, good copies80
U. S. No. 1342, 2c buff env., entire, fine50
U. S. No. 1346, 2c buff env., ent., very fine16
U. S. No. 1700, 1c buff wrapper, entire, fine20
U. S. No. 1327, 1c blue, cut square, very fine, cat. \$15.00 4.00
U. S. No. 1327, 6c green on white, entire, fine 1.50

Send your want list of U. S. stamps.
Coins below for sale at low price:
1869-92, Mexico, 1 centavo bright red10
1760-99, England, 1 penny, good10
1845 East India Co. 1/4 anna, good10
1660-84, England, farming, good 2.77
1894-7-8, U. S. brilliant proof sets, each 3.75
1793, U. S. cent, a big bargain at82
1873-8, U. S. trade dollar, very good82
Common foreign coins for packets wanted very much for prompt cash.

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Mark's Stamp Co., 169-171 McCaul Street, Wholesale and Retail, Toronto, Canada.

FINE STAMPS IN FINE CONDITION

	Unused.	Used.
1847 10c black.....	\$10.00	\$1.90
1856 1c blue, Type II.....		.50
1856 5c brick red, fine.....		5.00
1856 5c brown, Type I.....	12.00	1.75
1856 5c brown, Type II.....		1.50
1856 10c green.....	1.25	.15
1856 12c black.....	1.00	.38
1856 24c lilac.....		2.25
1856 30c orange.....		5.00 3.00
1856 90c blue.....		11.00
1867 3c grided all over.....		5.25
1869 24c green and purple.....		7.00 2.50
1869 30c blue and carmine, fine.....		1.75
1869 90c black and carmine, fine.....		30.00 10.00

The above 90c are very fine and at the price asked are a great bargain. Only nine copies on hand. Want lists will receive prompt and careful attention.

BURTON & BURTON, Lake Geneva, Wis.



MATCH AND MEDICINE.

Have you noticed the advance of prices in the both Catalogue on these interesting stamps? We have just made up some fine sheets which we shall be pleased to send on approval at 50% Discount.

PRIVATE PROPRIETARIES.

We do not think the prices on these stamps will advance in the near future, but advise our customers to pick them up whenever they can at the bargain prices at which we offer them. Send us your list. We may be able to supply the Emerson Drug Co. stamps in blocks and strips.

U. S. REVENUES.

If you will send for list of above which we have in stock and get our prices we are sure you will fill up the empty spaces.

We have many rarities unused also the Vermilion and Ultramarine shades.

U. S. Revenues Surcharged for Porto Rico.

We have ordered these stamps and will have all the values you wish new, o. g. We also expect any day the NEW ISSUE OF FRANCE.

Our prices on all of above will be right. Your name on our mailing list will bring you all the new issues without the trouble of ordering them.

Revised Price List of Hawaiians.

All former quotations on Hawaiians cancelled. * Unused. Numbers signify Scott's both Standard. Nos.: *29, \$3.00; 30, 10c; 31, 20c; *32, \$1.00 (no gum); 33, 25c; *34, no gum, 20c; *35, 15c; 36, \$1.50; *37, 7c; 38, 27c; 39, 4c; 40, 90c; *41, \$1.75; 41, \$1.50; 42, 2c; 43, 2c; 44, 10c; *45, 90c; *46, \$1.50; 52, 2c; *52a, \$1.00; *53, 12c; 55, 3c; *56, 20c; *57, 4c; *58, 20c; *59, 10c; *60, 25c; *61, 26c; *67, 30c; *68, 25c; *70, 6c; *71, 4c; *72, \$1.25; *74, 3c; *75, 5c; *76, 10c; *77, 15c; *78, 28c; 78, 28c; *79, 40c; 79, 35c; *80, 2c; 82, 2c; *81, 4c; 81, 2c; *1899, 5c blue 10c; used 4c; 10c, 25c; 10c, 40c; *202, 6c; *202a, 8c; *203, 75c; *205, 40c; *210, 15c; *211, 20c; *212, 40c; *214, 8c; 14 fine varieties of Hawaiian, only 80c; 20 good varieties, \$1.00; 38 different, a splendid collection, for only \$3.80. Send your want list for any not quoted.

E. F. GAMBS,

P. O. Box 2631, - SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Bargains in Revenue Stamps!

1c Playing Card, perforated	\$1.75
3c " " "	3.00
4c " " "	4.00
6c Proprietary, orange, "	32.00
\$5.00 Charter Party, "	.15
\$5.00 Conveyance, "	.08
\$5.00 Maniest, "	1.50
\$5.00 Mortgage, "	.45
\$5.00 Probate of Will, "	.40
\$10.00 Charter Party, "	.50
\$10.00 Conveyance, "	1.50
\$10.00 Mortgage, "	.50
\$10.00 Probate of Will, "	4.00
\$15.00 Mortgage, "	4.00
\$20.00 Conveyance, "	.75
\$20.00 Probate of Will, "	22.00
\$25.00 Mortgage, "	2.50
\$50.00 U. S. Internal Revenue, perforated	2.00
\$200.00 " " "	12.00

PERFUMERY STAMPS. Cat. My price
 1c blue R. & G. A. Wright, old paper \$0.35 \$0.15
 2c black, " " " 1.00 .40

1898 Documentary Revenue Stamps.

40c blue lilac, uncut, fine	.05
80c bistre brown, uncut, fine	.10
\$3.00 dark brown, uncut, fine	.10
\$5.00 orange red, uncut, fine	.15
\$10.00 black, uncut, fine	1.25
\$50.00 bistre brown, uncut, fine	3.00
\$5.00 Newspaper surcharged	4.00

All the above stamps are in very fine condition and deserve a place in any album. Revenue stamps are one of my specialties and I always have some of the rarities in stock. Write me, it will pay you.

GUAM STAMPS

Complete Set, o. g. and fine. \$6.00
 Understand on the best of authority that no more will be issued. I consider the set well worth \$10.00 in view of that fact.
 Money back if not pleased.

H. F. COLMAN, 1526 O St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

will in all probability mean the use of regular current United States stamps on the islands, or our stamps surcharged; all depending upon the action taken by Congress. If the postal department is to be maintained upon a separate and distinct basis, then surcharged stamps will be employed. If under our postal system, regular U. S. stamps will be used and the present Danish West Indies stamps will cease to be receivable for postage.

It will be interesting to speculate—when the deal is made—as to how far the present divisions will continue under Uncle Sam's dominion; whether the islands shall have new names or one name for all, etc.

The rather unexpected announcement of the Washington correspondent to the Metropolitan last week that a new series of stamps for general use was contemplated, seems to have had substantial foundation. Mr. Madden informs me that he has the project in his mind and that he will reduce it to working details when important business now on his desk is disposed of. He could offer no further information on this interesting subject, save to say that the new series would be in harmony with the general progress of the country and the art of printing, incorporating some new features. Hail to the new series, "the sooner the quicker."

It seems probable that the Hawaiian remainders will be destroyed within a couple of weeks, along about January 20.

Mr. Bartels, whose mammoth double page advertisement could not have escaped the attention of any reader of No. 397 of the ERA, reports himself literally swamped with orders. In fact it keeps him pretty busy buying to keep the broken holes in his stock filled. Business, generally, shows a great improvement over last year.

The announcement that Great Britain will issue a series of stamps for use of Australia, without regard to the particular division, and that all the old stock on hand will be overprinted "Australian Commonwealth," or "Australian Federation," ought to serve as a pointer to all who are lacking certain Australian stamps for their collections. The result of this move will be to create a large demand for all values of stamps from these countries and prices will inevitably advance. The recent examples of South Africans and Spanish Colonies should afford food for reflection along this line.

It is hard to predict just when the Senate will tackle the war tax reduction bill which passed the House just prior to the Holidays. The program, now, seems to be to give special attention to the army reorganization bill and the ship subsidy bill, so that the taking up of the revenue bill

AROUND THE WORLD.

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may be deferred until the latter portion of the session.

Those in Washington who have seen the new French stamps express the opinion that both in design and execution the series is decidedly mediocre, and hardly what was to have been expected from a nation supposedly so aesthetically artistic as France.

The offerings for Mr. Bartels' next sale have been so generous that he has found it necessary to enlarge the original plan and to make the sale a two night's affair. It seems probable that the sale will comprise close to a thousand lots and the character of the things will be a surprise to collectors. Reference to this feature of the sale will be made at a subsequent time.

A SENATOR'S SON.

The Editor's Spears.

THE STAMP AUTOMATIC.

Philately is generally held accountable for all the unnecessary changes, speculative, commemorative, and other fancy issues that trouble its votaries; and Philately is, in a way, the cause of these things. Philately may be the cause, but not Philatelists; it is only those who know nothing whatever of Philately that imagine that any Philatelist rejoices in the multiplication of varieties and issues. When a new issue has arrived and has to come into use past recall, the Philatelist will study it, will note its minutest variations, and may even gloat over them; but he has no desire that these things should come. The presence of interesting varieties, for him to look for and write about, is merely a consolation for another addition to his burden; annual issues, like those under the Seebeck contracts, are simply a nuisance to the Philatelist, without any redeeming points about them. We have heard people ask, What would happen to Philately if stamps ceased to be used? And we always reply that Philatelists would be delighted. Stamp collecting, as a fashionable fad, would probably die out after a few years, as it would become increasingly difficult to pick up stamps for nothing; but Philatelists would devote the greater attention to the older issues, from the feeling that they would no longer be disturbed by constant additions to the lists. From time to time we hear of wonderful inventions that are to do away with the necessity of adhesive stamps, machines that are to mark our letters and circulars "PAID," on our putting a penny or a half-penny in the slot. But the people who imagine that such a machine will bring about the death of the Postage Stamp forget that there are other stamps besides the modest ½d and 1d, and other articles besides circulars and letters which the Post Office kindly consents to convey for us. Is Universal Penny Postage to be waited for, or are we to have a twopenny-half-penny slot, or to get our foreign letters impressed with two copies of the penny and one of the halfpenny, before we let them go? Think of the office boy, with a sackful of letters and a pocketful of coppers, spending half an hour or so at the letter-box, on a cold winter's evening, passing his budget in one by one, while other members of the letter-writing public form a queue behind him on the pavement, under the guidance of the police! If Automatic Stamping Machines ever come into general use, they will doubtless prove a great convenience in certain cases, but in addition to the infinite variety of packets which no machine could provide for, there will be millions of letters upon which it is much more convenient to stick stamps at home. Can you not imagine any irritable, elderly gentleman of your acquaintance (the Editor of the *Monthly Journal*, for instance), with a dozen letters to post and nothing

less than a shilling in his pocket, walking half a mile through the pouring rain to the family grocer to obtain twelve pennies; and then journeying to the nearest letter-box, and struggling to keep up his umbrella while he puts the letters and the pennies each into its proper slit, occasionally dropping one of each in the mud, and using appropriate language while picking them up! We have a letter-box within a few yards of our humble home; we buy a few stamps when there is a sufficiently long spell of fine weather to enable us to get to the nearest post office and back, and we stick them on our letters in the seclusion of our own domicile. We prefer this to the open-air system at this season of the year!—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

THE OLDEST PRE-CANCELLED STAMPS.

There is nothing new under the sun. Of late we have read much in the stamp magazines about pre-cancelled stamps and most of us suppose them to be very new things. That is where most of us are mistaken.

I think I need not say that pre-cancelled stamps are stamps which have been cancelled in sheets before use. This work is done either by the Post Office Department or under its sanction. These stamps are used by firms and individuals who send out large quantities of circulars or other mail matter. The object of their use is, of course, the saving of labor in the mailing division of the post office. The cancellation is usually the name of the city in which the stamps are to be used but sometimes it is merely one or more bars.

As the majority of these cancellations are found on the stamps of the current issue and have only attracted general notice during the past year, we have usually regarded them as a very modern affair. However, the *Youth's Companion* of Boston used the one cent stamp of the 1890 issue in this manner. But the latest discovery in this line is so old that it has been forgotten for a generation and now comes forward as something entirely new. Mr. H. B. Phillips—good philatelist and indefatigable deliver after neglected and forgotten things and ideas—sends me two pre-cancelled three cent stamps of the 1851 issue. These stamps were used on letters carried by Adams' and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s expresses. Today the Government requires a letter carried by an express company to be enclosed in an envelope having an embossed stamp. But in years gone by it was allowable to affix an adhesive stamp. Of course, the sender paid a fee to the express company in addition to the Government postage.

The stamps used by Adams' express were cancelled in sheets by ruling a line in black ink across each vertical and horizontal row, thus making a cross on each stamp. When a stamp is on the original cover, the fact that the penmarks do not extend bey-

ond its edges shows it to have been cancelled before it was affixed. The pre-cancellation used by Wells, Fargo & Co. was the letters "W. F. & Co." handstamped in blue ink.

The stamps which Mr. Phillips sends me are on the original covers and carried letters from Sacramento to San Francisco. They bear the franks of the companies by which they were forwarded but unfortunately, neither of them has the date of use, they must, however, have been used prior to 1857.—*JOHN N. LUFF* in *American Journal of Philately*.

ENTIRES.

The decision of our publishers to give up from the commencement of the new century not the sale, but the importation of envelopes, post cards, etc., has naturally evoked a certain amount of comment from divers of our contemporaries, expressing the views of collectors and others upon the subject. We do not propose to make any formal reply to what has appeared elsewhere; it seems sufficient to state that our publishers' action is taken for purely business reasons. The lists of varieties of adhesives have increased enormously of late years, bringing with them a corresponding increase in the bulk of the stock that a large firm must be provided with. Vast numbers of collectors confine their attention to adhesives, and neglect postal stationery altogether, with the result that the most bulky portion of a dealer's stock is at the same time the most unprofitable—it is also the most liable to injury. The time has certainly come when a dealer may be expected to follow the example of his customers and specialise to this extent, at all events. From the purely philatelic and personal point of view we cannot but regret the step, and we should regret it the more if we thought that it would lead to any real reducing of the numbers of those who still collect the articles in question. For many years past we have taken a great interest in postal stationery, even going so far as Telegraph Forms, which may be regarded as representing the utmost limit of "entirety." Our own opinion has always been that the specialist should collect the postal stationery, as well as the adhesives, of the country in which he specialises, but the specialist is a free agent, and as a rule he will not do this. We recognise the fact that it is almost impossible to arrange entire envelopes, cards, etc., in the same albums with adhesives, and it thus becomes natural to treat them as something apart, something to be collected as a specialty or not at all. As an object for collection the stationery class ranks very high in our estimation, if only from the fact that it is comparatively free from the taint of the speculative and unnecessary; on the other hand, it is only fair to acknowledge that this is the case principally because that class is an unpopular one with collectors, and this simply brings us back to the fact that it is an unprofitable class to deal in. Our own task as a chronicler will be considerably lightened by the omission of items the peculiarities of which are often difficult to describe. It is necessary for one to be a collector of all these things to describe and list them properly, and we shall be glad to see the work done by someone better equipped for it.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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- 16. CHAMBERS, P. L., 34 Park Row, New York City.
- 1549. HOUTZAMER, W., Noordeinde 21, The Hague, Netherlands.
- 848. HOWE, WM. N., Portland, Me.
- 876. JORDAN, WINTHROP, 102 Commercial St., Portland, Maine.
- 162. KOENIG, FRANK, 123 Kearney St., San Francisco, Cal.
- 1503. PREBLE, W. P. JR., 150 Nassau St., New York City.
- 855. SHAW, THOS. P., Portland, Me.

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CHICAGO BRANCH NO. 1

American Philatelic Association.

A regular meeting of Branch No. 1 was held December 13th in Mr. Alex. Holland's office No. 304 Great Northern Building. Members present were Mr. Alex. Holland, President, and Messrs. Wolsieffer, Severn, Orsch, Michael, Lefever, Merell and Doncyson.

Visitors: Massoth and Moisant. Owing to the absence of Mr. P. J. Flanders, Secretary, S. T. S. Doncyson was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Secretary was instructed to notify all members of the Auction Sale, to take place next meeting, the second Thursday in January, receipts to go to treasury of Branch.

The balance of the evening was spent in the pleasant occupation of looking at Mr. Alex. Holland's collection.

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*1/4c L. & K.	.10	*1/4c Marchand.	.20
*1/4c Marchand.	.20	*1/4c Od Chem.	.15
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The New Catalogue.

Well! The new Catalogue has come to hand. The prices do not seem to have changed sufficiently to warrant its issue.

There are some changes.

There are some new Confederate Locals, and one wonders if all these things, apparently just coming to light, are authentic.

There are some stamps that the S. S. & C. Co. seem determined not to list.

E. G., The Austrian 1867 5kr envelope, in two types; the Denmark wrapper, 5 ore green, with large and small figures; the German Empire 1871-1872 envelopes, 1gr rose, with large and small figures.

These varieties are by no means microscopic, and there seems no reason for their omission.

One feature that might be omitted would be the Great Britain compound envelopes.

They are not a government issue.

Any person can have any combination printed on any paper, so long as he orders ten pound's worth.

The same might be said for the larger part of the single-stamp envelopes, but they are to some extent interesting, while the compounds must merely keep some festive speculators awake nights, thinking out new combinations.

A mysterious omission is the list of Japanese perforations of the 1876 issue. In some other countries, notably Brazil, we are allowed to wallow in perforations, but not so in the Japs.

Luxemburg has discovered one more type for officiel, and the Mexican stamp distillery seems in full blast.

Morocco is getting just a trifle nauseating, and Nicaragua seems to be able to run alone, without the apron-string of grandmother Seebeck.

One is anxious to know the meaning of those ornithological (or otherwise) specimens that ornament the Persian stamps!

And Salvador—Ugh!!!

Perhaps some one can tell us why the 6 pence, 1879, Tobago, is the only one quoted with Revenue cancellation.

Are the people all dead who designed such stamps as the early New Zealands, Ceylons, Costa Ricas, Nicaraguas, &c.?? We are getting too panoramic, or rather, too phantasmagoric!

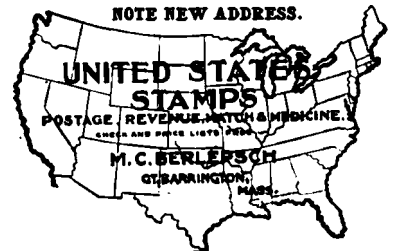
I suppose the next thing will be a large panorama, occupying the full sheet; of which one stamp will simply contain a small chunk.

Reconstructed sheets would then have some meaning!

Can anyone explain to me those Brazilian monstrosities?

What a change from those nice little 1844-66 stamps.

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" 1898, 5c lake	" 50, .40
Bulgaria, 1882, 15c	" 50, .25
Bosnia, 5 & 10N, evenly asst.	" 50, .15
New Zealand, 1898, ½p.....	" 50, .28
" " " 1p.....	" 50, .28
" " " 2p.....	" 50, .28
" " " 1895, ½p black,	
Newspaper.....	" 50, .15
Portugal asst., 5 var, including surcharge.....	" 50, .13

* Box 1382, BOSTON, MASS. DALE STAMP CO.

And—Shades of Seebeck!—what has struck the Dominican Republic?

What, also, has struck the once modest Fernando Po, a country that worried along with one stamp for eleven years or so?

Looking at the 1891 series of Guadeloupe, one is tempted to doubt Mark Twain's statement that, "These foreigners spell better than they pronounce."

I suppose poor old Finland is through, having been squeezed by the Russian Bear.

The 1895-6 issue is curtailed in this Catalogue, and makes one breathe easier.

Well, the one thing that strikes the reader is, that the new Catalogue does not give a great deal of new information of any kind.

One is tempted to ask how long the S. S. & C. Co. will hold to certain stamps in the Catalogue, in the face of certain recent Stanley Gibbons' discoveries.

The sentence, "Let there be light," seems to have some bearing on Philately! !

J. B. T.

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	5c	" amber	1448	.38	.23
1876	1c	red on white	1421	.40	.30
1875-80	1c	blue on cream	1462	.48	.40
1874	1c	blue on orange	1468	.48	.20
1875	5c	" white	1410	.52	.40
	5c	" amber	1447	.53	.40
	5c	" blue	1472	.53	.40
	5c	" amber	1448	.53	.40
	5c	" white	1419	.53	.40
	5c	" amber	1448	.53	.20
1880-82	5c	brown on amber	1451	.54	.40
1874	1c	blue on amber	1429	.56	.20
1875-79	1c	blue on fawn	1478	.57	.25
1874	1c	brown on white	1411	.60	.25
1883	2c	red on white	1486	.618	.15
	2c	red on manila	1722	.64	.20
	4c	green on white	1494	.66	.10
	4c	" amber	666	.75	.15
	4c	" white	1494	.67	.10
	4c	" amber	1496	.69	.15
1884	June	3c brown on blue	1509	.733	1.00
1884	July	3c brown on fawn	1515	.75	1.00
	"	" " amber	1512	.754	.05
	"	" " blue	1516	.755	.08
	"	" " white	1510	.758	.08
	"	" " "	1510	.765	10.00
	"	" " manila	1728	.775	1.00
	"	" " white	1510	.780	.05
	"	" " amber	1512	.792	.05
	"	" " manila	1726	.773	.15
	"	" " blue	1516	.811	.10
	"	" " o. buff.	1522	.816	.10
	"	" " white	1510	.832	.10
	"	" " "	1510	.833	.08
	"	" " manila	1726	.834	.10
1886	4c	green on am. manila	1543	.845	.50
1885-82	5c	brown on amber	1451	.852	.25
1886	2c	green on white	1548	.941	1.50
1886	4c	carmine on white	1539	.991	.10
"	4c	" am. manila	1522	.999	.15
"	4c	" manila	1576	1.000	.25
"	5c	blue on white	1551	1.027	.10
"	5c	" " "	1551	1.009	.10
1893	1c	" " "	1585	1.140	.05
"	1c	" " "	1585	1.141	.05
"	1c	" " "	1585	1.147	.05
"	1c	" " "	1148	.10	.03
1894	1c	" " amber	1554	1.188	.10
"	1c	" " manila	1573	1.196	.30
"	1c	" " "	1573	1.254	1.10
"	1c	" " "	1573	1.258	.03
1899	1c	green on "	1732	1.327	.03
"	2c	red on o. buff.	1610	1.332	.25
P. O. Dept.	3c	black	1804	2.025	.25
	6c	"	1805	2.030	.40
War Dept.	3c	red on blue	1806	2.325	.10
Letter Sheet	2c	no series number	1750	3.001	.10
"	"	" " 2	1750	3.002	.05
"	"	" " 3	1750	3.003	.20
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'Tis Passing Strange.

BY W. F. E. GURLEY.
(C. P. S. No. 262.)

In the examination of general collections whose possessors are accredited with those peculiar qualities which make up the "advanced" collector, one frequently notices the conspicuous absence of certain stamps—yes, groups of stamps, and sometimes those of an entire country. As a rule these "absentees" are the same in most of the collections referred to, and one invariably hears the same old stereotyped apology, such as "Seebecks," "Portuguesers," "French speculatives" or the more suggestive "trash," which is supposed to forever relegate to oblivion Afghans and Native Indian States.

Frequently these denunciations are aimed at "Officials" and "Unpays" and ones satisfaction is supposed to be supreme to the highest degree after listening to a logical and forcible argument, showing conclusively that some government committed a grave error in permitting "such things" to come to light.

To the mind of the writer all such evasions and discriminations are inconsistent with the policy of the genuine philatelist who seeks the acquirement of a real general collection of postage stamps, for it is quite in his province to collect, classify and study anything in the nature of a stamp that has been used by any government for the payment of postal tolls, and with him it matters not whether the Post Office Department be on a paying basis, or whether it be the indirect recipient of philatelic charity, most usually tendered through the business methods of some large stamp manufacturing company in a far distant land.

There can be but one standard of legitimacy. The collectable stamp should have been available for postage and actually placed at the disposal of those who might make proper postal use of such stamps.

There certainly is a peculiar suggestiveness in the attempt of an obscure individual trying to regulate the postal affairs of some antipodean country, when it is quite apparent that his wisdom in this particular direction finds no place at all in the affairs of the little fourth-class office at his very door.

It will be remembered that at one time the beautiful and interesting "departments" of the United States, were classed as mere

"labels," and that but a few years since there was organized an "anti-surchage" society, which seriously undertook a sort of philatelic crusade against all the rest of the world, should any portion thereof dare to meet a business emergency through the medium of common type and unconventional printers' ink.

Of course it must be admitted that one constantly comes face to face with philatelic incidents which seriously try his patience and cause a hesitation in the expression of ardor and interest, and occasionally assume an exasperating phase when, after hard and patient work, he congratulates himself upon the completion of a country, he discovers that in some besieged town in distant Africa the garrison had amongst its defenders a "cute stampman" who was able to put to good (?) use all the various fonts of type and styles of photographic cameras to be had in that neighborhood; but in this case we were not entirely unprepared, for our own colonial stamps have evidence of "Yankee thrift" in the suggestion of the aptitude of our boys in blue, whose knowledge of war gave some an opportunity to try their hand at "Seebecking" a Cuban province.

Again, as Americans, should we not hesitate ere criticising a foreign country for the postal celebration of the anniversary of some saint or sailor, so long as we recognize the effect of some "rooter," who has succeeded in pulling the political wire, which caused our own Postmaster General to lend aid in advertising some second rate city, through a medium of a set of "exposition stamps."

To be sure all these things finally get "the boys" worked up to the extent that they become enraged, and in their anger strike about in the dark, with the possibility of making a bad matter worse—for it is the forcible expression of this spirit which has in some cases demonstrated great possibilities, and it is not to be wondered at that certain wide awake officials should "catch on" and turn the matter to good account, and through the aid of such men as Seebeck place their departments upon a paying basis. Even our own sweet little Guam has caught the spirit of inspiration, and it is quite possible that the Governor of that far distant island may make a better showing for his postal affairs, than can be made by the authorities at Washington.

However, such trials and tribulations are by no means exclusive to the "stamp collector," for it sometimes happens that we

have the opportunity of enjoying a sort of grim satisfaction at the wry faces lately appearing upon those who have been so assiduously studying essays and proofs, for they, too, have their woes. Take for example, the beautiful bi-colored series of 1869, up to a short time ago the "inverted centers" were looked upon as "errors" and "freaks," due to accident which was quite possible in the printing of such large quantities of stamps, but now we are called upon to believe (and buy them) that in this particular form, these proofs were originally made, and actually and seriously submitted to the proper postal authorities some thirty years ago for their serious consideration, and to add weight (and dollars) to the argument, an entire set of high value State Departments is "thrown in," as it were, for good measure (and an additional price).

Of course they must be all that is claimed for them, for they were certainly not "gotten up" to satisfy the demand of collectors, there being practically no collectors of such things at that time.

How interesting and curious it would have been had the postal authorities selected one or more of these bi-colored stamps to be printed with center inverted—of course we must admit such a possibility, and it must have been seriously considered, otherwise there would have been no necessity for submitting proofs in this form.

Still there are those who decline to recognize these latest candidates for philatelic favor, and go so far as to suggest that they were never in the hands of the Department at Washington, and that they are of but recent origin, calling attention to the fact that in recent years the market has been flooded with these particular (and no other) proofs, the original dies of which are *not* in the possession of the government, but are supposed to be seriously locked up in the sacred (?) vaults of a great engraving institution, one of whose employes has been very active in the "placing" of much of the material sold in late years.

But really, gentlemen, you have no right to thus explain or excuse your own lack of stamps, or disregard for "oddities," and try to smooth it all over through harsh criticisms aimed at a large corporation, for in the absence of any prohibitory law it is as much in the province of the engraving company to "turn an honest penny" through the manufacture and sale of unheard of proofs, through an obscure agent in a provincial town, as it is to enter into

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Recollections of the White City Meet.

BY E. R. ALDRICH.
(C. P. S. No. 34.)

"If you only come you can go out with the Puritans and as they practically control the Beauty Show, the Persian Theatre, the Egyptian Dance and most of the places with "Pabst" signs on the Midway we will guarantee a good time" so wrote P. M. to me early in August of 1893, and who could resist such an invitation. So humming

"On the Midway, the Midway
They do such things.
And they say such things
On the Midway, the Midway"

I struck Chicago the morning before the meets and hid myself unto the shelter of "The Philatelists' Home" which Phil Dilg had established, to make us feel at home, out on Indiana Avenue, somewhere near 22d street. It was not far from nine o'clock and the only person in the parlor beside Dilg was a corpulent young man, who P. D. introduced to me as Mr. Rescher of Kansas City. Whether I had previously had any correspondence with F. J. or not, I do not now recollect but at any rate here started one of the firmest of my many philatelic friendships and I know we both have ever since looked forward to the meets with the hopes of a re-union. I guess he feels grateful because I kept him from proposing to the "Hygeia girl" of Gibsonite mien who inhabited the pagoda near the Liberal Arts building. By the way, while out at Waukesha drinking at the spring itself this Fall, I asked Frank about it and he is kept right on drinking—water, but then he is older now and even takes pop sometimes, but he didn't on the Midway. By the time I had been settled in a cozy room and invited to go around the corner for a "creme de menthe" by our genial host (and it wasn't the only time either), the only Clifford had arisen (this was also the first time I had met C. W. and a nice genial fellow I found him to be, but not near as nice as now—how it does improve a fellow to get married and have some one to tie his neckties. I know myself and so does Cliff), and with him Fred Fox, Ralph Ashcroft, Luther Mott and others of the leaders opposed to the "Rustlers."

It was not until evening that I got down to Masonic Temple and wandered into the C. P. S. room and got acquainted with the "gang." I found here Wolsieffer (how long before I had known him from afar and revered him as the Chicago arch-angel of Philately—who said, have something?), Bradt, the only one whom I had previously met, Stevens having introduced me some six or seven years before, one day in his office, shortly before I left the "Windy" City for the land of Blizzards, Archie Doherty (I tried to find him in this year but couldn't) and Charles E. Severn, who as soon as introduced suggested a drink. I have always wondered whether it was Rescher or I who looked thirsty—Maybe it was Cliff. Really, looking back at it I believe Chicago was a "moister" city than Milwaukee, but then the Midway caused much of it.

Later on in the evening Reimers, Cottlow, Gadsden, Miller and Glass of the local Society and a whole lot more outsiders dropped in and I participated in my first experience of a national reunion of philatelists, and it will always remain a green spot in my memory.

It was the morning of the next day, just before going to the A. P. A. meet, if I

recollect rightly, that "Brody" drifted in. Time makes no changes here for then as now he was the same impersonification of good humor and hale fellowship. Guess it was the day before that Roy Farrell Greene showed up from the woolly west, with his sample case of poetic gems and his upper lip adorned with just the first appearance of down. I have been told by those who have seen him since, that perseverance has won much, both for the poetry and the mustache, Roy being now the leading poet of his state and his upper lip is fully covered.

The meet was held in Vincennes Hall, on Cottage Grove Avenue out in the vicinity of 35th Street, and was the shortest in the history of the Association. Little was done the first day except to listen to reports and enjoy President Tiffany's address. These addresses were always of high literary merit and this was in no wise the inferior of any of the others. One single sentence gave the keynote to the address: "Let us first increase our membership and learn to live in harmony." After adjournment I remember that a number of us moved up the street a couple of blocks to a restaurant, and at dinner I first met C. H. Mekeel, J. D. Rice and E. Doebelin. Whether it was this day or the next day that Mekeel and Doebelin made a wager of a dinner for those present, on the growth of the Association the next year to a thousand members. I have yet got a square meal coming.

Upon reassembling the next morning I was honored by an appointment on the Library Committee, my fellow members being C. E. Severn and C. W. Kissinger. It is a strange coincidence that all subsequently served the P. S. of A. as president. Twice since have the three met at Convention—in 1896 and 1900.

Up to the time the vote was taken it looked as though the next Convention seat might make a ripple of excitement, but the heavy proxy holders saying Niagara quickly proved different. At this stage of proceeding came forth Doebelin's celebrated remark after suggesting that all members bring their wives next time: "That every one who has not got a wife or sister shall bring somebody else's wife or sister." Doebelin had to go to Niagara in self defense the next year to practise what he preached, and Mrs. D. to see that he didn't practise the last clause.

Doebelin also came to the defense of the *American Philatelist*, which this Convention killed in gallant shape. Dr. Campbell, speaking of him, another never-to-be-forgotten event comes to mind. Tiffany, he and I, one evening hunted all over the grounds for supper after closing time, and after an hour's chasing from pillar to post found the cafe in the Agricultural building open—also a fresh keg of Pabst—and Campbell was happy. The effects of the A. P. discontinuance is still felt and will be until it is re-established.

Somehow Stone got lost in the final shuffle, and Major made the adjournment motion. So far as I know the only instance on record when W. C. was not in attendance.

The afternoon most of the crowd put in at the Fair Grounds, a good share of the time being devoted to the post office exhibit, and the stamp exhibit under the Association's charge. While the exhibit was very creditable, it was hardly up to what could now be done, and I would like to see another attempt at an exhibit, if not this year, then at St. Louis in 1903. Much of the success of the exhibit was due to Mr. Deats' splendid loans—the finest lot of early postmasters being exhibited that the West ever saw, and one which would puzzle the East to exceed without calling upon Deats himself. The match and medicine exhibit was superb and Mr. Nelson showed some most interesting covers.

Not anticipating so quick work on the part of the "father's," the "Sons" had not arranged to meet until Friday, so Thursday the crowd spent as best they might. In company with some of the boys in the morning, a round of the shops was made, and I remember visiting Wolsieffer's place, where Hopkins was in charge, Archie Doherty up in Masonic Temple, Stevens & Co., at their Dearborn street office (they had gone up in the world since I first knew them—several stories), Chris. Peterson and "Dad" Pierce on South Clark and Wendt over the river. I also remember that Edwards, Peeke & Co. and B. S. Ross were in business, but not in the centre of the city. At other times the Western Stamp Co., on Wabash, and S. B. Bradt, on Washington Street, were visited. So far as I remember, this constituted the entire list of dealers. In the afternoon the most prominent event I can remember was the charming way an attendant at the Brazilian building used broken English profanity, just because "Ben" Thomas and "Charlie" Metcalf left their chewing gum in his pet stuffed armadillo.

That evening together with most of the boys at Dilg's, we went to the regular meeting, though I had long been a member I had never attended a meeting before or since. So far as I remember Doeblyn, Tiffany, Stone, Deats and myself were the only corresponding members present, and the local members were only a dozen or so, and about twenty-five not connected with the Society were present. Leland was President at the time and called the meeting to order, and Severn, Secretary, and I guess P. M. must have been Treasurer, as he struck me for my dues. Little business was transacted and everyone who could made a speech and some of us who couldn't tried to. When P. M. gave the benediction with "Let's go get a drink" and being lighter than Doeblyn and Campbell he was the first man there. Weight has its drawbacks sometimes.

The next morning the S. of P. meet was

held—I don't exactly remember where, but some two or three blocks south of Vincennes Hall, and on the opposite side of the street, in a lodge hall with K. of P. and A. O. U. W. charters on the wall, and on the second floor over a liquid dispensary, which was much in demand for committee purposes. For the first time I met many who were then prominent in this Society, mostly on the Russell side, for they staid at Leland's while the Kissingerites flocked at Dilg's. Two other Minnesotans were present, N. E. Carter, who acted as chairman, and W. H. (Billy) Barnes. Carter is still interested in stamps although rather fossilized, but Barnes got married and reformed half a dozen years ago. The sessions of this Society's meet were just the opposite of the quiet meet of the A. P. A., but why dwell on the stormy events!

Suffice to say that after the second session most of the Kissingerites withdrew although their proxies were represented at the last session, where on a rally they dictated the place of the next Convention, Niagara winning by about twenty votes over New York City. The merits of the spirited contest over the presidency will always remain a disputed question between the two factions, but one thing stands forth undisputed, that it developed the "hottest" campaign known in philatelic politics, and that the leaders showed considerable skill and tact, and that the "black bag" should be secured as a relic whenever a philatelic museum is started.

Early on Saturday afternoon a little informal talk at the Dilg parlor showed that a feeling for a new society was prevalent among those who felt that justice and a temporary organization made, and an adjournment taken, to meet about four o'clock, in Pierce's office, on Clark street, and after the S. of P. adjournment those of us who wished hastened thither. As temporary officer, I called the meeting together, and in a very short time the "Philatelic Sons of America" was born. Father Pierce brought forth several fine Georgia melons and a bottle of Port and the christening passed off smoothly. Earlier in the day, the few members of the U. S. Philatelic Association convened, and steps taken for consolidation if a new society was formed.

Sunday most of the crowd went over to Lincoln Park and saw the animals—South Clark street, and even Blue Island Avenue had already been seen by gas light by some—and Geo. Bush acted as lecturer at the sea lion pond, and Roy Greehe at the prairie dog village. The return was made by way of the Lake on a small tug, and as Michigan was extremely rough that day, more than one member—and not the one who lost his dinner—failed to enjoy it. In the evening a view of the wheel by night from the top of the Auditorium was had, and a few of the more polys—that's me and Frank Brown of Omaha—were shocked to hear of some going to the theatre to see Ali Baba. Monday evening

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an impromptu farewell meeting was held at the C. P. S. room with a goodly attendance—the police having closed the Persian Theatre, and with this the meets can said to have been successfully closed.

The daily press did not give the write up which have usually been ours, but the great Columbian Fair used their space up so that this is not surprising, but the representatives of the local Philatelic press, C. E. Severn, of the *Eagle*, and J. P. Glass (the theological student) were indefatigable in the effort to please. The outside stamp journals all had representatives, G. D. Mekeel for the *Weekly*, Kissinger for the *Penny*, Babcock, the irrepressible Charlie, for the *Iloosier*, Ashcroft for the *ERA*, Walton, the A. P. A. Secretary and the only one I remember who brought his wife, and a right charming lady too, for the *Quaker*, Brown for the *American Philatelic Magazine*, Brodstone for the *Review*, and Henry Ades Fowler for the *Canadian Journal of Philately*.

I might dwell longer on happenings of the next week, such as the attraction the hosiery display at the moving sidewalk had for Ramsay Peugnet, the genial New Yorker, but they were not part of the stamp meet and would not meet with the stamp of approval, so let us stop with a smile; remember "Doc" Campbell on the hump of a camel in the street of Cairo, and Mott and Quackenbush, and Tiffany and Doeblyn, and P. M. and Rice, arm in arm, singing the grand old hymn of the Midway—Ta-ra-ra-bum-de-a. (But wouldn't Oesch have liked to have been there!)



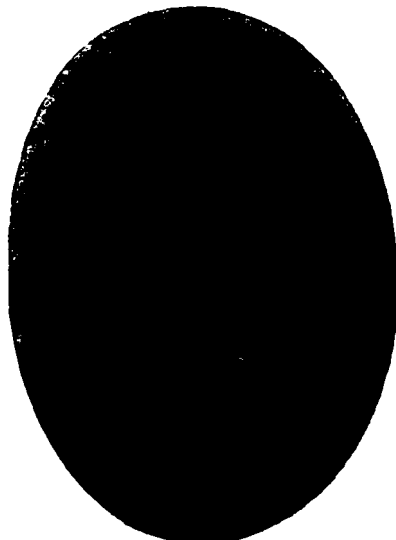
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The Outgoing Officers of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

No one has been identified with the Chicago Philatelic Society longer than Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer. He was a charter member of the Society, he was one of the five who organized it in October 1886. Mr. Wolsieffer has held at different times each elective office in the Society; when he was not President he was something else, and he has just got through being President again, so that he might be a member of the Governing Board once more.

Mr. Wolsieffer contends that dealers should not hold office in a local society and he thinks that he has tenable grounds for his stand, but evidently, the members do not for they have always been electing him to some official position. One of the reasons why Mr. Wolsieffer has held office for practically all the time that he has been a C. P. S. member is because he did not want to do so and the members did,—as is



W. R. PATTERSON.

well known there is only one Wolsieffer but there are many members.

Mr. Wolsieffer is a dealer with the instincts of a collector; by a conspiracy of circumstances, he was forced into the commercial column of philately, and now that he is a dealer, he is an energetic one. Mr. Wolsieffer is a follower of the philatelic golden rule. He believes in benefitting himself through benefitting philately. Mr. Wolsieffer's personality pleases; and especially when he can lay aside the business mantle to don the garment of good fellowship does the geniality of his nature shine in a way to warm those who gather 'round.

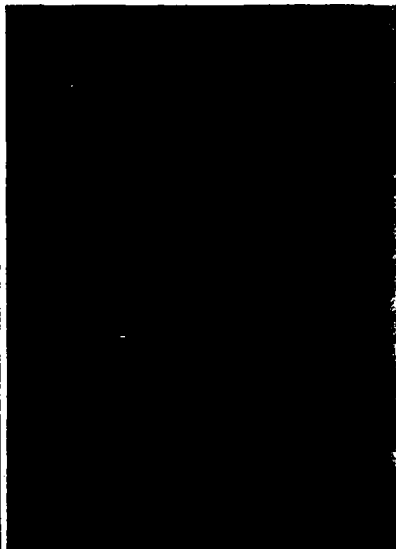
W. R. PATTERSON.

W. R. Patterson, who was the popular choice for Vice-President last year, has been heard to bewail the fact that his business kept him away from the Society, but he is not kept away from his stamps for he can have them with him on his business travels. Mr. Patterson is an old-time collector who sees the past of philately through the rose-tinted spectacles that are used when the mood is retrospective. Mr. Patterson would be labelled in the cabinet of speci-



JOHN J. OESCH.

men philatelists, "plain collector." In this gold tinctured age of philately he is after stamps and not the money that may be made out of them. Mr. Patterson kindly listed his philatelic characteristics in the following manner: "Although a member of philatelic societies, I am not a 'philatelist' but just a plain stamp crank who collects stamps 'for fun.' Consequently, anything I get is acceptable without reference to anyone's dictum as to whether it is 'collectible.' I like telegraph stamps provided that they are issued by some department of posts and telegraphs and not as franks of private companies. I do not like reprints whether of the United States or of the Roman States. I don't stand in line to get 'Pigeon Post' stamps, one of which is heavy enough to make a load for two pigeons. I do not want any 'Mafeking Besieged' which a Kaffir runner has carried across South Africa in the 'heels of his boots.' I would rather be fooled by a good old Swiss counterfeit than to be 'made a monkey of' by the London office of the North Borneo Company. But I am always ready to swap ideas and stamps



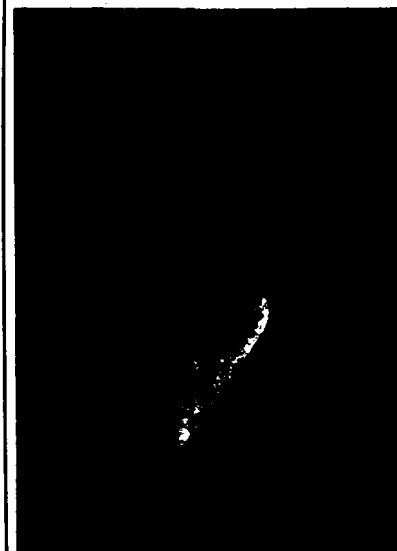
CHARLES SCHLIECKERT.

with a brother crank and the less that we can agree on such points as above the better."

JOHN J. OESCH.

John J. Oesch was a Secretary who did the work; he was the man with the pen who used it to good effect. Though he lead a strenuous official life through keeping up the pace that he adopted at the beginning of his term, he oiled the workings of his office with a spirit of happiness that relieved tension. Mr. Oesch has become very popular through his successful administration of the affairs of his office and the good humor, as it were, that he injected into his term.

Mr. Oesch has advanced many ideas that were adopted by the Society, much to its advantage. During his incumbency of the office of Secretary the Society experienced its banner year and Mr. Oesch was allowed to relinquish the Secretaryship only upon his promise to accept the position of Treasurer.



CHARLES E. SEVERN.

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Our readers will need no introduction to Charles E. Severn, the popular editor of *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*. Mr. Severn has been prominently placed before the philatelic public for a number of years by his connection with the *Weekly*, and it is doubtful if anyone reads these lines who has not seen or heard of him. His rise in stamp circles can be placed directly at the doors of the Chicago Philatelic Society. If it had not been for the consistent and persistent letter writing by the Secretary at that time, which extended over a period of three years drumming, Mr. Severn might now be but an obscure stamp collector. But he succumbed to the systematic attacks and joined the C. P. S., and, as I said before, his rise dates from that date. Mr. Severn unlike many philatelic writers is the owner of a very fine collection of United States stamps. He also specializes in U. S. locals and Confederates on covers and the stamped papers of the Civil War period.



F. N. MASSOTH.

S. T. S. DONCYSON.

Mr. Doncyson, who has served previously in several offices of the Society, notably that of Secretary, was of much assistance

gining has grown to be an adjunct to the Society of the highest importance. As an evidence of the manner in which the Board reviews Mr. Zajicek's work of the last year, it is to be said that the Governors have re-appointed him to the position.

F. N. MASSOTH.

F. N. Massoth, Auction Manager, has conducted the affairs of his department in a way that speaks well for his business vigor. Advertised auction sales have been held in quick succession and smaller sales have been a feature of every other meeting of the Society. The Auction Department has proved to be a popular one with members.

FRED MICHAEL.

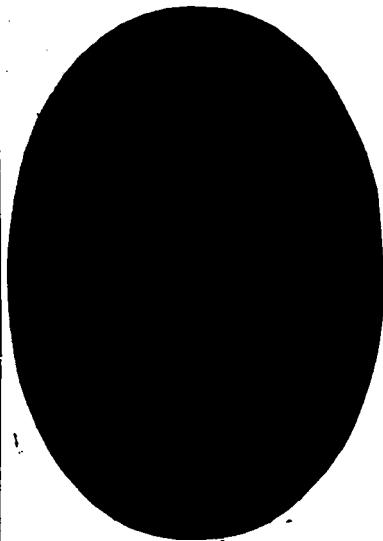
Fred Michael, Manager of the Open Exchange Department, has ably fulfilled all the duties that attach to his position. The innovation which was introduced one year ago has met with uniform success and many members depend upon the department for securing additions to their collections and disposing of duplicates.

S. T. S. DONCYSON.

Mr. Oesch has several special collections; one, the stamps of the U. S., includes proofs and essays and the other of Germany and German colonials is an attractive one.

CHARLES SCHLIECKERT.

The retiring Treasurer, Charles Schlieckert, who for two years has safe-guarded the Society's finances, began his official career with little money and hard work, but the work has not maintained the ratio of increase of the money. The treasury is now well-filled and the pleasing state of affairs is due in great part to the intelligent manner in which Mr. Schlieckert has dealt with the obligations of members to the Society. The ex-Treasurer is a collector of the old school, he has an old collection that contains some good old stamps. As a souvenir of the Society's appreciation of his work during the term, a handsome emblem of the Society was presented him by the members. Mr. Oesch was honored in the same manner.



STAN ZAJICEK.

in an advisory capacity, especially. His business training has been such as to give him a clear insight into the involved matters with which the Governing Board has to deal from time to time. Mr. Doncyson regards his collection merely as a vehicle for pleasant relaxation.

EDWARD ROSENTHAL.

Edward Rosenthal is another ex-Secretary whose services on the Board have been appreciated. In years gone by he entered into Society life more actively than at present. A business venture that he recently engaged in denies philately its quota of attention. Mr. Rosenthal has gained prominence as a collector of entire envelopes of the United States.

STAN ZAJICEK.

Stan. Zajicek, the Manager of the Circulating Sales and Exchange Department, has proved himself a truly efficient officer. The reports of this official almost make further laudatory comment unnecessary. He has carefully conducted the affairs of the department, which from a small be-

EDWARD ROSENTHAL.

FRED MICHAEL.

Hinges.

THEIR USE AND ABUSE.

BY P. M. WOLSIEFFER.
(C. P. S. No. 2.)

Hinges, or stickers as they are familiarly called by the novice, may justly be classed with the "little things" of philately.

Possibly for this reason and because so many collectors imagine them to be a mere minor detail, we do not meet with many articles on the subject by well-known writers who are willing to point out at least their abuse. For this reason I have selected the subject of "stickers" and am in a position to demonstrate to the readers of the C. P. S. SPECIAL ERA that this is one of the little things which certain circumstances may turn into a most serious big thing, particularly when they come to dispose of their collections at either private sale or public auction.

It is indeed very important that a proper hinge be used, and that it be properly adjusted, so it will not injure the stamp in any way, either while it is in your album, on a sheet, in your exchange book or on an auction slip.

For permanent mounting, if the stamp is not to be turned up for examination, I find that placing the hinge in the centre of the stamp will hold it more firmly. Particularly is this so on the long revenues, cut square envelopes and all large stamps. If so placed on uncanceled stamps with full gum, it will protect to a large extent their curling up or cracking.

If the stamp is only mounted for temporary use, such as approval sheets, duplicate books, auction or for exhibition purposes, I would advocate the hinge being placed just a shade beyond the perforation or edge, so it can be turned over without cracking either the perforation or stamp. This would also apply to any stamps placed permanently in your collection which would require examination for watermark or variety of paper. The stamp in such cases should be hinged either at top or side. Some objection is offered to this style of mounting because the hinge can be seen at the edge of the stamp, but it is simply a question of appearance or safety.

A very good hinge is being largely sold by a prominent concern, yet it has an illustration on the envelope showing the hinge affixed to the back of the stamp about two millimetres below the edge, which is very misleading indeed to the novice, notwithstanding the additional correct instructions for use. It is stated on the envelope that these hinges are made in England and I have noticed that many stamps coming from abroad are hinged in this fashion, indicating that the illustration is more closely followed than the instructions.

I do not remember when hinges first came into use, but they certainly marked an advance and progress in stamp collect-

ing. While I doubt if I was ever guilty of sticking stamps down solid or tight, except on letters to be mailed, yet I distinctly remember using election pasters, drug labels, home made gummed paper and the edges of sheets of stamps, one side of which was always perforated.

Possibly from this idea some fiend invented that great stamp destroyer commonly called the perforated hinge and supplied in sheets, and another fiend then thought out the rouletted hinge. There is nothing that I can think of, not even sticking stamps down solid that has spoiled and destroyed more good stamps than these same perforated and rouletted hinges, and yet we have daily calls for them over the retail counter, simply because several firms have sold and advertised them in the past, and I am informed they are still to be had from one of these firms, who are responsible for their introduction and use.

When a collection is offered for sale and the stamps are stuck down solid we offer much less than if each stamp was properly hinged, but if a collection comes in mounted with these ruinous perforated or rouletted hinges we offer still less, as we know what it means to try to remove them from the stamps without injury to a large number.

In recent years stamps are being largely described in auction catalogues as having thin spots, weak spots, hinge spot, slight tear, skinned on back, small hole at top or side, etc., and in the majority of cases these defects can be traced to a carelessness in the use of a hinge, and I do not doubt but what a very large per centage comes from the miserable perforated or rouletted hinge.

It is also quite surprising that in this advanced age of stamp collecting, prominent firms should permit stamps to be carelessly mounted on approval sheets, and valuable stamps on auction slips, so that they cannot be examined without bending or cracking the perforation or edge of stamps. I have even been shown approval sheets and auction lots in which no hinge was used at all, but a drop of paste in the centre of the back of the stamp, which spread and covered about one-third of the back, so that it was almost impossible to remove a stamp without skinning it or making a thin spot. It might be argued they were only cheap stamps, but that would be no excuse as the so-called cheap stamps of today may be expensive stamps of some other day or year. I remember buying a set of Executive stamps from L. W. Durbin of Philadelphia for 25 cents. You all know what they are worth today. History repeats itself in stamps as in other things.

I am not an advocate of a big hinge which covers up two-thirds of the back of a stamp. I do not think it is at all necessary except in cases of very large stamps or heavy cut square envelopes.

As for the peelable hinge which is guaranteed not to remove any of the original gum, I have yet to find it. If it will not remove at least a portion of the gum then

it will not stick, and sticking is part of the duties of a hinge. It is not required to stick as tight as a perforated hinge, yet we must have it remain fast on the pages when we turn them over.

Collectors can force dealers to properly mount stamps, by simply refusing to purchase them if not correctly mounted, and I should consider it a defect in an auction lot if I received one with a rare stamp bent or cracked on the edge by reason of careless mounting, no matter if it was originally fine or not.

Since the value of stamps is to a large extent based on their condition, and as the hinges we use and the way we use them is also in a measure responsible for their condition, let us consider seriously these "little things," hinges.

Reminiscence of an Old-Timer.

BY "PHILO."
(C. P. S. No. 1.)

I have been called upon, as one of the "old fellows," to contribute my mite to this Special C. P. S. Number of the ERA. As my connection with stamps and the literature thereof for the last half dozen years has consisted solely in retaining my membership in our local Society, I fail to see wherein the efforts of my pen will avail at this time. However, I have yielded to the solicitations and will endeavor to let my readers down as easily as possible.

Over fourteen years have elapsed since the evening on which five very earnest stamp collectors met in this city and organized the now large and powerful Society so well known by the letters C. P. S. Three of these five organizers still remain active members of the Society, although but one of them takes a really active interest in its affairs; the other two have long since left this city, and their present whereabouts is unknown to me.

The Society has always been progressive and aggressive in its actions. I can not recall an instance where an important subject was to be dealt with that the Society did not take a firm stand—it never "straddled the fence." One of its earliest acts was the endorsement of the Chalmers' claims *in re* the adhesive postage stamp. In fact, the C. P. S. was the pioneer Society in this matter and its view was afterwards endorsed by almost every other American society.

This same Chalmers' controversy was the cause of more good printers' ink being wasted by the Philatelic press of that day than any other subject allied to stamp collecting. In Chicago, it even went so far as to bestow its name on an offshoot of the C. P. S. "The Chalmers Society" was organized, and by the way, incorporated by some members of the C. P. S., who had, or fancied they had, some grievance or other against the parent Society. For a while this rival flourished bravely and acted as a spur to renewed activity on the part of the other; but it had not the constitution to withstand our severe and changeable climate, and passed away in its early youth.

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Cancellations and Postmarks.

PRESENT DAY METHOD OF OBLITERATING POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY STAN ZAJICEK.
 (C. P. S. No. 488.)

I will endeavor to enumerate the various cancellations Uncle Sam employs to deface his stamps and postmark letters, and how they are placed on the same.

First of all is the hand stamp illustrated by figure 1. It consists of two parts, viz.: the head of the stamp which contains the type and the handle which is screwed on to hold it in place.

There are 6 varieties of this cancellation in use at the present time, differing chiefly in the obliterating mark as follows:

- 1st. Obliteration formed of concentric circles.
- 2nd. Obliteration formed of a solid circle or divided into four parts
- 3rd. Same as cut, but number omitted, the obliteration consisting of 9 horizontal lines.

These three are used principally in 3rd class offices.

- 4th. Obliteration same as cut.
- 5th. Number omitted in obliteration, having a letter instead.

These two are used in 1st class offices, the numbered cancellation being generally

used at the main office, and the lettered one at the stations corresponding to the letter.

Stations that are known by names instead of letters, have their name in a semi-circle at the bottom of the date mark.

6th. Similar to No. 3, having the fifth line omitted and the letters "R. M. S." inserted instead.

The date mark of this cancellation also gives the train number, it being only used by the Railway Mail Service.

Figure 2 illustrates a postmark sometimes used to obliterate stamps that have escaped cancellation at their originating office.

This postmark is known as the "Transit Stamp" it being placed on the reverse side of 1st class mail passing through any office en route for some other destination.

This is also a hand stamp, the type being set in it the same as in No. 1.

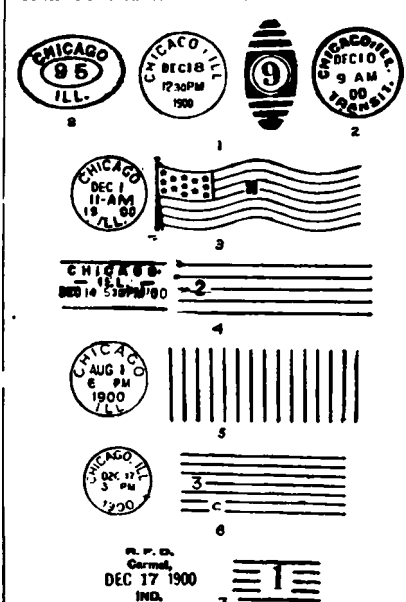


Figure 3 illustrates the flag cancellation, of which there are three distinct varieties as follows:

- 1st. Same as cut.
- 2nd. Stars and number omitted, having one half of the flag utilized to denote the station at which the mail was cancelled.
- 3rd. The flag has three folds instead of being plain wavy.

There are also minor varieties differing in the arrangement and number of stars.

This cancellation is placed on letters by a machine called the "crusher," the letters being dropped in a slot-like opening with the stamp downwards, and carried past the die by a leather belt running from right to left on which they are dropped.

Figure 4 shows a cancellation by a machine known as the "Barry Flyer." There are 4 distinct varieties as follows:

- 1st. Same as cut.
- 2nd. Diagonal lines instead of horizontal and no frame around date mark.
- 3rd. Wavy lines and oval date mark.
- 4th. Same as No. 1 with number

omitted and station name or letter inserted instead.

There are many minor varieties of this cancellation, some having a larger number of horizontal lines arranged in various ways, others having the number omitted and also the various date marks used interchangeably with the horizontal, diagonal and wavy lines.

This machine is an automatic feeder, the letters being piled in a row about 3 feet long on the machine, and drawn in by means of a set of needles working from left to right, drawing the letters between two rollers one of which contains the die and is inked by a felt pad, thus marking the letter. This machine cancels about 28,000 letters per hour.

In figure 5 we have a cancellation made by the "Barr-Flye Flyer." There is only one variety of this cancellation.

This machine is fed by hand, the letters being drawn in by means of a rubber belt running from right to left on two upright rollers, the letters receiving the impression from the die while passing through. This machine cancels 40,000 letters an hour.

Figure 6 shows the latest style of cancellation adopted by the department and made by a machine called the "New York Flyer." There are two varieties as follows:

- 1st. Same as cut.
- 2nd. Station name or letter inserted instead of number.

Also minor varieties differing in the small letter placed between the two bottom lines.

This machine is also fed by hand, the letters being drawn between the die and roller by means of a broad leather belt on which they are placed and rollers encircled with rubber running from right to left. The speed of this machine is 50,000 letters per hour.

Figure 7 illustrates the "Rural Free Delivery" cancellation. It is a rubber stamp and is placed on the letter by the carrier at the time he receives it.

I have seen two varieties of this cancellation, the first being the same as cut, and the other having diagonal lines instead of horizontal. Minor varieties exist in various colors of ink (?).

The cancellation illustrated by figure 8 is used principally on third and fourth class matter. There are 3 varieties as follows:

- 1st. Same as cut.
 - 2nd. Letter inserted instead of number.
 - 3rd. Inner frame and number omitted.
- This cancellation is made of a solid piece of rubber placed in an oval, swivel-like holder, and clamped to the handle by turning it to the right.

The numbers on the various cancellations are used as checks on errors, the highest number being the total of such stamps or machines in use at the office. At stations where it is customary to have only one of each cancellation, the number becomes unnecessary and is supplanted by the letter or name of the station.

The Birth of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

BY JOHN J. OESCH.
(C. P. S. No. 458.)

The Chicago Philatelic Society was organized October 8th, 1886, and since that time has had a checkered and varied career with its ups and downs (mostly downs). The Society has now landed on its feet and is now, as it was in its early history, an influential philatelic organization.

For the purpose of organizing a new philatelic society, five enthusiastic stamp collectors met the evening of Oct. 8th, 1886, at 90 E. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., and held their first meeting. Those present were Messrs. S. B. Bradt, P. M. Wolsieffer, T. J. Mitchell, W. H. Shelton and C. R. Gadsden. The meeting was called to order with Mr. S. B. Bradt in the chair, and C. R. Gadsden acting as Secretary. It was moved by Mr. Shelton that the chair appoint a committee of two to draft a Constitution. Motion carried. The chair appointed Messrs. Wolsieffer and Mitchell on the committee. The committee then reported and upon motion by Mr. Mitchell the Constitution was passed upon seriatim. After having passed upon each section of the Constitution, it was moved by Mr. Mitchell that it be adopted as a whole, which was carried unanimously. The next order of business was election of officers and resulted in every member getting an office, as follows:

- President: S. B. Bradt
- Vice-President: P. M. Wolsieffer.
- Secretary: C. R. Gadsden.
- Treasurer: T. J. Mitchell.
- Librarian: W. H. Shelton.

The election of an Executive Committee was deferred until the next meeting. (Probably for the reason that there were no more members to saddle the offices onto.) A committee on By-Laws then rendered its report and upon motion by Mr. Shelton the By-Laws were declared unfinished business to be brought up at the next meeting.

The President having called Mr. Mitchell to the chair, proposed for first Honorary member Mr. T. F. Cuno of New York, and moved that action be taken thereon at once. Messrs. Wolsieffer, Gadsden and Shelton were appointed an Executive Committee pro tem and reported favorably. Report was accepted and Mr. Cuno was elected. Upon motion by Mr. Mitchell the meeting adjourned.

Thus, the Chicago Philatelic Society received its start with 5 Active and 1 Honorary members. Of the Charter members three are still members of the Society, having steadfastly stood by the ship for fourteen years.

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Random Notes and Queries.

BY SAMUEL LELAND.
(C. P. S. No. 118, A. P. A. No. 27.)

Why am I a member of the C. P. S. and the A. P. A.? I am a member of the C. P. S. because I have belonged to the Society for twelve years and am interested in the members and in the objects which they are endeavoring to accomplish. Even if I gain no other benefit, I desire to be identified with and associated with collectors. To most men this association is a decided incentive to zeal and activity along the lines in which they are interested. I believe that personally I should keep *an courant* of the stamp world without such association, but I do not desire to do so. In union and in members there is great strength.

Again, I belong to the Society because it has always been an active organization, and is at present very much alive. Zeal and enthusiasm are always contagious, and one cannot belong to a live organization without sharing the spirit which animates it.

In the Auction and Exchange Departments the Society offers very material advantages to the collector; and the larger the Society is, the more stirring its members are, the greater are the benefits that may be derived from all departments of it. A small society may be very agreeable and helpful to the few who are members of it, but the larger society has the same advantages to present as a large corporation. More enthusiasm, more stamps, more money to accomplish any desired objects,—all help most decidedly the large society. Under any circumstances, be the society large or small, wisdom in the officers and leaders is an important requisite if any real and lasting success is to be won.

I belong to the A. P. A. because it is a National, almost an international organization. It is pleasant and helpful to feel that one is even in a slight way connected with men of similar tastes through the length and breadth of the country. The expense is not great, for one can join the association for \$2.20 and continue a member for the small annual fee of \$1.20. I should continue to belong to it if I did not receive one *iota* of material advantage from the connection.

According to my way of thinking, every man who is seriously engaged in stamp collecting, no matter in what part of the country he lives, should belong to the A. P. A. Especially should he do so if he is a member of a local society. No local society should be without a considerable number of members who also belong to the A. P. A. Suppose the Association to reach a membership of two thousand (2000). It would then have at its command sufficient money to enable it to undertake successfully almost any work which might

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legitimately come within the scope of its purposes.

The large membership would assure to the Sales Department plenty of good stamps; there would be money on hand to conduct a fine Purchasing Department, an official journal of its own, if desirable, would be a possibility, and probably a success.

Personally, I should be very glad to see what the result would be of such an accession to the membership of the Association.

I should be more than glad to call out the opinion of the philatelists upon a few topics.

Should any large society insure its members against lost in transit, or by accident, by stamps placed in the Sales or Exchange Department? Should such insurance extend to loss from the substitution of worthless or less valuable stamps in place of fine or high-priced specimens? This subject of substitution is a hard one to deal with. The owner may in all sincerity be mistaken in supposing substitution to have taken place, but if it is reasonably certain that there has been substitution, should not the owner be insured against loss from this cause? If the one who substitutes can be detected, should he not be expelled, and by the publicity given to his offence be prevented from defrauding others, and made an example to all who are inclined to err in the same way?

Is there any real use in Control stamps except for the convenience of the Superintendent of the Sales Department? If used, what should be their size, and what should be written upon them in way of cancellation by the purchaser? Is there any serious objection to the use of rubber stamps of proper size? If the name of the buyer be written, is there any serious likelihood of forgery?

Should an aggressive movement be made to increase the membership of the A. P. A., or should the Association quietly wait for members to seek its fold?

These subjects are not new ones, but they are vital, and if a free discussion of them can be called out, something positive in the way of results may be expected.



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... I have between 4500 and 5000 specimens in my collection. I do not collect revenues, Mexico, the Seebeck countries, China, or Col. Republic. If you have anything you think I can use as per your ad in ERA shall be glad to receive a selection.

Yours truly, D— W—.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12, 1900.

... Enclosed please find book of stamps from which I have taken \$2.48 less 50¢, and send herewith \$1.75 in payment. The stamps you sent were the best I ever received at the price, remarkably good specimens and I shall be glad to receive further consignments. No U. S. at present.

Yours truly, D— W—.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

BY JOHN J. OESCH.
(C. P. S. No. 458.)

As this entire issue is filled with matter pertaining to Chicago and the Chicago Philatelic Society, it is almost unnecessary to write more Chicago notes. This number goes to 1200 Chicago collectors who are not members of our Society; to such collectors I would say, come to our meetings, you are always welcome. Our meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 104 E. Randolph St., 2nd floor, front. We believe it is to your interest to have a live society in your city as societies keep up the interest in stamp collecting, and the value of your collection depends upon the interest manifested in the collection of the stamps. To maintain a live society it is imperative that every stamp collector give his support and aid.

To out-of-town collectors I can say, that there is no society in this country that has as many departments for the benefit of members and every department is a success. The Chicago Philatelic Society stands second to no society in the United States or Canada. Besides the benefits you derive through the various departments, you receive each and every week a copy of this paper, the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, which in itself is worth one-half the dues.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hold their annual banquet Saturday, Jan. 12th, at the "Monroe." Some 35 members have signified their intention of attending and a first-class time is expected.

The border, around the group of 1901 Officers of the Society, as shown elsewhere in this issue, is the handiwork of one of our members, Mr. P. J. Flanders, to whom we are indebted for the trouble and care taken in reproducing this part of the Society's emblem.

Mr. Samuel Leland, in his article asks, "Should an aggressive movement be made to increase the membership of the A. P. A., or should the Association wait for members to seek its fold?" This sounds like a questioning answer to my notes of a month or so ago. For which, by the way, I have been jumped on from one side and praised from the other. But to answer Mr. Leland's question. No! ! By all means do not start an aggressive movement. Just wait, they are all coming around to join the National body, by and by. It won't be long before collectors will stand in line and beg for an application blank. *But don't start anything.*

6,000 SETS

of Lee stamps, of which 4000 are not desirable specimens, are all there ever will be, or we will forfeit \$10.00. We also agree to buy back any set purchased of us, if desired, by January 1st, 1904, and pay \$1.50 for it. Present price, \$1.00 a set: 1/4c blue, 3/4c red, 1 1/2c green, 2 1/2c yellow, 5c brown, perfect, full gum. Complete set of 1898 Private Proprietaries for \$5.00.

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1901 Scott's Catalogue exhausted. We will have no more for sale.

The C. P. S. Special

to be issued January 12th will be a notable number of the Official Journal of the

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

This issue will be rich in articles and notes by members of the C. P. S. in addition to being profusely illustrated. The contents will be fully protected by Copyright.

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P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 75 State St., Chicago.

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The Chicago Society started an aggressive movement a year ago and in less than 12 months' time secured 151 new members to their list. Now compare this increase with the increase made in the membership of the A. P. A. The A. P. A. is a National body and should get three new members to every one member taken up by the C. P. S., a local society. At the convention held in Milwaukee this year, a motion "to appoint a committee to look out for and influence stamp collectors to join the A. P. A." was seconded and carried immediately. (I feel positively certain that motion was made by a Chicago member.) Whether this committee has been appointed or not, I cannot say, but it strikes me such a committee can do a lot of good to a first class society, providing the reins are not held too tight over the heads of the committee.

To close my notes I will say, the Chicago Philatelic Society is an aggressive and hustling Society and solicits your application as an Active member, if a Chicagoan, or a Passive member, if you are an out-of-town collector.

Chicago Philatelic Society,

1603 Marquette Building.



A. F. MERELL, President.

C. B. GELBERT, Vice-President.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary and Librarian,
332 Park Avenue.

JOHN J. OESCH, Treasurer,
34 Wabash Avenue.

F. N. MASSOTH, Jr.,

Manager Auction Sales, 1603 Marquette Building.
F. MICHAEL, Manager Open Exchange Department,
255 Madison St.

STAN ZAJICEK, Counterfeit Detector and Manager Circulating Sales and Exchange Dept., 365 W. 20th Pl.
Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 337th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Jan. 3, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by President Wolsieffer with the following members present: Messrs. Arndt, Bauer, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Dodd, Doncyson, Flanders, Gurley, Harrison, Lefever, McGuffin, Merrell, Massoth, Meyers, Moisant, Michael, Oesch, Severn, Schlieckert, Westphal, Wolsieffer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was the installation of the newly elected officers.

Votes of thanks were then tendered the outgoing officers. Messrs. Oesch and Schlieckert were each the recipients of a gold Society emblem, as a reward for the faithful and painstaking manner in which they conducted the work of their respective departments the past year.

The retiring officers then presented their reports which appear in full elsewhere in this issue.

Upon motion the reports were accepted.

Report of the Governing Board.

The following applications were ordered posted:

Active Membership.

FISKE, GEO. F., 100 State St., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by W. F. E. Gurley.

HAWKINS, R. S., 4327 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

WRIGHT, P. M., 103 East Adams St., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

Passive Membership.

PHILLIPS, CHAS. J., London, England; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

STEMMORN, CHARLES, Regina Assiniboia, N. W. T.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

GARDNER, A. L., 118 Winston St., Los Angeles, Cal.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

KAY, DUNCAN, 397 2nd Ave., Detroit, Mich.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

LAURENCE, A. Dale, Marquoketa, Iowa; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

WILLIAMS, F. M., 1015 East Duval St., Jacksonville, Fla.; proposed by F. N. Massoth.

The Governing Board appointed the following officers to serve for the year 1901:

For Counterfeit Detector and Manager Circulating Sales and Exchange Department—Stan. Zajicek.

For Manager the Open Exchange Department—Fred Michael.

For Manager Auction Department—F. N. Massoth.

For Librarian—C. W. Arndt.

The following members were dropped by Limitation:

Wm. G. Berger, (382).

E. L. Richardson, (411).

E. F. Weed, (362).

Lieut. M. G. Worrilow, (462).

E. H. Field, (464).

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand, \$143.20.

After which the meeting adjourned.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

President's Address.

To the Officers and Members of the Chicago Philatelic Society:

I hereby express my appreciation to each and every member of the Chicago Philatelic Society for the enthusiastic manner in which all have combined to make the closing year of the 19th Century the most successful in its history.

The detailed reports of the several officers will give you a full history of the year's doings, and will make the administration of 1900 of the affairs of the C. P. S. stand out with additional lustre.

As your presiding officer for that successful term, I would be derelict in my duty to the deserving ones, were I to overlook the individual efforts of my official associates.

Our Vice President, although a most earnest and faithful worker in the cause, was unfortunately denied the privilege of giving us that active support in the management and direction of affairs, on account of absence from the city, and in attending to the business of a very large concern. However, he was instrumental in influencing applications for membership and lost no opportunity of advancing the interests of the society at all times.

Any organization that is blessed with a real live Secretary is sure to succeed. Probably a greater compliment could not be paid to our Secretary than to say that he was really alive. He was most attentive to his duties at all times, and nothing was too much trouble for him to attend to in a prompt business-like manner. His assistance and advice is most gratefully acknowledged, and to him the members are indebted for many ideas and improvements in the conduct of his particular office, and the affairs of the Society at large. I can not recall a time when he was not ready to undertake any service if it was of benefit or for the interest of the Society.

Another officer who was ever attentive to his duty, and never shirked any work or found fault with his associates, is our Treasurer. He certainly deserves all praise from his fellow members, and I feel quite sure they appreciate and applaud his work and efforts in placing the finances in as satisfactory a condition as the expiration of his term of office finds them. I do not recall a single regular meeting at which he was absent during the entire term, and I understand his record is unbroken in this respect as long as he has been an officer of the C. P. S.

Our Auction Manager also comes in for words of praise. He has held nine advertised sales during the year, including the stamps of many members and outsiders, and involving large financial transactions. Considering the very difficult position he has filled and the immense amount of work connected therewith, he has certainly done well and is deserving of the credit accorded him by the officers and members. The auction feature, as regularly carried on by the Chicago Philatelic Society, is the only one of the kind in existence among societies and has done much in keeping the Society before the Philatelic public.

The Open Exchange Manager is another official who undertook an experimental position and carried it out successfully. It was an entirely new and original idea, and there is no doubt but what the attendance was materially increased during the year, owing to the inducements offered to local members for immediate exchange. It

should be continued at all meetings, as there are many members who have only a few duplicates to dispose of, and cannot make use of either Circulating Sales Department or Auction to advantage. It is to this class of members that the Open Exchange is most valuable.

The Circulating Sales and Exchange Department is working so successfully and smoothly that we hardly stop to think of the many details and immense amount of work required to keep it going. Yet our Manager has been most successful, as his report will show, and he is deserving of great credit for his work. Those members either Active or Passive who are not participating in this Department are missing some great bargains. I find, however, a few members who expect too many favors from the Manager. He is compelled to live up to the rules not only by the Society, but because promptness and attention means success. He must enforce fines for books kept overtime and he must cut off from circuits all members who do not report or remit promptly. These rules are imperative to the successful conduct of the office, and members should not feel aggrieved if he lives up to the rules, as they alone are to blame. The "credit" system which he has adopted is entirely in their interest, although it means more work and detail for him.

To the balance of the Official Board consisting of three members, Messrs. Severn, Doncyson and Rosenthal, I desire to give my best thanks for their kindly support and advice during my administration. They have been faithful in attendance and ever ready to accept special work on committee service, a duty so often objected to. Much of the success of the year can be traced to their individual efforts and work.

We also are indebted to many of the Passive members for their activity in securing applications and supplying good stamps for both our Auction and Circulating Exchange Departments.

OUR RECORD FOR 1900.

We have added 151 new members. See the Secretary's report for details.

We have held 9 advertised Auction Sales, besides 12 smaller sales at the regular meetings.

We have organized and maintained a Circulating Sales and Exchange Department on entirely new lines, which is a success in every particular. The report of the Manager will give full details.

We have started and successfully carried on an entirely new feature called the "Open Exchange."

We have enjoyed a number of notable exhibitions of stamps, most prominent of which was the collection of our New York member, Mr. Edgar Nelson. Also the fine collection of British by Mr. Alexander Holland, as well as his magnificent aggregation of Hayti, which took the highest award at the Paris Exposition. Also the beautiful lot of stamps exhibited in three small books by Mr. Chas. J. Phillips of London, England, aggregating in value the enormous sum of over \$100,000.00. The fine collection of Canadian Revenues exhibited by Mr. Warren Burton.

We also took a very active part in the politics of the American Philatelic Association, and elected the ticket placed in the field by us, by a very large majority. This action resulted in bringing the Board of Vice Presidents of the Association to Chicago. At the Convention held in Milwaukee, Chicago furnished the greatest quota of representatives. We hope for a very active and prosperous year for the Association, and will advance its interests wherever possible.

We have appointed a Committee on Exhibitions, which are to be a feature at each meeting during the coming year. It is the desire of the Committee that all Active members take part, Passive members may also participate by having their membership changed to Active. Ribbons of Award and a Silver medal, generously donated by Mr. Alexander Holland, will be given as outlined in the circular issued by the Committee.

Early in the year we held our usual social feature, the annual banquet, which has been a feature of the Society ever since its organization. A committee was appointed for the 1901 banquet at a December meeting and has all arrangements completed.

TO THE NEW BOARD.

To the new board of officers for 1901, I can safely pledge the support and assistance of all the old officers and members. Any duties that may fall to our lot will be attended to as before with promptness and dispatch, and we will do all in our power to make the year 1901 even more successful and prosperous than the record breaking year of 1900.

Thanking you one and all for the splendid interest displayed during the year, I remain

Yours sincerely,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

Secretary's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Chicago Philatelic Society:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you my annual report as Secretary of this body and it is exceedingly pleasant to me that I am enabled to submit a most flattering report. In looking back over the records of this Society, I find that many years were successful ones as regards the workings of the members of this organization, but at no time has this Society had such a phenomenal increase in its membership nor stood so high in the philatelic community. A year ago we were considered a small society but through the untiring, but well rewarded, efforts of the officers and members alike, we can now claim, and justly, to be the largest local society in this country.

January 1st, 1900, the membership, according to my predecessor's report, was as follows:

Honorary members,	5
Active members,	52
Passive members,	33

Total membership, 90

An error has been discovered in this report (which was probably the fault of a secretary some three or four years ago) as the name of one of the Honorary members was omitted from the list. The report should therefore have shown a total membership of 91.

Since this report was rendered, 4 Active and 4 Passive members have resigned their membership; 14 Active and 5 Passive members were dropped for non-payment of dues, and 2 Active members were expelled. This shows a loss of 29.

151 new names have been added to our membership list this year, 57 of which are Active and 94 Passive members. 2 Passive members had their membership changed to Active, which makes the membership Jan. 1st, 1901:

Honorary members,	6
Active members,	91
Passive members,	116

Total membership, 213

or a net increase of 122 members.

I have also compiled a list showing which members were directly instrumental in bringing this large number of new members into the Society. The list is as follows:

P. M. Wolsieffer, proposer for	74
F. N. Massoth	27
John J. Oesch	22
C. E. Severn	8
F. J. Lefever	4
A. H. Nelson	4
S. Zajicek	2
S. T. S. Doncyson	2
W. H. Bauer	2

The following have each proposed one: Chas. Schlieckert, P. J. Flanders, B. A. Cottlow, Geo. L. Toppan, C. W. Arndt, W. R. Patterson, A. Caird and the Society.

I will herewith conclude my report, which covers the closing year of the 19th century and, as before mentioned, the most successful year in the history of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

JOHN J. OESCH.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, Cash on hand,	\$4.05
" 4, Stamps sold at auction,	1.55
Apr. 7, Returned by Brooklyn Institute,	5.00
" 11, Proceeds of stamps sold, donated by E. B. Sterling,	6.60
May 17, Proceeds of stamps sold, donated by F. Michael,	1.42
" 1, Received of W. W. K. Nixon, for album,	1.00
June 7, Proceeds of sale of stamps,	1.11
Aug. 2, Commission on 4 auction sales,	18.90
Sept. 6, Proceeds of sale of stamps,	.28
" 20, Proceeds of sale of stamps at auction,	1.05
Dues collected,	319.25
	\$360.21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan. 18, Room rent for January,	5.00
" 18, Postage for Treasurer,	1.50
Feb. 1, Express charges on catalogues,	.75
" 1, Brooklyn Institute for medal,	5.00
" 15, Room rent for February,	5.00
" 15, Postage for Secretary,	2.00
" 15, Credited to W. R. Patterson on dues,	5.00
Mch. 1, Official Organ for 6 months,	12.50
" 15, Postage for Secretary,	1.85
Apl. 5, " " " "	1.00
" 12, " " Treasurer,	1.00
" 12, E. P. Douglas, printing,	27.05
May 3, 1500 printed postal cards,	12.50
" 3, Printing 2500 circulars,	3.50
" 3, " " 5000 " "	14.00
" 3, " " 1500 statements,	4.50
June 7, One dozen chairs,	6.00
" 7, Postage for Treasurer,	1.50
July 5, Printing 10,000 Application circulars,	15.00
" 19, Chicago Photo Engraving Co.,	4.20
Aug. 2, Rent of Room, March 1st to Aug. 31st,	30.00
" 16, Official organ for 6 months,	12.50
Sept. 6, Advertisement,	.50
" 6, E. P. Douglas for printing,	2.00
" 6, Parisian Novelty Co.,	4.40
" 20, Advertisement,	.75
" 20, Printing and postage,	35.21
Oct. 4, Postal Cards,	.75
" 4, Postage for Treasurer,	2.75
" 4, Hall rent for October,	4.00
" 18, Postal cards,	4.25
Dec. 6, Hall rent Nov. and Dec.,	7.50
" 6, Postage for Treasurer,	1.30
	\$234.76

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Disbursements,	234.76

Balance, \$125.45

Which I herewith tender to my successor, with vouchers to cover all disbursements.
CHAS. SCHLIECKERT.

Librarian's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Chicago Philatelic Society:

My report covering the Library of the Society will include several suggestions which it would be advisable for the Society to act upon.

Our Library consists entirely of priced auction sale catalogues, and in the past has been made up entirely of donations.

Messrs Bogert & Durbin Co. and Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle have donated a large number of the catalogues of their earlier sales, but the catalogues of this year's sales are not in our Library.

Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co. are donating priced catalogues of all their sales and Messrs. F. N. Massoth & Co. are doing likewise.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has donated priced catalogues of all his sales held this year, and we are promised a complete file of his sales.

As many requests are being received for the priced catalogues of the large sales held in New York City, I would suggest that the Society in the future subscribe or purchase the priced catalogues of all sales held by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and the J. W. Scott Co., Ltd.

This will give our Library catalogues of all the large sales held in Boston, New York and Chicago, which are about the only catalogues really in demand.

I have also received from Dr. B. A. Cottlow various catalogues of older sales, including a priced catalogue of the famous De Copet sale.

JOHN J. OESCH.

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Report of the Circulating Sales and Exchange Department.

Total of books received and circulated 270, valued,	\$4,189 20
Amount sold from above,	843 93
or over 20% of stamps circulated.	
Total of books retired 69, valued,	897.58
Amount sold from above,	373 90
or 41% of stamps retired.	

This average would have been much higher were it not for the fact that a large number of the books were retired at the owners' request, owing to the new catalogue coming out, they wishing to revise their prices.

Total of books received and not in circulation,	31 valued \$4,18.61
Total of books circulated, 270	" 4,189.20
Less books retired,	69 " 4,607.81
	897.58

Books on hand, 232 " \$3,710.23
I am receiving books daily from members and, judging from the contents and prices at which the stamps are marked, would say that a better opportunity to fill some of the blank spaces in your album cannot be offered.

I have thoroughly revised my circuit list for 1901, and those members who have not as yet sent in their names should do so at once.

The credit system I have established and which has been working satisfactorily for the past three months, is another feature in the Department not to be overlooked. It enables you to exchange stamps on a cash basis.

When a sufficient amount of your stamps has been sold you are notified of the fact, and you can then draw on said amount for purchases made from other member's books.

In this way you save money order fees etc., incurred by sending a remittance for each purchase, and beside exchange stamps on a strictly cash basis.

The C. P. S. Sales and Exchange Department is the only one having this system of exchange in successful operation.

Members now receiving circuits should strictly observe the rules of the Department, particularly rule 2: "Books may be retained 3 days after they are received," and rule 4: "If upon receiving a book, you should find any spaces blank, it is your duty to notify the member preceding you and adjust the matter with him, otherwise you shall be responsible for the amount." By so doing the books can be retired within a reasonable time.

STAN ZAJICEK, Manager.

Auction Manager's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the C. P. S.:

Since I have been appointed your Auction Manager, I have held 9 advertised sales, besides the numerous small sales. The 9 sales were well patronized by the members and on an average good prices were realized. Sales held and amounts realized follow:

Jan. 27, 1900,	\$300.37
Mch. 3, "	550 07
April 7, "	499.84
June 2, "	540 90
Sept. 15, "	474.15
Oct. 20, "	575.00
Nov. 27, "	425 36
Dec. 15, "	649.47
" 21, "	404.87

Total, \$4420 03

As the Society receives 1% on the sales, they received \$44.20, which I feel is a very good return from this department.

Out-of-town members took good part in these sales, both as buyers and sellers. As high as 113 bids were received on one sale from out-of-town buyers.

I would again call members' attention to the Auction Department. There is no society in existence that pays as much attention or has as flourishing an Auction Department as the Chicago Philatelic Society. To those who are not members I would say, you do not have to be a member to bid on these auction sales, but it wouldn't be a bad idea to join this Society anyway, as there is no doubt that societies keep up the interest in stamp collecting.

FRANK MASSOTII.

Another C. P. S. Innovation.

COMMITTEE ON EXHIBITIONS
OF THE
CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

It is eminently fitting and proper that the New Century be inaugurated by our Society in some substantial manner, and following on these lines, a series of competitive exhibitions of stamps will be placed in operation in January.

The past year was the most successful in the history of the Society owing to the many new plans and ideas that were advanced from time to time and put into successful operation.

The exhibitions, as mentioned above, is probably the greatest effort any local stamp society has ever attempted and we therefore ask for the loyal support of each and every active member.

It is the hope of the Committee that every active member respond with the enthusiasm with which the idea was adopted by the Society. Every active member is earnestly requested to enter his stamps for competition in the various exhibits. Without the help of the members the Committee can not make a success of the exhibition plan which is outlined as follows:

An exhibition of stamps is to be held at each meeting beginning with the second meeting in January 1901.

Exhibitors are to be divided into two classes: Class A shall consist of collections under 5,000 varieties; Class B are those collections containing over 5,000 varieties.

Two ribbons of award, suitably inscribed, are to be given in each class, and an extra ribbon is to be awarded to the competitor in Class A who develops more points in any special exhibit than the successful Class B exhibitor.

At the end of six months the exhibitor in either class receiving the highest number of points is to receive in addition the Holland Medal especially donated for these exhibitions.

Dates of exhibitions and countries for the first six months are as follows:

- Jan. 17—Hawaii.
- Feb. 7—U. S., 1847-1901. General issues only.
- Feb. 21—Cape of Good Hope.
- March 7—Siam and Sarawak.
- March 21—Chili.
- April 4—Sweden and Norway.
- April 18—Argentine Republic: including Cordova, Corrientes, Buenos Ayres, Terra del Fuego.
- May 2—Canada.
- May 16—Japan.
- June 6—Netherlands and Colonies.
- June 20—Egypt and Soudan.

The competitor securing highest award in any exhibit will be credited with 10 points toward the "Holland Medal." The one receiving the second award receives 5 points.

All exhibitors must be Active members in good standing and be absolute owners of the stamps they exhibit.

It will be necessary to remount the stamps for exhibition. If any specified country is in an album, the owner can exhibit his album as it is, and thereby save the trouble of mounting on special sheets, etc.

Intending exhibitors should notify the Committee as early as possible in what class they intend to exhibit, and what countries they will compete for.

While Passive members are not eligible to compete in these exhibitions, they may become so by having their membership changed to Active.

J. J. OESCH, Chairman,
34 Wabash Ave.
C. E. SEVERN.
P. M. WOLSEFFER.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

SEC. 1. This society shall be known as the CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

SEC. 1.—The society was formed:

(a) To encourage the study of postage, telegraph and fiscal stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper, and other bands and postal cards, their history, engraving, printing and other details.

(b) For the detection and prevention of forgeries and frauds in connection therewith.

(c) And for the promotion of the study of local philatelic issues and history.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The membership of this society shall be divided into three classes, as follows:

- (a) Active members.
- (b) Passive members.
- (c) Honorary members.

To the first class shall belong the control of the affairs of the society, and from it all officers must be chosen.

The second class, or passive members, shall consist of those who live outside of Cook County, Illinois.

The third class shall comprise those persons who are considered deserving of the distinctive title of honorary members.

SEC. 2. Any applicant for membership, under twenty-one years of age, shall furnish a guarantor, who shall be responsible for such financial obligations to the society as he may incur.

SEC. 3.—The names of candidates for admission received by the Governing Board shall be voted upon by said Board, and two negatives shall exclude. It shall be the duty and privilege of every member of the society to give, in writing or otherwise, reasons for the rejection of any applicant.

SEC. 4. No member's resignation shall be considered until his accounts with the society are settled.

SEC. 5. If any charge or matter affecting the good conduct or character of any member shall be brought before the Governing Board, it shall be the duty of the Governing Board, at a meeting summoned for this purpose, after giving full opportunity to such member to deny or explain the charge, to expel or remove such member whenever the Governing Board is satisfied that his character or conduct is inconsistent with the objects or well-being of, or injurious to the society. Two-thirds of those present must concur in any resolution to that effect, and such resolution shall be subject to an appeal to the society, to be made not later than the fourth regular meeting following the passage of the resolution.

SEC. 6. A list of members of the society shall be published from time to time, under the supervision of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE IV.—GOVERNMENT.

SEC. 1. The affairs and business of the society shall be conducted by a Governing Board of seven members, viz: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. For the purpose of a meeting of the Governing Board, three shall form a quorum. The Governing Board shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in their own number for the unexpired term.

SEC. 2. The last meeting held in December of each year shall be the Annual General Meeting, at which all officers shall be elected.

SEC. 3. At the first meeting in the year, the newly-elected officers shall be installed, and the reports of all outgoing officers shall be received.

SEC. 4. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society and of the Governing Board.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the society and of the Governing Board; shall keep the minutes of such meetings, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money, and keep strict account thereof. No money shall be expended by him except on the order of the Governing Board for regular expenses, or by a resolution duly voted by the Board for special objects. At the second meeting in December of each year, two members shall be appointed as auditors, one of whom shall be a member of the Governing Board, to audit his books and accounts and report thereon at the first meeting in January.

SEC. 7. At the first meeting in January of each year the Governing Board shall appoint such officers as may be necessary, who shall hold their respective offices at the pleasure of the Governing Board.

SEC. 8. In case any member of the Governing Board shall absent himself from three successive Board meetings, without good and sufficient reason therefor, the Governing Board may declare the office vacant and proceed to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The regular meetings of the society shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each month. When a regular meeting falls on the date of a legal holiday it shall be held on the evening previous. Special meetings may be called by the President at the written request of three active members.

ARTICLE VI.—DUES.

SEC. 1. (a) The dues of active members shall be three dollars a year, payable quarterly in advance.

(b) The dues of passive members shall be one dollar a year, payable in advance.

(c) Dues for the first quarter must accompany applications for active membership.

(d) Dues for the first year must accompany applications for passive membership.

(e) In case the applicant is rejected, the money shall be refunded.

SEC. 2. Any member in arrears for eleven months' dues shall be notified by the Treasurer. If within thirty days after the notification, the account remains unpaid, he shall be considered dropped from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENT.

SEC. 1. This constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the society, and after at least one month's notice has been given to all active members that such amendment is to be submitted.

Order of Business.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading and approval of minutes.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Unfinished business.
5. New business.
6. Recess.
7. Report of Governing Board.
8. Report of Officers.

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Good revenues, including Nos. 2810, both imperf. and part perf., 2984, rouletted and 3007, to exchange for U. S. postage of equal rarity not in my collection. R. H. Graham, Peen Yan, N. Y.

Winchester Rifle 22 short, Colt Action, 16 shot, good as new, to trade for the following stamps: \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 Columbian, 3c Playing Card and 24c 1869. L. T. Hurd, 91 N. Washington Ave., Bridgeport, Ct.

I would like to exchange Estires with other collectors. I have some good ones to offer, also Letter sheets and some good stamps. Geo. A. Field, Sanford, Me.

Have many medium priced stamps to exchange for others not in my collection. Send sheets and receive mine. Prompt attention given all answers. H. J. Rice, B. P. S. No. 174, Atlantic Ave., Beaumont, Mass.

Would like to exchange medium grade foreign or U. S. stamps by Scott's 60th. Send sheets and receive mine. Send by registered mail only. F. N. Chase, 523 Delmar Boul., St. Louis, Mo.

Lanman & Kemp 1c pink paper, Azores and Mexican Postal Cards, Nickel 3c pieces 1883, the 3 varieties, to exchange for the better grade of postage stamps. R. L. Harper, Wollaston, Mass. [100]

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.

Inverted Centre 2c 3rd Issue, unused, fine, \$2.00; 1871 Prop. 10c, violet paper, fine, \$3.50; 1878 6c, rouletted, \$3.00; 1855 5c, Type III, unused, \$2.00; 1884 July, Die B, white paper, unused, cut square, \$8.00. H. J. DOUGLASS, Champlain, N. Y.

I want to buy a collection of one to five thousand var. of stamps for spot cash. References, Any Commercial Agency. JOHN M. HUBBARD, Rochester, N. H.

Fine books of U. S. stamps on approval at 50% discount. Reference required. C. W. McCLAIN, 3805 Noble St., Bellaire, Ohio. [1]

I want to buy 2c Omaha Plate Nos. 660, 662, 664, 667; 671, 675, 691, also Columbian stamps and Envelopes, unused. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ill.

Duplicates wanted in exchange. Old customers what have you to offer? Will pay cash for desirable stamps U. S. or foreign. Send list or send lots on approval. No cheap trashy stamps wanted. L. V. LINDSEY, Greene, N. Y. [2]

Wanted: Great Britain 2d blue, both perforate and imperforate, for cash or good exchange. J. F. JOHNSON, 5 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass. [9917]

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending January 12, 1901.

Application for Membership.

WILSON, EUGENE, Bardstown, Ky.;
age, 40; occupation, Banker. Reference:
P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch.

Applications for Re-Instatement.

1094. **JOPLIN, REV. G. A.**, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
635. **LINSLEY, E. B.**, Three Rivers, Michigan.
629. **SCHLUCKEBIER, HENRY**, Petaluma, California.
444. **VOETTER, T. W.**, R. F. D. No. 3, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Changes of Address.

1427. **COSBY, FRANK CLARK**, from Westinghouse Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. to care Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., No. 120 Broadway, New York City.
423. **POLLOCK, LIEUT. E. T.**, from care Navy Dept. to U. S. S. Buffalo, Cavite, Philippines.
896. **WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. COMDR. A. G.**, U. S. Navy, from U. S. S. Albany, care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England, to Cavite Naval Station, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

1822. **WOLFF, LUDWIG**, from 236 E. Randolph St., to 176 Indiana St., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership January 12th..... 441
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

Remember we supply the new Catalogue prepaid and a year's subscription to the ERA for One Dollar. Catalogue sent by return mail.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

January 1, 1901.

MR. H. E. DEATS, Secretary,
Dear Sir: I submit report for month of December, 1900:

General Fund.

Cash on hand Dec. 1, \$400.22
Dues collected in Dec., 33.30
\$433.52

Disbursements.

Dec. 13, **Wm. M. Carson**,
Voucher 39, \$ 20.00
15, **W. W. Jewett**,
Voucher 40, 100.00
15, **D. H. Bacon & Co.**, Voucher 41, 20.00
\$140.00

Balance on hand January 1, 1901, 293.52
Stock Fund.

Am't on hand Dec. 1, \$1640.00
Received in December, 2.00
\$1642.00
Entertainment Fund, \$125.89

Total am't cash on hand Jan. 1, '01, \$2061.41

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Jan. 5th, 1901.

157 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Dec. 22nd, valued at..... \$5111.75
44 books retired since Dec. 22nd, valued at..... 1305.11

Total No. books in circulation 201 valued at..... \$6416.86

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

U. S. 1851 10c, No. 35, cat. price \$0.75, my price \$0.97
Panama, No. 10..... " .75, " .84
" " 20..... " .25, " .28
" " 35..... " .35, " .38
Leeward Is., No. 7..... " .20, " .07
China, No. 3..... " .35, " .11
Hawaii, No. 30..... " .20, " .07
U. S. 24c 1871, purple " 1.50, " .55
Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.
E. C. DODD, 259 Hermitage Ave., Chicago.
Member Chicago Philatelic Society.

REVENUES, 1st Issue.

	Cat.	Our Price
2c Playing Card, blue.....	\$0.24	\$0.20
5c Express.....	.06	.02
10c Foreign Exchange.....	.40	.18
Scott's No. 1478, Cut Square, unused...	.50	.18
1 shilling Cape of Good Hope, No. 50 ..	.15	.07
Set 1808 Doc., 12 var.....		.05
\$1.00 red, cut cancellation.....		.08

Postage extra.
ARNDT & CO., 332 Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

THE WAR-CRY OF SIAM:

"Ah Wah Tah Nah Siam!"

—IF—

I don't change my MONEY for STAMPS or my STAMPS for MONEY, as follows:

I WILL BUY

Cape of Good Hope, Scott No. 4, single or pairs.
Great Britain, Scott Nos. 97, 108, 109.
France, Scott Nos. 96, 107.
Tonga, Scott No. 36 thro' No. 48.

I WILL SELL

S. Af. Repub.....	8 var., cat. \$0.28 for \$0.15
Bulgaria.....	20 " " .40 " .19
Europe, unused.....	12 " " .25 " .11
Natal.....	8 " " .27 " .17
Brazil.....	7 " " .50 " .28
Newfoundland.....	10 " " .43 " .21
Holland.....	35 " " .63 " .22
Dutch Indies.....	14 " " .35 " .18
British Colon., unused.....	5 " " .15 " .10

Any one of above sets and
"A History of the Postal Issues of Hawaii"
For \$1.25

All Sets as above and History, for \$2.25

On orders under 50c, postage 3c extra.

A. W. DUNNING,
NEWTON, MASS.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 8th, 1901.
ORDERED, That the time for the reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Thursday, January 31, 1901, and that all petitions and bills presented after that date, be referred to the next legislature, and that the Clerk of the House cause this order to be published in all the daily and weekly papers printed in the State.
House of Representatives, January 8, 1901, Read and passed, sent up for concurrence.
W. S. COTTON, Clerk.
In Senate, January 9, 1901, Read and passed, in concurrence.
KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.
A true copy.
Attest: W. S. COTTON, Clerk. [s]

BUYING STAMPS.

During the last 3 months we had little if any time to advertise, the selling out of the two large St. Louis purchases took up all our time. We have now closed them out entirely. We are open either to buy you out or sell out to you, anything to suit. We want to buy really good collections, and if we can agree on the price your money is waiting, or sell your collection on commission or by auction sales through the Chicago Philatelic Society.

UNUSED U. S. STAMPS.

Our Brokerage or Discount Department is principal part of our business. During the last year we have handled over \$30,000.00 worth of a cent and other unused U. S. stamps from Novelty Concerns, stamp dealers and collectors, selling their surplus. Our rate is 5 per cent. discount from face, for anything 1c to 30c. We don't care how broken up they are as long as they have full gum and receivable for postage. We make special discounts to concerns that can ship us large quantities.

ABOUT OUR PRICE LIST.

Our new 40-page price list is now being written up and will be mailed as soon as out to all who apply for it.

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
1603 Marquette Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

Persia! Persia!

1876, 15 lilac and black	\$.08
25 green and black	.07
55 rose and black	.03
105 blue and black	.09
1880, 15 red and black	.35
25 yellow and black	.35
55 green and black	.07
1879, 15 brown and black	.20
55 blue and black	.09
1881, Lithographed, 50 purple	.85
100 carmine	.85
Engraved, 50 purple	.15
100 carmine	.12
250 green	.09
1882, 55 green	.03
105 buff, orange and black	.30
500 " " "	.30
150 blue and black	.18
55 red and black	.18
1885, Set of 1, 2, 5, 10	.15
6 on 5 green	.04
12 on 50 gray	.35
11 on 5 fr black and red	.25
1889, Set complete, mostly used	.25
1891, " " used	.50
1894, Set 1, 2, 5, 8	.06
105 orange, unused	.12
105 rose, unused	.28
150 blue and yellow, used	.04
25 ochre and blue, used	.10
25 ochre and blue, unused	.35
55 violet and silver, used or unused	.35
1897, 5 on 8 brown, used or unused	.05
1 on 5 violet and silver, used or unused	.35
2 on 5 violet and silver, used or unused	.40
1899, Set of 9, 1 to 105, used	.45
15 blue	.07
25 pink	.03
55 green	.20
105 orange	.35
1899, Set of 3, surcharged, 2, 5, 105	.10
" 2, " 12, 105	.30
15 surcharged, blue	.10
25 " pink	.30
55 " green	.30
105 " orange	.40
1899, green paper, set of 9, complete	.45
Set of 6, 1k to 10k	2.50

All used unless otherwise stated and all very fine copies. Postage extra on small orders.

CLARK W. BROWN,
516 Irving Ave., SYRACUSE, N. Y.

I HAVE IN STOCK TODAY:

100 Guam 3c at	6c
95 " 4c at	8c
102 " 6c at	12c
87 " 8c at	25c
110 " Specials at	25c

All well-centered and perfect. No extra charge for Blocks.

FRANK P. BROWN,
333 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

WE'VE GOT 'EM!

Have you? If not, get them while the prices are low. For a few days we offer the following, unused, o.g.:

Habilitado.		Impuesta de Guerra.	
Rose Surcharge.		Purple Surcharge.	
1m violet brown.	.02	5m dark violet.	.07
2m yellow green.	.02	2c red brown.	.05
4m blue green.	.03	5c blue green.	.07
1c claret.	.03		
3c orange brown.	.05	Rose Surcharge.	
3c claret brown.	.08	5c on 1m dark violet.	.03
6c violet.	.10	Magenta Surcharge.	
20c olive gray.	.20	5c on 1m blue.	.03
Purple Surcharge.			
8c carmine rose.	.12		

Set of 15 var. 1898, 1m to 60c, minus 4m and 4c, for \$1.50.
All previous offers cancelled.

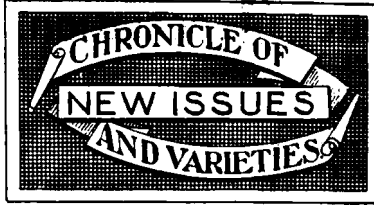
ALSO WE OFFER THIS WEEK:

ALL UNUSED.

Haiti 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c, set of 8	\$.40
" 1898, 15, 20c, set of 2	.35
" 1898, 5, 10, 50c unpaid, set of 4	.70
" 1899, 1, 2, 5c, set of 3	.08
Switzerland 1900, 5, 10, 25c, set of 3	.18

Postage extra on orders under 50c.

HOME CITY STAMP CO.,
Box 1352, - - SPRINGFIELD, MASS.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BOSNIA.—The *Monthly Journal* reports three new values, 40 heller orange, 1k lake and 2k ultramarine. The 40 heller is uniform with the values previously chronicled (362) while the other two values, similar in design, are somewhat larger:

Adhesives (Regular):
40 (h) orange.
1k lake.
2k ultramarine.

HONG KONG — *Mekeel's News* announces a new 5c lilac, due to the change in color of the 10c to blue:

Adhesive (Regular):
5 cents, lilac.

MALTA.—In common with other scribes I listed (392) a 1sh 4d stamp commenting upon the fact that this seemed an unusual value. My comment was well grounded, for I am now informed by the *Monthly Journal* that the new stamp is a 1/4d red brown, with a view of the Grand Harbor:

Adhesive (Regular):
1/4d red brown.

RUSSIA.—*Mekeel's News* contains the following extract from a Detroit paper:

"On the first of January, 1901, the Russian government will issue new postal stamps. During the last few years the most incredible frauds have been committed all over the Russian empire, in so far as the stamps hitherto in use were used again and again. The color was a very solid one, and even hot water and acids could not attack it in any way. On the other hand, however, the ink employed in stamping name of postoffice and date of dispatch could easily be washed off, and it is said that millions of Russian stamps have been used three, four and even five times. The new stamps, which are turned out by the Imperial State Paper Works, will have a light and very sensitive color, and will be much larger in size than the present Russian stamps."

It is somewhat remarkable that this information has not seen the light before, and especially as the philatelic press is supposed to have unusual facilities for news gathering such as this clipping represents.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—I have chronicled certain values of the "O. S." spaced surcharge. The 1/2d and 2d in number 379, and the 1sh in number 359. I have other values now to list:

Adhesives (Official):
4d violet.
5d brown.
6d blue.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, Federated Malay States.—The various surcharges that have been exploited from time to time have caused us to wonder at the slowness in putting the federation issue into use. Some of the values of the federation issue have been chronicled but in the lower values the states seem to be running wild in their frenzied surcharging. This is particularly true of Perak and Selangor, the former state evidently being in sore distress.

SWITZERLAND.—It is reported that a new set of postage stamps is being designed for use in this country. The *Fortnightly* states that "designers are to be allowed to submit any sort of design, the only condition imposed being that the figures of value shall be clear at first glance."

UNITED STATES.—The interest in the private die stamps has been well sustained, but my readers will be glad to learn, no doubt, that their further use is likely to cease. Notwithstanding the near repeal of the present law the Ferret stamps seem likely to be issued. Mr. Bartels comments on the issue in *Mekeel's News*:

"There are to be several denominations, but we cannot state at present what they are. So far no order has been received by the department; the proprietor, however, has been notified that the Bureau is ready to print his stamps. There are still over two months in which to use them, and no doubt Mr. Ferret will make the best of his time. Perhaps collectors will have to help him pay the cost of the die."

The design of this stamp has an animal on it. Although I had a hasty glance at the die, I do not remember what animal it was. Perhaps it is a ferret. The stamp is of an ordinary size, but oblong.

Munyon has abandoned the plan of getting up a set of private die stamps; thus the Ferret set will doubtless conclude the issue."

I have made reference to the new revenues (395) but have as yet listed but one of the values. This is the set issued as described in gray and black with numeral of value:

Adhesives (Documentary Revenues):

\$2.00 gray and black.
\$3.00 " " "
\$5.00 " " "
\$10.00 " " "
\$20.00 " " "
\$50.00 " " "

Our readers have no doubt noted that the issue of an entirely new set is being considered by the Post Office officials.

The last ERA contained references by Mr. Eldredge to several pre-cancelled stamps that had come under his notice. I do not pretend to chronicle these things, but one sent me by Mr. E. B. Fisher of Atlanta, Ga., seems to be quite unique. It is a 1c green, "Chattanooga, Tenn." printed in a narrow oval band as large in circumference as the stamp will allow.

Mr. George F. Duck has sent me for inspection what seems to be a style of rouletting hitherto unnoticed. Instead of the stamps separating, leaving half of the connecting paper on each stamp, the rouletting makes indentations alternately in the two stamps. Mr. Duck states that he has several values treated in this manner all having been used prior to January 1899.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, January 9th.

The new one kroner Sweden, in carmine and black, has already begun to come on letters, and is quite a pleasing stamp in color and design.

Two other pre-cancelled stamps that I have not seen before is a 1 cent Dayton, Ohio, and a 4 cent Providence, Rhode Island. They repose in the collection of Mrs. Holt of Hartford.

One of our Boston dealers recently advertised a certain stamp and received in reply over one hundred orders. In this case the orders paid for the advertisement many times over, but such cases are rare, and only result where the dealer is fortunate enough to strike the popular fancy. Our most successful dealers are those that advertise most persistently, and to stop advertising would be like a shop keeper putting up the shutters and taking down his sign. The hustling Boston dealers believe in keeping their names constantly before the public.

Mr. Burns has shown me a cover received by him from Guam recently, on which were two 1 cent stamps surcharged Guam, also a special delivery stamp. What makes the cover of special value is that one of the surcharges is inverted. I am unable to find a single person who has ever seen one of these inverts.

The following notice was issued by the Government of Perak, when the stamps available for surcharging were exhausted:

GOVERNMENT OF PERAK.
POSTAL NOTICE.

The stock of Postal and Revenue stamps having given out, until further notice articles on which the postage is less than four cents must be handed in at the stamp vendor's window, together with the postage required in cash. The stamp vendor will give a printed receipt for the amount, stamped with the office date stamp and the public are requested to see that they get this.

(Signed) P. J. NELSON,
Superintendent Post and Telegraphs,
Taiping, 22nd Oct., 1900.

This printed receipt is a square perforated piece of white paper of the size of an ordinary postage stamp, and printed Postal Receipt for — cents, in three lines. This receipt is affixed to the envelope and then cancelled as if an ordinary stamp, and in addition to this the word "Paid" is stamped on the envelope and initialled by the postal clerk.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

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66 2/3% DISCOUNT from the 60th CATALOGUE.

60th Price	My Price	60th Price	My Price
\$3.00	\$1.00	1851-56, 10c green, unused	\$75.00
10.00	3.33	1851-56, 3c rose	1.50
5.00	1.66	55 60, 3c rose, type I	12.50
15.00	5.00	55 60, 2c blue, type I, used, No. 40	7.50
12.50	4.13	1867, 3c no c, 13x16, used, No. 83	6.00
6.00	2.00	1867, 5c bl'k b'n'g, used, No. 95a	5.00
1.66	0.55	5c Certificate, unperforated	.25
12.00	4.00	25c Bond, unperforated	5.00
20.00	6.66	50c Probate of Will, unperforated	2.00
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All the above are genuine bargains, and are as good as the average copy. Most of them are in fine condition and would be classed as fine in any catalogue. Anything that is not entirely satisfactory, and is returned within 10 days, your money will be cheerfully refunded.

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SPECIAL! Sierra Leone, Nos. 103-5-6-7 (1, 3, 6d, 1 sh) Face 45c: will sell 60 sets at 80c a set.

GERMAN COLONIES, 1901.

We shall be very glad to supply these beautiful stamps at the very low prices herein quoted. All these sets except the offices in China, Levant and Morocco are of the much heralded "ship type." The three sets for offices above mentioned are surcharged on the Germania, 1900, type.

Deutsch, New Guinea, Sudwestafrika, Kamerun, Karolinsens, Kloutschow, Marianen, Marshall Inseln, Samoa, Togo and Offices in China.

Denomination:	31 f, 2c	5pf, 2c	1cpf, 4c	20pf, 7c	25pf, 9c	30pf, 11c	40pf, 13c	50pf, 16c	80pf, 25c	SET 85c
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Offices in the LEVANT and MOROCCO (Germania Type Surcharged).

Levant:	10pa, 2c	20pa, 4c	1pi, 7c	1 1/2 pi, 9c	1 1/2 pi, 11c	2pi, 13c	2 1/2 pi, 16c	4pi, 25c	SET 85c
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DEUTSCH OSTAFRIKA.

Denomination:	2p, 2c	3p, 3c	5p, 4c	10p, 8c	15p, 12c	20p, 15c	25p, 20c	40p, 30c	SET 90c
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All unused and original gum. Any of these stamps sent upon approval to our regular customers. Payment should not be made by personal check unless accompanied by 10c for cashing same.

NICARAGUA.

	Cat. Price		Price
1892, Envelopes, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c	\$0.32	\$0.20	
1893, " " " " " "	.32	.10	
1894, " " " " " "	.32	.10	
1896, " " " " " "	.14	.05	
1890, Wrappers, 1, 2, 4c	.12	.05	
1891, " " " " " "	.12	.05	
1893, " " " " " "	.12	.05	
1894, " " " " " "	.12	.05	
1895, " " " " " "	.12	.05	
1896, " " " " " "	.12	.05	
1897, " " " " " "	.12	.05	

SALVADOR.

	Cat. Price		Price
1867, 1/2, 1, 2, 4r, four var	\$0.49	\$0.20	
1892, Envelopes, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25c	.64	.15	
1894, " " " " " "	.67	.15	
1895, " " " " " "	.37	.10	
1896, " " " " " "	.37	.10	
1897, " " " " " "	.37	.10	
1891, Wrappers, 2, 3, 6, 12 1/2c	.28	.10	
1892, " " " " " "	.28	.10	
1893, " " " " " "	.28	.10	
1894, " " " " " "	.28	.10	
1895, " " " " " "	.32	.10	

HONDURAS.

	Cat. Price		Price
1830, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75, 1p	.68	.30	
1891, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75, 1p	.69	.30	
189c, Envelopes, 5, 10, 20, 25c on white	.07	.07	
1890, " " " " " "	.07	.07	
1891, " " " " " "	.09	.08	

LATE ARRIVALS.

	Cat. Price		Price
*Dhar, 1900, 1 anna, mauve	.04		
*B. C. A., 1898, "one penny" on 5sh, cat. 40c	.13		
*Br. Bech., No. 13, 3d lilac, cat. 25c	.08		
*Japan, 1900, 1/2 sen, blue	.08		
*Mauritius, 1900 Provisional, 4 on 16c	.08		
*India, 3 pies gray, 1900	.08		
*Faridkot, on 3 pies carmine India	.08		
*Orange River Colony, on 2 1/2d blue Cape	.08		
*Greece, 1900, 20 on 25i, perf. or imperf.	.06		
*Dominican Rep., 1900, 1/2, 1, 2c	.06		
*Transvaal, surch. V. R. I., 100, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4d	.50		
*Paraguay, 1900, 2, 5, 10c	.08		
*Sierra Leone, 1900, 1/2 penny	.02		
*Argentine Rep., 1900, 16c	.15		

*Unused. POSTAGE EXTRA.



FRANCE, 1900,

New Design,
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Centimes,
6 Cents.

UNUSED, ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

	Price
(MAILED FLAT.)	
*Hawaii, 1883, 1, 2, 5c	.30
" " " " 4c vermilion	.50
" " " " 10c black	.25
" " " " 1893, 2c Prov. Govt., black surch	.15
*Barbados, 1893, 1/2 on 1d, No. 103, cat. 6c	.02
*Canada, 1895, 2c green, No. 226	.03
" " " " 1877, 3c red, cat. 8c	.04
*Egypt, 1889, 2 mil green, unique	.20
*Seychelles, 1896, 18 on 30c	.02
*Cuba, 1900, 1c green on blue, new design	.25
" " " " 1c green on o. buff, " " "	.25
" " " " 2c carmine on blue, " " "	.25
" " " " 3c on o. buff, " " "	.25
Canada, 1898, 3c red, No. 228	.05
1899, 2c red, No. 211	.03

HAWAIIAN POST-CARDS,

(UNUSED, ENTIRE.)
1c, red on buff..... .03
2c, green on white..... .03

CUBAN ENVELOPE.

We have a few of the United States envelope sc green on amber surcharged "Cuba 2c peso." It is catalogued at 50c and is the rarest of all. Unused, entire, mailed flat..... .18

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Mekeel's Announcements.

TRANSVAAL (surcharged V. R. I.)

- ½ penny, green.
- 1 penny, carmine and green.
- 2 pence, brown and green.
- 2½ pence, blue and green.

The above four stamps, unused, o. g., fine, post free **39c** (the ½ and 1p alone for 10c).

A fine cancelled copy of the Mexico 1 peso, blue and black, 1899 issue..... **35c**
 Mexico 1889, 50c black and maroon **15c**
6c PROPRIETARY. Do you want a fine copy? If so, we can supply you, if you write quick.

Agents Wanted. We want some good agents in schools to sell from our 50% discount selections, and we will offer some special inducements to reliable parties who can sell stamps for us. Write for particulars mentioning this advertisement.

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You

may not be a beginner, and therefore are not interested in offers of this kind. If you are a general **BUYER**, tell us something about your collection, and we will send you something on approval. Prices and discounts will be right.

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- 546** different postage stamps mounted in a neat blank book..... **1.50**
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Special to THE ERA.

Springfield, Mass., Happenings.

It has been many months since the readers of the ERA have been favored with a letter from the City of Homes. Our former correspondent, whose identity we are still in the dark concerning, either committed suicide or else his wife forbade his writing.

We have not been dead by any means, but on the contrary have been keeping things moving at a rapid pace. Our Club has held its meetings regularly every two weeks, even through the summer months, with an attendance of from eight to twenty-five. We have several times been favored with the presence of Messrs. Wainwright and Lewis, our Northampton members, who come eighteen miles to attend the meeting. W. C. Emery, one of our members, is now also a resident of Northampton, and we are talking of holding a special meeting in that city some evening.

The Home City Stamp Company have removed from Main street to 136 Walnut street, where Mr. J. W. Witty will attend to the local trade. Business has been quite brisk, especially in private proprietaries. The new catalogues came the night before Christmas and have met with a ready sale. All unite in calling them a pretty rocky piece of bookmaking. The binding is simply wretched and many of the pages are decidedly "off center," or "trimmed very close."

The writer was fortunate enough to pick up a lot of the Aguinaldo stamps recently, which were sent home by a soldier in the Philippines who took them from a native.

Two philatelists, whose faces I always expect to see at this time of year are Prof. J. F. Gregory of Colgate University, and C. A. Hobbs of Watertown, Mass. Both dropped in on me during the holidays. Geo. J. Carter of Brooklyn was also in the city recently.

One of the more recent members of our Club is Mr. E. de Z. Kelley of the Adams Express Company. He specializes in covers, all of which are addressed to himself and which have been actually received through the mail. The registry clerks at our post office are learning considerable foreign geography through his endeavors.

Copies of the new catalogue were distributed gratis to members of our Club who had been regular attendants during the year. A most satisfactory way to dispose of the surplus in the treasury.

The stamped paper of the Civil War issues is attracting some notice from our collectors. Mr. J. D. Bartlett has probably



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the largest collection, with Mr. E. G. Ward and the writer next.

Pre-cancelled stamps also interest many of us, and there are several who have good collections of them. It may not, perhaps, be generally known that Northampton, Mass., has overprinted the values up to 15 cents inclusive and the dues as well, for use during the Christmas rush, when so many packages are paid in cash at the stamp window.

Recent accessions to our City Library are the new stamp catalogue, Westoby's "Stamps of Europe," and the "Revenue Stamps of the United States." The "Advanced Catalogue" only awaits the last section before it will be bound and put on the shelves also. Mr. Henry L. Calman of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. has kindly supplied the volumes missing in our set of the *American Journal of Philately* so that is now complete. The ERA and Mekeel's Weekly are both on file in the periodical room and are used very much.

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1393	24c purple	5.00	1429	1874, 1c blue on amb.	.08
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1383	10c brown	2.50	1504	1884, 5c br'n on fawn.	.75
1382	7c vermilion	1.50	1514	1884, 2c br'n on fawn.	.10
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1375	30c black	3.00	1516	1884, 2c br'n on blue.	.10
1374	24c purple	4.00	1548	1887, 2c gr'n on white.	.50
1373	15c orange	4.00	1563	1887, 4c carmine, o. b.	.20
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1833	3c " " " " amber	10.00	1724	1884, 2c br'n, wrap.	.50
1834	3c dark red on cream	5.00	1835	1871, 6c black, P. O.	.10
1837	6c light red " "	25.00	1810	1878, blk on wh. P. S.	.10
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1588	1893, 5c slate brown, " "	15.00	1844	1877, 3c r. on cr., War	.10
			1869	1875, 3c r. on bl., War	.15

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AGRICULTURE				POST OFFICE.			
Catalogue Price.	60th 1st.	My 2nd.	Price for 3rd.	Catalogue Price.	60th 1st.	My 2nd.	Price for 3rd.
1c yellow	\$1.50	.75	1.00	1c black	\$0.40	\$0.20	\$0.15
2c yellow	1.00	.75	.50	2c black	.20	.15	.10
3c yellow	.75	.50	.40	3c black	.10	.07	.05
6c yellow	.75	.50	.25	6c black	.15	.08	.05
10c yellow	6.00	5.00	3.00	10c black	1.35	1.25	.75
12c yellow	8.00	6.00	4.00	12c black	.75	.40	.30
15c yellow	3.50	2.50	1.75	15c black	1.00	.75	.40
24c yellow	4.00	3.00	2.00	24c black	1.00	.75	.50
30c yellow	4.50	3.50	2.50	30c black	1.00	.75	.40
				90c black	2.00	1.25	.65
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1c carmine	8.00	6.00	4.00	1c green	2.50	1.50	1.00
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3c carmine	6.50	4.00	2.00	3c green	.75	.50	.35
6c carmine	15.00	12.00	7.00	6c green	.75	.50	.25
10c carmine	10.00	7.50	4.00	10c green	3.00	2.00	1.25
INTERIOR.				TREASURY.			
1c vermilion	.25	.15	.10	1c brown	.15	.10	.05
2c vermilion	.03	.02	.01	2c brown	.12	.07	.04
3c vermilion	.02	.02	.01	3c brown	.03	.02	.01
6c vermilion	.05	.03	.02	6c brown	.10	.05	.03
10c vermilion	.50	.35	.20	7c brown	1.50	1.00	.75
12c vermilion	.40	.25	.15	10c brown	.25	.15	.10
15c vermilion	.50	.35	.25	12c brown	.15	.07	.03
24c vermilion	.75	.50	.25	15c brown	.25	.15	.10
30c vermilion	.75	.50	.25	24c brown	4.00	2.50	1.50
90c vermilion	2.50	1.50	1.00	30c brown	.25	.15	.10
JUSTICE.				WAR.			
1c purple	1.50	1.00	.65	1c red	.05	.03	.02
2c purple	3.00	2.00	1.00	2c red	.05	.03	.02
3c purple	.75	.40	.25	3c red	.05	.03	.02
6c purple	1.00	.50	.40	6c red	.05	.03	.02
10c purple	3.00	1.75	1.40	7c red	2.50	1.50	.75
12c purple	2.50	1.25	.75	10c red	.25	.15	.07
15c purple	6.00	4.00	3.00	12c red	.20	.10	.06
24c purple	17.00	12.00	8.00	15c red	.25	.15	.06
30c purple	20.00	12.00	8.00	24c red	.20	.15	.06
90c purple	37.50	35.00	18.50	30c red	.20	.15	.06
				90c red	1.00	.85	.30
NAVY.				POST OFFICE SEAL STAMPS.			
1c blue	1.25	1.00	.60	Registered, brown	.25	.15	.10
2c blue	.50	.30	.20	(Post Obitum) green	3.00	2.00	unused only
3c blue	.20	.15	.08				
6c blue	.50	.30	.20				
7c blue	10.00	7.50	4.00				
10c blue	2.00	1.25	.75				
12c blue	1.50	.75	.50				
15c blue	2.00	1.25	.75				
24c blue	2.00	2.75	1.75				
30c blue	3.00	2.00	1.00				
90c blue	10.00	7.50	4.00				

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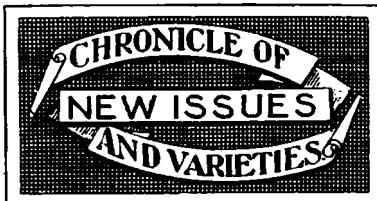
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1901.

WHOLE No. 401.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.—In the *Fortnightly* appears a chatty interview with representatives of the firm of Smyth and Nicolls of Sydney, New South Wales. Asked as to the probability of a new set to inaugurate the Federation Mr. Smyth said:

"Not yet; that will have to be decided later on. My opinion is that the new stamp will not be issued for some little time after Federation is accomplished. There will be preliminaries to arrange. But what will happen will probably be this: The issues at present in the States will be 'surcharged' with the words 'Federal Australia,' and the year 1901, just as the Transvaal and Orange State stamps were utilized with the letters 'V. R. I.' printed across them."

This matter is being the subject of much newspaper comment and it seems to be the general opinion that the stamps of all the colonies will receive a distinctive surcharge of the nature indicated by Mr. Smyth.

AUSTRIA.—*Le Timbrophile Belge* has seen the 1 heller stamp with the numerals upside down:

Adhesive (Error):
1 heller, lilac, numerals inverted.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The *Monthly Journal* has received the 2c envelope in grey paper "with the inside mottled or granite surfaced."

Envelope (Regular):
2c carmine on grey.

COREA.—I have a new value to add to the set, details of which have already been fully given (365):

Adhesive (Regular):
20 cheun, red.

FIJI.—The *Fortnightly* states that it has seen the 6d rose with the very distinct printing on both sides of the stamp, the printing on the reverse side being clearly below the gum. There is a little inside

history that shows this error up in an unenviable light. The postmaster is said to have held back the sheets of this doubly printed stamp and to have distributed copies among his friends. An act very much appreciated no doubt.

FRENCH COLONIES.—I have received from England a bunch of colonial issues, nineteen sets of four stamps each. I will save my space and my readers' patience by grouping this issue as comprehensively as possible. The colonies supplied are Anjouan, Dahomey, French Congo (the latest set not being found satisfactory), French Guiana, French Guinea, French Soudan, Grand Comoro, Guadeloupe, Indian Settlements, Indo-China, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Martinique, Mayotte, New Caledonia, Oceanic Settlements, Reunion, St. Pierre and Miquelon, and Senegal. The values are as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):
10 centimes, carmine on rose.
15c rosy grey on light grey.
55c blue on bluish.
50c brown on pale blue.

GERMANY, Offices in Morocco.—Single and reply cards have been issued consisting of the Germania type with the usual overprint:

Post Cards (Regular):
5c on 5pf green on buff.
55c on 55spf green on buff.
10c on 10pf carmine on buff.
10x10c on 10x10pf carmine on buff.

Offices in the Levant.—The Germania cards have been similarly treated for use in the Levant:

Post Cards (Regular):
10p on 5pf green on buff.
10x10p on 55spf green on buff.
20p on 10pf carmine on buff.
20x20p on 10x10pf carmine on buff.

NEW ZEALAND.—I append herewith an illustration of the 1d, issued to commemorate the inauguration of penny postage.



The stamp was supplied by the New England Stamp Co., and our thanks are due this firm for its favor. Mr. Carpenter has also shown me the 1½d khaki, signaling the services of the New Zealand troops in the South African war (373).

Adhesives (Commemoratives):
1d carmine.
1½d khaki.

TIMOR.—I chronicled last week a new value, 78 avos. *Mekeel's News* announces two others, 10 and 20 avos and I therefore list them:

Adhesives (Regular):
10 avos, dark blue on blue.
20 avos, brown on yellow.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—In number (360) I listed a 5c indigo upon the authority of the *Monthly Circular*. This paper now states that this stamp does not exist.

Perak—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal gives us further light on the "Three Cent" drouth existing in this state:

"The two dollars stamp has been surcharged "Three Cent" in the same fashion as the one dollar described last month, and, low value stamps having completely run out, a notice was published on October 22nd to the effect that all articles on which the postage was less than 4c were to be handed in at the window and postage paid in cash. They were then stamped "PAID", with the amount added in MS., and a printed receipt on a small square of paper, stamped with a date-stamp, was handed to the person posting the letter. These receipts will perhaps find their way into collectors' hands and be regarded as stamps, because they bear a postmark. It is well, therefore, to explain that they are nothing of the sort. We have before us a copy of the notice, an envelope posted in this manner, and one of the receipts referred to, which we shall lay by for future reference."

UNITED STATES.—In keeping with the news given last week by Mr. Eldredge I chronicled the 1c inverted Guam. It will be very interesting to note the developments in connection with the remainder of this sheet.

VAALE RIVER COLONY.—In a previous number (376) I listed a 2½d Transvaal with the V. R. I. surcharge inverted, also (390) a 2d with error "V. I. R." I find in an English exchange a few additional errors of interest to the variety hunter:

Surcharge Inverted: ¼d, 1d.
Without stop after "V": ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 4d.
Without stop after "I": 10s.
With dropped "I": ¼d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 4d and 6d.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

(For week January 12th.)

The auction season for 1901 is coming in with a rush. The J. W. Scott Co. an-

Two Letters FROM A... PLEASED PATRON:

CHICAGO, Oct. 1, 1900.
 * * * I have between 4500 and 5000 specimens in my collection. I do not collect revenues, Mexico, the Sebeck countries, China, or Col. Republic. If you have anything you think I can use as per your ad in ERA shall be glad to receive a selection.

Yours truly, D— W—

CHICAGO, Oct. 11, 1900.
 * * * Enclosed please find book of stamps from which I have taken \$3.48 less 50%, and send herewith \$1.75 in payment. The stamps you sent were the best I ever received at the price, remarkably good specimens and I shall be glad to receive further consignments. No U. S. at present.

Yours truly, D— W—

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ANDREW J. KIRBY,

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nounce the following sales: January 28th, a collection of United States Postage and Revenue stamps, including Match and Medicine, the property of Mr. Otto G. Horster. On February 4th the Drew collection of choice British Colonials.

I have from time to time given to the readers of the ERA information regarding the new stamps of Dominican Republic. My informant wishes his name withheld, and only on these conditions, am I able to give this news. The latest bit of interesting reading comes from the same source and concerns the stamps mentioned above. To begin with it is said that the stamps of Dominican Republic, present issue, are to be withdrawn from use as the Haytian Government has protested against the further issue of the stamps for postal purposes. The grounds on which the protest is made, is that the boundary line, separating Hayti from Dominican Republic, illustrated on the stamps is incorrect and therefore should at once be corrected, otherwise the stamps should be withdrawn from sale.

I also made the remark several weeks ago, that there was a scarcity of the 1c denomination in this city, I am now able to say that the "seige" has been raised and dealers are again fully supplied with this stamp.

The *New York Sun* says, that the Postal Revenue of Borneo and Labuan, derived from the sale of postage stamps etc., amounted to \$100,000 last year, notwithstanding the fact that the actual amount of postage stamps used to convey letters amounted to only \$4,000. Stamp collectors supplied the difference.

The latest news concerning S. E. Palmer of Campbell (?), N. Y., is contained in the following letter received by the publisher of the *New York Philatelist*:

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE,
 CAMPBELL, NEW YORK, Jan. 4, 1901.
 A. HERBST, NEW YORK.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of Dec-29, have to say that Charles Grottan of Bath, N. Y., who called at this office for mail addressed "S. E. Palmer," has been arrested and is out on \$500.00 bail for his

appearance before the U. S. Commissioner. None of his mail was delivered and is held at this office, subject to orders of Post Office Department.

Yours truly,
 H. B. WILLARD, P. M.

(For week January 19th.)

The 1901 officers of the Manhattan Philatelic Society are as follows:

President—J. W. George.
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 Treasurer—Geo. F. Blake.
 Exchange Manager—R. Stanley Webbe.

The programme for 1901 is as follows:

Feb. 7—Locals of all kinds.
 Feb. 21—U. S. Proofs and Essays.
 March 7—Spain and Cuba.
 March 21—Greece and Bulgaria.
 April 4—Pairs and blocks any country.
 April 18—Match and Medicine.
 May 2—Switzerland.
 May 16—Hawaii and Philippines.
 June 6—British North America.
 June 20—Dr K. & Co. Provisional Revenue.
 July and August—No fixed programme.
 Sept. 5—Stamps on the Cover.
 Sept. 19—General Collections.
 Oct. 3—United States Revenues.
 Oct. 17—Porto Rico and Guam.
 Nov. 7—Mexico and Central America.
 Nov. 21—Chinese and Hong Kong.
 Dec. 5—United States Postage.
 Dec. 19—Errors and type varieties, any country.

All persons interested in Philately are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Society on the first and third Thursday's of each month. The Secretary's address is, 220 Broadway, New York City.

As predicted, Mr. Geo. F. Crane, has at last retired from the dealers ranks. The Bogert & Durbin Co. have purchased his entire stock. It is said that another local dealer is willing to retire also, if he can find a purchaser for his stock.

The "Fraud Reporter" of the *New York Philatelist* for January contains a full account of "S. E. Palmer," the Campbell, N. Y., fraud. The editor states that he was the one who had "Palmer's" mail stopped, and subsequently caused his arrest.

Mr. Abbott, who is the editor of this section of the *New York Philatelist*, is to be commended for this prompt action. A list of the stamp firms who were written to by "Palmer" is also given. This issue contains nearly three pages of fraud matter and many names of "dead beats" are published. I am informed that another dangerous fraud is operating in this state. The case has been reported to Mr. Abbott, and I am indebted to him for this information. This new fraud uses the name of C. W. Steele, and claims Williamson, N. Y., to be his place of residence. He is reported as a fraud by Mr. Geo. J. Carter, of Brooklyn. Steele gives the postmaster at Williamson for reference, but the P. M. says he does not know him, except that he has called for mail several times. It would be well for dealers if they were a little more cautious before sending out valuable selections. It often pays to investigate even a "Bank reference" which fact is shown by the "Palmer" case.

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Reigned

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DORCHESTER, MASS., Jan. 7, 1901.

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Baden.

BY C. R. GADSDEN,
(C. P. S. No. 5.)

Read before the Chicago Philatelic Society, December 2nd, 1886.

It has been almost impossible for me to devote any time to the preparation of a paper on the stamps of Baden which you have asked of me, and I must therefore ask your indulgence for its brevity, and the very incomplete manner in which the subject has been handled. I should have liked to add a few words about the country, its inhabitants, industries etc., but not having time must omit it, and proceed directly with the subject which is of more interest to us.

Stamps were first issued in Baden in 1851, and from that time until 1870, when the Grand Duchy became a part of the re-organized German Empire and adopted the stamps thereof. Of the first issue in 1851, there were four values being 1 kr buff, 3 kr yellow, 6 kr green, 9 kr rose lilac; of the second, or 1853 issue, there were three, viz: 1 kr white, 3 kr green, 6 kr yellow, and in 1857 was issued the 3 kr blue. These stamps are all printed in black, on colored paper, value in circle surrounded by square frame with "Baden" at the top, "Frimarke" at bottom, "Deutsch Oestu-Post Verein" on the left, "Vertrag von, 6 April, 1850," on the right. I do not exactly understand the meaning of this last, but presume it is "Edition of April 6, 1850." It seems strange, however, that these stamps, although printed so early in 1850 should not have been circulated for use until 1851, and I should be pleased to hear from some competent authority on the subject. None of these stamps command a very high price, the 1 kr buff being the highest, yet I doubt very much if any of the unused specimens in the market today are other than reprints, and have sought to obtain only cancelled specimens for my own collection, and would advise my friends to do the same.

In 1861 a new stamp was issued, printed in color on white paper, with arms in lined ground in a square frame, with "Baden" at top, "Post Verein" at right, "Frimarke" at left, and value below, of this issue there are four values, viz. 1 kr black, 3 kr blue, 6 kr yellow, 9 kr carmine, all with small perforations (13½ to centimeter space). In 1862 were issued four other varieties of the same, being 1 kr black, 6 blue, 9 brown, 9 stone, (10 perforations). In 1864 stamps of six values were issued in the same design on white ground, viz: 1 kr black, 3 kr rose, 6 kr blue, 9 kr brown, 18 kr green, 30 orange, (10 perforation), and the 1 kr and 3 kr with 13½ perforation. In 1868 three other stamps similar in design to those of 1864 were issued, the lettering however being larger. They were as follows: 1 kr green, 3 rose, 7 blue.

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Of these issues it may be said, as of the first, that the majority of unused specimens are reprints, whether Government, or otherwise, I can not say. In 1862 the Government thought it necessary to issue stamps for local postage in the rural districts. There are three values viz: 1, 3 and 12 kr printed in black on yellow, numeral in center, "Land Post" above, "Porte Marke" below. It is my belief that the majority of these stamps are remainders, as I do not think, judging from my slight acquaintance with the smaller villages and towns of the Grand Duchy, that any great number of them were used, as even at the present day there is very little communication between them—the people, like the Chinese, preferring to deliver their messages personally.

Stamped envelopes were first issued in 1858, stamps in left upper corner, head to right in oval, value in letters above, numerals below, on white wove paper, in large, square and ordinary shape, and were of the following values: 3 kr blue, 6 yellow, 9 rose, 12 brown, 18 vermilion. These stamps have been reprinted. Originals which may be distinguished by having gum on the tips only of the upper flat are very scarce, and command a high price, the 12 and 18 kr being almost unattainable. In 1862 a new series were issued with stamp in right upper corner on white and bluish wove paper, 3 kr rose, 6 blue, 9 stone, and 9 red brown. In 1870 a Post Card was issued without stamps, inscription, "Badischer Post Bezirk Correspondenz Karte," four paragraphs of instructions below, printed in black on buff. A comparison of prices charged by principal dealers, would no doubt be interesting, but at the same time rather long, so that I will only say that from a casual inspection I should judge Scott's prices to be the lowest.



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- " 2c Map, o. g04
- " Registration, 20c o. g.05
- " Envelope, 3c 1877, entire15
- " " " 3c on 2c 1877, entire15
- Cuba 1896, 1c dark violet, used06
- Gold Coast 1 shilling, obsolete16
- Holland 1 Guld (Coronation)30
- Newfoundland 1867, 3c blue, used60
- " " " 1876, 2c roulet25
- " " " 3c40
- " 1887 to '97, set of 9 (1/2 to 24c) o. g.90
- " 1897, 1c on 2c, o. g.05
- Nova Scotia 3d dark blue35
- " " " 1c or 2c10
- P. E. Island 1c13
- Porto Rico 1890, 5c brown violet, used09
- " 1891, 8c brown, used03
- " 1894, 2c lilac, used15
- " " 4c slate blue, pair, used03
- " 1896, 2c or brown, used05
- " " 6c violet, used08
- " " 8c rose, used08
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- Gibraltar 1846, 2d violet 1.75
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Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
(Week of January 12th.)
- Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXVII No. 1 (265), Jan.: The New Century.
- Brown's Advertiser, Vol. III No. 51, Dec.: Advertisements only.
- Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XIV No. 191, December 15:
The New French Stamps.
Stamps of Seychelles.
Secret Control Marks.
- Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. V Nos. 63, 64, December 8, 15:
An Appreciation of Stamp Collecting.
Making Stamps.
Cape G. P. O. and Making Stamps.
- General-Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Vol. XVIII No. 366, Dec. 12:
Advertisements only.
- Morley's Philatelic Journal, Vol. I No. 12, December:
Bulgarian Fiscals.
Indo-Cingalese Telegraphs.
Philately as an Aid to Culture—Geography.
United States Telegraphs.

- Jubilee Philatelist, Vol. II No. 2 (14), Dec.: Holland and Her Stamps.
New vs. Old Issues.
Notes on the Philippine Stamps.
- Mekeel's Drummer, Vol. II No. 3 (9), December 25:
Notes and Publisher's Advertisements.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV No. 1 (522), January 3:
Chinese Covers.
Washington, Boston, New York and Chicago Notes.
Stamps of Mecklenburg Schwerin.

- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 13, December 29:
Washington Notes.
English Letter.

- Perforator, Vol. VI No. 4 (Vol. XVIII No. 1), December:
*P. S. of A. Convention Group.
The Collector—The Philatelist—The Innocent.
History of the P. S. of A.

- Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXIV No. 4 (154), December:
Christmas Reverie.
- Philatelic Record, Vol. I No. 1, January, (Montreal):
Denmark and Her Stamps.
Nova Scotia Cent Series.
- Philatelist, Vol. XXI No. 12 (273), Dec.:
Regulation of Prices etc.
Proofs, Essays etc.
- Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II No. 12, December 27:
Rise of the Pictorial Stamp.
Chicago Notes.

A long article on the new French stamps appears in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* giving details concerning the size of the sheets and the arrangement of the stamps thereon, marginal inscriptions etc. It is full of interest and would pay for translation.

The article on the Seychelles stamps is included and forms a very complete history of the postal and fiscal issues of these islands. When known, the number issued of each value is given.

Mekeel's Weekly is ten years old, and quite rightly brags a little about itself. It is no small thing for a stamp paper to exist for ten years consecutively, and we have but few that can make good that claim. But for a weekly it is a much greater feat. Many happy returns of the day!

Morley's Journal has completed its first volume and proposes to keep it up for an-

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on Court Etiquette, and being such a modest, quiet, reserved, free from bluster and braggadocio kind of a cuss, we don't want to sloop over on our trip around the world. Can't our friends post us? Take for instance when we call on the Queen of the Netherlands, are osculatory salutations in order or shall we just grab her by the hand in true American style and say "Howdy Mena, Howdy. Do you want a set of Lee stamps for a dollar?" and will she give us the ha! ha! like Miss Amy Swift and call the stamps labels, fakes, etc. Let us hear from you.

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other year. The able editor, A. Preston Pearce, is obliged to retire on account of the press of other duties, and he will be succeeded by L. W. Fulcher, whose articles on the fiscals of Siam and telegraph stamps of Japan appeared in the *Journal* during the past year.

The December number contains an article on the fiscals of Bulgaria, which is a country to be recommended to the beginner. A most excellent index accompanies the number. By the use of heavy type for postal matter, new style figures for telegraph articles and old style numerals for fiscal items, it is possible to refer to articles very quickly without waste of time.

The second number of the new volume of the *Jubilee Philatelist* is the first one of the new size that I have seen, although I understand it was adopted with the commencement of the volume. The cover is adorned with a view of the main street of Smith's Falls, Ont., where the paper is published. The change of shape is a great improvement and ought to result in an increased income for the publisher. Friend Chapman, has a most excellent article on

Holland, and her stamps, and John Peltz, gives some notes on the Philippines.

Mekeel's Drummer has grown fat and comes out with a plump Christmas number adorned with a likeness of a charming St. Louis girl on the cover. The contents are, as usual, the publisher's announcements interspersed with numerous historical and descriptive facts about stamps and their issuing countries, etc.

The *Perforator* presents us with a copy of the P. S. of A. convention picture taken on the steps of the Milwaukee Art Museum last summer. The list of paid up members of the Society is continued.

A. R. Magill favored me with an advance copy of his new journal, the *Philatelic Record*, which arrived just too late to be included in my last review. It is very neatly gotten up and the contents are well selected. The paper on which it is printed is to be improved upon, Mr. Magill informs me, as it was used by mistake. Success to you.

Charles Jenney has a very entertaining article in *Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post* for Dec. 27. It is entitled "The Rise of the Pictorial Stamp." The *Post* is making its mark and ought to succeed.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Secretary's Report.

The statistical portion of my report is as follows:

Total number of members admitted since organization,	259
Total number of members now on the rolls,	129
Total number of members admitted in 1900,	20
Total number of members resigned in 1900,	7
Total number of members dropped for non-payment in 1900,	5
Total number of members died in 1900,	1
Net gain in membership,	7
Number of meetings held,	10
Average attendance of members and visitors at meetings,	26.87%
A net loss as compared with 1899 of	1.67%

The largest attendance was in November, of 65, while at the Annual Jollification in February it was only 39. Previous to this year the largest attendance has been in February. The smallest attendance was in September, when only 12 were present. This was 5 less than the smallest attendance last year, and was probably caused by the very unfavorable weather.

Increased interest in Society meetings has sprung up this season, and the past three meetings have shown an average attendance of 42, while the same three meetings a year ago only averaged 24.

Number of notices of meetings sent out,	1240
" " letters written,	125
" " membership cards sent out,	105
" " copies of the Statutes,	12

Total No. of pieces of mail matter, 1482
 All of which is respectfully submitted.
 M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.
 Boston, Mass., Jan. 15, 1901.

Report of Treasurer for 1900.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1900,	\$29.07
<i>Receipts.</i>	
109 members, admission fees and dues,	\$225.00
Sale of Revenue work,	404.22
Commission on sale of Greece stamps,	2.29
Interest on deposit,	1.02
Insurance fund of Exchange Dept.,	19.67
Refunding of amount appropriated for Brooklyn Medal,	5.00
	\$657.20
	\$686.27
<i>Expenditures.</i>	
Postage and stationery,	24.40
Notices of meetings,	17.50
Official Organ,	25.00
Printing,	4.75
Entertainment at meetings,	10.00
Membership cards,	9.00
Medal, Brooklyn Inst. of Arts and Sciences,	5.00
Expense of Subscription Com. of Revenue work,	49.05
Publication of Revenue work,	298.00
Expense attending Banquet,	10.25
Library Committee,	25.00
Rent,	48.00
	\$525.95
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1900,	\$160.32

<i>Memorandum.</i>	
Expended for publication, compilation and sale of Revenue work,	\$1366.50
Proceeds of sale,	904.22
	\$462.28

Respectfully submitted,
 L. L. GREEN, Treasurer.
 Boston, Dec. 31, 1900.

Audited and found to be correct.
 S. R. SIRCOM, Committee.
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The Library Committee has placed copies of the following publications in the Boston Public Library.

Mirabaud & Reuterskiold—The Postage Stamps of Switzerland, 1843-1862.
 Bacon, E. D.—Reprints of Postage Adhesive Stamps and Their Characteristics.
 Millington, H. M.—Catalogue of the Adhesive Postage Stamps of the British Empire.
 Lockyer, G. E.—Colonial Stamps.
 Bartels & Co.'s First and Second Complete Catalogue of the Stamped Envelopes of the U. S., April, 1897 to March, 1899.
 Bartels & Co.'s Catalogue of Plate Numbers, etc., July 1896 to Jan. 1898-99.
 Philatelic Journal of America, Vols. 8-11, 1891-94.
 PHILATELIC ERA, Vols. 6-8, 1892-94.
 Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vols. 1 and 2, 1892-94.
 American Philatelist, Vol. 6, 1892.
 Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vols. 2-3, 1892-93.
 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vols. 1-13, 1891-1899. (12 Vols. bound, 1 Vol. unbound.)
 Evans, Edward B.—A Description of the Mulready Envelope.
 Earre, Rev. R. B.—Album Weeds; or How to Detect Forged Stamps.
 Coffin and Calman—A Catalogue for Advanced Collectors of Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers, etc. Parts 1-13 with plates.

EXCHANGES.

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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 to cents.

Wanted: Proofs of U. S. Revenue and M. & M. stamps on Cardboard. Will give good exchange or Cash if price is right. If you have any "odds and ends" in Proofs that you want to dispose of send same on approval and quote your lowest price on same. Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Me. (A. P. A. No. 1171.) [111]

Free sample Canadian Philatelic Magazine and price lists. Postage and Rev. stamps. 1901 Canada Rev. catalogue 10c; 1000 Canada, 2c; 50 diff. Canada, \$1; 6 Phil., 1cc. WM. R. ADAMS, Toronto, Can. [4]

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For the Week Ending January 19, 1901.

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DUCK, GEORGE F., Clearfield, Penn.;
age, 36; occupation, Chief Engineer.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch.

Applications for Re-instatement.

679. DIENA, DR. EMILIO, 40 Via
Vittoria Colonna, Rome, Italy.
1148. HEAVENRICH, MAX P., Sag-
inaw, Michigan.
1105. ROEMER, CHARLES, 206
Adams St., San Antonio, Texas.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership January 19th..... 441

The Board of Directors have approved the bond of C. L. Annan, Treasurer, for two thousand dollars; the same being issued by the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland.

A copy of the Year Book has been mailed to each applicant for re-instatement.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,

WINONA, MINN., Jan. 12th, 1901.

201 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 5th, value..... \$6416.86
15 books retired since Jan. 5th, valued at..... 360 35

Total No. books in circulation
216 value..... \$6777 21

The demand for the better class of stamps is increasing and the sales are most satisfactory.

I know there are many collectors who are disposing of parts of their collections, who would make use of the Sales Department, did they but know how satisfactory it would be to them.

Reports will be made regularly, and books returned promptly when sales are sufficient to warrant same. Send in one or two books as a trial lot.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

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- 1 General Collection containing 1829 varieties of Foreign and 292 varieties U. S. This collection is guaranteed to catalogue at least \$160. Contains 2121 fine varieties and cheap at \$27.50.
 - 1 Collection of British Colonials only, 400 varieties, used and unused, Price only \$6.00.
 - 1 Collection of British Colonials only, 198 varieties, Price \$2.50.
 - 1 Collection of Central America only, 116 fine var., mostly unused, \$2.25.
 - 1 Collection of So. America only, 240 var., \$3.75.
 - 1 Collection So. and Central America only, 200 varieties, \$3.00.
 - 1 Collection of Mexican Revenues, contains 202 fine var. Early issues are mostly complete. A portion of this collection (about half) was purchased from Mekeel for something over \$60. Will sell the entire collection at a bargain. Price only \$22.50.
 - 1 Collection of Old U. S. Revenues, 130 var., catalogues \$44.89 (59th), \$9.25.
- Set Sierra Leone unused, o. g., 1, 3, 6d, 1sh (Nos. 103-5-6-7), Face 45c. My price per set 50c. 5c Certificate, unperf. Cat. value, 25c, only 8c.

JOS. B. HENDERSON, Columbus, Kan.
Member A. P. A., C. P. S., S. of P., K. P. S.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 8th, 1901.
ORDERED, That the time for the reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Thursday, January 31, 1901, and that all petitions and bills presented after that date, be referred to the next legislature, and that the Clerk of the House cause this order to be published in all the daily and weekly papers printed in the State.

House of Representatives, January 8, 1901, Read and passed, sent up for concurrence.

In Senate, January 9, 1901, Read and passed, in concurrence.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.

A true copy.
Attest: W. S. COTTON, Clerk. [2*

PORTO RICO REVENUES.

1900, 1/2 and 3c unused..... \$0.66
1900, 10c unused..... .15
The Three..... .20c

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1873, 1p red brown, used..... \$1.50 \$1.00

SOME CHOICE PORTO RICO.

1873, 25c gray, used..... .06 .04
1874, 25c ultramarine, used..... .08 .06
1876, 50c ultramarine, unused, o. g..... .60 .50
1876, 1p black, unused, o. g..... 1.25 1.00
1882, 40c blue, used..... .25 .20
1890, 40c salmon, mint..... .45 .40
1890, 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10c on U. S., mint..... .48 .38
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GREECE, 1900, PROV.

30l on 40l perf.; 30l on 40l imperf.; 40l on 2l bistre;
50l on 40l rose, imperf.; 1dr on 40l violet, imperf.; 2dr on 40l violet, perf.; 3dr on 10l orange.
The Set of 7 Unused, o. g..... 2.50
Only A Few Sets Left In Stock.

1898 REVS. PART ROULETTED.

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Pair fairly well centered..... .85; " " 4, 1.60
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1m violet brown, .02
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4m blue green, .03
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2c orange brown, .02
3c claret brown, .02
6c violet, .08
20c olive gray, .20
Purple Surcharge.
8c carmine rose, .12

Impuesta de Guerra.
Purple Surcharge.
2m dark violet, .07
2c red brown, .05
5c blue green, .07

Rose Surcharge.
5c on 1m dark violet, .03
Magenta Surcharge.
5c on 1m blue, .03

Set of 15 var. 1898, 1m to 60c, minus 4m and 4c, for \$1.80.
All previous offers cancelled.

ALSO WE OFFER THIS WEEK:

ALL UNUSED.

Haiti 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c, set of 8..... \$0.40
" 1898, 15, 20c, set of 2..... .35
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" 1899, 1, 2, 5c, set of 3..... .08
Switzerland 1900, 5, 10, 25c, set of 3..... .12
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One hundred pounds of this mixture came from Belgium, one hundred pounds from France, one hundred pounds from Great Britain, one hundred pounds from Germany, one hundred pounds from Italy, one hundred pounds from Austria, one hundred pounds from Switzerland, one hundred pounds from Bavaria. Two hundred pounds came in smaller parcels from Chili, Argentine, Mexico, Roumania, Turkey, Russia, Bulgaria, Spain, Netherlands and other places.

1000 POUNDS.

The above thousand pounds have been made up in an honest mixture, and will be found to include many countries other than those mentioned. They have not been picked over, and occasional colonials were noticed in the various classes when they were mixed. Over 200 varieties from the bulk of the mixture, but many others are possibilities.

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Cash must come with order.

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- 546 different postage stamps mounted in a neat blank book \$1.50
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Nothing is too good for a beginner. We give many times the catalogue value in all of above packets.

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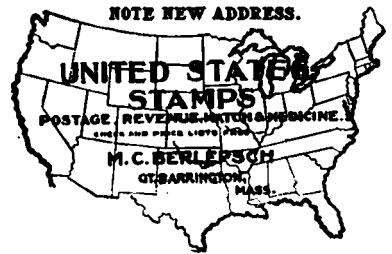
From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

An unlisted variety of the Guatemala 1881 issue, 1 centavo on $\frac{1}{4}$ real, brown and green, is with the surcharge with only the three letters tav of centavo appearing.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held Wednesday evening, January 16th, with over 30 members present. At this meeting the various committees submitted their reports for the calendar year just closed, recording the progress of the work of which they had charge, and showing the Society to be in a healthy and flourishing condition, and its affairs in good order. The Secretary's report showed that the average attendance for the past year had been 42, which was an increase over the previous year. The nominating committee submitted the following nominees: H. E. Woodward, President; Clifton A. Howes, Vice President; M. H. Lombard, Secretary; L. L. Green, Treasurer; J. H. Lyons, Supt. of Auctions; J. F. Johnson, Supt. of Exchange. By a unanimous vote the list was elected. Several applications for membership were received, and one new member was elected. Mr. Lombard offered a first and second prize of single desirable stamps, to the two members bringing the largest and the next to the largest number of new members into the Society during the coming year. The Secretary was empowered to revise the list of members and the by-laws of the Society to date, and have printed a sufficient number of same.

To stimulate interest the New England Stamp Co., through its manager, offered for competition among the members a series of medals under the following conditions: Open only to members of the Boston Philatelic Society in good standing, or those whose application for membership are in the hands of the Secretary. Three philatelists, to be selected by the Governing Board of the Society, shall be the judges, and such judges shall be debarred from competing in classes which they are judging. In awarding prizes, completeness, arrangement, rarity and condition, each shall count twenty-five per cent. in result. The first prize to be a silver medal and the second one a bronze medal, and where four or more competitors a gold medal at the end of the season to member securing the largest number of points, each first prize to count twelve and each second prize to count five. The series of competitions to begin at the February or March meeting, as the Governing Board may decide, and to continue nine consecutive meetings. The first meeting, U. S. Adhesives and General Issues; the second, U. S. Departments, Newspapers and Postage Dues; the third, U. S. cut square Envelopes and Wrappers; fourth, U. S. Revenues; fifth, Hawaii; sixth, Cuba; seventh, Porto Rico; eighth, Philippines;



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ninth, Danish West Indies. Their offer was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered for their generosity.

Then followed the entertainment of the evening, which was a talk by Mr. Harlow E. Woodward about "Old Time Stamp Collecting and Reminiscences." Mr. Woodward began to collect in 1859 and took his audience back to that early period of stamp collecting when Brattleboros and Nova Scotia pence and shillings were offered at a few dimes each and found but few takers. By easy stages his hearers were carried from 1859 to 1901, from stampic ignorance to the philatelic knowledge of today. Mr. Woodward's talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, judging by the frequent laughter and applause which punctuated his remarks.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

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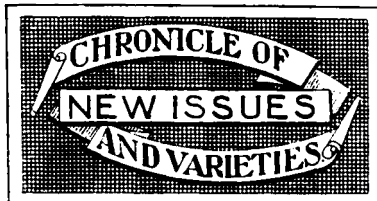
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1901.

WHOLE No. 402.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—Mr. Bartels has seen several values in new colors, the design being that of the 1897 issue. *Mekeel's News* chronicles these three changes:

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1d carmine and black.
- 4d olive and black.
- 6d red-brown and lilac.

CHINA, British Indian Military Offices.

—The Continental press announces the Chinese Expeditionary Force surcharge "C. E. F." on the new India stamps:

Adhesives (Provisional):

- 3 pies, slate, surcharged "C. E. F."
- 3/4a green, "
- 1a carmine, "
- 2a violet, "
- 2 3/4a ultramarine, "

INDIA.—In number 365 I listed a 6 annas through *Le Timbre Poste*. Upon the authority of the *Philatelic Journal of India* I must now announce that this stamp has never been issued to the public.

JAPAN.—The *Monthly Journal* has received a new letter card "formed of thickish brown or fawn-colored paper, and consists of two folds and a flap, the latter being at the left when the stamp is held the right way up; it is perforated across the top and bottom after being folded."

Letter Card (Regular):

- 3 sen, mauve on fawn.

NICARAGUA.—The *Monthly Circular* announces a set of official stamps evidently of a provisional nature, and according to Mr. Hopkins of *Mekeel's News* no doubt used prior to the appearance of the Asenjo set. The set consists of the postage due stamps of 1896, with the surcharge in two lines "Franqueo Oficial"

Adhesives (Prov. Official):

- 1 centavo, orange.
- 3 centavos, "
- 5 " "
- 10 " "
- 20 " "
- 50 " "

PARAGUAY.—I have already received and listed several values of the new set (396) but upon the authority of Mr. Bartels, *Mekeel's News* not only lists other values in the new set, but chronicles as well an "official" set, the word "official" displacing "Union Postal Universal" on the regular issue. It will be observed that the regular 3c and 8c are both given as being in brown

Adhesives (Regular):

- 3 centavos, brown.
- 8 " "
- 24 " dark blue.

Adhesives (Official):

- 1 centavo, blue.
- 2 " red.
- 4 " brown.
- 5 " green.
- 8 " brown.
- 10 " carmine rose.
- 20 " blue.

SPAIN.—Divers of our contemporaries report several values of the new set. Information is very meagre as to whether the stamps have already been put into circulation. I have already listed the 2 and 15c of this set and now have the 5, 10 and 50c to add:

Adhesives (Regular):

- 5c green.
- 10c red.
- 50c blue gray.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, Selangor.—I have made several references to the high handed manner in which surcharging is being resorted to by the various states in which Perak has taken the lead, closely followed by Selangor. It would be a boon to philately if that long promised federation set would only make its debut on this scene of activity. I have two surcharges on the 50c Selangor to chronicle.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- 1 cent on 50c green and black.
- 3 cents on 50c green and black.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

Philatelic Spasms.

And now, apparently, we have to consider the subject of *inverted pre-cancellations!* Isn't it getting towards the "shadow of a shade?"

The last notes from the Hub also mentioned a *verticle* pre-cancellation!! And from the "city of culchaw," too!! Oh my! Oh my!

To any Philatelist, also interested in ornithology, I would recommend the study of

the bird (presumably an eagle) as it appears in the illustration of the Boyd Locals, in the 1901 Catalogue.

Had the late Spanish war been reversed in its results, the American eagle might have somewhat resembled the said illustration, but now, with all its game feathers well developed, and its beak pretty well sharpened—there is indeed no similarity.

The Boyd is a decidedly a "raggedy" bird!

And so, our Philatelic friend, the Queen of Holland, is to take the rash step.

Her future husband ought to rejoice that she has a hobby!

Our late friend Seebeck may be gnashing his teeth somewhere in the next world, to think what a chance he missed. We should have had an issue of stamps at every stage of the tender passion.

We would have been able to follow the first lovers' quarrel—the "kissing and making up with tears"; and from the first murmured love-words to the last day of their suffering apart—we should have had a gorgeous philatelic panorama.

The last days of his bachelorhood might have been represented by a corkscrew and latch-key (very much in the background), while the face of the mother-in-law, or aunt-in-law appeared in the left hand corner, like a rising sun.

There is no end to the Seebeckian possibilities.

Has the mantle descended on no one? ?

We are apparently about to lose one of the most familiar faces in Philately. Probably by the time this number of the ERA comes out the whole of the British Empire will be mourning the loss of its Sovereign.

For nearly sixty-one years her face has appeared on the stamps of Great Britain—and for a somewhat lesser time on the stamps of so many of the British Dependencies.

It seems almost like a sacrilege that her place should be taken by another.

I suppose it will be some time before all the colonies can make the necessary changes.

The Federation of the Australian colonies ought to simplify matters for the antipodes.

J. B. T.

F. J. LAURIE,

15 PALAIS DU MIDE,
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

I have bought all the Philatelic Works of Mr. J. B. Moens and will sell them at the following prices:

Number Jubilaire de le Timbre Poste, 1863-1887 J. B. Moens, Catal. prix-courant. 1st vol. (postage stamps and telegr.)	\$0.25
J. B. Moens, prix-courant, 2d vol. (envelopes and cartes)	3.00
—Atlas de planches des varietes de timbres, 1 vol. (fine plates)	1.40
—Histoire des timbres d'Espagne, 1 vol., postage extra	2.00
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Corrientes.

BY T. J. MITCHELL (WANDERER").
(C. P. S. No. 3.)

Read before the Chicago Philatelic Society, June 2nd, 1887.

Corrientes is a state of Argentine Republic and comprises about 61,000 square miles and a population of 125,000. This state first issued stamps in 1856; they were first printed in black on blue paper, and of the denomination of one real.

The design is a poor copy of early French Republic stamps. There were eight varieties of this first issue printed on each sheet, and are imperforate.

In 1860 these stamps had the value cancelled with a pen and passed current as a 3 centavos. In 1861 the value was removed entirely, and no value given. It is stated to have passed for the following various values:

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All imperforate and according to the claim of eight varieties to each issue, it would give us eighty varieties of this stamp.

And owing to the many varieties of these stamps many have been rejected on account of not being the same as ones owned by various collectors, when, to tell the honest truth, there is so little known about these stamps, that collectors naturally receive them with distrust and hesitate to collect them.

There are no two accounts of these stamps which agree, and they are as comparatively unknown today among American collectors as they were several years ago.

As far as I can remember these stamps have always by their poor appearance been shunned by collectors, for S. Allen Taylor always could sell as fine and apparently as good specimens of these Corrientes stamps as Scott of New York.

To own up to the candid truth, I have looked up so many accounts of these beauties and found the account so conflicting that I have accepted Major Evans' statement, and have given it as near the correct thing than any or all of the balance.

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The member making the best display in each section will receive a silver medal, and should there be four or more competitors in any class, the second best collection will receive a bronze medal. After the close of these exhibits, we will award a gold medal to the member who has scored the most points during the series, each first to count 12, and each second to count 5.

The only conditions we impose are: First. That this competition shall be open only to members of the Boston Philatelic Society in good standing, or applicants for membership whose applications, with necessary fee, are in the hands of the Secretary at the time such exhibit is held.

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The above offer was accepted by the Society at its last regular meeting.

At a meeting of the Governing Board held the 21st inst., it was decided to have the exhibitions commence with the March meeting. Messrs. Holton, Carpenter and Lombard were appointed as Exhibition Committee to have charge of the whole series of exhibitions, and full particulars will be mailed members with the February call for meeting.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes from Philadelphia.

Bogert & Durbin's auction on the 26th will have been a thing of the past by the time this reaches the public eye. The sale includes some very nice stuff among which is a 1869 90c unused, \$500 Revenue 1872, \$20 00 Probate of Will imperforated, etc. The sale will be held at Lippincott's and a large attendance is anticipated.

We have before us the announcement of the Philatelic Times Pub. Co., who will issue the *Philatelic Times* on March 1st, and will contain the exclusive writings of G. Riill.

Mr. C. S. Zellner has at last passed over the Great Divide after lingering for months with the typhoid fever. He was very popular among us younger philatelists and his loss will be severely felt.

I had the pleasure the other day of looking over Mr Ellwood Johnson's oddity collection, and such a collection of freaks I never saw before. Albinos flood the album. He also has envelopes with from three to five impressions and revenues which were printed on tilded paper which, when unfolded, leaves an aching void.

Many comments were heard by your correspondent anent the C. P. S. Special, all of which were complimentary, showing that the ERA holds a warm place in the hearts of Philadelphia collectors.

The 20th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, Jan. 18th, at 221 N. 12th St., with ten members present. The meeting was called to order with the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Roland Johnson was admitted to membership. Messrs. Gowan, Logan and Medford applied for membership. It was moved, seconded and carried that all members admitted by Feb. 1st, should be charter members. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for the first Friday in January. The debate will be held next meeting. The meeting then adjourned. The Auction Manager then held an auction of some 50 lots on which some good prices were realized, especially on the Hawaiians.

Chicago Philatelic Society,
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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 33rd Regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Jan. 17, 1901, at No. 104 East Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by President Merrell with the following members present: Messrs. Baldwin, Bauer, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Dodd, Doncyson, Edmonds, Flanders, Fowler, Geldert, Gurley, Harrison, Lefever, Massoth, Merrell, Meyers, Moisant, Oesch, Roche, Schlieckert, Severn, Wolsey, Wolsieffer, Arndt. There were present as visitors, Messrs. R. S. Hawkins and H. P. Baldwin. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

After receiving the report of the Banquet Committee, a motion was made that they be discharged.

The chairman of the Exhibition Committee appointed Messrs. Gurley, Doncyson and Wolsieffer as judges for the evening. New judges are to be appointed each evening.

Report of the Governing Board.

- The Governing Board elected to membership: Geo F. Fiske, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 622.
- R. S. Hawkins, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 623.
- F. M. Williams, Jacksonville, Fla; Passive, No. 624.
- Chas. J Phillips, London, Eng.; Passive, No 625.
- Chas. Stemihorn, Regina Assiniboia, N. W. T.; Passive, No. 626.
- A. L. Gardner, Los Angeles, Cal.; Passive, No. 627.
- Duncan Kay, Detroit, Mich; Passive, No. 628.
- A. Dale Laurence, Maquoketa, Ia; Passive, No. 629.
- The name of P. M. Wright was withdrawn.

The following applications were ordered posted:

- WOOD, CASEY A., 103 Adams St, Chicago; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- WOLSIEFFER, ROBT. M., Morganfield, Ky.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- EDWARDS, RALPH, Brooks, Me.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- RICE, C. B., Oswego, N. Y.; proposed by F. N. Massoth.

The membership of Mr. M. H. Lombard, Winchester, Mass., was changed from Passive to Active.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Ltd., and the J. W. Scott Co. Ltd., and secure their priced auction catalogues, for the use of Active and Passive members of the C. P. S.

Mr. Wolsieffer of the Committee of Judges announced the following:

Eight collections were entered in the contest for points in the exhibition of Hawaii. Three in Class "B"; five in Class "A."

In Class "B"—Mr. M. H. Lombard received the highest award. Mr. H. W. Wolsey received second award. The award being a blue ribbon for first and a red ribbon for second, suitably inscribed.

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In Class "A."—Mr. C. B. Geldert received highest award. Mr. Chas. Schlieckert received second award. The award being a blue ribbon for first and a red ribbon for second, suitably inscribed.

Mr. Wolsieffer desires to announce to Active members who intend to enter these contests that the markings will be gauged on condition, completeness and quantity.

The treasurer reports cash on hand \$146 93.

After which the meeting adjourned.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

Exhibition of U. S., 1847-1901, General issues only, Feb. 7.

It is earnestly requested that Active Members bring or send their collections and try for a ribbon.

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.]

MR. W. W. JEWETT,

Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: No. 398 of WEEKLY at hand. I also received enquiry with bank reference from S. E. Palmer. Why can't something be done to catch these rascals—possibly because one dealer does not feel like throwing good money after bad. I shall be pleased to chip in \$10.00 towards a fund to prosecute this Palmer.

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Vaal River 1893, 2 1/2 on 1sh (A11) pair showing bars 13 & 14 mil. 75

FRANK P. BROWN,
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Bilateral Press Review.

BY WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates and portraits.
(Week of January 19th.)

Adhesive, Vol. II No 1, January:
Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
*W. R. Brown.
London Letter.
Cancellations.
Energy, Vol. II No. 5 (19), December:
Stamps of the Chinese Expeditionary Forces.
Buying Stamps.
Philately in Western Canada.
Ewen's Weekly, Vol. V No. 65 (151), December 22:
14000 Miles in Quest of V. R. I.'s.
Mekeel's Weekly, Vol. XV No. 2 (523), January 10:
Postal Greetings from All Over the World.
New Zealand Post Office Statistics.
South African News.
Chicago, Boston and New York Notes.
Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 14, January 5:
Washington Letter.
English Letter.

Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Vol. VI No. 10 (72), October:
Paris Philatelic Exposition.
Argentina, Brazil.
Stamps of the Argentine.
On the Selection of an Album.
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. XI No. 126, December:
Puerto Principe Stamps.
Reprints of Hawaii.
Oldenburg.
Stanton's Philatelic Index, Vol. I No. 3, December:
Index.

Mr. Thiele continues his notes on sheets of stamps in the *Adhesive*, taking up Naples, Sicily and Switzerland this month.
D. W. Osgood has a very interesting article on the cancellations found on United States stamps. This is a decidedly interesting and comparatively inexpensive study. Solomon Stebbins of the Art Museum, in this city, has a very large collection of obliterations and they always attract a good deal of attention when they are shown at the club meetings.

To send a special correspondent 14,000 miles on a search after provisional stamps and information concerning them is a pretty enterprising piece of business, but that is what England's only weekly has done. *Ewen's Weekly* in the Christmas number contains a long account of the adventures of Bertram W. H. Poole, who went to South Africa, in the interests of that paper to look up the V. R. I. stamps etc. Nearly five pages of the paper are taken up with the account, which is illustrated with fac similes of his passes and his photograph.

The first installment of an interesting article on the provisionals issued at Puerto Principe, Cuba, in 1898, is given in the *Monthly Journal*. It is translated from *Le Timbrophile Belge*, and is by Theodore Haas. A full page plate of illustrations of the stamps and obliterations accompanies the article.

A valuable article on the reprints of Hawaii is also commenced in this number. It is devoted thus far entirely to the five cent stamp of the 1853 issue, and will form

Foreign Revenues.

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Stanton's Index has reached its third number and has already proved its usefulness. I have already had frequent occasion to make use of its columns and expect to still more, as time goes on. To avoid having to consult so many separate items it is a good plan to take two copies of the paper and clipp the items out and paste all those pertaining to each country on a sheet of paper by themselves. Then the different sheets can be temporarily fastened together in alphabetical order, forming a scrap book, which can be expanded as the items grow and be handy for reference.



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Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
- (Week of January 19th.)
- Adhesive, Vol. II No 1, January:
Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
*W. R. Brown.
London Letter.
Cancellations.
- Energy, Vol. II No. 5 (19), December:
Stamps of the Chinese Expeditionary Forces.
Buying Stamps.
Philately in Western Canada.
- Ewen's Weekly, Vol. V No. 65 (151), December 22:
14000 Miles in Quest of V. R. I.'s.
- Mekeel's Weekly, Vol. XV No. 2 (523), January 10:
Postal Greetings from All Over the World.
New Zealand Post Office Statistics.
South African News.
Chicago, Boston and New York Notes.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 14, January 5:
Washington Letter.
English Letter.
- Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Vol. VI No. 10 (72), October:
Paris Philatelic Exposition.
Argentina, Brazil.
Stamps of the Argentine.
On the Selection of an Album.
- Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. XI No. 126, December:
Puerto Principe Stamps.
Reprints of Hawaii.
Oldenburg.
- Stanton's Philatelic Index, Vol. I No. 3, December:
Index.

Mr. Thiele continues his notes on sheets of stamps in the *Adhesive*, taking up Naples, Sicily and Switzerland this month.
D. W. Osgood has a very interesting article on the cancellations found on United States stamps. This is a decidedly interesting and comparatively inexpensive study. Solomon Stebbins of the Art Museum, in this city, has a very large collection of obliterations and they always attract a good deal of attention when they are shown at the club meetings.

To send a special correspondent 14,000 miles on a search after provisional stamps and information concerning them is a pretty enterprising piece of business, but that is what England's only weekly has done. *Ewen's Weekly* in the Christmas number contains a long account of the adventures of Bertram W. H. Poole, who went to South Africa, in the interests of that paper to look up the V. R. I. stamps etc. Nearly five pages of the paper are taken up with the account, which is illustrated with fac similes of his passes and his photograph.

The first installment of an interesting article on the provisionals issued at Puerto Principe, Cuba, in 1898, is given in the *Monthly Journal*. It is translated from *Le Timbrophile Belge*, and is by Theodore Haas. A full page plate of illustrations of the stamps and obliterations accompanies the article.

A valuable article on the reprints of Hawaii is also commenced in this number. It is devoted thus far entirely to the five cent stamp of the 1853 issue, and will form

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Stanton's Index has reached its third number and has already proved its usefulness. I have already had frequent occasion to make use of its columns and expect to still more, as time goes on. To avoid having to consult so many separate items it is a good plan to take two copies of the paper and clip the items out and paste all those pertaining to each country on a sheet of paper by themselves. Then the different sheets can be temporarily fastened together in alphabetical order, forming a scrap book, which can be expanded as the items grow and be handy for reference.

- Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. VII No. 7 (40),
December:
What We Can Look For.
St. Louis Notes.
- L'Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXVIII No. 324,
December:
Catalogue, (Norway-New Zealand).
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, No. 242,
December:
The New French Stamps.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. IX No.
12, December:
Postally Used Fiscal Stamps of Lombardy.
- L'Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XIV No.
192, December 31:
Shall We Stop Collecting with 1900?
The New French Stamps.
Philatelic Principles.
An Unknown Variety of Bamra.
- Grant's Philatelic Monthly, Vol. I No. 3,
January:
While Showing Your Collection.
Ancient Postal Service Between Egypt and Babylon.
Greician Notes.
- Internationales Briefmarken Offertenblatt,
Vol. IX No. 282, December 10:
Advertising sheet.
- London Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 108, Dec.:
Survival of the Fittest.
Taping Collection.
Mafeking Stamps.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV
No. 3 (524), January 17:
New Stamp for New Zealand's New Century.
New York, Chicago, Boston and Washington Notes.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 15,
January 12:
Washington Notes.
English Letter.
- Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Vol.
XI No. 15, December:
*The Editor to His Friends.
Notes on English Stamps.
Stamp Insurance Against Fire.
The Y $\frac{1}{2}$ Stamps of Cuba.
- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VI No.
152, January 5:
Well Known Philatelist Robbed.
Curious Pricing by Sent.
Habitados of Puerto Rico.
Reminiscences of a Philatelist.
- Stamps, Vol. IV No. 12 (48), December:
Orange Free State Cards.
Vandalism in Victoria.
- Swap, Vol. I No. 10, October:
We've All Met Him.

Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poster contains a verbatim report of a debate which took place in the French Chamber of Deputies recently concerning the new postage stamps. The emission was quite severely criticised by some deputies, and one of them moved that the Government be invited to retire the 15 and 25 centime stamps, but the motion did not prevail. The account of the debates is quite interesting.

Herr Lindenbergh brings to a close his article in the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* dealing with the postally used Lombardy-Venetia fiscals. Five illustrations are given of the 15 and 30 centesimi values showing the variations in each.

A most excellent index is given for the volume (11th) just completed.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie contains a most interesting article dealing with the question as to whether we should stop collecting with the close of the nineteenth century or not. The general consensus of opinion seems to be "si vous voulez." The

debate in the Chamber of Deputies is also reported at length.

Grant's Philatelic Monthly has been taking a few months vacation, the last number having been issued in July-August last. A. L. Jones gives some useful hints as to how to interest non-collectors to whom you are showing your collection. If carefully followed out it will no doubt be the means of interesting many in collecting.

Under the heading "The Survival of the Fittest" the editor of the *London Philatelist* discourses at some length on the stand taken by Stanley Gibbons, Limited, concerning the future non-importation and exclusion from the *Journal* and their catalogues of entires. Quotations are given from *Mekeel's Weekly* as representing American opinions on the subject, and from *Der Philatelist* as setting forth the German view. A feeling of sympathy is expressed "with the general plaint that entires should be dropped aside and we sincerely hope that some means may be adopted in this country and others that at least a small number of each issued card and envelope shall be imported that the species may not become extinct and that the future recorder of philatelic history shall not be deprived of his current records of new issues." Does the editor forget that there are other dealers in the world beside Gibbons, and that thus far none of them have expressed their intention of omitting mention of entires? Surely there is no immediate danger with our able French, German and American chroniclers. There are also other journals in Great Britain besides the *Monthly Journal*.

Stamps has somehow or other skipped me for a couple of months but is none the less welcome. The article on Orange State cards is brought down to date and later a tabulated list of the various varieties will be presented. More space is to be devoted to fiscals next year and their chronicle will be re-established. The list of postal cards of the British Empire is brought to a close with Zululand.

Indiana Philatelic Society.

January 16th meeting at home of Mr. Fiscus. President Babcock in chair. Minutes of previous meeting dispensed with. Applications of Mr. Chas. H. Nye, 608 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O., and Mr. Albert C. Jennison, Jr., 416 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, Ind. Vote taken and the gentlemen were admitted as members. Chair appointed Messrs. Fiscus, Bull and Babcock a committee to secure room for meetings.

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House of Representatives, January 8, 1901, Read and passed, sent up for concurrence.

In Senate, January 9, 1901, Read and passed, in concurrence.

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129. GURDJL, V., 618 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
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472. KONIG, LUDWIG, Jagersberg 18, Kiel, Germany.
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Dub.

Wednesday, January 23rd.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 60th sale was held January 16th and 18th, when one thousand and forty-one lots were sold bringing nearly two thousand dollars. Their 62nd sale, which will occur on February 6th, will contain among other things the rare Confederate known as the Salem, N. C., envelope, in fine condition and a gem.

What influence the death of Queen Victoria will have on philately seems to be a common topic of conversation at this time. All with whom I have talked seem to think that it will greatly stimulate collecting. As it has been the custom, with but few exceptions, for Great Britain to adorn the stamps of its vast empire with the portrait of its reigning ruler, so many express the thought that in all probability, within a reasonable length of time, the familiar face of Victoria will give way to that of Edward the Seventh. The English people are an entirely patriotic nation and stamps will be bought by non-philatelists simply because they bear the face of their beloved Queen, and the same will hold true of those stamps which we expect will show the likeness of the reigning King. Stamps bought in this way, or for souvenirs, always have a beneficial influence upon stamp collecting, as many thus started become stamp collectors.

We learn from abroad that many British officers and men in the field in South Africa have saved the stamps that they could secure in that distant land, and upon their return to their homes many of them, no doubt, as the fascination increases, will continue to collect stamps.

Should the stamps of the British Empire be superseded by a new set, with the exception of a few colonies and dependencies, the stimulus given to the collecting of British Colonials can hardly be conceived of.

The Colonial Stamp Co.'s auction, scheduled for Jan. 21st, was duly held, and was on the whole a very good sale. Mr. Lyons, the auctioneer, made a record, finishing the sale of 400 lots at 10 minutes after 9 o'clock.

The Chicago Philatelic Society Special Edition of the ERA was well received in Boston and favorable comment on all sides was heard.

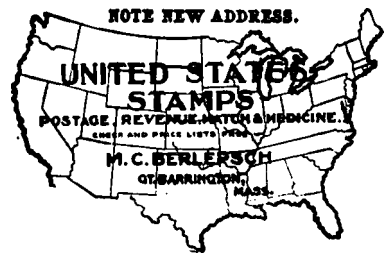
Frank Brown's auction sale took place this week and was, as usual, well patronized.

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The Collectors Club,

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The 62nd meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, January 14, 1901.

Present, Messrs. Adreini, Calman, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank on January 1, 1901, of \$1,634.65 was read and approved.

The Treasurer reported also that since January 1, 1901, a bond had been purchased. The report of the House Committee was received and read.

The Secretary was requested to write to the delinquent members and stockholders calling attention of their default since Oct. 1, 1900, and quoting section 4 of the by-laws.

The Special Committee reported that they had made the investment for the club as authorized, purchasing a \$1,000 West Shore 4 per cent. bond, due in the year 2361, and guaranteed by the New York Central, the cost of said bond being \$1,140; approved.

Moved by Mr. Luff, seconded and carried that the Board make an appropriation of the sum of \$100 to the Literary Committee to be used for the purchase, binding, etc., of books and papers during the year.

The Treasurer was authorized to renew the lease of the club house for another year at the same rental.

The names of two of the applicants for membership to the club having been posted the required length of time, their names were balloted upon and Messrs. Phillips and Ward were declared to have been unanimously elected subscribing members.

The following application was received and posted on the bulletin board.

W. F. GURLEY, Chicago, Ill., subscribing member; proposed by Alex. Holland, seconded by P. M. Wolsieffer.

Adjourned at 9:35 P. M.
ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

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WHOLE No. 403.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

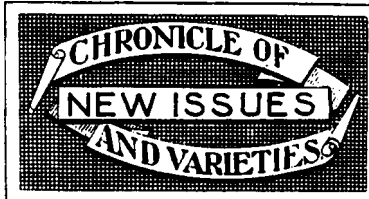
Wednesday, January 30th.

The approval selection fraud is apparently quite active lately and those sending out selections need to use good judgment, as several schemes, some new and some old, are being worked. One of our Boston dealers has had several requests within two weeks, skilfully worded and carefully prepared, which upon investigation proved to be frauds. Several articles in this journal and others within a short time have exposed several frauds. One scheme recently used, which is as ingenious as it is dangerous, is worthy of mention. The fraud uses the letter-heads of some prominent and reliable firm, on which letter-head the names of the individual members of the firm appear. The dishonest one appropriates for the time being the name of one of these members. In order to carry out the details of the scheme the firm is located in some city other than the one the fraud is in at the time. In his application for a selection he represents that he is of course one of the firm and is traveling for them, and will be in a certain city and at a particular hotel at a certain date, and desires the selection sent to him at the hotel. It is plain to see that he need only register under the assumed name and call for his mail, and then depart a richer and a happier (?) man, leaving the stamp man a poorer and a wiser one. The firm that received this request were suspicious, and in consequence delayed a few days in sending, and then mailing direct to the person, care of the firm. As a result the letter was opened by the real member of the firm and returned to the sender with the note that he never ordered the selection and the use of his name was with fraudulent intent. Thus the suspicion of these dealers was proved well founded, and their good judgment saved them many dollars.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 61st sale took place January 29th. A good attendance and fair prices were noticed.

Some collectors may not know what the V. R. in upper corner of the first Great Britain stamp in the catalogue means. This stamp was intended for official use but was never issued, and the V. R. designated its use for official purposes.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CAPE COLONY.—I have written so much in my chronicle concerning the Mafeking Siege stamps that the memorandum issued from the general post office at Cape Town will prove of interest. I will not undertake to quote all of it but give two excerpts of particular interest:

Shortly before the 23rd of March, 1900, it was found possible to forward despatches by runners from Mafeking both by North and South routes, and a service was accordingly established by the Military Authorities. Owing to the high amounts which had to be paid to the runners, it was decided to charge special rates for any private letters conveyed, and the following tariff was adopted, viz:

Via the North, 1sh per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Via the South, 6d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

From a statement made by the Military Authorities, it would appear that in order to provide a sufficiency of stamps to admit of the prepayment of private letters, it was further decided to surcharge all the unsold stamps in the possession of the Local Postmaster, and Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Edward Cecil, under whose supervision the Post Office was carried on during the siege, accordingly purchased the stamps at their face value, and caused them to be overprinted and surcharged at the works of Messrs. Townshend and Son, the Publishers of the *Mafeking Mail* newspaper. On the 23rd of March, the stamps, as overprinted, were issued for the first time at their enhanced value, and, it is understood, the whole of the overprinted issues had been disposed of before the relief of the town was effected.

Owing to the interruption of communication, the Postal Authorities at Cape Town could not be consulted in the matter, either as regards the sale or the overprinting, and from the time the stamps originally passed out of the hands of the Civil Postmaster the Colonial Post Office Department ceased to have any control whatsoever over their treatment. In view of these circumstances, and of the fact that the whole of the additional revenue derived from the sale of the stamps at their surcharged value was re-

tained by the Military Authorities, the Postal Administration of the Cape Colony, and the Bechuanaland Protectorate have decided to regard the stamps in question as purely Military issues, and (in the month of November last), official notices have consequently been published in the *Government Gazette* proclaiming their non-availability for the prepayment of mail matter posted either in the Cape Colony or in the Protectorate.

The memorandum has this to say regarding the "Baden-Powell" and "bicycle" issues:

The Local stamps—viz, those actually manufactured in Mafeking and bearing representations of the bust of Major-General Baden-Powell and Sergeant-major Good-year, of the Cadet Corps, on a bicycle—were used entirely for a postal service which was arranged within the town and between the various outposts. The whole of the three varieties of these stamps were printed by means of photography; the photograph being taken by Mr. D. Taylor, and the gumming and perforating executed by Messrs. Townshend & Son. The two varieties of the "Baden-Powell" pattern were designed by Captain Greener, the Chief Paymaster, whilst the one of the bicycle pattern was designed by Dr. W. A. Hayes.

DENMARK.—A rumor is current that the 25 ore stamp will be withdrawn and a 24 ore issued in its stead. The record of this country is so honorable a one, insofar as its postal emissions are concerned, that I am not at all loth to believe that a genuine need exists.

INDIA, *Dhar*.—Upon the authority of Whitfield, King & Co., it is announced that the Dhar State Post Office was closed on the 1st day of January last. The *Fortnightly* greets this bit of news with an expression of pleasure and trusts that it means that the office was closed for good and not in order to give its employees a New Year's holiday.

INDO CHINA.—I have been shown the 10 centimes stamp with a very indistinct surcharge in red "Colis Postaux." It is designed for parcels post.

Adhesive (Parcels Post):
10c black on lavender, surch. "Colis Postaux."

MALTA.—The one farthing stamp chronicled in a recent number (400) is designed for postage on newspapers delivered in the island. Heretofore they have been delivered free. I have received a sheet of this stamp and it presents as pretty an appearance as anything received since the Tasmanian pictorial issue.

SOUDAN.—A set of four postage due stamps has been issued. A contemporary

states that "the central design is a Nile boat the inscription above being 'Soudan Postage Tax.' The numerals of value are in the lower corners":

Adhesives (Unpaid Letter):

- 2m red brown, centre in black.
- 4m green, " " brown.
- 10m violet, " " green.
- 20m red, " " olive.

SPAIN.—Mr. A. W. Dunning, Newton, has shown me a curious freak in an envelope bearing a 10c revenue, used postally. This revenue stamp is the same type as R11, but is dated 1899. There is no question as to the genuineness of the cancellation.

In our last issue I listed five values of the new set. The remainder of the set is as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):

- 50 centimos, olive gray.
- 25 " light blue.
- 30 " green.
- 40 " olive brown.
- 1 peseta, magenta.
- 4 " violet.
- 10 " orange.

SWEDEN.—I have been shown by Mr. Jewett two letter cards, 5 and 10 ore, both on heavy blue tinted stock:

Letter Cards:

- 5 ore, green on bluish white.
- 10 ore, carmine on bluish white.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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- J. F. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Exchange, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

To the Members of the Boston Philatelic Society,

Gentlemen: Having been elected Superintendent of the Exchange Department for the Society, I shall expect the members to give me their united support to make a success of it. Recognizing the fact that each and every member is entitled to all the benefits of the Society, I shall, with that end in view, include all the members in making up circuits, and shall endeavor to arrange all circuits so that there need be as little expense for postage as possible. If any member not wishing to receive circuits will notify me to that effect, I will govern myself accordingly.

I shall charge nothing for blank approval books, and any member is welcome to all he will use, provided he will pay the postage or call at my office for same. Just a word as to pricing stamps for sale on circuits. If a member expects to make good sales, he must remember that he is in competition with the dealer, and must price his stamps accordingly, for a collector is not liable to purchase stamps from an exchange circuit, if the prices are not attractive, for if he can go to a dealer and buy the same stamps for the same price, he will have the advantage of the choice of several copies, so in making your prices, remember that condition has a good deal to do with price.

I shall try to make the Department much more of a success than it was when I held the office in 1898 and 1899, and hope the members will patronize it freely, as well as to keep me supplied with plenty of books with stamps at attractive prices.

Respectfully,

Supt. of Ex. B. P. S.

136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

1901 Price List of Cuban Stamps.

ALL ARE UNUSED UNLESS STATED USED.

No.	Net Price for 1st, 2nd, 3rd	No.	Net Price for 1st, 2nd, 3rd
1	1855, 1/2p, blue green.....used \$0.03 \$0.02 \$0.01	127	1883-86, 10c brown.....used \$0.10 \$0.06 \$0.03
2	" 1/2p green..... " .15 .10 .05	128	" 20c olive bistre..... " .25 .20 .10
3	" 1/2p greenish blue..... " .05 .03 .02	130	1888, 10c blue..... " .08 .05 .03
4	" 1/2p green..... " .05 .03 .02	132	1890, 1c gray brown..... " .08 .05 .03
5	1857, 1/2p blue..... " .05 .03 .02	133	" 2c slate blue..... " .08 .04 .02
6	" 1/2p greenish blue..... " .03 .02 .01	134	" 2 1/2c emerald green..... " .15 .10 .05
7	" 1/2p greenish blue..... " .03 .02 .01	135	" 5c olive gray.....used .03 .02 .01
8	" 1/2p green.....used .10 .05 .03	136	" 10c brown violet.....used .25 .18 .10
9	" 1/2p green..... " .03 .02 .01	137	" 20c dark violet..... " .10 .05 .02
10	1862-64, 1/2p green.....used .03 .02 .01	138	1891, 1c olive gray.....used .05 .03 .01
11	" 1/2p on lilac rose " .10 .05 .03	140	" 2 1/2c salmon..... " .08 .04 .02
12	" 1/2p blue on salmon " .15 .05 .03	141	" 5c emerald green..... " .03 .02 .01
13	1866, 1/2p buff..... .60 . . .	142	" 10c claret.....used .05 .03 .02
14	" 10c blue.....used .08 .05 .03	144	" 10c claret..... " .10 .05 .02
15	" 20c green..... .05 .03 .02	148	1894, 1c violet blue.....used .04 .02 .01
16	1867, 10c blue.....used .10 .05 .03	145	" 2c rose..... " .10 .05 .02
17	" 40c rose..... 2.25 . . .	146	" 2 1/2c lilac..... " .08 .05 .02
18	1868, 10c blue..... " .05 .03 .01	147	" 20c red brown..... " .10 .06 .02
19	1869, 10c red brown..... " .05 .03 .01	148	1896, 1c dark violet..... .02 . . .
20	1870, 10c green..... " .05 .03 .01	149	" 2c claret..... .03 .02 .01
21	1871, 25c ultramarine..... " .08 .02 .01	150	" 2 1/2c rose..... .03 .02 .01
22	" 25c ultramarine..... .03 .02 .01	151	" 5c slate blue.....used .02 .01 .01
23	" 1/2p pale brown..... .03 .02 .01	152	" 10c emerald green..... .03 .02 .01
24	1873, 25c gray.....used .05 .03 .02	153	" 20c violet..... .15 .10 .07
25	" 50c brown..... .15 .10 .05	154	1897, 40c orange brown..... .50 .35 .25
26	" 1/2p red brown..... 2.00 1.00 .50	155	" 80c lilac brown..... 1.00 .75 .50
27	" 1/2p red brown..... 2.00 . . .		
28	1874, 25c ultramarine.....used .04 .02 .01		
29	" 25c ultramarine..... .02 .01 . . .		
30	" 1/2p carmine..... 1.00 . . .		
31	1875, 25c ultramarine.....used .03 .02 .01		
32	1876, 25c gray lilac..... .05 .03 .01		
33	" 50c ultramarine..... .04 .03 .02		
34	1877, 25c dark green..... .05 .03 .01		
35	" 50c black..... .05 .03 .02		
36	" 50c black..... .03 .02 .01		
37	1878, 5c blue.....used 1.50 1.00 . . .		
38	" 1 1/2c bistre brown..... .15 .08 . . .		
39	" 25c light green..... .03 .02 .01		
40	" 25c light green..... .02 .01 . . .		
41	" 50c dark green.....used .05 .03 .01		
42	" 1/2p carmine..... 2.00 1.00 . . .		
43	1879, 5c slate blue..... .03 .02 .01		
44	" 1 1/2c rose.....used .05 .03 .02		
45	" 25c ultramarine..... .03 .02 .01		
46	" 25c ultramarine..... .02 .01 . . .		
47	" 50c gray.....used .15 .10 .05		
48	" 50c gray..... .03 .02 .01		
49	1880, 5c green.....used .50 .35 .20		
50	" 25c gray blue..... .03 .02 .01		
51	" 25c gray blue..... .02 .01 . . .		
52	" 50c brown.....used .05 .03 .02		
53	" 50c brown..... .02 .01 . . .		
54	1881, 1c green.....used .10 .05 .03		
55	" 1c green..... .03 .02 .01		
56	" 5c gray blue.....used .03 .02 .01		
57	" 5c gray blue..... .02 .01 . . .		
58	" 10c red brown.....used .08 .04 .02		
59	" 10c red brown..... .03 .02 .01		
60	" 20c brown..... .15 .10 . . .		
61	1882, 1c green.....used .03 .02 .01		
62	" 2 1/2c dark brown..... .15 .10 .05		
63	" 2 1/2c light brown..... .15 .10 .05		
64	" 5c gray blue.....used .03 .02 .01		
65	" 10c olive bistre..... .06 .03 .02		
66	" 10c olive bistre..... .05 .03 .02		
67	1883, 5c gray blue.....used .08 .04 .02		
68	" 10c olive bistre..... .07 . . .		
69	" 5c gray blue.....used .08 .04 .02		
70	" 10c olive bistre..... .10 .07 . . .		
71	" 5c gray blue.....used .08 .04 .02		
72	" 10c olive bistre..... .10 .07 . . .		
73	" 5c gray blue.....used .08 .04 .02		
74	" 10c olive bistre..... .10 .07 . . .		
75	1883-86, 1c green.....used .05 .03 .02		
76	" 2 1/2c olive bistre..... .10 .05 . . .		
77	" 2 1/2c violet..... .15 .10 .05		
78	" 5c gray blue..... .05 .02 .01		
79	" 5c gray blue..... .05 .02 .01		

CUBA, Surcharged on U. S. Stamps.
 221 1899, 1c on 1c yellow green..... .03 .02 . . .
 222 " 2c on 2c carmine..... .06 .04 . . .
 223 " 2 1/2c on 2c red..... .06 .04 . . .
 224 " 2 1/2c on 2c carmine..... .50 .35 .15
 225 " 5c on 5c purple..... .07 .05 .02
 226 " 10c on 5c blue..... .12 .08 .06
 " 5c on 10c light brown..... .20 .15 .12

ENVELOPES. Entire, CutSq.
 503 1899, 2c green on white..... .05 .04 . . .
 504 " 2c green on oriental buff..... .20 .12 . . .
 506 " 2c red on amber..... .25 .20 . . .
 508 " 2c red on blue..... .20 .12 . . .

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1855, 2p or. red	1868, 40c rose	1875, 1 1/2c lt. pur.
1856, 2p or. red	1869, 5c rose	1875, 50c blue gr'n
1857, 2p dull rose	1869, 20c orange	1875, 1p brown
1862, 1/2p black	1869, 40c dull vio.	1876, 1 1/2c green
1864, 1/2p buff	1870, 5c blue	1876, 1p black
1864, 3p verm.	1870, 20c red br'n	1877, 1 1/2c gray
1866, 4c rose	1870, 40c rose	1877, 1p yel. br'n
1867, 5c lilac	1871, 1 1/2c red li'c	1878, 5c blue
1867, 20c green	1871, 5c green	1879, 1p olive
1867, 40c rose	1872, 1 1/2c d'g'n	1880, 1 1/2c li'c gy.
1868, 40c dull violet	1874, 1 1/2c brown	1880, 1p yel. br'n
1877, 10c lt. green	1874, 50c purple	1881, 2c olive bis.
1878, 10c black		1882, 2c lake
1879, 10c orange		1883, cat. No. 108
1880, 10c lake		1883, cat. No. 111
1881, 3c lake		1883, cat. No. 114
1882, 20c red br'n		1883, cat. No. 117
1883, 2 1/2c blue	1858 issue	1883, cat. No. 118
1886, 2 1/2c blue	1890 issue	1888, 2 1/2c red br'n
1891, 2c ultra.	1892 issue	1888, 50c li'c gray
	1896 issue	1891, 2c lilac br'n

Should you have other Cuban stamps to offer, please do not send them on approval, but state price and quantity. Only send the ones mentioned above on approval.

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" " " 1899, 1, 2, 5, 10c, used.....	.08
" " " 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c, used.....	.15
" No. 417, mint.....	.25
Bahamas No. 17, mint.....	.25
" " " pen cancelled.....	.05
Costa Rica No. 7, mint.....	.06
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For quotations on other Australians see my former Ads in the ERA.

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Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates and portraits. (Week of January 26th.)

American Philatelic Magazine, Vol. V No. 3 (51), December:

Counterfeit Puerto Rico Habilitados. Palmer Arrested. Negreen Pleads Guilty.

Bay State Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 1 (29), January:

Burden of Unused. Illinois Notes. Notes for U. S. Collectors. Railway Mail Service.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. VI No. 67 (153), January 5:

Reference List of English Envelope Stamps.

Exchange, Vol. II No. 4 (12), January: Popular Errors.

International Philatelic Review, Vol. III No. 2, November:

Postage Stamps in 1853. Postal Club.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 16, January 19:

Washington Notes.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV No. 4 (525), January 24:

Australian Federation. New York; Boston, Chicago Notes.

New York Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 4, Jan.: The Ha'penny Buyer.

Philatelic Inter-Ocean, Vol. 3 No. 6 (16), January:

What is Philately?

Philatiste Français, No. 81, December:

New French Postage Stamps. Philately and the Chamber of Deputies. Bordeaux Issue of French Stamps.

Stamp Exchange, Vol. II No. 1, January:

*G. F. Doid. *R. C. Miller. Notes on Hawaii's Stamps. Demands of Philately.

*R. F. Schwedeler. North Star Notes.

Stampman, Vol. V No. 5 (27), January:

*Osgood, Jr. Eventful Career is Closed.

The American Philatelic Magazine has published a test for detecting the forged surcharges on the Puerto Rico "Habilitados." It has been well known to many of us for a long time but we have refrained from publishing it as it will only put the forgers on their guard and they will be more careful next time. It would have been better to have kept it quiet I think. Details are given of the arrest of Palmer, the Campbell, N. Y., swindler and of the conviction of Negreen, etc., of Omaha. I am sorry to see that the pretty green cover has been changed to red and orange on lilac. It is not near as attractive. Ewen's Weekly Stamp News has completed its fifth (quarterly) volume and the number before me is the first one of the new volume. While essentially a "house organ" of the most decided type, the Weekly is a newsy sheet and is always welcome. The four page supplement is now almost a regular occurrence and is full of bargains in colonials etc., V. R. I.'s being given the most prominent place. Will the death of Victoria mean a new surcharge of "V. R. I."?

The International Philatelic Review has been asking a number of collectors

THE SENATE

aint doing a thing to the House bill repealing the Stamp Tax on patent Medicines. We don't know where we are at.

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SOME SCARCE STAMPS

Table listing scarce stamps with prices: Victoria 1891, 9d green, unused, o. g. \$0.65; " 1886, 2sh olive, o. g. 1.40; St. Helena, 5sh unused, o. g. 1.75; Fiji, 5sh unused, o. g., centered ... 2.10; Niger Coast, 2d green, unused.... 1.10; " " 1sh black, " ... 1.60; Jamaica, 5sh, 1898, CA, " 1.70; Cuba 1873, 1p, used, fine 1.20; Turks Island 1901, 1/2 to 1sh, set... .85; " " 2sh70; " " 3sh 1.05

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what their pet stamp is and why they prize it aside from its commercial value. Several answers are given this month and more are promised next. Doeblin hasn't any pet except his old Germans. He never found any Brattleboro's in his grandfather's hair trunk. Deats thinks the first foreign stamp he ever saw would possess the most interest if he still had it. It was a 10 centimes France picked up on the floor of a country post office in 1880.

The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan* is informed by Third Assistant P. M. General Madden that he knows no reason why further supplies of surcharged stamps should not be sent to Guam if requisitioned for.

The associate editor of the *New York Philatelist*, Mr. J. F. Dodge, wastes nearly a column of space in the last number of that journal in finding fault with my method of conducting this department. When Mr. Jewett informs me that his readers object to my methods I shall change them and not before. I do not pretend to include in my list of the contents of papers such regular features as editorials, reviews, chronicle, etc., nor do I mention so called "philatelic" poetry and fiction. The *New York Philatelist* of last month contained only matter of that character in the "seven pages of original reading matter" which Mr. Dodge complains I omitted to mention.

Th. Lemaire, publisher of the *Philatelist Francais*, announces his intention of preparing a new edition of his complete catalogue. He asks his readers to drop him postal cards stating whether they would prefer prices to be such that the usual 20% discount can be given or whether they should be scaled down to a net basis! Enlarged illustrations of the new French stamps are given with descriptions etc. and a report of the debate in the Chamber is also given. The article on the Bordeaux emissions is brought to a close and a table of their values is given for 1880, 1895 and 1900.

The first number of the monthly issue of the *Stamp Exchange* is at hand. It is evidently amateur printing and shows the usual examples of poor taste in choice of type for headings, etc. The literary part is very good. John Peltz has some notes on Hawaiian stamps and the proof reader evidently was not up in the names of the Kanaka royalties.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3, of the By-Laws, I hereby call for a general vote of the stockholders upon the following amendments to the By-Laws, to wit:—

1st. To amend Article VIII, Section 3, by substituting the words "one-half of one per cent." for the words "one per cent." in the fourth line of said section.

2nd. To amend Article VIII, Section 3, by striking out the words: "except those arising from substitutions," and inserting the words: "including those arising from substitutions which may be proved to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department and the Board of Vice-Presidents."

As both of these amendments are of vital importance to the welfare of the Association it is to be hoped that every member will give them careful consideration and record his vote, either for or against, as his judgment dictates.

The count will be made at Room 1006, Journal Building, 160 Washington St., Chicago, Ill., and will commence at two (2) o'clock P. M., Saturday, March 16, 1901, and, in order to be counted, all votes will have to be in the hands of Mr. C. E. Severn, Secretary of the Board of Vice-Presidents, before that hour.

By order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
GEO. L. TOPPAN, President.
RACINE, WIS., January 28, 1901.

NOTE:—Your attention is called to the following extracts from the By-Laws: Article III, Section 3, "The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count."

Article XII, Section 1: "The By-Laws of this Association may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendment, and providing that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of

American Philatelic Association.

SPECIAL MAIL VOTE.

To be Counted at Room 1006, Journal Building, Chicago, Illinois, March 16, 1901, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Shall Article VIII, Section 3, of the By-Laws be amended by substituting the words: *One-half of one per cent.* for the words: "*one per cent.*" in the fourth line of said section? YES

NO

Shall Article VIII, Section 3, of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words: "*except those arising from substitutions*" and inserting the words: "*including those arising from substitutions which may be proved to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department and the Board of Vice-Presidents?*" YES

NO

Stock Certificate No.....

Sign Here.

Note:—Place a cross (thus) in the square marked "Yes" or "No" opposite each of the proposed amendments, according as you desire to vote for or against the same. YES is a vote for the amendment; NO is a vote against it.

all the members of the Association entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, any special meeting, or by a general vote as provided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-Laws shall be final, if such proposed amendment shall have been published in the official journal at least thirty days prior to such Convention or meeting."

NOTICE.

I hereby appoint the following named gentlemen as a Committee upon Membership; the same having been authorized at the Convention of 1900:

JOHN J. OESCH, Chairman,
S. T. S. DONCYSON,
A. F. MERELL,

all of Chicago, Ill.

The Committee have, further, been granted full power to act in the premises.
GEO. L. TOPPAN, President.

RACINE, WIS., Jan. 29, 1901.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending February 2, 1901.

Application for Membership.

OLSON, MARSHALL, 648 Erie St., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.; age, 30; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: A. Platz, Clifford W. Kissinger; Resident Vice-President, C. L. Annan.

Applications for Re-Instatement.

496. BERGER, ANTON, 813 Rue de Nord, Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

1500. DAVIS, CHAS. K., 209-219 East Third St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

1156. KROTZSCH, HUGO, 22 Lange Strasse, Leipzig, Germany.

1392. RIBEIRO, C. A., 3 Battery Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1577. TEISSEIRE, L., 9 Cours de Gourgue, Bordeaux, France.

Reinstated.

1287. ALLEN, PAUL, 3 East 48th St., New York City.

1224. BRIDGE, CHARLES F., 600 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

1077. CANFIELD, EDWIN M., 100 Veazie St., North Adams, Mass.

1476. CAPRON, J. FAVILL, 26 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

640. CRITENTON, GEORGE W. D., 27 West 84th St., New York City.

1459. DROSSNER, T. M., 566 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

962. GRAVES, NATHAN R., 37 Weiting Block, Syracuse, N. Y.

347. HUBER, JULIUS H., 170 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

1047. JOHNSON, WILLIAM A., 1406 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

720. MARTINEZ, E., 619 Common St., New Orleans, La.

274. MOREAU, C. L., 122 West 48th St., New York City.

818. STRAUSS, A., P. O. Drawer 63, St. Louis, Mo.

1518. TOELKE, H., 91 Grove St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

399. WEBER, A. H., 1809 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

702. WHITEHEAD, C. R., Morristown, N. J.

1557. WHITE, WM. S., Hillside Ave., Englewood, N. J.

1532. WILSON, HENRY D., Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Navy, U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

Change of Address.

444. VOETTER, T. W., from Fort Wayne, Ind., to U. S. Indian School, Santa Fe, N. M.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership January 26th..... 447
Reinstated 17

Total Membership February 2d..... 464
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Jan. 26th, 1901.

227 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 19th, value..... \$6970.86

14 books received since my last report, value..... 635.52

Total No. books in circulation
241 valued at..... \$7606.38

The class of books coming in for circulation are very satisfactory, and as the prices are low I am well pleased with the sales from same.

I wish the new members who are coming into the Association would request to be placed on circuits; I am sure they will not regret it.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1

American Philatelic Association.

A regular meeting of Branch No. 1 was held Jan. 10th, at Room 1603 Marquette Building. Members present were Messrs. Wolsieffer, Severn, Oesch, Michaels, Merell, Lefever and Flanders. Visitors present were Messrs. Moisant and Massoth.

Owing to the absence of the President, Mr. Alex. Holland, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was appointed to preside.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Moved and seconded a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Alex. Holland for the exhibition of his collection at the previous meeting.

Moved and seconded we put the 30 lots of stamps and any others if received, in the C. P. S. auction.

Moved by Mr. Merell, seconded by Mr. Lefever, Resolve, that we commend the stand taken by the representatives of the Pittsburg Branch at the convention for the discontinuance of the use of the Control Stamps in the Circulating Sales and Exchange Department of the Association.

Moved by Mr. Oesch, seconded by Mr. Lefever, that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Deats for the prompt and efficient manner in which he has issued the Year Book.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

P. J. FLANDERS, Secretary.

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Tuscany
Monterrat No. 11, used..... 1.60
British Guiana 2c on 10c 1808-99, unused..... .05
Barbados No. 151, unused..... .10
Sierra Leone 1, 3, 6d, ish, (Nos. 1034-6-7)..... unused .50
Rhodesia Nos. 26 to 33, unused, 8 var..... 1.25
Gr. Britain 1887-92, complete, unused except 4 1/2p 1.50
Virgin Islands 1899, Nos. 21 to 28, 8 var., unused 2.45
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We desire to enter into correspondence with anyone who will exchange Belgian Hares for stamps; only pure bred hares wanted. Elm City Stamp Co., Belfast, Maine.

Fun for someone, 6000 or 8000 Entire stamped Envelopes (90 per cent. ac red) to exchange for stamps. Want \$1.00 P. T. or Antigua No. 20, unused, for the lot. F. R. Kimball, Waltham, Mass.

Wanted: Chilian stamps. Will take them by the 100 or 1000 and give good exchange. Say what you have and what you want. Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

To exchange a very fine copy 50 cent Life Insurance imperforated, value \$2.50, will exchange even for good scarce stamps in fine condition. Does your collection contain this stamp? Send sheets to select from. L. V. Lindsay, Greene, N. Y.

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\$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 State, proofs, \$1.25. 12c and 20c 1861 Env., unused, cut square, \$5.00. H. L. WHITNEY, Derby, Conn.

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From an Occasional Correspondent.

Queer Cataloguing!

I wonder what the owner of stamps consigned for sale by auction would say if the cataloguing was done on the principle evidently followed in the Dead Letter Office sales at Washington? In a recent despatch to the *New York Sun*, giving an account of the dismissal of some postal employees and the cause therefor (making use of official knowledge of contents of packages in getting bargains at the auction), the following interesting explanation is made:

"An example of the way various articles put up for sale were catalogued is as follows: '41. Pair boys' shoes, 1 1/2, six women's handkerchiefs, pair scissors, &c.' The unsuspecting public, not being inclined to bid very high upon such 'unsight and unseen' evidence of value as this, rarely bids over a dollar, and usually only a few cents to start with. There were about four thousand packages and the sale netted slightly over \$3,000, so the average price paid per lot was considerable under a dollar. In the case of number '41,' as in that of the other lots of particular value, the '&c.' covered the valuable contents of the package. In this particular lot, which contained all the articles named, there was found also under the '&c.' valuable laces and jewelry."

How nice it would be to have a lot catalogued, say:

18t. France, 1-m, 1852, 40c, 80c; 1863, 20c; &c.

The &c. covering 1849 1 fr and 1853 1 fr. No doubt the buyer would be well satisfied if he bid on the catalogue basis, but the seller!

It seems strange that Uncle Sam should prefer giving somebody bargains, to obtaining the highest possible price for the unclaimed packages. Can any one explain the whyness?

Can any of your readers inform me where I can find a description of the minor varieties of the stamps of Norway (in English)?

The issue of 1883-4 is subdivided by Stanley Gibbons' catalogue as I. and II., the former large die and large figures at foot; the latter small die; and (b) no period after "POSTFRIM."

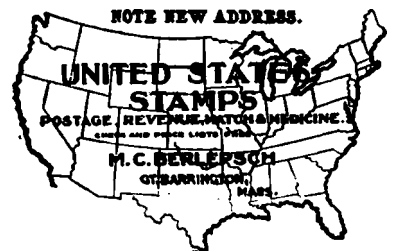
Now I find three sizes of die and several varieties of figures to say nothing of many shades which latter are pretty fully noted in the catalogue named.

Perhaps others may be interested in specializing in these inexpensive stamps.

The vagaries of the catalogue makers are past the understanding of the lay mind. Take Austria for instance, the 1890-91 issue is described in the same catalogue with three varieties of perforation and no mention is made of the different types of numerals overprinted in black in the corners. The "Standard" is less definite in the subdivision as to perforation and is also silent about types of figures.

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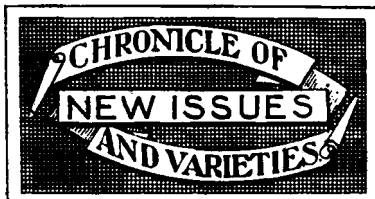
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WHOLE No. 404.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CHINA, French Office.—I have listed the provisionals that were created for the German offices in China, but *Mekel's News* states that the French offices have found it necessary to follow the example set by their neighbors. A shortage of 25c has necessitated the surcharging of the 1 franc, olive, with this value. I trust this drouth may not extend to other values:

Adhesive (Provisional):
25 centimes on 1 fr olive.

FERNANDO PO.—M. Bernichon, Paris, has received the 4c of the 1899 issue, surcharged in violet "Habilitado para Correos, 50 cent pta."

Adhesive (Provisional):
50c on 4c orange, violet surcharge.

FRENCH CONGO.—In my French Colonies chronicle in number 401 I stated that this colony was to receive the four values 10, 15, 25 and 50c in common with the other colonies, the pictorial set having been found unsatisfactory. Mr. C. C. Lewis thus comments upon the situation:

"Will you allow me to take exception to a statement in one of your notes in ERA of Jan. 19. Speaking of the new colors of French Colonies you say of Congo, '(the latest set not being found satisfactory)'. This is not quite the case. My information comes from Capt. S— of the French army, who has a friend in the Colonial office, and who has often sent me news and new stamps considerably in advance of their general appearance in this country. He writes me that the new colors in French Soudan and French Congo were the result of an error in the Colonial office. The order was given from an old list and the fact escaped attention that Congo had already a new set and Soudan had been divided up among the other French Colonies in Africa, so that, curiously enough, a set was ordered and printed for a colony which has no existence. The entire stock of these two colonies was bought up by dealers, the first day (looks like a put-up job

rather than an error) and are now offered for sale at an advance of 250%.

"He also writes me that there is a possibility of a change in the new French set, as the method of printing is not at all satisfactory, and if the change is made which is talked of, a practically new set of the two colored values will result."

The reader will be very much interested in the news furnished by Mr. Lewis, and I am grateful for his interest in this department.

GERMANY, Offices in Levant.—Upon the authority of several exchanges I recently listed a 10 paras surcharged on 5pf for use here. Mr. A. Lohmeyer, than whom no better authority exists, writes:

"You can correct the Levant chronicle on my authority. The foreign offices in Turkey are for transmission of international mail only, hence there is no use for a 10 paras on 5 pfennig card."

GREECE.—I have just received from England two new surcharges on the Olympian Games series. It looks as though the Greek Post Office Department is determined to make a clean sweep.

Adhesives (Provisional):
25l on 40 leptas, purple.
50l on a drachmae, bistre.

PERSIA.—The current *Monthly Journal* gives us the particulars of some wonderful surcharging resorted to by the postal authorities. I can do no better than give the particulars as given by our contemporary:

Some more of the values printed last year on *greenish* paper appear to have run out, and others of the 1898 issue have been surcharged in pairs with the device recently applied to the 5 chahi. The same disfigurement has also, we regret to state, been inflicted upon some of the stamps that had already received an impression of one of the control marks used last year, and in these cases the additional security seems to have been carefully printed in the centre of a block of four. All these adornments would be more interesting if they were rather more clearly printed. As it is, the latest comers have an uncomfortable sort of "postmarked-to-order" appearance, which must be distressing to those who collect them. We are told that there is a lion depicted somewhere in the rectangular blotch, and we can see some Persian characters, which might tell one all about it if they were legible. We have seen all the following except the 8 chahi:

Adhesives (Provisional):
1ch 1898, grey, rectangular surch.
2ch 1898, brown, " "
3ch 1898, lilac, " "
4ch 1898, vermilion, " "
8ch 1898, orange, " "
12ch 1898, carmine, " "
5ch 1898, yellow, two surcharges.
10ch 1898, blue, " "
12ch 1898, carmine, " "

ROUMANIA.—There is to be a bargain sale of all the old stock and, after the manner of our large department stores, a remnant counter will be established at the Bucharest office of the "Conservateur des Timbres-Poste." The lot comprises unused and cancelled post cards as well as stamps.

SERVIA.—*Mekel's News* announces a recent surcharge, 20 paras orange overprinted 10 paras. It says:

Surcharging seems to be "catching" this year, another nation with a record previously undefiled having issued its first surcharged postage stamp. It is to be hoped they will not follow thick and fast, as in the case of Greece. The 20 paras of 1894 (or is it the newly issued variety without silk threads?) has been overprinted for 10 paras, in black.

I therefore list:
Adhesive (Provisional):
10 paras on 20 paras, orange.

SIAM.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* lists some recently issued values of the new set, with the King's head turned slightly to the left. I find that I have as yet listed none of the values so I give the entire set:

Adhesives (Regular):
1a green.
2a green and carmine.
3a red and blue.
8a green and yellow.
10a ultramarine.
12a violet and rose.
64a violet and orange.

URUGUAY.—The *Fortnightly* mentions a very much surcharged stamp from this country. It consists of the 10 centesimos carmine and black "Suarez" overprinted in black "5" and "centesimos." There is also "1900" in black and a semi-circular "Provisorio" in red. It is stated that 200,000 of this provisional was issued last December and according to these figures quite a large number will find their way into stamp collections.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, February 6th.

The following extract from a letter dated December 26th, 1900, received from a correspondent in New South Wales, may be of interest to collectors of Australian stamps:

"Before this letter reaches you the Australian Commonwealth will have been an accomplished fact. This movement, which will necessitate one entire issue of stamps, has already had its effect in the reflex of

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the stamp market here, which has hardened very considerably, there will be a big advance all round next year, and dealers will not guarantee to keep open present quotation for more than three months at the outside."

Mr. Warren E. Burton of Burton & Burton of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, was in Boston last week, and exhibited one of the finest collections of United States postage and revenue stamps ever seen here, which was especially fine in revenues. Among other stamps was seen three of the \$5 00 proprietary stamps in superb condition.

Mr. Davis, a prominent collector of Schenectady, New York, visited this city last week.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of calling upon Mr. C. J. Phillips of Stanley Gibbons & Co, at the Touraine last week, where he has been stopping for a few days, with a large and valuable stock of stamps. Mr. Phillips is enthusiastic over the American stamp market, and finds that the field for the better grade of stamps and rarities is good. The value of the stock of stamps which he brought over with him was about two hundred and forty thousand dollars, and he informs me that several cablegrams have been sent at various times for more. Mr. Phillips has been away from London on his American trip about three months, and has sold about fifty-eight thousand dollars worth of stamps during this time. I learn also that Stanley Gibbons have in contemplation, in the near future, an American edition of their catalogue, priced in United States money. Mr. Phillips criticises catalogues with prices so inflated that a large discount has to be given to bring the price down to the proper place, and I think the majority of collectors will agree with me that the point is well taken. What we need in the United States is a catalogue not based on the stock of any one dealer, but a catalogue which will reflect more nearly the true market value of stamps. Mr. Phillips has travelled during this trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and not only sold but bought heavily, and his voluntary praise of Boston for business was certainly gratifying to a Bostonian.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

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CIRCULATING SALES OR EXCHANGE DEPT.

Notice to Members.

I am constantly in receipt of letters asking what class of stamps or which countries sell best in the department, or could you use to advantage so and so, etc.

For the benefit of those members who intend to send in stamps to be circulated in the department, I annex below a few hints which will, at least, prove satisfactory to buyers and sellers, if not profitable to the latter.

It is not the fact alone that the stamps are of a desirable country or class, but the manner in which they are mounted, that helps to sell them. It is, therefore, imperative that your stamps be free from paper, and properly hinged.

When hinging a stamp never forget to place your hinge "just a shade beyond the perforation at the top of the stamp, so it can be easily turned up without bending or breaking the perforation," as P. M. "puts it" in the C. P. S. SPECIAL ERA.

If there exists more than one variety of a stamp consisting of watermark, or die variety, it is always desirable to have the catalogue number underneath the stamp. This will enable the intending buyer to see at a glance whether he has the stamp or not.

I have found that several members follow this method, and have always noticed that their returns are larger than those from books mounted carelessly.

At the present time there is a demand for the following: U. S. Colonials, British Colonials, Dutch Colonies, and all the West Indies. There is also a good demand for the better grade Foreign, therefore if you have any of the above to dispose of, now is the time to do it.

I have now on hand almost more books of medium and low priced stamps than I can use to advantage, owing to the small demand there is for this class of stamps.

In pricing your stamps you should always take into consideration the condition of them, and make your prices accordingly. Damaged or torn stamps of the cheaper grade should be left out entirely, as nobody wants them, even at one-third or one-quarter of catalogue, and besides, if there are other good stamps mounted in the same book, the damaged ones will always detract from their appearance.

Then again, there are some members whom, having seen one book of such stamps, will judge the rest by that one book and condemn the entire lot. It should always be borne in mind by members who receive circuits, that while one circuit may be poor, the balance of the circuits will off set or make up for it.

According to the rules of the Department I am in duty bound to circulate everything except counterfeits, etc., and if members send in poor stamps, it naturally would follow that the circuits would be poor. However, while there may be a few poor circuits, the number of good ones

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15c ".....	6.00	3.00
24c ".....	17.00	8.50
7c Navy, (a few perf. clipped).....	10.00	4.00
10c " (off center).....	2.00	.90
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is so much larger that the poor ones are almost lost sight of.

There is another thing that my attention has been called to by the Secretary, and that is, that some of the Passive members were "kicking" because they did not derive benefits from the Society.

Now there are two sources from which they can derive benefit, one is to patronize the auction sales of the Society and the other the Sales or Exchange Dept. I have no doubt, whatever, that a large number of Passive members patronize the auction sales of the large firms East and West, in that vain hope of getting something for nothing. Why not try the Exchange Dept?

I do not wish to intimate that they will get something for nothing, but that there are some "snaps" in the books cannot be denied.

Then again, there are other members who think that the only way to get rid of their good stamps quick is to send them to some firm for auction. They do not take into consideration that while the firm is writing up their catalogue and making collections, the stamps could have been circulating in the department and brought more than at auction after the firm's commission etc. has been deducted.

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**Retouches of the Cuba and
Philippine Islands
Issue of 1882.**

In the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA for December 15, the Boston correspondent mentions that Mr. F. P. Brown has discovered a second re-engraving of the 2 4-8c ultramarine Philippines, of the 1882 issue. The article does not say, in so many words, that this second re-engraving is the same as that described in the Standard Catalogue for the 5c de p of the corresponding issue for Cuba, but such is the inference. This discovery seemed to us of sufficient interest to be looked up, and we accordingly examined our stock and, subsequently, the Cuban issue of the same date. We find that there is, as reported, a second retouch (this word describes the alteration more correctly than "re-engraving") of the Philippines stamp and also a corresponding retouch of the 5c of Cuba. These two new varieties represent an intermediate state between the first and second retouches; strictly speaking, they are the second retouching, and that which has heretofore been called the second should now be placed as the third. We have not found any copy of the Philippines stamp which shows the third retouching.

The various states of engraving may be described as follows:

Original state. The medallion is surrounded by a heavy line of color of nearly even thickness, touching the horizontal line below the word "Cuba" (or "Philippines", as the case may be); the opening in the hair above the temple is narrow and pointed.

First retouch. The line about the medallion is thin, except at the upper right, and does not touch the horizontal line above it; the opening in the hair is slightly wider and a trifle rounded; the lock of hair above the forehead is shaped like a broad "V" and ends in a point; there is a faint white line below it, which is not found on the stamps in the original state.

Second retouch. The opening is still wider and more rounded; the lock of hair does not extend as far down on the forehead, is very slightly rounded instead of being pointed, and the white line below it is thicker.

Third retouch. The opening in the hair forms a semi-circle; the lock above the fore-

head is nearly straight, having only a slight wave, and the white line is much broader than before.—*American Journal of Philately.*

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The discussion now on regarding the 4c blue Columbian is rather interesting. Mr. J. W. Scott has taken the affirmative side, and Mr. J. N. Luff the negative. The matter in discussion is whether the 4c blue is an error or a shade. The correspondence in full appears as follows:

NEW YORK, Jan. 24, 1901.

Editor *Metropolitan Philatelist*:
Dear Sir: In your issue of January 12 I notice some editorial remarks on the subject of the so-called error of the 4c Columbian stamp. I do not enjoy newspaper controversies, and my usual rule in such matters is to pass over in silence questions of this nature, but on this occasion you are doing a great injustice to other people as well as to myself, and I think it only my duty to call your attention to it.

Referring to the Standard Catalogue, you say that:

"Some years ago a representative of its publishers discovered a sheet of the 4c Columbian stamps printed in blue, instead of ultramarine, in the collection of one of the leading collectors in the country. A large offer was made for the sheet, but not enough to tempt the owner to sell; however, it was noted in the catalogue and continued in a second edition. The sheet of stamp was at length secured by a rival dealer (who, by the way, distributed the lot in a few months at \$10 each, although, of course, the fact of the entire lot being sold was unknown to the catalogue publisher), so when the new edition of the catalogue was issued, the 4c blue Columbian is omitted from the list and a footnote states that the so-called 4c error is not in the color of the 1c stamps, but it is merely a slight variety in shade."

(1) I presume I am the representative to whom you refer. My discovery consisted in the statement made to me by Mr. J. V. Painter, the original owner of the sheet, that he had a sheet of the 4c Columbians printed in the color of the 1c. I did not see the sheet at the time, but on the strength of his statement, the variety was included in the Standard Catalogue. When the sheet of stamps passed into your hands several copies were shown me, and (2) I discovered that the stamp was not printed in blue, as claimed, but in a dark shade of ultramarine, which had apparently (3) darkened by atmospheric action, and which (4) could be restored to about the normal shade of the 4c by application of peroxide of hydrogen. At the time I suggested to the publishers of the Standard Catalogue that the variety was unworthy of being listed and should be omitted, but their reply was that you had just purchased a lot of the stamps, and if the omission were made at that time, it might be regarded as due to business jealousy and done to damage you; therefore, the stamp was retained in the catalogue. This year I again urged them to omit it and they finally followed my suggestion.

These are the true facts of the matter. I think it will be admitted that I have some knowledge of United States stamps and of colors, and it is well known that I have in-

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vested a large amount of money in my U. S. collection, and have never hesitated to pay big prices for varieties which I lacked and which interested me. Yet I did not purchase a copy of the stamp at the price at which it was originally offered, or at any figure. My reason for not buying was simply that I did not consider it a genuine error, but purely and simply a shade.

You say that a large offer was made for the sheet, inferentially by the publishers of the catalogue. I beg to say that I cannot find any ground for this statement. The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Limited, deny having made any such offer, and I am equally positive of having made none.

In justice to the publishers of Standard Catalogue, I request you to give this letter space in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

Yours very truly,
JOHN N. LUFF.

The above letter from a gentleman of Mr. Luff's standing requires an answer, and to answer it I have purchased at \$50 one of the 4c blue Columbus errors, which the J. W. Scott Co., Ltd., sold for \$10. I have inserted numbers in the letter for reference in answering.

(1) I did refer to Mr. Luff because I first heard of the stamp from him and understood that he had seen it at the time. (2) The sheet of 4c blue has not the faintest tinge of ultramarine, and is of the identical color of some of the earlier printings of the 1c. (3) Stamps fade or become lighter by atmospheric action. (4) I purchased a new bottle of peroxide of hydrogen from Hegerman and tested its strength with a badly discolored \$20 revenue stamp, which it completely restored, and then placed the 4c blue Columbian, in a fresh portion of peroxide where it remained for one hour, at the expiration of that time it still retained its original deep blue color. Mr. H. G. Mandel, who without doubt is the greatest expert on U. S. stamps, states that the color of the stamp in question is blue and not ultramarine. Stamps which were experimented on are now on exhibition at the office of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, 36 John St.
JOHN W. SCOTT.

A recent "find," the kind most of us dream about, was recently brought to light by a local dealer. It contained nothing but stamps of the 1869 issue, all unused, o. g., and in perfect condition. To enumerate, there was one block of twenty-five 30c red and blue, *without grill*; a strip of ten, 2c brown; a strip of three and a single of the 24c; a pair and a single of the 90c and a single copy of the 10c; a pair and two singles of the 1c, and three single copies of the 6c. There was neither a 3c, 12c or 15c in the lot.

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- 1¼c " plum, Mint..... .10
- 1¼c " red purple, Mint..... .10

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- '95, 2½ on sd orange, .10
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AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

Reprinted Transvaal stamps is the subject of Mr. Nankivell's article in the *American Journal of Philately* this month. Liberal quotations are given from the Stanley Gibbons' "Handbook of Reprints" and it will be of great help to collectors in weeding out their collections.

Jules Bouvez gives a history of the 1 centime grey of the 1865 issue of Belgium. Some interesting figures are given showing the number issued etc., and the causes of the scarcity of the imperforate stamp.

John N Luff takes some exceptions to the statements made in the article on Hawaiian reprints in the *Monthly Journal* recently, and backs up his claim in a pretty strong manner.

Several papers have reported that the current Japanese set were to be surcharged for use in Formosa like the Korean series, but David Benjamin in a letter to the *Journal* says:

"I have corresponded with the P. O. on the subject and they deny such issue or the probability of one. Formosa is to be treated as part of the Japanese Empire proper, hence the ordinary Japanese stamps, with no surcharge are used there."

France seems to have taken alarm at the recent issue of the new German stamps and German colonials and is going to work to increase her already heavy lead. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that postage due stamps are being prepared for French Congo which will bear huge numerals within a circle formed by a couple of elephant tusks. Let us hope the execution will be better than the recently issued stamps for the same country! Also a full new set for the Somali Coast, including due stamps. Camels, black warriors, shields, spears, etc., are to be found in the design which will probably be too lovely for anything.

It is reported that the 15 centimes of the new French set is to be changed in color.

Ewen's Weekly quoting from the *Australian Philatelist* says that "no change is likely to occur in Australian stamps for some time. In July next, but more probably not until January, 1902, the various postoffices will be amalgamated under one head and one set of stamps issued for all the colonies? There will be no surcharging of present issues and no alterations whatever until that date."

Mekeel's Weekly gives the following plate numbers for the J. Ellwood Lee stamps: $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 11,003; $\frac{3}{4}$ c, 10,977; $1\frac{1}{2}$ c, 10,991; $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, 11,000; 5c, 11,006.

The *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten Zeitung* has always made a strong point of showing up frauds and swindlers, both among stamps themselves and those who deal in them. With the current number of the *Zeitung* is given a seven page index to the various frauds of all varieties who have been shown up in the columns of the paper since 1893. References are given to year and page so that one can put their finger on a man's record easily. It is a very valuable little leaflet.

Editor Wurtele of the *Montreal Philatelist* has a long plea in the January number against encouraging the collection of fiscal stamps. The New Zealand notes are interesting as usual. Some facts concerning Mr. J. Davis, late postmaster of Samoa, are given, and a short account of the conference of the heads of the Australian post office departments.

The Cook Islands stamps look very simple to a collector when he consults his catalogue and sees only fifteen varieties listed with four minor varieties. But let him look at *Morley's Philatelic Journal* and see what a specialist can find. No less than sixty-two varieties are given, many being those caused by the vagaries of the perforating machines used in New Zealand where the stamps are printed.

Mr. Morley announces in an editorial that arrangements have been made to issue monthly, with his journal, a supplement containing a catalogue of South American fiscals, commencing next month with the Argentine. The prices will be given as far as possible and there will be a large number of illustrations. First rate!

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BOSTON, February 12, 1901.

The one hundred and third regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, February 19th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

Our Annual Jollification occurs at this meeting and the committee in charge will undoubtedly prepare an entertainment that

will be enjoyed by all. At the last meeting \$40.00 was appropriated for this entertainment, and it is hoped all who possibly can, will come and enjoy it.

Bring any friends who are interested in stamps, and let them see what pleasant times we have.

The January Meeting.

The one hundred and second regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, January 15th, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and 32 members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Library Committee were read and accepted, as was also the report of the Auditing Committee.

Full tabulated reports of the above were printed in the *WEEKLY ERA* of Jan. 19th.

The Superintendent of Exchange was not present and no report was presented.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted and the following were unanimously elected officers for this year:

President—H. E. Woodward.
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The following resignations were accepted, Frederic Forehand, K. F. Heinzen, W. D. King and Dr. Chas. D. Wheeler.

The following were dropped for non-payment of dues: Wm. E. White, Wm. M. Snow, A. E. Pattison, J. M. Murney, H. W. Finney, Aug. de La Loge.

The following applications for membership were presented:

GATES, MR. WALTER, L., Teaticket, Mass.; proposed by W. H. Colson.

BURNETT, MR. EDWARD S., Boston; proposed by J. W. Rockwell.

Mr. Leslie T. Baker was elected a member.

The offer of the New England Stamp Co. to donate medals to be awarded at a series of exhibitions (full particulars of offer was printed in *ERA* of Jan. 26th), was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. I. A. Mekeel for a complete file of *Mekeel's Stamp News*, bound.

The Secretary offered two stamps as prizes for the two members obtaining the largest number of new members this year. Accepted with thanks.

The Secretary was ordered to have printed the Statutes and Amendments and list of members, revised to date, and a copy of same sent to each member.

Messrs. Drew, Rothtuchs and Smith were appointed as Entertainment Committee for February meeting and \$40.00 was appropriated for their use.

Mr. H. E. Woodward then entertained the members with some interesting reminiscences of old time stamp collecting.

Meeting stood adjourned at 10.40 o'clock.

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767. CLERK, HERBERT, "Winona," Angmering, Worthing, England.
549. EVANS, MAJ. E. B., Longton Ave., Sydenham, S. E., England.
1154. HENDRICKS, W. F., 1711 Leavenworth St., Omaha, Neb.
1538. WILLADT, CARL, Pforzheim, Baden, Germany.

Reinstated.

1498. BEGG, GEO. O., Orvisburg, Miss.
16. CHAMBERS, P. L., 34 Park Row, New York City.
1549. HOUTZAMER, W., Noordeinde 21, The Hague, Netherlands.
848. HOWE, WM. N., Portland, Me.
876. JORDAN, WINTHROP, 102 Commercial St., Portland, Me.
162. KOENIG, FRANK, 123 Kearney St., San Francisco, Cal.
1503. PREBLE, W. P., Jr., 150 Nassau St., New York City.
855. SHAW, THOS. P., Portland, Me.

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Total Membership February 2d..... 464
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Total Membership February 9th.... 472
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

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8, H. E. Deats,
Voucher A45, 51.60
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Balance on hand Feb. 1, \$55.29

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Interest on Certificate of
Deposit, 25.92

Balance on hand Feb. 1, \$1667.92
Entertainment Fund, 125.89

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H. J. Lowell, Bloomsburg, Pa., has disposed of his large stock of stamps to Mr. S. E. Medford and W. H. Green of Camden. Mr. Medford taking the foreign and Mr. Green the U. S. revenues.

The sale of Bogert & Durbin's on the 26th inst. was a decided success, and some very good prices were realized, in some cases way above catalogue.

The 21st regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, Feb. 1st, at 221 N. 12th St. The meeting was called to order with the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Messrs. Logan, Medford and Cowan were admitted to active membership. Messrs. Averell, Green and Chapman (Passive) applied for membership. A very fair auction was held of about 60 lots; some very good prices were realized and of course there was some very lively bidding. The debate: "Resolved, that surcharges should be collected," was won by the negative, Mr. Jas. White-side. The judges were D. C. Evans, W. H. Green and Wm. D. Averell. A debate: "Resolved, that pre-cancelled stamps should be excluded from collections," was appointed for March 1st. Affirmative, Mr. C. Rawson; negative, Mr. J. W. Boud. The meeting then adjourned to meet Friday evening, Feb. 15th.

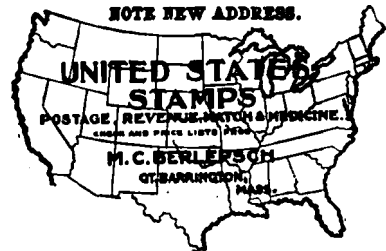
Before the meeting Mr. R. D. Breniser read the following names as frauds, which I thought might be of some interest to the ERA readers:

- Lawrence Arysler, Delhi, Canada; R. S. Henderson, P. O. Box 25A, Atlanta, Ga.; Hugh O. Lyall, Dr. 17, Portland, Oregon; Harry Cohn, 4450 Longley St., Chicago; C. H. Woodward, Mt. Vernon, Indiana; Francis Smith, Ossawatimie, Kansas; R. Beach, Maulins, N. Y.; G. J. Gilvey, 33 43d St., Chicago; Donald Neal, 124 N. Orchard St., Kokomo, Ind.

Dr. F. F. Christine, a leading collector, has been ill for some time with pneumonia, but is now on the road to recovery.

Speaking about illnesses, there was a young man here last fall who possessed a very fair collection, about 6,000 varieties, and who was taken ill with scarlet fever, and his album was left in his room, unknown to him of course, and when the health officers began fumigating, they of course destroyed the album. Imagine his surprise and chagrin when well again to find his beloved stamps burnt up. It affected (?) him so that he went out West, and, to the best of my knowledge, is still mourning.

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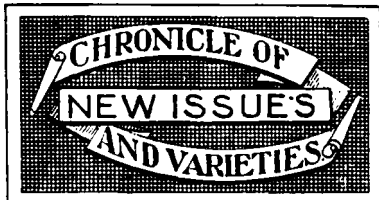
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BELGIUM.—*Le Timbrophile Belge* states that the 5c card has appeared in a new shade of green as follows:

Post-Card (Regular):
5c yellow green on straw.

CHILE.—Numerous provisionals seem to be the order of the day. The 30c has been surcharged with a large numeral five and the 1 and 5c revenues have been impressed into service for regular postal duty. I have Messrs. A. W. Dunning and Henry A. Chapman to thank for specimens of the above. Mr. Chapman's specimens are portions of covers showing the revenues used with the regular adhesives, indisputable proof of the genuineness of their use. Mr. Chapman sends two varieties of the 5c blue revenue. One is catalogued by Scott, type R1 and the other is listed in the *American Journal of Philately* for January. The central design is alike in both instances but the word "IMPUESTO" is in a straight line at the bottom of the stamp and the numeral 5 is in a circle in each corner.

Adhesive (Provisional):
5c on 30c, carmine.

Adhesive (Postal Fiscal):
5c blue, new design.

COSTA RICA.—I have received very unexpectedly a new set from this republic consisting of five values. The values are all very handsome, printed in two colors, and will no doubt be sought for by those who like pictorial stamps. Three of the values depict statesmen, the 5c the harbor of Puerto Limon and the 20c the National Theatre at San Jose:

Adhesives (Regular):
1c green and black.
2c brown and black.
5c blue and black.
10c orange and black.
20c maroon and black.

JAPAN, Offices in China.—The new 1½ sen blue has been surcharged for use here. SurchARGE is in black:

Adhesive (Provisional):
1½ sen, blue, surch. in native characters.

Offices in Corea.—This same stamp has received a similar surcharge for use in Corea:

Adhesive (Provisional):
1½ sen, blue, surch. in native characters.

MACAO.—The *Fortnightly* reports several new values of the current type. The name and figures are in black on all except the highest value where they are in carmine:

Adhesives (Regular):
5 avos, brown.
10 " blue.
15 " olive-green.
20 " brown on straw.
78 " black on azure.

NEW ZEALAND.—While I chronicled two weeks ago the 1½d khaki commemorative issue, I very wisely refrained from any attempted description. The ERA is now indebted to Mr. A. W. Dunning for submitting a specimen for inspection. The *Monthly Journal* very bravely attempts the task of description and these are the findings:

We have received a 1½d stamp of the most extraordinary design we have ever seen. It is of large oblong shape, with the name of this Colony at the top, "POSTAGE & REVENUE" at the bottom, and the value in figures in the left upper corner. At each side is a colonial soldier standing by his horse, and in the background is a troop of cavalry charging across a plain; below the soldier at the left are the words "THE EMPIRE'S CALL." In the centre of the foreground is a winged object, who seems to be sitting in a hot spring, and who appears to be clothed in a very low-necked bathing gown. It is holding something in its right hand (probably a sponge or a cake of soap), and whether it is rising like Venus from the sea, or the fabled Phoenix from its ashes, or going down like the demon in the pantomime, it is impossible to say. We can only guess that this curious object may be the representative of the "Empires," come to call by the most direct route—a twopenny tube through the centre of the earth!

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—I have three new values to list in keeping with my announcement in number 399. They are intended to supplement the set now in use and a 5 rupees is promised:

Adhesives (Regular):
10 tangas, blue on rose, figures in black.
1 rupee, black on blue, " " red.
2 rupees, violet on yellow, " " black.

RUSSIA, Finland.—I have received from England specimens of the new set consisting of the 5, 10 and 20 penni, and 1 and 10

marks. As already announced (380) this set is the current Russian with the values expressed in Finnish money:

Adhesives (Regular):
5 penni, green.
10 " carmine.
20 " blue.
1 mark, violet and green.
10 marks, black and gray.

TASMANIA.—The federation question brings out a philatelic phase of some interest in the creation of some Postal Revenues. The *Monthly Journal* gives a resume of the situation:

It appears that one of the first results of Australian Federation will be that the Postal Revenue will go to the Federation, and the Fiscal Revenue (or a certain portion of it) to the various provinces. Accordingly, some of the Colonies have commenced to separate the two already; in Tasmania some of the Fiscal stamps that have been in use for both purposes are now surcharged "REVENUE." (We have seen the 3d, Platypus type, and we learn from Mr. A. H. Stamford that the 2s 6d has been similarly treated.) The law restricting these to Fiscal use only came into force, we are told by Messrs. Smyth and Nicolle, on December 1st, but unfortunately the stamps were issued the day before (or earlier), and there was, of course, a rush to use a few of them for postage before it was too late. An envelope sent us by the above-named firm bears the 3d, duly postmarked "NO. 30, 1900."

Adhesives (Postal Revenues):
3d chestnut, surcharged "REVENUE."
2s 6d lake.

TIMOR.—The New England Stamp Co. has received the 78 avos referred to in number 399 and I now list it:

Adhesive (Regular):
78 avos, black on azure, figures in red.

UNITED STATES.—In the Chicago Special I noted the private proprietary die to be made for E. M. Ferrett. *Mekeel's News* announces three values as follows:

Adhesives (Private Proprietaries):
E. M. Ferrett, ¼c.
" " ½c.
" " ¾c.

Another die is reported as being finished hitherto unmentioned in this department. It is a Peruna Drug Co. die and the value 2½c.

URUGUAY.—I have received the 5c on 10c provisional referred to in the last issue and it certainly deserves recognition as a "very much surcharged stamp." I herewith list it. I have also received forerunners of the new set described in number 389, in the form of the 5c blue, picturing the "Genius of Uruguay" a charming young lady. The 10c violet shows a lady posing alongside of a sheep, which gives rise to the thought

upon the part of the *Monthly Journal* that it may represent Mary and her little lamb. It is designed to point out "Commerce controlling the cattle industry of the country." I list the entire set as the remaining values will no doubt be soon forthcoming:

Adhesive (Provisional):

10c 1897 surch. "Provisorio 1897," again surcharged "1900, 5 centesimos."

Adhesives (Regular):

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Adhesive, Vol. II No. 2, February:
Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
London Letter.
Proprietary Cancellations.

Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXVII No. 2 (266), Feb.:
Stamp Development.

Brown's Advertiser, No. 52, January:
Advertisements only.

General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Vol. XIX
No. 369, January 15:
Advertisements only.

Mekel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV
No. 7 (528), February 14:
Chicago, Boston, Washington, New York Notes.
Canada's Penny Postage.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 19,
February 9:
Washington Notes.
English Letter.
Four Cent Blue Columbian.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. X No. 1 (53),
January:
The Letter With the Foreign Stamp.
Junior Dealer.
Minor Varieties.
U. S. Adhesive Postage Stamps.
Congo Free State and Its Stamps.
Pre-cancelled Stamps.
Counterfeit Habitados of Puerto Rico.

Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. IV No. 12,
December:
Japan 2 sen 1871-75.
Paris Exposition.

Philatelic Record (Montreal), Vol. I No. 2,
February:
Hungary.
Catalogues.
Flea for the Boys.

Philatelist, Vol. XXII No. 1 (274), Jan.:
In the Philatelic World.
Proofs, Essays etc.—Russia and Saxony.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VI
No. 153, January 19:
Solomon Type of Hatt.
Official History of Making Stamps.
Varieties and Values of Guinealand.
Reminiscences of a Philatelist.

A supplement containing a catalogue of the past year's issues is an annual feature of the December issue of *Le Collectionneur de Timbre Poste*. It forms a 40 page booklet this year, fully illustrated, and is a useful little work, enabling one to see at a glance what the year's harvest has been.

Mr. Thiele continues his "Notes on Sheets of Stamps." in the current *Adhesive*, taking up Baden, Belgium, France, Greece and Bulgaria.

Chas. E. Jenney has an interesting article on proprietary cancellations. There are many revenue collectors interested in these "surcharges" and an attempt at a list of them should be made some day.

Rudolph C. Bach is said to have returned from South Africa.

One of the correspondents of *Mekel's Weekly* has received an envelope containing a circular from England without any stamp, and postmarked "London Paid 1/2 3 Dec. 00, 9." The editor not being able to enlighten him, I will try to do so myself. In the U. S. when a firm has a very large number of circulars, etc., to send out, the postmaster gets out a pre-cancelled stamp to save labor in postmarking. Over in the old country the firm takes the cir-

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The *Metropolitan Philatelist* contains quite a little information concerning the Pan Americans, and gives the quantities ordered of each value. Of the 1 cent, 71 million; 2 cent, 160 million; 4 cent, 5 million; 5 cent, 8 million; 8 cent, 3 million, and 10 cent, 4 million. Guess there will be little danger of a corner.

The *Philatelic Advocate* celebrates the new century by getting out a 104 page number with a cover. It is brim full of readable notes and longer articles too numerous to mention. A very good list of pre-cancelled stamps is given. Congratulations Brothers Starnaman.

Der Philatelist is accompanied by the Year Book of the Dreden I. P. V., which now numbers 1,657 members. It makes a 144 page pamphlet and contains the membership list, geographically and alphabetically arranged, catalogue of the library and archives, and rules of the different departments, etc. It is the foreign society to join. Dues are only \$1.50 per year, and by taking advantage of the new issue purchasing department one can easily save several times that each year. A long list of agents is also given who will supply members with current issues (full lists of which are given) of nearly every existing country at a very small fee.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. A. Lehman has disposed of his entire stock of stamps to Mr. W. F. Gregory. This is the dealer we referred to several weeks ago as wanting to sell out, if he could find a purchaser. The transaction involved about \$2,000. There are two more dealers, I am informed, who wish to retire also.

On the evening of February 14th, a meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society was held. The attendance was large considering the "zero" weather that prevailed. One new member was admitted. Mr. Andreini royally entertained the members with a description and an interesting "lecture" on the "British Colonial Cancellations." He described the various cancellations used in the West India Islands, Australia, etc., also those used by the various British Consuls in foreign ports, such as Chili, Argentine Rep., Columbian Rep., and other parts of South and Central America. Mr. Andreini's collection is contained in two volumes, and illustrated with miniature maps of each country or island as the case may be. As Mr. Andreini is thoroughly conversant and well informed on the subject his hearers enjoyed his interesting lecture and exhibition, which occupied the larger part of two hours. Another object of interest at this meeting was the exhibition of one of the greatest rarities seen for some years either in this or many other cities. The attraction was a block of twenty-five U. S. 30c 1869, unused, without grill, and pronounced by Messrs. Luff, Andreini, Allen and Blake as the *original without grill*, catalogued at \$50.00 each.

The above refers to the "find" I mentioned in last week's ERA, and the Guarantee Stamp Co. are the owners.

Just as I am closing these notes, I receive a catalogue of the 10th auction sale by W. F. Gregory, to be held at the Collectors' Club.

VOLUNTEER.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

A Stamp Auction.

A room perhaps twenty feet square, near the roof of a modern sky-scraper, a counter across one end outside of which sat the buyers—all except a favored few and some late comers; inside, perched in a chair on top of a table, was the auctioneer and seated at the table were the auction managers and those who had buying orders for customers unable to attend in person.

It was one of a long series of afternoon stamp auctions, and had been in progress about an hour, during which time some three hundred lots had been disposed of.

"Lot three hundred and steen," called the auctioneer. "Fifty cents," from one of those seated at the table.

"Fifty—seventy-five—one dollar—dollar—ten—twenty—do-I-hear-any-more? Who's the buyer? One-dollar—twenty."

"Stee-two," from the desk.

"Lot three-hundred-and-steen—dollar—twenty—stee-two.—Lot three-hundred-and-steen—"

"No bid," from the desk.

"Well, what-'m-I-bid? Ten-cents—ten—ten—fifteen—twenty—twenty-five—twenty-five—any more? Squarer, twenty-five cents."

That's about the way it went—an average of perhaps fifteen seconds to a lot, occasionally when the bidding was very spirited and the figures ran high, time was given for bidders to screw up their courage to go a little higher than they had calculated upon doing—but in most cases the buyers knew what they wanted, if it was cheap enough, and when it passed their limit they were done.

The commission bids were all for numbers, instead of names, 51 and 38 appearing most frequently as purchasers in that class, while the buyers actually present—known, most of them to the auctioneer—had their purchases accredited to their names.

There was but one representative of the fair sex present and she was evidently there in a reportorial capacity and not as a buyer—judging from the way her pencil was flying. As nearly as could be judged by the prices on single stamps, the prices averaged about 50% of catalogue; some exceptions went pretty close to catalogue and others again, especially when imperfect specimens, a good deal below. There were many miscellaneous lots which were in active demand at fair prices, in many cases in excess of wholesale prices.

There were no disputes; on one or two occasions a commission bid was overlooked and the auctioneer, on request, put up a lot again without a protest from the buyer. Everything was fair and above board, and there was no sign of favoritism. It was my first attendance at a stamp auction and I hadn't seen the stamps; next time, D. V., I shall see the stamps before the sale and try my luck bargain hunting.

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In reply to numerous inquiries will say that we shall have all values of above but not until we can sell them at reasonable prices. If you are in a hurry and wish to pay ten times what the stamps are worth you have a right to do so but we will not be a party to the transaction. By the way take the \$1.00 Grey Revenue that you paid 20c for two weeks ago to your dealer and ask him what he will pay you for it. Then decide whether he robbed you or not. The \$1.00 Grey are temporarily out of stock but will fill all orders in a few days.

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1/2d green, No. 4902
3d red brown, No. 5312
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Samoa, Togo, Carolines, E. Africa, So. West Africa, Cameroons, Marshall Is., New Guinea, Kiaochow.

Any set of either of above Colonies, from 3 to 80 pfennig, 9 in set.90

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Fine approval books against reference.

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Curios! Coins! Indian Relics! Gem Stones! Turquoise Matrix, \$1 percarat; Opals, 12c; \$175 in Confed. Money, 50c; 3 diff. State bills, 10c; 13 Foreign Coins, 25c; New "Kwang Tung" Cent, 4c; Sarawak Cent, 11c; Fossil Lilies, 5c. **LISTS FREE.** T. L. Elder, Princeton Place, Pittsburg, Pa. [528]

READY FOR BUSINESS!

By the time this advertisement appears all delayed orders will have been filled, and correspondence thereafter will receive prompt attention, as usual.

Please note the new address.

WILLIAM F. PRICE, Arnold Ave., Newport, R. I.
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COLONIAL REVENUES.

Porto Rico 1-10c Match stamp, used, 1c
I understand this stamp is obsolete, having been recalled.

Porto Rico 1/2 and 3c, unused.4c

" " 10c unused.18c

" " \$1.00 used. Had a few copies at 40c net. May have a few more. If you want one advise me.

Postage Extra on Above.

Surcharged on U. S. Documentary. I will have these very soon (they were to be placed on sale February 1st). If you want them drop me a line.

My Mailing List

May lack your name. If you wish to be on it and care to receive a very neat and attractive Price List printed in colors throughout, send me your name on a postal.

Porto Rico, Cuba, Philippine Islands, Hawaii.
I have some nice Approval Books of these popular stamps and if you care to fill some of those blank spaces send for a selection but don't forget the reference

Greece Olympian
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 and 1dr, used.19c
POSTAGE EXTRA.

GEO. S. McKEARIN, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Australian Federation, but such is not the fact, as New Zealand is not included in the Federation, but has a little Federation scheme of its own which may be sprung upon the unsuspecting stamp public at any time. A petition from the Fiji Islands for incorporation in New Zealand has been submitted to the government of the latter, and has received favorable consideration from the premier, Mr. Seddon. This little Federation scheme includes not only Fiji, but Cook Islands and Tonga.

The Director of Posts in Paraguay appears to be a public spirited gentleman. I am informed that a few months ago he noticed a shortage in the five and ten cent denominations, and at once saw how inconvenient it would be for the public to be without these two values, therefore he ordered 20,000 telegraph stamps to be surcharged 5 for postage, and a similar number to be surcharged 10. A new issue of a new design was expected daily, so he thought that number would be sufficient. Although the stamps were ready he forgot to inform the public of the fact, and they were only on sale between five and seven o'clock one evening, when about 1,000 of each value were sold. However, rather than have the department bothered with the remainder, I understand the Director appropriated the lot.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 63rd meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, Monday evening, February 11, 1901.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

The meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M. with President Bruner in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

The resignation of Mr. Hunter was accepted and the Treasurer authorized to transfer his share of stock to Mr. Klemann.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$460.51 exclusive of \$1000 bond was read and approved.

The report of the House Committee was accepted as read.

The names of Messrs. Brown, Chittenden, Green, Lyons, Richardson and Williams were dropped from the membership roll, they have failed to pay their dues though three notices have been mailed to each of them.

The President reported having appointed the following committees to serve during the present year: *Executive*, H. L. Calman, J. O. Hobby, J. W. George. *House*, John N. Luff, Albert Perrin, G. E. Jones, J. W. Scott, G. R. Tuttle. *Amusement*, Joe. J. O'Donohue, Jr., Julius Herzog, Jas. H. Stebbins, Jr., Wm. Knudson, Jos. B. Leavy. *Auditing*, J. M. Andreini, Wm. Thorne, Henry Clotz. *Literary*, Jos. S. Rich, H. E. Deats, F. E. P. Lynde. *Membership*, Lyman H. Low, Wm. H. Smith, Jr., A. Krassa, W. F. Gregory, J. C. Morgenthau. The name of Mr. W. F. Gurley having been posted the required length of time, his

THE SENATE

aint doing a thing to the House bill repealing the Stamp Tax on patent Medicines. We don't know where we are at.

We know for sure, however, there will be no more Lee stamps, and if you can buy them less than our price, \$1.00 a set, better do so. If you have any for sale at 50 cents a set, used or unused, well centered, we will buy one hundred sets.

LEWIS ROBIE,

IITHACA, - - - MICHIGAN.

N. B. Keep your eye on our ads for Foreign Revenues. If interested, let us know.

MAN FOR MAN

is a motto adopted by the Royal League, of which I am a member, for the year 1901, and is intended to be literally carried out, to have every member secure one member, "Man for Man" this year, and thus double the membership.

This is a good idea for the American Philatelic Association to imitate. Why not start right in? What do you think of it you Stay-At-Home-Never-Talk-Or-Get-Application-Members? Don't you think you better come out of your shells and help collect some of that "Just Stamp Tax"? Read your C. P. S. Special Err over again.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 75 State St., Chicago.

N. B. The Huber U. S. Auction Sale is next. It will be a dandy too.

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Chile 10c blue, No. 3, cat. 60c..... 25c
1, 2, 3 and 4 on cover as requested.
10c ultramarine, not cat..... 50c
Send your wants in Revenues, perf. and imperf. and price you will pay.

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\$3.50 REVENUE.

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Many stamps and countries at 50% Discount.

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I WANT YOUR CASH!

\$1.00 Passage Ticket, imp., fine.....	\$4.00
\$5.00 Conveyance, " "75
\$10.00 " "	2.00
\$50.00 Int. Revenue, " "	4.00
60c Inland Exchange, " " .....	.50
70c Foreign Exchange, " "	2.00
10c Ceruifical, imperf.	2.00
3c Telegraph,	1.00

L. D. SNOW, Sheldon, Illinois.

name was balloted upon and he was declared unanimously elected a member of the Club. Adjourned at 10 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

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 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 339th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday evening, Feb. 7, 1901, at 104 East Randolph Street.

The meeting was called to order by President Merrell with the following members present: Messrs. Allin, Baldwin, Bauer, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, De Nemours, Dickinson, Dodd, Doncyson, Edmunds, Flanders, Fiske, Geldert, Gurley, Lefever, Lucken, Massoth, Merrell, Meyer, Moisant, Nixon, Oesch, Schliekert, Schmidt, Severn, Smack, Wolsieffer, Wolsieffer, Arndt. There were present Messrs. Morris, Kline and Chase as visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A vote of thanks was given the committee, and all others who assisted in producing the "Chicago Special" of the ERA.

Chairman Oesch of the Exhibition Committee, appointed Messrs. Doncyson, Fiske and Massoth as judges of collections for the evening.

Mr. Wolsieffer advises that Mr. Krippaehne, one of our members, has suffered the loss of one of his parents during the past week. The President appointed a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Wolsieffer, Severn and Smack, to draw up a resolution of sympathy, to be conveyed to Mr. Krippaehne.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.

The Governing Board elected to membership the following:

- Casey A. Wood, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 630.
- Robt W. Wolsieffer, Morganfield, Ky.; Passive, No. 631.
- Ralph Edwards, Brooks, Me.; Passive, No. 632.

The following applications were ordered posted:

KLINE, M. F., 418 So. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

MORRIS, GEO. A., 2614 So. 42d St., Chicago, Ill.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

BEAMISH, CHAS., 311 Earlam Terrace, Germantown, Pa.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

BOSSERMAN, CHAS., La Porte, Ind.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

BROWN, F. A., 4166 Leidy Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

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HOFLE, E. P., Velasco, Texas; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

MCLELLAN, H. K., Hamilton, Ill.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

SMITH, A. M., 249 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

TAYLOR, EDWARD M., Elsmere, Del.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

WILDERMUTH, GEO., Box 29, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

THE Weekly Philatelic Era.

The more subscribers upon the books of philatelic papers the greater the efficiency of the publications. But the benefit is two fold. The subscriber also receives his return in the form of information, stimulation and recreation. If you are not already a subscriber to the ERA we urge you to send us your name and address and accompany the same with 50 cents and for a whole year you will be favored with its regular weekly visitations.

A Word Concerning the ERA.

These lines will be read by many who are not regular subscribers to the ERA. We feel that you need it to be kept thoroughly in touch with matters philatelic. Several Reasons!

••• It is firmly established with an honorable record of 8 years' active dissemination of philatelic truth.

••• It is the official organ of the American Philatelic Association, the Boston Philatelic Society and the Chicago Philatelic Society, giving it an enviable position as catering to the bone and sinew of American collecting interests.

••• Its review of current literature by Wm. C. Stone is so ably conducted that collectors are made well acquainted with all that is happening in the philatelic press.

••• Our business manager, Willard O. Wylie, has charge of the chronicle of new issues. The latest developments are fully and promptly reported.

••• Its news service is of a high order. Regular correspondents in Chicago, Washington, Boston and New York send weekly letters and occasional correspondents in other centres.

Have we not made out a strong case?

BIDS EXECUTED

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Mr. Wylie makes it a practice to attend all the Boston sales and will be glad to enter into correspondence with any who would like to place their bids with him.

OMEGA HINGES.

These hinges were the last to be placed on the market, but in a few months have stepped into the front rank of popularity. While not a perfectly pebble hinge the Omega has virtues sufficient to win hearty patronage.

A sample thousand sent for 8c.
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NEW ISSUES.

PARAGUAY, 1900, 2c, 5c, 10c.....	.08
GRECEE, OLYMPIAN GAMES, 2c, 5c, 10c.....	.12
GRECEE, OLYMPIAN GAMES, 10c, 25c on 40 cents.....	.10
GRECEE, OLYMPIAN GAMES, 10c, 25c on 40 cents.....	.20
PARAGUAY, OFFICIAL SET, 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20c.....	.20
1900, Caymen Islands, 1/2, 1d.....	.05
1900, Turks Islands, 1/2, 1d.....	.05
NEW ZEALAND, 1901, 1/2d khaki.....	.05

SCOTT'S CATALOGUE

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STUART, WALTER A., Napierville, Quebec; proposed by S. E. Moisant.

FARNSWORTH, DR. W. A., Galesburg, Ill.; proposed by F. N. Massoth.

The resignation of the following members has been accepted with regrets: Messrs. A. H. Nelson, F. D. Moffatt, G.

LATE ARRIVALS.

(ALL UNUSED.)

*B. C. A., 1898, "one penny" on 3ah, cat. 40c.....	\$0.15
*Br. Bech., No. 13, 3d lilac, cat. 25.....	.10
*Japan, 1900, 1/2 sen, blue.....	.02
*Mauritius, 1900 Provisional, 4 on 16c.....	.08
*India, 3 pies gray, 1900.....	.02
*Fardkot, on 3 pies carmine India.....	.02
*Orange River Colony, on 3/4d blue Cape.....	.10
*Grece, 1900, 20 on 251 perf. or imperf.....	.06
*Dominican Rep., 1900, 1/2, 1c.....	.06
*Transvaal, surch V. R. I. 00, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4d.....	.50
*Paraguay, 1900, 2, 5, 10c.....	.08
*Sierra Leone, 1900, 1/2 penny.....	.08
*Argentine Rep., 1900, 10.....	.15

UNUSED, ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

(MAILED FLAT.)

*Hawaii, 1883, 1, 2, 5c.....	.20
* " " 4c vermilion.....	.20
* " " 10c black.....	.25
* " " 1893, 2c Prov. Govt., black surch.....	.15
*Barbados, 1893, 1/2 on rd. No. 229, cat. 6c.....	.02
*Canada, 1895, 2c green, No. 206.....	.03
* " " 1877, 3c red, cat. 8c.....	.04
*Egypt, 1880, 2 mil green, unique.....	.02
*Seychelles, 1896, 18 on 30c.....	.20
*Cuba, 1900, 1c green on blue, new design.....	.25
* " " 1c green on o. buff, " ".....	.25
* " " 2c carmine on blue, " ".....	.25
* " " 2c " on o. buff, new design.....	.25
*Canada, 1898, 3c red, No. 208.....	.05
* " " 1899, 2c red, No. 211.....	.03



FRANCE, 1900,

New Design,
 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Centimes,
 Unused,
 6 Cents.

URUGUAY

The past year witnessed the creation of a provisional that will be known as the "much surcharged" stamp. It consists of the 10c carmine and black 1896, overprinted in red "Provisorio" with date "1897" and again in black "1900, 5 centesimos" in three lines with a fourth line destroying the earlier date. This will be a good provisional to buy now.
 *1900, 5c on 10c carmine and black..... .10
 *1901, 5c blue, "Genius of Uruguay"..... .08
 *1901, 10c violet, "Commerce"..... .15
 These last two stamps are beautiful specimens of the engraver's skill.

COSTA RICA

"A thunderbolt from the clear sky" is a proper description of the latest postal emission of this little Central American republic. Lovers of the beautiful will find much to admire in the new set. The 5c has a very pretty harbor view of Puerto Liman and the 10c has a picture of the national theatre at San Jose.
 *1, 2, 5c bicolor, striking effects..... .08
 *10, 20c " " " "..... .27

HAWAIIAN POST-CARDS.

(UNUSED, ENTIRE.)

1c red on buff.....	.02
2c green on white.....	.03

CUBAN ENVELOPE.

We have a number of the United States envelope 2c green on amber surcharged "Cuba 2c d. peso." It is catalogued at 50c and is the rarest of all. Unused, entire, mailed flat..... .18

POSTAGE EXTRA.

BEVERLY, MASS.

A. Armstrong.
 The chairman of the Exhibition Committee announced the following results in the Exhibition of U. S. stamps, General Issues:

Class "A"—Mr C. S. Smack, highest award; Mr. John J. Oesch, second award.
Class "B"—Mr. H. W. Wolsieffer, highest award; Dr. A. J. Schmidt, second award.
 The Treasurer reports a balance on hand \$184.08.

A motion was then made to adjourn.
 C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending February 16, 1901.

New Stockholder.

1651. WILSON, EUGENE, Bardstown, Ky.

Applications for Membership.

GROUT, WALTER D., 667 Main St., Worcester, Mass.; age, 26; occupation, Wire Business, The Spencer Wire Co. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch.

SMITH, EDW., 766 Hopkins St., East Oakland, Cal.; age, 33; occupation, Clerk, U. S. Life Saving Service. References: H. B. Phillips, J. S. Ewen; Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

Reinstated.

1094 JOPLIN, REV. G. A., Mt. Sterling, Ky.

635. LINSLEY, E. B., Three Rivers, Michigan.

629. SCHLUCKEBIER, HENRY, Petaluma, Cal.

444. VOETTER, THOS. W., U. S. Indian School, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership February 9th..... 472
New Stockholder..... 1
Reinstated..... 4
Total Membership February 16th... 477

I am informed indirectly of the death of Mr. Chas. Bergholz, a member of this As-

sociation. Letters addressed to him are returned and the Postmaster fails to answer inquiries. Any information that can be used in an obituary sketch will be thankfully received by the Secretary.

A copy of the notices to stockholders and a blank ballot for the special mail vote as published in the official journal of February 2d, and a stamped envelope addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Vice-Presidents was mailed to each member as well as to applicants for re-instatement and membership who will be members before the day of counting the ballot, on February 5.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,
WINONA, MINN., Feb. 9th, 1901.

241 books of stamps in circulation according to my report of Jan. 26th, value..... \$7,606 38
19 books received since my last report, value..... 501.90
Total No. books in circulation
260 valued at..... \$8,108.28

I wish to call the members special attention to the amendments to the By-Laws that have been submitted to them, and urge that they all vote either for or against, as on the result largely depends the future progressiveness of the Department.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

STAMPS FOR COLLECTIONS.

One foreign stamp catalogued at ten cents, and list of single stamps and sets free. Address

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409 W. Saratoga St., [d^o] BALTIMORE, MD.

Half-Cent Orange Documentary,

FULL SHEET

(200 stamps), with imprint and plate number,
PRICE \$10.00.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,
106 E. 111th St., NEW YORK CITY.

For Sale! General Collection of 2121 varieties and cataloguing about \$165 00. A real bargain. Sent express paid for \$27.00. JOS. E. HENDERSON, Columbus, Kans.

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. 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.

Wanted: Cardboard Proofs of U. S. Revenues in exchange for Proofs of Regular Issues and Departments. What have you to dispose of and what do you want in exchange for them? Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Maine. [51^o]

Scott's (59th) Nos. 1478 and 1448, entire, unused; No. 1406 cut square, used, and other U. S. postage and revenue to exchange for other stamps—South American and Australian preferred. O. G. Everbach, 17 L. T. Co. Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

5c and 10c 1847 and 90c 1861, all unused and fine, to exchange for U. S. proofs on India paper, or U. S. Revenue proofs. What have you? H. H. Wilson, Ansonia, Conn.

Will exchange Confederate bills and bonds, Broken Bank bills and Arrows for Stamps not in my collection. J. M. Browne, Denver, S. C.

I have fine lot U. S. postage, used and unused, also fine perforated revenues to exchange for Match and Medicine. C. H. Nagle, Birdsboro, Pa.

The WEEKLY ERA and "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," old and new; postmarks old and new; and old English and French stamps on original covers to exchange for stamps. Send offers. C. F. Richards, 326 West 20th St., New York City. [5]

Wanted: Chilean stamps. Will take them by the 100 or 1000 and give good exchange. Say what you have and what you want. Haviland, 446 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [7]

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.

Doc. \$1 00 red, cut cancelled, 8c each, 40c per 10. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [8]

M. and M. on approval at 33 1/2% discount.
M. and M. on approval at 40% discount.
M. and M. on approval at 50% discount.
M. and M. on approval at 60% discount. [7]
WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Very fine U. S. Postage on approval, 33 1/2% off. Every stamp a gem. References. J. C. LONG, Church Buttes, Wyo. [11]

25 varieties choice used and unused stamps cat. from 45c to 60c, only 10c. 250 mixed, fine, 8c. H. R. MCKENZIE, Box 149, Berlin, N. H.

Entire U. S. Envelopes:
Scott's No. 1312, very fine, \$1.10; fair 75 cents.
Scott's No. 1310, very fine, 14c; fair 10 cents.
Scott's No. 1313, very fine, 10c; fair 7 cents.
Last two Nos. with and without patent Lines. WENDELIN WEBER, 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y. [14^o]

Advertising space in "Mekeel's Weekly," and other Philatelic Journals, for sale at 25 to 60% Discount from Publishers' rates. Estimates furnished. My wholesale price list of Foreign stamps is free. Send for it. ALFRED E. COLE, Plainfield, N. J.

20 pairs Exposition Labels, very pretty, 10 cents.
6 Persian Keys. "Sultan and Lion," 25c.
3 B. & O. Telegraph 1886, cat. 15c, 5c.
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Chicago Notes.

The regular meeting of the C. P. S. was held Thursday, Feb. 7th, about 40 members were present. From present indications the Society's meetings are becoming more popular with each succeeding meeting.

Congratulations are still being received by the various members who helped make the "Chicago Special" a success. Judging from the many kind words sent, the C. P. S. has many friends.

The exhibition of U. S. brought out many fine collections hitherto unknown. Great interest is being taken in these exhibitions by the members.

Mr. Wolsieffer's sale takes place Saturday evening. I trust to be able to give some of the prices of some of the rarer stamps.

The members of the C. P. S. gave Mrs. Wolsieffer a pleasant surprise party last Wednesday night in honor of her birthday. P. M. pretended to know all about it—but he didn't.

Mr. Gregory in his notes in *Mekeel's Weekly* mentions a 24c, 1851 imperforate, with wide margins, which Mr. C. J. Phillips exhibited.

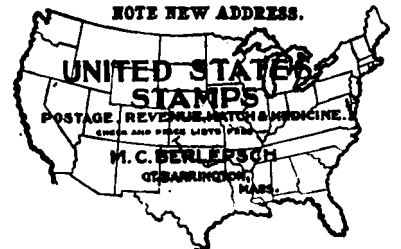
The celebrated Huber U. S. collection to be sold in Mr. Wolsieffer's next auction sale contains an unsevered pair of this rare stamp.

Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, President of the A. P. A., has appointed Messrs. Oesch, Doncyson and Merell, as members of a committee to solicit and increase the membership of the A. P. A.

Mr. O. R. Tallgren of Ulcaborg, Finland, advises us that the new issue for Finland went into use Jan. 14th, same being received in Chicago, Feb. 6th.

- The issue consists of 5 values:
- 5 pen, green, same design as 2 kop Russia.
 - 10 pen, carmine, same design as 4 kop Russia.
 - 20 pen, blue, same design as 7 kop Russia.
 - 1 mark, lilac and green, same design as 35 kop Russia.
 - 10 mark, black and grey, same design as 3 1/2 r Russia.
- There is also a 10 pen post card and a 10x10 return card. The ERA will probably get this information through the regular channel.

The phenomenal success of the C. P. S. during the past year has not only brought forth many favorable comments on the part of correspondents, but it has also occasioned some sarcastic flings from a few non-Society collectors. The way to advise a Society how to proceed and make a



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Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CHILE.—Mr. Henry A. Chapman informs me that 1,750,000 stamps of the 30c value received the large surcharge of the figure "5," referred to in number 405. It was issued December 28, 1900, and certainly presents a very striking appearance.

COSTA RICA.—Mr. Hopkins in *Mexico's News* adds two more values to the new set chronicled in number 405. They are bi-colored and I judge in keeping with the other values as to beauty:

Adhesives (Regular):
50c lilac and blue, (Jose Ma Castro).
1 colon, bistre and black, (Puente de Birria).

It will be noted that "colon" displaces "peso" and "centimos" now takes the place of "centavos."

FRANCE.—The following extract from the *Fortnightly* will prove of more than ordinary interest:

A great deal is being said and written about a soldiers' stamp, the direct result of an Act of the French Legislature which confers upon every French soldier the privilege of two free letters a month. The soldiers' stamp, it is said, will be of the value of 15 centimes, the inland letter postage in France being still the equivalent of 1½d per half-ounce. Pending the completion of the new design, the ordinary 15-centime stamp will be used, but to prevent their sale by the soldiers, the letters "F. M.," signifying "Franchise militaire," are to be printed upon the vignette. An officer will be charged with their distribution in each regiment, and, before being posted, the letters themselves will have to pass through his hands also.

HUNGARY.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that three new values have been added to the new set. The 20 and 35 fillers are in the type of the lower values while the 2 kronen is same design as the other kronen values. A new 5 kronen is also announced:

Adhesives (Regular):

20 fillers, brown.
35 fillers, red lilac.
2 kronen, blue.
5 kronen, maroon.

ITALY.—The *Fortnightly* states that the King has examined the different designs for the new postage stamps, and has chosen that in which he is represented full face, rejecting all those in profile at first sight. The design is the same for stamps of all values. The portrait is surrounded by a small frame ornamented with a frieze in the style of the Norwegian postage stamps. The new stamps will be a little larger than the "Humbert" issue.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. V. Gurdji has sent me specimens of the new 1d carmine and 1½d khaki noted in number 401. I am just as grateful to Mr. Gurdji for his interest in this department as though it was a case of "first sight" and I hope his interest will never wane.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—The *Fortnightly* announces a new set with the design, head of Queen Victoria in centre on solid ground. The values are as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):

½d pale green and black.
1d carmine " "
2d red-brown " "
4d sage-green " "
6d violet " "
1sh olive green " "
2sh 6d brown " "
5sh orange yellow and black.
10sh violet and black on yellow.

TCHAD.—Upon the authority of a continental exchange the *American Journal of Philately* reports a new French colony of the name given above. This means an issue of stamps to meet the needs of the Africans who have been made acquainted with the benefits of civilization. These details are of interest:

Owing to a decree of the President of the Republic, dated September 25th, a certain portion of the territory of French Congo is set apart under the name "Military Territory of the Countries and Protectorates of Tchad." The title is a little long, but our contemporary hopes that it will be modified.

This new territorial division, placed under the direction of the Commissary General of French Congo, will include the following:

1st.—The basin of the river Kemo.

2d.—At the north, the basin of the river Chari and its confluence, with the exception of the concessions already granted, as well as the countries placed under the French dominion by virtue of the conventions of June 14th, 1898 and March 21st, 1899, including Baguirmi, Ouadi and Kanem.

The stamps of French Congo will be issued in the territory until further orders.

VICTORIA.—The Australian press announces a new "Commonwealth" card, value one penny. It is issued in five different colors and ornamented on the reverse side with portraits of members of the royal family and Lord Hopetown.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Geo. R. Tuttle will hold his 38th auction sale on Thursday evening, February 28th, the last for the month.

The 154th sale of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. will occur on March 7 and 8, at the Collectors Club. The first session makes up the United States stamps only, and the second session, the following evening, is devoted to foreign stamps. The Match and Medicine stamps in this sale are the property of Mr. J. D. Rice. The sale comprises 974 lots.

The next sale in order is of the J. M. Bartels Co. of Washington, D. C. They will hold their fifth sale at the Collectors Club on March 14th and 15th at 7.45 P. M. The body of the catalogue is illustrated with two full page half-tones of some of the choice things in the sale. The sale contains 1046 lots and the stamps will be on exhibition at the Astor House after 2 P. M. on March 13th.

This city is to lose another one of its monthly stamp papers, the *New York Philatelist* has been sold to Clark W. Brown & Co., of Syracuse, New York, who will issue the paper from that city, beginning with the March number.

Mr. J. W. Scott has been vindicated. Mr. J. L. Luff admits he is in error regarding the 4c dark blue Columbian. In a letter to Mr. Scott he substantiates the latter's claims, and states, after a severe test, that the error is genuine, and not a shade as stated in the Standard Catalogue. Mr. C. J. Phillips purchased half a sheet of the error for \$1,350.00 before leaving for the other side of the pond.

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Alfred Smith & Sons Monthly Circular, No. 314, February: The Queen.

Bay State Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 2 (30), February:

Uncle Sam's Out of the Way Post Offices. Cuba's Stamp Grist. Postal Service of B. C. 1450.

Briefmarkenhandler, Vol. V No. 6, Jan.: Advertisements only.

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China. Corea.

Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, No. 243, January:

Theft of Stamps. The House of England. Postal Marks of France.

Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XII No. 1, January:

Philately in 1900. Puerto Rico Forgeries.

Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XV No. 194, January 31:

False Surcharges of New Caledonia. New French Stamps. Congo-Soudan, 1900.

Energy, Vol. II No. 6 (20), January: Passing of the Stamp.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. VI No. 70, January 26:

Queen Victoria's Empire. Federal Prospects.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vol. IX No. 4 (100), January:

Stamps of Cook Islands. How to Hinge a Stamp.

London Philatelist, Vol. X No. 109, Jan.: Death of the Queen.

Philately in the Twentieth Century. Registered Envelopes of British Central Africa.

Unpaid Letter, Registration, Too Late, and Official Stamps.

Transvaal Provisionals. Baden Powell's Mafeking Siege Stamps.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 20, February 16:

Washington Notes. English Letter.

Perforator, Vol. VI No. 6, February: Similarity of Designs in Postage Stamps.

History of the P. S. of A. Scarce Stamps.

Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Vol. X No. 1, January:

Notes on British Stamps. "Post Office" Mauritius.

Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index, Vol. III No. 4, February:

Good Things to Buy. Scientific Robbery. Collector Dealer. Stanton's Philatelic Index.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. XI No. 1 (121), January:

*Phillip von Ferrary. Stamp Collecting in India. Japan 2 sen, 1871-75. V. R. I.

Philatelist Francais, Vol. X No. 82, Jan.: Queen Victoria.

Stamps of Roumania. Postage Stamps of the United States.

Quaker City Philatelist, Vol. I No. 4, Feb.: Notes.

U. S. Departments. Revue Philatelique Francaise, Vol. XI No. 119, December:

The New French Stamps. Stamps of the Falkland Islands. Secret Control Marks on French Stamps. Fiscal Stamps of the Canton of Bern. The Post in Greenland.

Schwelser Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XIV No. 1, January:

Stamps of the Argentine. Stamps of Mecklenbourg Schwerin. French Stamps of 1849 Used in the Colonies.

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Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. XI No. 127, January:

*The Queen. Mafeking Besieged. Cuban Stamps Surcharged at Puerto Principe. Origin of Stamp Colours. Reprints of the Stamps of Hawaii.

Swap, Vol. II No. 1, January: Notes and Editorials.

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 5, Jan.: *Jacob L. Z. van der Laan.

Variations in Size and Shape of Stamps. Stamp Catalogue.

In an article on the Queen in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, M. Maury gives some interesting figures. "Stamps with the effigy of Queen Victoria occupy a large space in our albums. More than two thousand spaces are reserved for them and their issue was made by seventy-one different countries. Forty-eight sets are still in use and it will cause a great stir in collections when they come to be replaced by stamps with the likeness of the new sovereign."

The new French stamps are catching it right and left. A very clever cartoon in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* presents an enlarged cut of the 15 centime with the female howling dolefully while a postman standing at one side asks why she mourns. The reply is "They have stolen my man!" See the design of the previous issue.

Robert Ehrenbach presents some interesting notes in the *London Philatelist* concerning the status of Unpaid Letter, Registration, Too Late and Official stamps etc.

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Just 306,783 Hawaiian stamps went up in smoke a few days ago in the post office department furnace. The correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* was present and gives a list of the number of each value cremated. They were all of the 1894-99 issues, no Provisional Govt. surcharges or officials being included.

The *Perforator* is for sale. Mr. Kissinger has accepted a position as teller in a new Trust Company in Reading and can not find time for running a paper also. Chapman ought to buy it and combine it with his *Adhesive*.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* celebrates its tenth birthday by growing a little, both in height and breadth, and by putting on a new dress. It is a

great improvement and the whole aspect of the paper is much bettered.

Our own red covered *Philatelic Chronicle* has gobbled up Stanton's *Philatelic Index*, which will hereafter appear as one of the departments of the *Chronicle*. This will be an improvement in one way for the entries in the index will be in a larger type than formerly, making them easier to consult. The type formerly used was quite trying to the eyes.

Roumania is a country concerning which we have very little literature concerning the stamp issues. Consequently the series just commenced in *Le Philatliste Francais* by the well known Comte d'Assche will be exceedingly welcome. The first installment deals with the history of the country and some facts concerning the monetary system and the names of the numerals found on the stamps.

The Christmas number of the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* is somewhat late but its contents make up for its tardiness. The cover is adorned with enlarged cuts of the 4, 10 and 40c stamps of the new French issue in their respective colors. A reference to my index above will show what a varied table of contents is offered the reader. In addition there are postal and fiscal chronicles, book and magazine reviews, society reports and notices, etc. It is the best French paper I have yet seen. The new publisher is hustling things.

The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* although it has a German title contains this month only one article in that language, the continuation of the essay on the Argentine stamps. All the rest of the contents are in French. It is a valuable paper and one which contains only good solid matter.

A fine copy of the Jubilee portrait of the Queen is presented with the January number of the *Monthly Journal*.

The article on Reprints of the Stamps of Hawaii is continued and there are shown large illustrations of the originals and reissues. Mr. Phillips tells about his visit to New York and Washington, and M. W. Jones tells about the origin of stamp colors.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes from Philadelphia.

The 22nd regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, Feb. 15th, at 221 N. 12th St., with President Breniser in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Messrs. Averell and Chapman (Passive) were admitted to membership. Mr. Francis J. Stein applied for active

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This sale is one of the finest held anywhere this season and consists largely of single stamps. There is a fine lot of U. S., foreign and colonies, but the second night will be devoted entirely to

BRITISH COLONIES

including many choice and rare things, such as Barbados 1p on 5sh (unused as well as used pairs), strips and blocks of rare St. Vincent, Turks Islands, etc. An especially fine line of the West Indies, Makings, etc. Many illustrations.

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Baltimore: The Carrollton, March 1st, 2, 3 to 10.
Boston: Office of New England Stamp Co., March 7th to 9th.

Philadelphia: Continental Hotel, March 12th.
New York: Astor House, March 13th, 1 to 10 P.M.
Collectors Club, March 14th.

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membership. D. C. Evans offered the following: "All applicants for active membership must be residents of Philadelphia or vicinity," which was put to question and lost. Constant dissatisfaction with the constitution convinced the President of its inadequacy, and he appointed John Cowan, Jas. Whiteside and J. W. Boud as a committee to prepare a new one. The meeting then adjourned to meet March 1st. The auction followed the meeting.

Mr. J. W. Boud, with his usual placency, calmly announced that he had decided not to issue the *Philadelphia Philatelist*, which he has been advertising in one of the weeklies for quite a while.

All of last Sunday's papers were full of the account of the burning of the Hawaiian remainders, and they said it presented a melancholy sight to the employes and others who witnessed the incineration.

The Bogert and Durbin Co. announce their 158th auction sale for Feb. 23rd, at Lippincott's.

Comments are being heard on all sides on the retirement of Messrs. Burton & Burton as they were quite a favorite of many of our local philatelists and all supposed them to be good for a long life. I suppose Warren K.'s growing law practice necessitates the change, but no matter what the cause we have our sincere regret to lose them.

D. C. E.

GERMANY, 1900.

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- Re-issues 1/2c orange red, 10c: 1c violet brown, 10c: 2c dark green, 10c: 3c blue, 15c: 3c violet brown, 18c: 1/2c black, 3c: 1c pale yellow green, 4c: 2c yellow orange, 35c.

- Cadet Issue 1c, 4c: 2c, 4c: 3c, 5c: 4c, 6c: 5c, 8c: 6c, 9c: 8c, 11c: 10c, 14c: 13c, 16c: 15c, 20c: 24c, 32c: 30c, 38c: 35c, 45c: 60c, 75c.

- 1897-99 1c on 3c, type I, 45c: 1c on 3c, type II, \$1.30: 1c claret, 4c: 2c orange, 4c: 1/2c olive, 1c: 1c green, 2c: 3c vermilion, 3c: 3c orange, 4c: 5c blue, 7c.

Pairs and blocks of nearly all at same rate.

Philippine Islands, Unused.

- 1880-82 2c rose, 2c: 12 4-8c bright rose, 5c: 20c bistre brown, 10c: 25c brown, 10c.
1889-91 3c claret, 2c: 2 4-8c blue, 2c: 10c claret, 3c: 15c blue, 15c.
1892-93 2c gray violet, 4c: 2 4-8c olive gray, 3c: 5c blue green, 6c: 6c brown violet, 6c.
1894-96 2c dark brown, 3c: 6c vermilion, 6c: 8c red brown, 4c: 12 4-8c orange, 10c: 12c rose, 20c: 2c ultramarine, 2c: 5c green, 6c: 12c yellow brown, 3c: 15c blue green, 15c: 20c orange, 15c.

- News. 1890, 1/2, 1, 2 and 5m, 6c: 1894, 1/2, 1, 2 and 5m, 7c: 1898, 1, 2, 3 and 5m, 6c.

URUGUAY.

- 1889 10c green, 5c: 20c orange, 13c: 1894, 1c blue, 1c: 2c brown red, 2c: 5c rose, 1c: 1894, 1c bistre, 2c: 2c blue, 2c: 5c red, 1c: 1896, 1c 1896, 4c: No. 117, 9c: 1897, 1c blue, 2c: 2c lilac, 2c: 5c green, 2c: 1898-99, unused, 1/2 on 1c blue, 4c: 1/2 on 1c bistre, 4c: 1/2 on 1c violet and black, 4c: 1/2 on 2c blue, 4c: 1/2 on 5c blue and black, 20c: 1/2 on 7c green, 16c: 5m lilac rose, 3c: 5m purple, 3c: 5m blue, 2c.

From the Four Quarters.

- Canada 1901, 20c olive green, mint. \$0.25
1897, 8c purple black, Gibbons No. 92, mint. .35
Same not as well centered. .30
U. S. 1893, 5c Columbian, used, picked copies .35
" 1899 Env., 2c red brown, error, No. 1598, unused, entire 5.00
Chile 1894, 1 peso, brown and black, used, picked copies .28
Greece Olympian 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 40l, 1dr, used. .13
China 1875, 3c vermilion, used. .25
" 1885, 1c green, unused. .04
" 1894, 1c red, .03
" 1897, 1c on 1c red, unused. .07
Niger Coast 1900, 5d deep violet, mint. .18
Queensland '86, 5d 6d vermilion, postally used .02
New Zealand 1898, 1/2 and 1d, mint. .06
" 1898, 2 1/2d blue "Wakitipu," used .13
Postage extra under 50c.

GEO. S. McKEARIN, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

More Spasms, Nightmares Etcetera.

Whither are we drifting in stamp collecting?

The above question occurs to me after looking over a number of auction catalogues. Many of the collections catalogued being the property of single individuals.

In some cases we see from six to a dozen copies of some pretty rare stamp. In other cases we see almost every stamp, worth cataloguing separately, duplicated over and over again. We see unused sheets, reconstructed sheets, blocks of two, three, four, to a dozen maybe.

We see stamps on cover, cancelled in red, stamps on cover cancelled in black, whole stacks of plate numbers (the government ought to bless the person who invented that form of nightmare) not to mention pre-cancellations.

In fact, in a great many of these amateur collections there is a complete dealer's stock. What does this indicate? Philately or speculation?

Without jogging up against the tenth commandment in the least, I don't think these millionaire collectors get so much enjoyment out of their collections as some of their poorer brethren. The mere writing a check for some gem cannot bring such pleasure as if the same gem represented, possibly, a great deal of self-denial, or, perhaps, extra work of some kind.

Of course, these bloated bond-holders make many of the rare stamps rarer, by holding quantities of them.

A. C. Kline, the old Philadelphia dealer, once told me that he was making up two collections for clients of his, one of used, the other of unused stamps.

He kept the albums, and filled up the spaces as fast as the stamps came in. Every now and then, I suppose, inserting his "little bill." Such doubtful enjoyment, as the clients extracted from that kind of collecting, must resemble the flavorless fun of eating cold boiled veal without salt, which a facetious friend of mine once declared was like kissing one's own sister!!!

In spite of the peculiar by-roads and alleys of philately, and notwithstanding the fact that I may never possess reconstructed sheets of \$5 State, or Post Office Mauritius, I am going to grope along to try and make my collection as complete as possible.

One cannot, of course, dictate to one's neighbor on the particular form of insanity that should seize him, but, it seems to me, that an unused copy of most stamps together with a used, and, maybe, one on the original cover, and, perhaps, a considerable

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\$3.50 Inland Exchange, perf., fine. 1.50 .60
\$10.00 Conveyance. 2.00 .80
\$10.00 Probate of Will. 1.00 .45
\$10.00 Charter Party. 1.00 .45
\$5.00 2nd Issue, fine. .75 .35
\$10.00 " excellent. 3.00 1.25
\$3 00 3rd Issue, fine. 1.50 .65
10c Prop. green and black, very fine, new Block of 4, 24c Interior, perfect, o. g. 4.00 1.60
Entire Env., used, 3c on white, Scott's No. 1304. 7.50 2.75
Cut square 90c Carrier on white, new, Scott's No. 1416. 2.00 .80
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slice of the earth, ought to satisfy the most exacting possessor of filthy lucre.

Can anyone remember any issue of stamps, appearing in any country, without the inevitable report, at the end of a week or so, that the colors of some of the stamps (generally the higher values) were soon to be changed, on some flimsy pretext? And there are people who bite! France is the country now accused. The report, this time, may have some foundation. The victims of the late Exposition will testify that the French people love change—especially small change!

A horrible nightmare has been pursuing me this last week. This is the form it takes: "Suppose a sheet of stamps adhered to another sheet of stamps, and thus escaped pre-cancellation. What would be the status of the stamps from such a sheet??"

"Error of pre-cancellation" would hardly cover the case. "Un-pre-cancelled" would have a slightly Hibernian flavor. What would our dear friend from the Hub dub it??"

J. B. T.

THE WILLIAM F. MORGAN COLLECTION.

I am pleased to announce to philatelists that the magnificent private collection formed by Mr. William F. Morgan, formerly of this city, is in my hands for sale, *stamp by stamp*. Those who know Mr. Morgan are familiar with his extraordinary care in the selection of specimens and know how beautiful his collection is. Many stamps can be bought on some catalogue basis to do duty in certain spaces, but when it is desired to secure specimens which excel in color, centering, margin or gum, the stocks of all the dealers in the world will hardly yield a satisfactory return and catalogues must be cast aside. Mr. Morgan has for ten years hunted the world over for his gems and the result is peculiarly pleasing to careful collectors. A portion of the limited number of countries in this collection are now made up and will be submitted on approval to thoroughly reliable philatelists. They list as follows:

United States, - - - - -	\$9,640.93	St. Lucia, - - - - -	\$505.89
Canada, - - - - -	2,873.07	St. Vincent, - - - - -	2,347.99
Prince Edw. Ids. and British Columbia, - - - - -	695.17	Antigua, - - - - -	232.41
New Brunswick, - - - - -	1,218.96	Dominica, - - - - -	288.04
Nova Scotia, - - - - -	2,082.55	Montserrat and St. Kitts, - - - - -	445.00
Newfoundland, - - - - -	1,753.84	Nevis, - - - - -	1,159.26
Gambia and Gibraltar, - - - - -	210.54	Virgin Islands and Tobago, - - - - -	629.98
Falkland and New Zealand, - - - - -	257.26	Lagos, - - - - -	557.17
Grenada, - - - - -	292.34	British Honduras - - - - -	196.91
Queensland, - - - - -	276.74	Oldenburg and Saxony, - - - - -	1,003.95
Barbados, - - - - -	1,206.06	Hanover and Brunswick, - - - - -	489.85
Tasmania, - - - - -	215.23	Switzerland, - - - - -	249.95
St. Helena, - - - - -	163.17	Bremen and Norway, - - - - -	275.02

A number of other countries will follow in about the same proportion.

It would be idle to attempt to enumerate the special stamps worthy of note in the collection. Practically every stamp which exists of many of these countries is present in an unused state, and often in both used and unused state. There are thirteen shillings of the Provinces, four of them unused, and two of them being so fine that the price will be \$400.00 each (probably already sold), two 12d Canadas, three unused 6d imperf. Canada, two unused 4d orange Newfoundland and one 6d do. all with great margins, half a dozen unused 7½d Canada, one with great margins and imprint, one unused 6d perf. Canada, forty or fifty 6d of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, including many unused and o. g., a fine Connell, two each of the 2sh 6d, 5sh and 10sh Lagos, unused; half a dozen Gambia green shillings, used and unused; British Columbia complete unused, including five of the 10c imperf.; St. Vincent, the grandest lot ever shown by any one person in this country, all of the old shillings and six pences being unused and with gum, with hardly an exception, all of the rare provisionals, in pairs, etc. Barbados in magnificent profusion, including the split 5sh provisionals and a lot of the 5sh rose, unused; Oldenburg, a fine lot of the early issues with great margins and unused; Saxony early issues in brilliant colors, unused; Hanover and Bremen complete and unused; Nevis, a most superb lot including one unused 1sh yellow green, o. g.; four Basles, one unused; United States are like unto a dream, all unused and superb, \$5.00 State, 3c scarlet, 3c g. a. o., 5c brick red, 5c 1851; 5c fire red, 1861, 5c yellow, etc.

Collectors who feel that they would like to do a little business on a basis of 50% off Scott will hardly be interested in writing me, but collectors who know and appreciate the real article when they see it, are invited to open up correspondence. I have arranged these stamps by countries, in special books, all stamps priced net, and will submit any of them to absolutely responsible philatelists. I have not at this time the leisure to devote to business and simply offer these as a pastime and a little recreation. If you care to send me your want list I will give it as prompt attention as I can. Aside from this collection I keep many good stamps on hand to send out singly or in my net approval books. These may interest you. The following happen to be on top at this moment:

Transvaal, £5 green, used, - - - - -	\$6.75	Rhodesia, £10 used, - - - - -	\$17.00
Transvaal, 10sh 1895, used, - - - - -	1.50	Porto Rico, 40c orange, unused, - - - - -	8.00
Marschall Islands, first set, - - - - -	5.00	Cuba, 20c blue, used, - - - - -	1.15
Finland, 5 and 10 marks, 1895, - - - - -	2.50	Sweden, 17 ore grey, - - - - -	3.00
Holland, 5 guildens, used, 1896, - - - - -	1.25	British Columbia, \$1.00 green, perf. 14, - - - - -	35.00

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 1873, 1p, Scott's No. 57, unused... 1.75
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 1877, 10c light gr'n, unused, fine, o. g. 4.50
 1879, 10c orange, " " " 3.75

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ROBIE'S FIRST LETTER

from abroad in the February *Stampman* about the 5th. This number also contains second installment of my price list. Free as usual, together with the January number.

The 1901 Catalog post free, 58 cents. We throw in a 50c stamp and a life subscription to the *Stampman*. New customers every day for the new ideas in approvals. Big Books containing 300 to 1000 varieties at 1/2c each upward net. One customer with a collection of 4000 added over 100 varieties to his album at 1/2c each from one of these books. Just the thing if you lack some of the cheap stamps. References.

D. W. OSGOOD, Box 502, Pueblo, Colo.

ing officer. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings the branch has ever held. The members placed themselves on record as opposed to the first amendment and favoring the second because as business men they could not see their way clearly in reducing their assets while increasing their liabilities. The resignation of Mr. Holland was accepted with regrets, and Mr. John J. Oesch was unanimously elected President of the Branch. The members present expressed themselves as being highly complimented because President Toppan appointed the Membership Committee all from Chicago.

Mr. W. B. Hale, a prominent attorney of Rochester, N. Y., passed through the city en route for St. Paul. Incidentally Mr. Hale called and looked over Mr. Wolsieffer's auction lots.

That long looked for auction of Mr. Wolsieffer's came off Saturday night. Between sixty and seventy ladies and gentlemen were present. The bidding was spirited and lively from the start to the finish, and those who expected to get bargains will have to try some other time. To give the prices of all the good things would take too much space, but here are a few:

Philatelic Works.

British India and Ceylon, \$8.25
 Oceania, 7-50
 Tasmania, 5-75
 West India, 10-75
 American Journal Phil., Vol. 1-8 inc., 12-85
 Philatelic Record Vol. 1-17 inc., 13-10

Revenues.

\$200 U. S. I. R., 1st issue perf., 13-25
 1898-99 Revenues, Part Roulette.
 Horizontal pair 3/4c Prop., and vert. strip 3 of 1c Doc., 1-55
 Vert. pair 3/4c Prop., 2-95
 Vert. pair 1/4c Doc., grey, 3-40
 Vert. pair 2 1/2c Prop., 3-15
 Vert. pairs 1c, 2c and 10c Doc., 2-50
 \$100 Doc., No. 3043, cut cancellation, 10-05
 Vert. pair, a variety \$5.00 Doc. surcharged, No. 2996, 16-20

Adhesive U. S.

1855 Set Reprints, 37-00
 1867 Re-issue, 2c, No. 103, 6-50
 " 3c, " 104, 14-75
 " 5c, " 105, 7-55
 " 10c, " 106, 5-50
 " 12c, " 107, 8-75
 " 15c, " 108, 16-50
 " 24c, " 109, 15-25
 " 30c, " 110, 21-35
 " 90c, " 111, 14-25

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"Specimen," 7-50
 90c Justice, used, 20-40
 Nova Scotia 6d, No. 4a, 8-40
 Sweden, vertical pair No. 1, 10-50
 Hawaii 50c, No. 72b, o. g., 7-75
 Brazil 30r, No. 4, pair, used, 8-20
 Cape of Good Hope 1/2d, No. 39 used, 10-00
 Hawaii \$1.00, No. 49, used, 8-55
 Mauritius 2d, No. 15, used, 8-40
 Nova Scotia 1d, No. 1, used, 5-25
 Poland, No. 1, used, 2-65

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6,000	2 1/2-cent,	which have already been
6,000	5-cent,	used.

LEWIS ROBIE,

ITHACA, - - - MICH.

MAN FOR MAN

is a motto adopted by the Royal League, of which I am a member, for the year 1901, and is intended to be literally carried out, to have every member secure one member, "Man for Man" this year, and thus double the membership.

This is a good idea for the American Philatelic Association to imitate. Why not start right in? What do you think of it you Stay-At-Home-Never-Talk-O-R-G-T-Application-Members? Don't you think you better come out of your shells and help collect some of that "Just Stamp Tax"? Read your C. P. S. Special Era over again.

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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.]

ROCKLAND, ME., Feb. 15th, 1901.

MR. EDITOR,

Dear Sir: As we are all looking for something out of the ordinary in collecting stamps, it would seem to be in order to report any new thing or freak in the stamp line, and as I found a stamp a few days since not only new to me, but not catalogued, I thought perhaps some of the readers of your valuable paper could enlighten me. The stamp in question is No. 114 Scott, part perforate, measuring 21 mm. vertically and 15 mm. horizontally, being imperforate vertically, and contains one entire stamp with wide margins on one side, and the double margin and a part of the fellow stamp on the opposite side from which fact it would seem there must have been some sheets of these stamps part perforate. If any of your readers have found this I would like to hear from them through the medium of the ERA.

Sincerely,

EDWIN W. GOULD, M. D.

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Notes on a Four Month's Trip Through the United States and Canada.

By CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

Having decided upon a somewhat extended tour, to include many of the more important stamp centres in the United States of America and in Canada, I left England in the middle of last November by the crack boat of the Cunard S. S. Co., The Campana.

The pleasures of crossing "the pond" were much enhanced by the presence of my friend Mr. Henry Calman, the genial and popular head of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. of New York, who was returning home after his annual trip to Europe.

Owing to the bad weather the voyage was somewhat protracted, and we were eight days out, in all, in place of the six which is usual for this boat. Perhaps the greatest disappointment was on the last day. We sighted Sandy Hook at about 4 p. m. on a Saturday, and were looking forward to landing about seven o'clock, but a little way further in the bay the order was given to anchor, and there we stayed all night. The language used on board, on the part of those who were looking forward to going to their clubs or meeting their families that evening, was something

that will not bear repetition—even in a stamp journal.

In New York I had the pleasure of meeting many old friends and, I think I may say, of making a few new ones.

NEW YORK BRANCH.

One of my objects in visiting "The States" was that of opening a branch of our firm in New York City, and I completed the necessary arrangements during my visit.

We have been lucky enough to secure the services of Mr. Eustace B. Power, an Englishman who has been some ten years in the United States, having resided in Denver, then in Chicago, and for the past three years in New York.

For some time past Mr. Power was manager for the firm of J. C. Morgenthau and Co., the well-known stamp dealers in Nassau Street, but he left their employ in the summer of 1900, and after a visit he paid to England in the autumn, we were enabled to arrange satisfactory terms with him to act as our Sole Agent for New York and district.

We have secured a nice office at No. 167 Broadway, New York, a few doors below Courtlandt Street and close to Wall Street, the financial centre of the city.

After spending ten days in New York, I visited Bridgeport, Conn., and Philadelphia, where I had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with Mr. Arthur Tuttle, Manager of the Bogert and Durbin Company, and one of the best informed men I have met in the States on all matters appertaining to stamps and their values. I then took in Baltimore for a few days on my way to Washington, where I stayed some time, and was pleased to be there during the ceremonies and processions that took place on December 12th to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the capital. Through the kindness of my old friend Mr. V. Gurdji, who has moved from Rochester, N. Y., to Washington, I was enabled to see much more than I could otherwise have managed.

My stay in Washington was chiefly of interest, however, from a
VISIT TO "THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING."

Mr. J. M. Bartels (to whom I was indebted for many kindnesses) was good enough to introduce me to Mr. Thomas J. Sullivan, the Acting Chief of the Bureau, which is beautifully situated in one of the parks on the banks of the Potomac River and near the Washington Monument.

I was permitted to see nearly the whole of the numerous processes used in the manufacture of the postage and revenue stamps and the bank notes issued by the U. S. Treasury.

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EXCHANGE STAMP CO.,

Malden Station, BOSTON, MASS.
C. R. BURLEIGH, Manager.

On the ground floor there are a number of skilled engravers, who work from two to four weeks on the design of one stamp. Here I was shown the proofs of the stamps that will be issued in May next at Buffalo, and used during the Pan-American Exhibition. The design of each value is to be printed in two colours, and each stamp will have as its central feature some device showing the method or transportation of letters, such as "Locomotive," "Ocean Steamship," "Lake Steamship," "Automobile," etc., etc. The stamps will be oblong in shape, but somewhat smaller than the Columbus set, and they will undoubtedly rank amongst the finest art work yet shown on any set of stamps.

The next room was that in which the stamps were printed—all by hand labour, one man and two girls attending to each machine. Each printing-press has on it four plates consecutively numbered, which rotate horizontally. A girl feeds the paper to the machine; the man cleans each plate as it reaches him, and the other girl takes off the printed sheets as they come round to her.

From twenty-four to thirty-six plates of 2 cents stamps are constantly in use, and it is found that plates using certain colours wear out much more quickly than others, but on an average each plate will print off about 100,000 sheets.

The 1c, 2c, and 10c stamps are printed in sheets of 400; the other values in sheets of 200.

In the next room the sheets of stamps are dried and then pressed under 10-ton presses.

From here they go to the gumming room, which is an interesting, if rather evil-smelling, one. The room is some 200 feet long, and is filled from end to end with a series of cases each 160 feet long. The sheet of stamps is fed to one end of the case by a girl, who places it on an endless fine mesh roll; it then passes under brushes, which gum the sheet at one stroke, and it is then slowly drawn the whole length of the case, which is filled with air of a high temperature. On reaching the extreme end of the case, the sheet is received by another girl, who passes her hand over

each sheet to see if it is absolutely dry; if it is not she has control of an electric switch, and at once slows down the machine so that the sheets may be longer in the hot-air case.

The next process is to press the stamps again to prepare them for the final process of perforating.

In the perforating room there are a large number of machines, each attended by two girls and worked by electric power, which is switched on and off by a foot-press. The machines are all arranged in pairs; the first one gives the horizontal perforations and divides the sheets in two; and the second machine gives the vertical perforations and quarters the large sheets, forming in all values sheets of 100 stamps. In this room I noticed the large number of sheets that are spoilt by the perforating being through the stamps; in fact the waste and spoilage from start to finish reaches as high as 10 per cent. of the whole quantity produced, the greater part of the loss being in the perforation and gumming—a natural result of so much hand labour.

It is acknowledged by the chiefs of the department that England is far ahead of the United States in stamp production, due to the fine machines used by such firms as Messrs. De la Rue and Company, Perkins Bacon and Company, and Waterlow and Sons.

So far the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have not been able to get this class of machinery into use, owing to the political outcry that has been made against throwing so many people out of employment.

The number of hands employed in the Bureau at the time of my visit was about 2,200.

The cost of postage stamps is, on an average, about 2½d per 1,000.

In the course of passing from one department to another each sheet of paper is checked and counted in and out. A sheet of stamps is counted twenty times, a bank-note fifty-two times.

THE POSTAL MUSEUM, WASHINGTON.

Whilst in the capital I took the opportunity of visiting the Postal Museum, which is located in the head post office, on the ground floor. Two large galleries are occupied with the exhibits.

In the first there are numerous tall, upright cases, containing various matters appertaining to the Post Office. Amongst others I noted a couple of cases with articles found in the Dead Letter Office, among them being a dynamite bomb, a dozen pistols, a loaf of bread, articles of ladies' dress recovered from the s.s. Oregon after a 114 days' immersion, helmet sent through the post without a cover, and with the address written on the brim and postage stamps along the edge; the addressee, "Grave Yard Pete, Omaha," had perhaps already occupied his first two names, as he could not be found.

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In another case were the accounts of P. M. G. Benjamin Franklin from 1777 to 1788.

Round the first gallery were models of postmen, wagons used for rural deliveries, etc.

The second room contains the stamps. Round the walls are handsome cases of stamps, which were prepared for the World's Fair of 1893. The large frame of proofs and colour trials of the stamps printed by the A. B. N. Company of New York, is especially worthy of notice. There are three frames of the old envelopes, but many of the rarer ones are fakes, made up of reprints, etc., cut out and mounted on envelopes as near the originals as possible; for instance, the compound 4c is made out of an original 3c with a 1c cut and mounted at the side. Unfortunately the sun has caused the added stamps to curl up, and the result now is rather curious.

The stamps of foreign countries are mostly those received from Berne, and chiefly with "specimen" across them. They are mounted in a number of swing frames fixed on upright central columns.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

Newspaper Clippings.

REVIVED INTEREST IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

DEMISE OF THE QUEEN CAUSES A RUSH OF COLLECTORS FOR EXAMPLES—BRITISH STAMPS MORE VALUABLE.

A great revival of interest in the collection of postage stamps has taken place since the empire underwent a change of sovereigns last week. Persons who never before had a hobby of any sort are now assiduously gathering together the various issues of Great Britain and her dependencies issued during the Victorian era. Old collectors are retaining in their possession every British stamp they hold. Some dealers who make it a business to trade in stamps are buying up everything that bears the impression of the Queen's head, and they have stored up thousands of the present issue of Canadian stamps in expectation of a rise in value. As one of them said to a *News* reporter: "Stamp collecting is largely a matter of speculation."

It was only two weeks ago that the new 30-cent green stamp was issued in Canada, taking the place of the old and larger red stamp. The Canadian stamps of smaller denominations were put on the market in 1898, and a large number of them are said to be in stock at Ottawa. It is altogether unlikely that they will be cancelled or destroyed, and a stamp bearing a facial representation of Edward the Seventh put in circulation, before another twelve months. One dealer expressed the opinion that those who had recently purchased a great number of the current issue would be glad to sell them before they become of enhanced value.

British stamps at present in use and which do not bear the Queen's head need not be discontinued, so that the Canadian "Jubilee stamp" will probably remain in uninterrupted circulation as an Imperial postage stamp.—*Evening News*, Toronto, Ont., Jan. 29th.

£4,000 STAMP AUCTION.

DUKE OF CORNWALL REPORTED A HEAVY BUYER.

The record stamp sale at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's was concluded last night.

Altogether over £4,000 has been realised for the 825 "lots." No previous auction sale of stamps in London ever summed up more than £800 in sales.

The rarity of the stamps and the excellent condition of the collection, added to the wide advertisement of the sale, account, say the experts, for the enormous prices obtained.

Yesterday £72 was paid for an 1851 Hawaii "5c blue, outline slightly torn."

Another Hawaiian, "13c blue, 1st type, slightly damaged, and rather heavy red cancellation," brought £46.

British Guianas were "frisky." One "4c

blue" fetched £58; a second, an 1850 "4c yellow, pelure paper," was bought for £48, while an 8c green went for £17, and a 12c blue, cut square, for £24.

Neither of these is the rarest of all British Guiana stamps. That is in the possession of a French nobleman. Fanciers in their lighter moments talk of fitting out a privateering expedition to capture it.

Other prices were:—£13 10sh for a Turk's Islands, 1873-79, "watermark star, 1sh lilac, no perforations at top"; £11 for a 10c lilac Antioquian; £16 15sh for a Columbian Republic, 1863, "50c red error"; £14 10sh for two Peruvians, one "medio peso rose, error," and one "peseta rose, on entire original."

At the very end of the sale there was a little boom in Westralians.

An 1879 Western Australian, "2d mauve, error," realised £15, and a 2d brown on red, roulettes on three sides," was disposed of for £9.

The Duke of Cornwall, who is an enthusiastic philatelist, is said to have been a large buyer, through the medium of an agent.—*London (Eng.) Daily Mail*.

TRUST COMPANY BEGINS BUSINESS

NEW QUARTERS IN THE GRANT BUILDING ARE HANDSOMELY FITTED UP—MAJOR GHERST AND MR. KISSINGER ARE ON DECK—LIKewise MANY DEPOSITORS.

The new Berks County Trust Company opened its doors for business today in the Grant building, 6th and Washington streets. A large number of depositors transferred deposits to the institution during the day and its first day's business started very auspiciously. The company has already been given some legal business by the court. In addition to doing a banking business it also acts as executor or administrator of estates, guardian, surety, etc.

Major M. A. Gherst, formerly of Lebanon, is in charge of the management of the new institution. He resigned as State Bank Examiner to accept the position of treasurer of the company. He also resigned his office of assistant adjutant general of the 3d Brigade, N. G. P. Major Gherst will reside in this city. Clifford W. Kissinger, of A. N. Kissinger & Son, flour and grain dealers, 8th and Cherry streets, is the teller and bookkeeper and transacted the business at the window. Wm. Kerper Stevens is the solicitor.

The following are the directors of the new company: C. H. Ruhl, C. D. Kutz, of Lyons; Isaac Spatz, of Mohsville; Wm. Kerper Stevens, Charles L. Hoff, Charles E. Leippe, Louis Heilbron, James H. Marx, of Kutztown; Hon. L. P. G. Fegely, of Boyertown; G. M. F. Rick, J. K. Grant, Geo. Miller, of Hamburg; Philip Hoch, of Oley; Milford N. Ritter and Wm. Shaffner. Mr. Ruhl is the president and Messrs. Kutz and Spatz are the vice-presidents.

The offices have been handsomely fur-

nished by Tilghman DeLong, of Topton. In front is the usual office furniture, counter and railing, cabinets, office desks, etc. In the rear are the directors' and president's rooms, which will be finely fitted up in a few days.

A large burglar and fire-proof vault, erected by the York Safe and Lock Co., is in the centre of the floor.—*Reading Herald*, Jan. 28.

SAY WASHED WAR STAMPS WERE SOLD.

INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS ARREST ARTHUR J. HEINEMAN, A WALL STREET DRUGGIST—CHANGE IN INKS CAUSE—COLONEL THOMPSON SAYS HE BELIEVES MR. HEINEMAN HAS SOLD WASHED STAMPS FOR MONTHS—ALL ABOVE ONE DOLLAR IN VALUE.

Change of the color of war tax stamps by the Bureau of Internal Revenue was responsible for the arrest yesterday of Arthur J. Heineman, a druggist at No. 88 Wall street, for having in his possession and selling washed documentary stamps of high denominations. Heineman's drug store is in the financial district and has a post office sub-station in charge of Miss Irene Starn. There has been a large sale of revenue stamps there.

Early issues of the revenue stamps were easily washable because of their fast colors, and so many of them were sold after cancellations were washed off that the government several months ago changed the colors and the ink. The present inks will spread if the stamps are washed.

According to the internal revenue officers, Heineman has been selling stamps of the old colors of denominations above \$1. In the denominations below \$1 he sold stamps he bought fresh from the collector each morning. The stamps of large denominations were taken from between the leaves of a large book.

Miss Starn, who sold them, placed the money obtained between the leaves of the book. Colonel Frank G. Thompson, internal revenue agent, says the stamps sold by Heineman were washed, and the best specimens of washed stamps that have come to the attention of the department.

Colonel Thompson had agents buy stamps at Heineman's. They invariably got the old issues. It is on these purchases the charges are based, although when Colonel Thompson served a United States search warrant on Heineman yesterday he found stamps worth \$1000 on hand. The druggist was arrested.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields, Heineman protested innocence, saying he had received the suspected stamps in exchange for others of low denomination. He was held in \$2,500 bail, furnished by Sigmund Levy, of No. 128 East Seventy-fourth street. Colonel Thompson said he believed Heineman had been selling washed stamps for many months. Some of the issues he had were six months old.—*N. Y. Herald*, Feb. 17.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending February 23, 1901.

Application for Membership.

DICKINSON, IRVING, 1367 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age, 41; occupation, Civil Engineer. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch, A. F. Merrell, S. T. S. Doncyson; Resident Vice-President, Henry W. Wolseley.

Applications for Re-Instatement.

803. ABRAHAM, W., care Booker Bros., McConnell & Co., Ltd., Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana.

1235. HINRICHS, FRED, Manitowoc, Wis.

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1652. DUCK, GEO. F., Clearfield, Penn.

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679. DIENA, DR. EMILIO, 40 Via Vittoria Colonna, Rome, Italy.

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H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1

American Philatelic Association.

A regular meeting of Branch No. 1 was held Feb. 14th at Room 1603 Marquette Building. Members present were Messrs. Gurley, Michaels, Lefever, Oesch, Merell, Severn, Smack, Wolsieffer, Dickinson and Flanders. Visitors present were Messrs. Moisan and Massoth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Owing to the absence of the President, Mr. Alex. Holland, Mr. W. F. E. Gurley was appointed to preside.

The resignation of Mr. Alex. Holland from the office of President of the Branch was accepted with regrets.

Election for the office of President being next in order, Mr. John J. Oesch was elected unanimously.

A discussion on the proposed amendments to the Constitution as presented to the members of the Association, by the Directors, in the mail vote now pending, resulted in the following resolution, being proposed by Oesch and Doncyson.

Whereas, no business concern, corporation or society can rightly and in justice to all concerned reduce their assets and at the same time increase their liabilities, and

Whereas, the adoption of both amendments would mean a diminishing of the assets of the insurance fund of the Exchange Department and the increase of the liabilities of that Department,

Be it resolved that we, Chicago Branch, No. 1, of the A. P. A., favor the adoption of the amendment covering the "Substitutions" and strongly advise against the amendment reducing the "insurance fee." Mr. Oesch, chairman of the Membership Committee made a few remarks outlining the proposed work of the committee and requested the hearty co-operation of the Branch in this missionary work.

Mr. Oesch and members of the Committee were thanked and assured that the Branch would do all in its power to help their work along.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer then donated a back page in his next auction catalogue to the Membership Committee to use as they should see fit.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

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24c "		17.00	8.25
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, February 20th.

The annual Jollification Meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held last evening at Elks' Hall, with an attendance of fifty members. A suitable sum of money had been appropriated and a competent committee appointed for this entertainment. To the efforts of this committee was due the success of the evening.

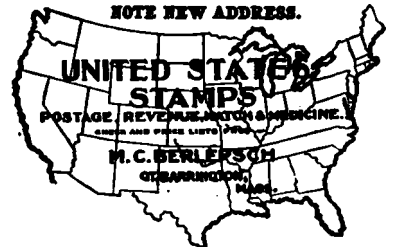
Several new members were elected to membership, and fifteen applications for membership were presented, which is a source of gratification to the officers of the Society, and shows that the effort on the part of the members to bring in the right kind of members is being attended with gratifying results.

Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, whose experience with stamps goes back to 1859 gave the members an interesting talk relating principally to his personal experiences as a dealer. His first source of supply was the waste paper barrels which were put outside the Boston post office in 1863, when it was located on Chauncy street. The sweepings from the corridor contained many good saleable stamps then, and in those days the general public knew but little about stamps thereby enabling knowing ones to secure good stock for nothing. In 1863 Mr. Rothfuchs published his first price list.

An account of the Stamp Bourse of Paris and Hamburg and the stamp auction of London as seen by Mr. Rothfuchs was listened to with interest by the members. Reference was also made to the time when he sold the nine sets of Departments with the exception of the high values of State and the Navy error for \$20.00. Mention was also made of the three collections belonging to the United States Government at Washington. One presented by the late Professor Spencer Fullerton Baird consisting of a general collection of United States and foreign and located in the National Museum. Another containing all U. S. Revenues, Match and Medicine, documentary stamps and playing card stamps, including those issued in 1878. This collection is located in the Treasury Department. Another in the Postal Museum in post office department contains mostly new issues of different countries, received from the headquarters of the International Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland.

Mr. Rothfuchs was followed by the Vice-President, Mr. C. A. Howes, who spoke upon the stamps of the Chinese Treaty Ports and also exhibited his fine collection of these interesting stamps. Probably few if any in this country are as well posted as Mr. Howes upon this subject, and his careful study and research show him to be a true student of stamps. During the evening his collection was the centre of attraction for the members and was only left to partake of a bountiful collation.

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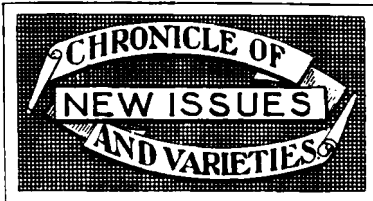
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1901.

WHOLE No. 407.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Mr. Erwin G. Ward has sent me specimens of the new 15c blue. The only way I can account for the new value is either through a depreciation of currency or a reduction in rates of postage, more likely the former. The statement that the 16c value is to be withdrawn (396) seems to carry with it some force now that a 15c has appeared:

Adhesive (Regular):
15c blue.

BERMUDA.—A quantity of the ½d were recently surcharged ¼d for use on newspapers, but no sooner was the provisional created than speculators gobbled up the entire issue. Another ¼d stamp must soon be recorded, possibly another provisional will be made.

Adhesive (Provisional):
¼d green, surch. "¼d".

I quote following from a contemporary: A provisional farthing stamp is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., the one shilling grey being surcharged:

ONE
FARTHING

and the original value barred out in black. Our correspondents are informed that 240,000 specimens of this stamp were prepared, and that the issue was exhausted within twenty-four hours.

A new farthing stamp of a permanent type is to appear very shortly.

CANADA.—Wm. P. Anderson sends me two envelopes showing a distinct difference in the paper, one being on a yellowish white wove paper and the other a bluish white wove paper. Mr. Anderson writes that the bluish tint is the most recent issue but that one is apparently as common as the other. He has quantities of both:

Envelopes (Regular):
2c carmine on yellowish white wove paper.
2c carmine on bluish white wove paper.

CEYLON.—I have listed several of the new colors with the "On Service" surcharge, the 2c in number 370 and the 3 and 15c in number 392. I now have two more values to chronicle, the 4c and 12c with black surcharge:

Adhesives (Official):
4c yellow, surch. "On Service."
12c on green and carmine, surch. "On Service."

COREA.—The new set is appearing by piecemeal. The latest comer is a 20 cheun, red-brown:

Adhesive (Regular):
25 ch. red-brown.

COSTA RICA.—I have some high value stamps to add to the pictorial set listed in part in the last two numbers. They are as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):
2 colonos, carmine and green.
5 " brown and black.
10 " green and red.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—I made early reference to the proposed issue of the ¼ and ½ centavos (370). These two stamps have now appeared, the ¼ centavo in the design of the 5c commemorative, issued last fall, and the ½c in the design of the 1 peso of the same issue. The color of each is black:

Adhesives (Commemorative):
¼c black.
½c black.

JAPAN.—The *A. J. of P.* very emphatically sets at rest the report that Formosa was to have a set of surcharged Japanese stamps for its own particular use. This rumor has been so industriously circulated that I am glad to quote *in extenso*:

We have made due inquiries, in regard to the matter, of our valued and trustworthy correspondent, Mr. David Benjamin, now residing in Hong Kong, and Mr. Benjamin informs us that no Japanese stamps have been surcharged for use in Formosa and that the regular unsurcharged issue is employed there, he sending us, at the same time, several envelopes, sent from Formosa to Hong Kong, prepaid with ordinary stamps of Japan.

Mr. Benjamin's exact words are as follows:

"These have never been issued, and I do not know how reports like this get in the philatelic press. I have corresponded with the P. O. on the subject and they deny such issue or the probability of one. They state that Formosa is to be treated as part of the Japanese Empire proper."

MALTA.—The *Monthly Journal* describes the creation of a provisional the particulars of which may be of interest:

A correspondent at Mellieha Camp, Malta, tells us that ½d stamps ran out at that

place at the beginning of December, and halves of 1d stamps were allowed to pass for postage; they were cut either diagonally or vertically. He adds that he believes revenue stamps were also employed. Mellieha is a small village in the north-west of the island, and troops having been sent there no doubt caused a run on the post office.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Montreal Philatelist* states that the 1½d letter card has been surcharged 1d, owing to the reduction in the rates of postage:

Letter Card (Provisional):
1½d surcharged "ONE PENNY."

NICARAGUA.—Douglas C. McMurtrie writes that he has a vertical pair of the 1 centavo, 1890, official, imperforate. I have not listed this variety and am unaware of its having been noted elsewhere.

SALVADOR.—The Guarantee Stamp Co. has sent me two new stamps. The *design* is the same as the issue for 1899 but with the date 1900. There is to be evidently a change in colors throughout the set. The values before me are the 2c in carmine and 13c in light brown. Both are decorated with what is no doubt intended for a rayed device:

Adhesives (Regular):
2c carmine, surcharged with rayed device.
13c light-brown, surcharged with rayed device.

SERVIA.—In number 404 I listed upon the authority of *Mekeel's Weekly* a 10 paras on 20 paras orange. Mr. F. W. Wurtele of Montreal calls my attention to an error in this chronicle and I am informed that the surcharge is on a 20 paras rose. This is accounted for by the 10 paras plate having been damaged and a printing of the 10 paras in rose was made and then surcharged in black "10 para":

Adhesive (Provisional):
10 paras on 20 paras, rose.

SPAIN.—I have received from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., England, complete sets of the new issue of which I have already listed several values. The remaining values are as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):
20 centimos, greenish black.
25 centimos, bright blue.
30 centimos, pale blue.
40 centimos, olive.
1 peseta, lake.
4 pesetas, violet-brown.
10 pesetas, brown-orange.

UGANDA.—Mr. Burt has shown me two copies of the 2 annas so distinct in shade as to be worthy of being mentioned. One is a light brown, while the other is considerably darker and might be called a chocolate.

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" " 10c red	.04	.02
" " 1864, 5c blue	.06	.02
" " 1864, 1 c red	.04	.02
" " 1888, 7 1/2	.05	.02
" " 1888, 2 1/2	.15	.07
" " 1888, 1 1/2	.12	.06
" " 1891, 4, 1 1/2	.18	.08
" " 1891, 2 1/2 50, Type 51	.50	.25
" " 1891, 2 1/2 50, Type 51a	.75	.25
" " 1896, 1 1/2	.15	.07
" " 1896, 5 gulden, very fine	1.65	.90
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Tunis 1888, 5 fran, fine copies	1.40	.70
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" " 1869, 30c	2.50	1.50
" " 1847, 10c	3.50	1.75
India 1895, 1, 2, 3, 5 rupee, set for	.55	.55
Uruguay 1889-90, 25 red brown	.35	.15
" " 1894, 50 lilac	1.25	.50
" " 1895, 50c blue and black	.50	.50
" " 1895, 1 peso, brown and black	3.50	1.50
" " 1897, 20c rose and black	.30	.18
" " 1897, 50 green and brown	.50	.28
" " 1897, 1 peso, brown and blue	1.25	.65
" " 1897, 50 lilac rose	.04	.02
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" " 10 shilling	4.00	2.00
" " 1899, 1 shilling	.45	.15
" " 1896, 1 shilling	.70	.24
China on French, 5 franc, very fine	1.75	.85
Gibraltar 1898, 1 shilling	.45	.20
Greece Olym. Games, 1 to 2 drach, to kinds	.92	.55
" " " 1 drachma	.08	.04
" " " 2 drachma	.40	.25
Funchal 1898, 65 reis	.10	.03
" " 1898, 150 reis	.20	.08
" " 1896, 50c reis	.75	.25
Angola 1898, 30c reis	.50	.20
Cape Verde 1868, 30c reis	.50	.20
Norway 1877, 1k 50 blue	.25	.14
Salvador 1867, 1/2, 1 & 4 reis, used, very fine	.95	.15
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9 " " 8 1/2, " "	.65
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100 " United States 1891, 9c, fine	.20
34 " West. Australia, 95, CC, 1/2p, cat. 60c	.14
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187 " " " 2 pence	.03
146 " " " 1898, 2 pence	.03
120 " " " 4 pence	.05
100 " Ceylon 1900, 12c green	.03 1/2
110 " " 15c blue	.03 1/2
40 " Congo 1894, 5 franc	.32
120 " " 1896, 40c	.06
117 " " 1894, 50c	.05
208 " Queensland 1882, 5sh, Bank cancelled	.08
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UNITED STATES.—The *Monthly Journal* states that it has been shown a set of 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 10c stamps bearing the forged surcharge "Porto Rico." The *Journal* says that "the total dimensions of this overprint are practically the same as those of the genuine, but the letters 'o' are distinctly too wide, and the individual words slightly so. The 2c before us is of the issue without triangles in the corners. This is rather too previous!"

A bungling piece of work and without question limited to a few sets. Extensive operations along this line would hardly pay as Porto Rican sets are purchasable close to face.

Mr. Geo. F. Duck sends me two Porto Rican \$1 revenues that possess differences worthy of mention. Not only is the color widely different but the lines are much stronger and the letters larger and fuller. I will not take the space to enumerate all the differences in plate. Any one interested will be favored with Mr. Duck's address.

Mr. A. W. Dunning sends further particulars regarding the McGreely local noticed in number 399, in the form of a letter from W. Howard Zimmer, now located at Dyea, Alaska, in the postal service, and an ardent philatelist:

"I have come to the conclusion that the 'stamp' in question was never used here, but is merely an enterprize gotten up by some energetic individual for the purpose of imposing on philatelists. Every one here to whom I have shown the stamp claims to have seen it for the first time and such a company or firm as McGreely's Express is absolutely unknown."

I am indebted to the *A. J. of P.* for the following items of interest to specialists in the U. S. Two new varieties of Adams & Co.'s Express locals are chronicled. "They consist of Type L2 of the Standard catalogue, surcharged in three lines 'Over—our California—Lines only' and a manuscript surcharge, consisting, in the one case, of the two initials 'L. R.' and, in the other, of the three initials 'L. C. W.'"

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, February 27th.

Mr. Wm. N. Howe, formerly secretary of the American Philatelic Association, was in Boston last week.

The auction of the fine Burton collection of United States stamps will be held April 8th and 9th at Wesleyan Hall. This sale will be under the direction of the New England Stamp Co

Mr. Patterson, a prominent collector of Chicago, has been in Boston a few days, and has no doubt been able to fill a number of long felt wants from the stock of the dealers of the Hub.

Mr. O'Neil has shown me a Queensland, Scott's No. 104, in which the foot of the L is missing. I know of no catalogue in which this stamp is listed, neither have I been able to find another copy. The stamp is in mint state.

The boy trade is very much in evidence just now, and while since last spring it has been up to the average it now bids fair to surpass any previous winter in volume. Some of our local dealers report that it is nearly impossible to handle it properly for the reason that within the last two weeks an impetus has been given this class of trade which had taken them partially un-awares. American colonies, Africans and the Australians still have the call, with a noticeable increase in demand for anything with the likeness of Victoria upon it. It seems to be the universal opinion among those competent to express one upon the subject, that this demand for the stamps upon which the portrait of the late Queen appears, will increase as time goes on.

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The Origin of Stamp Colours.

By M. W. JONES, F. C. S.

At this time, when the question of stamp colours has aroused considerable interest and discussion amongst the followers of Philately, it may be interesting to many to set forth in plain non-technical language a few facts relative to the origin of the various shades, and some points upon their manufacture.

The colours used in stamp printing are usually known as "fine" in comparison to the heavier or coarser varieties which are supplied for such purposes as paint-grinding, lime-washing, etc., and as such they form an interesting study. All portions of the earth's surface are called into requisition to supply the raw materials which are gathered from the three kingdoms—animal, vegetable, and mineral. The working-up of these various products to supply an article which shall give satisfaction to the user is an extensive trade, demanding great skill from the workers, and to those who are familiar with the coloured productions upon paper, even twenty years ago, it must be at once evident that the followers of the colour trade can claim to have advanced with the times as much as those of any other calling.

In a previous article it was shown that unavoidable difficulties, which arise in the working and manufacture of the various raw materials, are often responsible for varieties of shade—even in stamps of the same issue—and when it is taken into consideration that almost all of the raw materials used, as well as the finished colours into the composition of which they enter, are manufactured products liable to slight, but important, variations in themselves, it will be evident that the lot of the colour-maker, who is called upon to produce the same shade month after month, is no easy one.

When the colours are finished they are sold in the form of small lumps, or fine powder, to the printing-ink manufacturer, who grinds them up with suitable varnish in specially-constructed mills, which are usually fitted with steel rollers. This operation is conducted with great care and thoroughness, for any particle of colour not intimately ground with the varnish would ultimately produce a serious blot or blur in the printed design. When the colour and varnish are so completely ground together that the product can be spread upon a glass plate as easily as butter, the ink is passed on to the printer or lithographer, whose operations are so well known as not to necessitate description here.

To deal first of all with black coloured products, we find that until recently the numerous colours of this class were almost exclusively obtained from the animal or vegetable kingdoms, and were produced by the calcination of bones and other ani-

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mal matters, or wood; but in recent years this extensive series of shades has been largely supplanted by the finer and purer tones obtained by the burning of the otherwise useless residue which occurs as a final product in the distillation of petroleum. It must be admitted that the latter class of shades have much to recommend them, as they are deeper in tone and have a softer nature, owing to their comparative freedom from mineral matter. By the addition of varying quantities of Prussian blue it is possible to produce the glossy blue-black tints, and by the addition of one or other of the white pigments, to be enumerated later, it is possible to dilute or weaken the black until it presents one or other of the attractive grey shades so often seen upon certain stamps.

White pigments are very largely used for purposes of shading or reducing the original tint of any colour, and so producing a variety of shades. There are many articles used in this connection, chief of which may be mentioned *blanc fixe*, or precipitated barium sulphate; lead carbonate (white-lead); zinc white (oxide); calcium carbonate (chalk), and various mixtures of two or more of these substances. All these are manufactured mineral substances, and come upon the market in various degrees of fineness and purity, but it is only the highest qualities that find their way into colours intended for high-class work. It will be at once evident that white pigments cannot be used for printing upon white paper, but it is surprising that some enterprising firm of stamp printers has not discovered the possibilities of printing a white design upon coloured or tinted papers, such as were used for the first issue of the stamps of Baden and Hanover.

The number of red-coloured bodies entering into the composition of printing-inks is legion, and they are derived from widely different sources. The animal kingdom contributes representatives in the beautiful *carmine* and *lake* shades which are found upon some of the older stamps.

These two colours are obtained from the colouring principle of the cochineal insect (*Coccus cacti*), which is cultivated largely in Mexico, and are remarkable for their purity and intensity; but as parcels of cochineal differ according to the exact locality of their origin, varying results are often obtained. In recent years these two colours have been largely driven out of the market by the more gaudy tints obtained from coal-tar, which is a matter of regret, as the latter colours lack much in point of fastness and general durability when compared with the original ones.

From the vegetable kingdom we have a larger number of representative red shades, which are derived from the various red dye-woods of commerce. Sapanwood, peachwood, and barwood, under suitable treatment, furnish us with an invaluable class of deep-toned red colours, and these, speaking generally, are of the *marone* or *claret* shades; and as colours of this class have much to recommend them in their softness, durability, and perfect covering properties, it is much to be regretted that, owing to the expensive materials necessarily employed in manufacturing the colouring principle of these dye-woods into an article suitable for the printing-ink maker, they are also frequently replaced by the coal-tar colours, which are often less durable.

The red shades obtained from the mineral kingdom have usually the great feature of fastness to recommend them, and such include the various shades of red and orange lead (as seen in the 7 cents U. S. 1875 and 1879 issues), and the pure tones of *vermilion* (or cinnabar), a striking example of which is to be found upon the recently superseded halfpenny adhesive of this country. Chinese *vermilion* offers an alternative, and somewhat less yellow, shade to the European-manufactured variety, but both possess the ideal qualifications of perfect stability and fastness under even worse than average conditions. Of recent years a class of colours known as *vermilionettes*, or imitation *vermilions*, have come upon the market with a great boom, and one and all may be described as "cheap and gaudy." Most of them consist of a basis of red or orange lead, coloured with *eosine*—perhaps the most fugitive of all the coal-tar colours, and as a typical shade of this class we may instance the 3 cents 1897 (Jubilee) issue of Canada.

The various oxides of iron, some of which are natural, others manufactured products, give to the colour-maker an extensive range of shades, varying from a bright red to reddish browns, and very good use is made of them. But here again different lots from the same source are not always of uniform shade, owing to difficulties in the manufacturing processes; and from a somewhat deficient "body" or surface-covering power, these shades are not the unqualified success that their general durability would indicate.

The great development of the coal-tar colour industry has placed a large number of red shades at the disposal of the paper printer, and, when the colour principle is combined with suitable mineral ingredients in the form known as a "lake," it is often admirably adapted for the production of bright and attractive shades upon paper, the only drawback being a lack of permanence when exposed to daylight. By judicious mixing we are enabled to produce every red shade known, extremes of which may be seen in the *magenta* 4 ore unpaid stamp of the 1889-93 issue of Norway and the *scarlet* 1 dollar of the United States commemorative issue of 1893.

Within the last few years extensive developments have taken place in the production of so-called "madder reds," which vary between *crimson* and *yellow* shades, and these have the undoubted merit of excellent permanency to recommend them. They are all manufactured from alizarine, a product obtained from the heavier oils of coal-tar. This dye-stuff has the feature of being identical in its chemical aspects with the colouring principle formerly obtained from the madder plant, which was, years ago, extensively cultivated around the shores of the Mediterranean for the sake of the colour it yielded, but has now given place to the cheaper and quite as effective artificial product.

Yellow and *orange* shades are easily produced as lakes from many of the coal-tar colours, but these products do not make much headway in the trade, as the various shades, from *pale lemon* to very *red-orange*, are manufactured from the much more durable *chrome yellows*; compounds obtained by treating a salt of lead with bichromate of potash or soda in suitable proportions. These shades have everything to recommend them from a printing standpoint, the only drawback to their use being a tendency to blacken or darken in tone when exposed to even slight traces of sulphur fumes, such as are found in the atmosphere of all large towns, or in any room in which coal-gas is consumed. Some of the finer *ochres* are occasionally used, but whilst this class of colour excels in durability, it is somewhat deficient in body.

Various blue shades, varying in tone from green to red, are obtained from *ultra-marine*, which is a product of somewhat complicated manufacture, produced in immense quantities. These shades find great favour in the trade owing to their durability and many excellent qualities. *Cobalt blue*, one of the finest of artist's colours, is but rarely found upon stamps, owing to its high price, but it certainly ranks as one of the most durable blue shades ever placed upon paper.

Prussian, bronze, Milori, and Antwerp blues are various shades of deep colour obtained by causing potassium ferrocyanide to combine with an iron salt. When well manufactured they are beautiful shades,

and have everything to recommend them, being perfectly suitable for printing, and of great durability. Typical instances of these colours are found upon the 5 cents U. S. 1875 issue, and the 7k 1883 issue of Russia. By the addition of suitable proportions of one or other of the *white* bases already enumerated the shades can be modified or weakened at will, and in this manner it is easily possible to obtain the palest shades of *blue*.

There are also many *blue lakes* used in paper printing, all being derived from one or other of the coal-tar colours, and whilst such have usually much to recommend them in their brightness and suitability for printing, they are not as a rule very permanent.

Many and various greens are found upon stamps, and of these the better ones—judging from the standpoint of permanence—are obtained from the mineral kingdom, and are manufactured products. The beautiful *emerald-green* shade found upon some of the 5 ore stamps of Norway 1883 issue owes its origin to a compound between arsenic and copper, and ranks as one of the most brilliant and permanent colours known. Green oxide of chromium furnishes us with another beautiful and permanent shade, but a large range of tints known as *Brunswick greens* is obtained by mixing *Prussian blue* and *chrome yellow* in various proportions, and by so doing we obtain shades which range between extreme *blue* on the one hand and *yellow* on the other. These products are very largely used, and examples are to be found upon the stamps of France (1876, 5 c), United States (1870, 3 cents), Bavaria (1876, 5 pf.), etc. In the case of each of the three stamps above mentioned it is an easy matter to extract the yellow portion of the colour and leave the *blue*, or *vice versa*.

In the case of greens we have also a large number of attractive-looking lakes produced from coal-tar colours, but they are usually much inferior in point of fastness to the mineral colours enumerated.

There are of course many subdivisions arising out of the main principles set forth in this article, but sufficient has been written to show that the colour trade has a very intimate connection with stamp colours; and although much has been said in recent discussion about members of the colour trade devoting their attention solely to that, and leaving the questions appertaining to stamp colours alone, it must be evident to any casual reader that people who devote their lives to the production of a class of articles to serve a definite purpose should know more about such productions than others who have only attained a certain amount of colour knowledge in other walks of life; and when the question of the proper names to be applied to stamp colours comes up for final settlement, not the least aid to that end will come from members of the colour trade—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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"	" 5c	.02	.03
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"	" 5c	.02	.03
"	" 15c	.02	.03
"	Forbes 1c	1.25	.10
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"	" 15c	.13	.10
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"	" 50c	.18	.10
"	1892	.15	.10
"	1893, red br.	.50	.10
"	1893, red	.20	.10
"	1894, vio. br.	.20	.10
"	1894, gray gr.	.08	.10
"	1896	.15	.10
"	1897	.10	.10
"	1898	.10	.10
Western Union 1871		1.50	.10
"	1875	1.50	.10
"	1876	1.25	.10
"	1883	1.25	.10
"	1884	.10	.10
"	1885	.18	.10
"	1886	.30	.10
"	1887	.13	.10
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How I Became a Dealer.

By C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

[Notes read at the Boston Philatelic Society's Annual Jollification, February 19, 1901.]

Mr. President and Members of the Boston Philatelic Society: I have been invited at different times to give a talk about stamps. I will now embrace my opportunity, and convince you that I am not an orator. Should my notes bore you I hope that you will be lenient with me, as it is my intention to entertain you.

After sailing forty-nine days across the ocean from Bremen to New York and one day's ride after landing in New York, I arrived in Boston, April 14, 1859. At that time I was eight years old, and did not understand any part of the English language. I was sent to a German and English school in which all the boys were German.

Amongst my schoolmates were boys from Bremen, Brunswick, Hamburg, Hanover, Lubeck, Prussia, Saxony and other parts of Germany which issued stamps at that time. Nearly all of these boys saved the stamps received from the fatherland, and, during recess at school, there was swapping of stamps, and as much enthusiasm as I have seen in any society of stamp collectors here and abroad. I soon became very much interested in stamps, and began to collect the latter part of October, 1859.

Little did I dream in those days that forty-two years later there would be a society of stamp collectors known as the Boston Philatelic Society. You all know this society, it needs no praise, it speaks for itself. Those members who have not attended all the meetings of our Society the past two years have missed many treats by not seeing the fine exhibits of stamps, and not hearing some very interesting, instructive and amusing talk about stamps and collectors.

In 1859 the Boston post office was on Chauncy street and was the first house to supply me with stamps. Every morning on my way to school I called at the post office and examined the contents of the barrels kept in back of the post office which contained the sweepings. I frequently found foreign stamps, and made good use of the duplicates as traders with my schoolmates.

A few years later, when the post office was on State street, and the mail much larger, my finds increased in proportion; besides, I had then many new places on India, Long and Commercial wharves, where I was allowed to ransack their waste paper, and help myself to all stamps I could find. At that time many boys were going the same rounds for stamps, so much so, that some of the firms placed signs at the stairway or in front of their office reading:

"NO FOREIGN STAMPS HERE."

In 1863 I had quite a stock and decided to deal in stamps. I issued my first price

list, advertised it extensively by posting it on fences near public school houses, placed stamps on sale in different stores, and then considered myself a full fledged stamp dealer.

About 1864 or 1865 I met the first real stamp dealer, Mr. S. Allen Taylor. He was at that time the only dealer I was acquainted with who could and did give us boys all the information we desired about stamps. We boys used to call at Mr. Taylor's office once a week to receive instructions about stamps. Mr. Taylor rewarded the boy at the head of his class with a scarce foreign stamp. This, as well as other acts of kindness, made Mr. Taylor very popular with us boys.

At the age of thirteen I left school much against my parents' wishes. At nineteen I had served four years as an apprentice and learned the trade of upholstery. In 1870 I had lost nearly all interest in stamp collecting. At that time I was a member of the Excelsior Light Guards, 7th Regiment, M. V. M. The only stamp dealer whom I called on in those days was my neighbor, Mr. F. Trifet, but not on stamp business. Our talk was more about soldiers.

At the beginning of the Franco-Prussian war Mr. Trifet and I had some very warm discussions. Mr. Trifet, a Frenchman, favored the French; I, a German, did not agree with his views. Mr. Trifet never forgot to inform me of any French victory over the Germans. On the other hand, when the Germans gained a victory, he would always find me on hand with a paper giving the latest news. Somehow Mr. Trifet never seemed to appreciate my kindness in that line. These discussions did not mar our friendship; he was a good neighbor and I always liked him.

Last summer when I visited Wilhelmshöhe near Cassel, where Napoleon was a prisoner of war after the battle of Sedan; and the hall at Versailles, where the preliminaries of peace were signed, and where the present German Emperor's grandfather was first greeted as Emperor of Germany, I often thought of our discussions.

In 1884, while living in Providence, I called on a friend who had a fine collection of stamps. His collection interested me very much; it brought back pleasant memories of my school-boy days, and of my first collection. I then started to lay the foundation of my present collection.

February 2, 1885, ten collectors organized the Rhode Island Philatelic Society. The first election of officers resulted in the choice of John B. Calder for President, Geo. A. Wood, Vice-President, C. F. Rothfuchs, Treasurer, Alfred Dawson, Secretary and Librarian, and Edward B. Hanes, Chas. G. Calder and C. F. Rothfuchs, Executive Committee. During the short time of my stay in Providence we held some very enjoyable meetings, at which some member would exhibit his collection.

September, 1885, I moved to Washington, D. C., and got a job at my trade. The

firm who employed me received the contract from President Arthur to renovate the White House, and put it in good order for the reception of President-elect Cleveland. I was ordered to superintend the upholstery work, and during my seven weeks' work in the White House I only found two 10-cent Executive stamps in the office waste paper. I noticed that nearly all foreign envelopes had the stamps cut off, which led me to believe that there were stamp collectors in the White House.

Evenings I picked up some good stamps from different parties. It was not long before I had quite a stock. I placed stamps on sale in different stores. The encouragements received from sales induced me to give up my job and devote my time to dealing in stamps only.

I hired office room in a store next door to the City post office, made an attractive display of stamps in my show window, advertised extensively, not by posting my lists on fences around school houses, as I did in 1863, but this time through the daily newspapers as well as stamp papers. My business increased so much that I had to look for larger quarters, but to my disappointment no vacant stores were to be had in suitable localities. One evening I read an advertisement under the heading of business chances, that the stock, fixtures and good will of the business 359½ Pennsylvania Ave., was for sale. The next evening the store and business were mine.

During the twelve years while I kept this store I carried on a satisfactory business. Amongst my patrons were people in all walks of life, such as you can only find in a city like Washington, or the capital of a nation. I can name of the army, officers from lieutenant to general; of the navy, from private to admiral; of the office holders, from messenger to the cabinet officer, as well as members of Congress and representatives of foreign governments. There were also a number of society ladies who owned very fine and valuable collections. These collections would be prize winners for neatness and taste in arrangement.

The most valuable collection in Washington is owned by an English gentleman, who has visited nearly every country on the globe, and started collecting about 1865. It was about 1891 when I last saw his collection. At that time he said that his collection cost him over \$17,000.00. This does not seem so very high now, but when you consider that most of the unused stamps issued between 1865 and 1891 he bought at face, at the post offices during his travels, such as St. Vincent, 1880, 5sh for \$1.25, now listing \$75.00; St. Helena 6d at 12c, now listing \$15.00; St. Lucia 1sh orange for 25c, now listing \$25.00; and hundreds of other stamps which have advanced in price, you can then form an idea of the magnitude of his collection.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending March 2d, 1901.

Application for Membership.

BAUER, WM. H., 32 Eugenie St., Chicago, Ill.; age, 21; occupation, Draughtsman. References: John J. Oesch, S. T. S. Doncyson, A. B. Merrell. Resident Vice-President, Henry W. Wolsieffer.

New Stockholder.

1653. **BOEHM, ADOLPH F.**, 95 E. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Application for Re-Instatement.

601. **BALLHAUSEN, CHARLES WILLIAM LEWIS**, District Survey Office, Dubbo, N. S. W., Australia.

Reinstated.

1510. **ETTINGER, MAX C.**, 723 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.
676. **PAXSON, R. H.**, Butte, Montana.

Changes of Address.

1485. **KNUDSON, WM.**, from 257 West 18th St., New York, to 225 14th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1589. **STOLZ, FREDERIC L.**, from 1605 to 2121 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Cal.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership February 23rd.....	481
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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Obituary Committee reported the following:

"The Chicago Philatelic Society learns with sincere regret of the passing away of the father of our esteemed member Charles Krippaehne, and the committee named below was instructed, by a resolution of the Society, to convey to Charles Krippaehne the Society's expression of sympathy in his bereavement."

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
C. E. SEVERN,
CHAS. S. SMACK, } Committee.

The Society's collection received consideration and is reported in a flourishing condition.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. H. A. Chapman of Rocky Hill, Conn., for a bound volume of the *Adhesive* for 1900.

Report of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board elected to membership the following:

M. F. KLINE, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 633.
Geo. A. MORRIS, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 634.
Chas. Beamish, Germantown, Pa.; Passive, No. 635.
Chas. Bosserman, La Porte, Ind.; Passive, No. 636.

The 340th meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Feb. 21st, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by President Merrell with the following members present: Messrs. Allin, Baldwin, Bauer, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Dodd, Doncyson, Edmunds, Fowler, Geldert, Gurley, Harrison, Lefever, Massoth, Merrell, F. Michael, Moissant, Nixon, Oesch, Russell, Schleckert, Severn, Smack, Wolsieffer, Arndt. Mr. M. F. Kline attended as a visitor.

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The following applications were ordered posted:

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KALLWACH, FRANK, 3121 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.; Active membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
SMITH, ENOCH H., Boston, Ky.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
RAU, MRS. CARL, 321 So. 8th Street, La Crosse, Wis.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
NYE, CHAS. H., L. Box 54, Cincinnati, Ohio; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
MIER, LOUIS M., P. O. Box 79, Rutherford, N. J.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

LOYD, LESLIE, Box 355, Keyport, N. J.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

JENKINS, CHAS. A., 6 Greenwood Street, Cleveland, Ohio; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

HYDE, T. H. C., Savannah, Mo.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

HAYES, HAROLD F., 814 Granite Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

BABCOCK, WARREN L., Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

PLYMPTON, KIMBALL, Box 56, Rogers, Ark.; Passive membership; proposed by F. N. Massoth.

GARMAN, META E., Kaneville, Ill.; Passive membership; proposed by S. E. Moissant.

Messrs. Flanders, chairman, Lefever and Schleckert were appointed on Collection Committee for the year.

Change of address: Rev. Edwin Ewell, Nashua, Iowa.

The Treasurer reports a balance on hand, \$101.54.

After which the meeting adjourned.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

At the last meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society the magnificent collection of proofs and essays, the property of Mr. A. Krassa, was on exhibition.

The following clipping from a daily paper may interest the ERA's readers, regarding the disposition of the Hawaiian remainders:

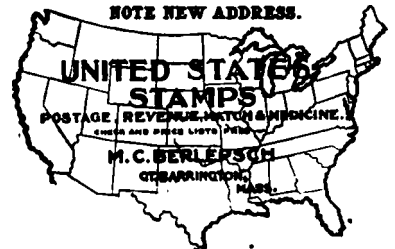
The Postal Department of the late republic of Hawaii and all that appertains thereto, so far as the United States Government is concerned officially, is a closed incident. The last vestige of unfinished business was cleaned up last week, when all the postage stamps on hand when the United States Government assumed control were destroyed. The face value of the stamps destroyed amounted to \$58,000, and it is said that even more than this amount in cash had been offered for these stamps by stamp dealers. While the burning was going on several prominent philatelists stood about, trying to buy at least portions of the collection, and they nearly wept as the flames were fed with the little bits of gummed paper.

When the Hawaiian Islands were annexed the Post Office Department sent a man to Honolulu to introduce the American postal system. All postmasters in the islands were instructed to invoice all postage stamps on hand and submit a report to the postal officer. When the record had been made up, stamps of the United States were sent to the postmasters, and the latter were ordered to forward the entire holdings of Hawaii in stamps to the Postmaster General of the island, who turned them over to the Treasurer, who, in turn, forwarded them to the Postmaster General at Washington.

They came in two large boxes. They were in sheets of 50, 25 sheets in a package, the greater part of the invoice being yet in the original package as sent to Honolulu by the American Bank Note Company. Jan. 14 was the date fixed when the redemption would cease. Before this time Hawaiian stamps in the hands of private parties would be redeemed by the Post Office Department for current United States stamps.

To Mr. George D. Scott, who has been chief of the redemption division for nearly 30 years, and his assistants, the burning of \$58,000 worth of stamps was but an incident. Burnings of this sort are of weekly occurrence. To the uninitiated, and more particularly several stamp collectors who witnessed the destruction, the affair took on a melancholy aspect that was a near approach to tragedy. The furnace in which stamps are burned was especially built for this purpose. It is similar in exterior outlines to the ordinary large-sized furnace, having an upper and lower door. The inside is bricked up and at the top a screen is provided that no unburned portions of stamps may escape through the flue and thus out of doors.

Dealers report business somewhat improved. A few dealers who depend upon local trade report business slow, but those doing some advertising do not complain. Mail business is certainly very good and



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will improve during March. Local trade is picking up, auction sales notwithstanding. Some dealers say the auction mart kills retail trade, others claim auctions are good for the trade in general, as it keeps business on the jump, and not only brings out-of-town collectors to town, but helps to fix the market prices on a good many stamps.

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WHOLE No. 408.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Local dealers report a great improvement in transient trade during the past few weeks. However, the most business is still carried on through the mails, and the dealers who continue their extensive advertising are the ones who reap the harvest.

The demand for Documentary stamps both in cut and uncut condition is enormous. The \$3.00 red is hardly procurable in uncut condition, and very few dealers have even one copy in stock.

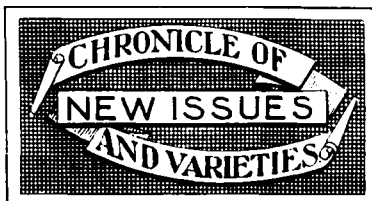
Recent visitors here were Mr. E. L. Shove of Unionville, N. Y., and Mr. M. Rodermond of Stony Point, N. Y. Mr. Shove will shortly locate in Middletown where he will embark in Hay, Feed and Coal business. He says Unionville is getting too "slow" for him.

Mr. Rodermond informed the writer that he intends having one of his rooms "papered" with stamps. He says he will have the walls covered with half cent Argentine Republic, 1888 issue, in full unused sheets.

What's going to become of the stamp papers? Something looks queer! First we hear of the *New York Philatelist* being sold to Syracuse parties. Then we learn that the *Perforator* was bought by two Oswego dealers. The next paper that changed hands was the *International Philatelic Review*, which was a neat little paper when it appeared from Rochester. This is now published by C. E. Cooley of Peekskill in conjunction with the *Exchange*, and now we hear that another of the "leading" monthly papers will shortly give up the ghost.

I notice that in the *Fraud Reporter* of the February *New York Philatelist*, Mr. Geo. J. Carter, the Brooklyn dealer, offers a reward of ten dollars "for the correct name and present address of a party calling himself J. W. Steele, former address P. O. Box 246, Williamson, N. Y." This shows great enterprise on Mr. Carter's part, and it is to be hoped that someone will come forward with the desired information.

VOLUNTEER.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer favors the ERA with a "Happy New Year" letter sheet issued to commemorate the inauguration of the 20th century. It is a 5c blue on white, the reverse side being adorned with a water scene representing falls of a no mean order known as Los Mataderos:

Letter Sheet (Commemorative):
5c blue on white.

BAVARIA.—I have received from Mr. A. Lohmeyer the new 2 pfennig gray on buff, card with imprint "oi" for 1901:

Post Card (Regular):
2pf gray on buff, imprint "oi."

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC, Panama.—The *A. J. of P.* states that the 5c postage stamp has been surcharged "A. R. Colon Columbia" in three lines, in violet for registration purposes:

Adhesive (Prov. Reg.):
5c blue, surch. in violet.

ECUADOR.—We have two strings to report, one on the authority of *Mekeel's News* and the other the *American Journal of Philately*. The current 10c revenue is reported as having been used for postal purposes. The *A. J. of P.* bears witness to the truth as chronicled in number 386 that the 4c orange revenue has received a vertical surcharge "Cinco Centavos" and is without doubt "a revenue stamp available for postage":

Adhesive (Postal Revenue):
10c dark blue.

The *A. J. of P.* also reports changes in the colors of four of the present issue as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):
1c scarlet and black.
2c green " "
5c gray lilac and black.
10c dull blue " "

FRENCH COLONIES.—I am disposed to chronicle under one head the type 1 varieties of the 5 and 10c French stamps surcharged for use in the different offices and colonies. Several of the colonies have been reported and no doubt the others will follow in due time:

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c yellow-green, type 1.
10c black on lavender, type 1 (all surcharged with name of colony).

GERMAN COLONIES.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer has sent the ERA complete sets of the single and reply cards for the eleven colonies named in number 394. I will not take the space to individualize the chronicle other than to say that all but the German China are in the well known ship type. The set referred to for Offices in China are the Germania cards, surcharged in black "China":

Post Cards (Regular):

5c green on buff.
10c carmine on buff.
55c green on buff.
10x10c carmine on buff.

GREECE.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me a letter card 10 lepta, red-brown on blue, in the new design:

Letter Card (Regular):
10 lepta, red-brown on blue.

INDO-CHINA.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer also sends a 10c card with name of the colony printed in red. Hitherto the name of the colony has been printed in blue:

Post Card (Regular):

10c black on bluish, name in red.

ITALY.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer has received the regular 10c card with imprint "900" also the 20c letter card with stamp of the new type and on paper of a pure orange tint:

Post Card (Regular):

10c carmine on cream, "900."

Letter Card (Regular):

20c brown red on orange, perf. l.

JAPAN, Offices in China.—The new 1½ sen blue has been surcharged in usual characters for use here:

Adhesive (Regular):

1½ sen, blue.

Offices in Corea.—The same stamp has also been surcharged for offices in Corea.

Adhesive (Regular):

1½ sen, blue.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer has sent me the single and reply cards, 2½c green on bluish with corrected arms:

Post Cards (Regular):

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" " 1888, 7 1/2	.05	.02
" " 1888, 2 1/2	.15	.07
" " 1888, 1g1	.12	.06
" " 1891-4, 1g1	.18	.08
" " 1891, 2g 50, Type 51	.50	.25
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" " 1896, 5 gulden, very fine	1.05	.90
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" " 1899, 5 gulden, very fine	1.65	.90
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Uruguay 1889-90, 2c red brown	.35	.25
" " 1894, 50 lilac	1.25	.50
" " 1895, 50c blue and black	.50	.50
" " 1895, 1 peso, brown and black	1.50	1.50
" " 1897, 20c rose and black	.30	.18
" " 1897, 50 green and brown	.50	.28
" " 1897, 1 peso, brown and blue	1.25	.65
" " 1899, 5m lilac rose	.04	.02
The Uruguayans are in extra fine condition.		
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United States 1895, \$2.00 blue	1.00	.80
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Rhodesia 1896, 5 shilling	2.00	.80
" " 10 shilling	4.00	2.00
" " 1899, 1 shilling	.45	.15
" " 1896, 1 shilling	.20	.14
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Gibraltar 1898, 1 shilling	.45	.20
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" " " 2 drachma	.08	.04
" " " 2 drachma	.40	.25
Funchal 1898, 6c reis	.10	.05
" " 1898, 15c reis	.20	.08
" " 1896, 5c reis	.75	.25
Angola 1898, 30c reis	.50	.20
Cape Verde 1898, 30c reis	.50	.20
Norway 1877, 1k 50 blue	.85	.14
Salvador 1867, 3/4, 1 & 4 reis, used, very fine	.95	.15
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110 " " Japan 1900, Wedding	.01
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25 " " " " 2c	.20
9 " " " " 8 1/2	.65
140 " " " New Brunswick, 1 1/2	.16
100 " " " United States 1890, 90c, fine	.29
34 " " " West. Australia, 9c, CC, 1/2 p, cat. 60c	.14
110 " " " British South Africa 1896, 4 pence	.05
127 " " " " 2 pence	.03
146 " " " " 1898, 2 pence	.03
120 " " " " 4 pence	.05
100 " " " Ceylon 1900, 12c green	.03 1/2
110 " " " " 15c blue	.03 1/2
40 " " " Congo 1894, 5 franc	.32
120 " " " " 1896, 40c	.06
117 " " " " 1894, 50c	.05
108 " " " Queensland 1882, 5h, Bank cancelled	.04
224 " " " " 1885, 25c	.04
23 " " " " 1875-81, ash	.30

(Queenslands are very fine, lightly cancelled.)
 35 copies Transvaal 1887, 5 pound, post-used, fine
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 The above are all in fine condition. [8]
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NEW ZEALAND.—I have received the new 1d carmine from Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy in the familiar local print. This is the "Universal Postage" stamp recently chronicled (399):

Adhesives (Commemorative):
 1p carmine, local print.

PERU.—Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy has also sent me two stamps issued to celebrate the opening of the 20th century. They are bi-colored and adorned with Peruvian notabilities:

Adhesives (Commemorative):
 1c green and black.
 2c carmine and black.

REUNION.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends the ERA a new card, 10c, name in red, with money order blank printed on reverse side:

Post Card (Money Order):
 10c black on bluish, name in red.

SALVADOR.—In the last number I described two values of the issue of 1900 in the design of the 1899, with "rayed device" surcharge, and changes in colors as well as the date. The *A. J. of P.* is authority for the statement that two values, the 3c and 5c, have been issued with the "Franqueo Oficial" surcharge in oval. Nothing is said about the "rayed device" so I suppose these ornaments only the regular set:

Adhesives (Official):
 3c black, surch. in black.
 3c blue, " " "

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

I note from the Washington news of some of the daily papers that the Pan-American stamps are to be put on sale in a few weeks, about the last of this month. It was my understanding these stamps were not to be offered to the public till the opening of the exposition on May 1st.

Two more people have come to grief through washing of revenue stamps. Their scheme was to get the stamps and sell them to the small brokers around the board of trade at from 25 to 50 cents on the dollar. It is said they did a flourishing business while they lasted.

The \$2.00 grey and higher values are scarce articles in Chicago. While it is reported that they have been seen, they have not been offered for sale at the revenue office as yet, neither do our dealers have them on sale. They say that the present prices asked do not warrant them in sending for a supply, inasmuch as they will be very common in a short time.

The employees of the Chicago post office are not having any too easy time nowadays. The enormous amount of mail has made it necessary for most all to work overtime, and while improvements, such as

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1876, 5c gray	\$0.05	\$0.40
" " 12 black	.05	.40
" " 25 olive	.05	.40
" " 48 green	.05	.40
1879, 15 maroon	.05	.40
" " 25 purple	.05	.25
1883, 15 green	.05	.25
" " 25 red	.05	.20
" " 58 blue	.05	.20
1888, 45 yellow brown	.05	.25
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 - Cuba, No. 227.
 - " " No. 228.
 - Ecuador, No. 41.
 - " " No. 129.
 - Japan, No. 34.
 - " " No. 41.
 - " " No. 85.
 - Netherlands, No. 7.
 - New Zealand, No. 70.
 - " " No. 71.
 - " " No. 72.
 - " " No. 85.
 - " " No. 87.
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overhead trolleys to facilitate the handling have resulted in much good, it still continues. The postmaster is going to Washington to see if he can get permission to put on more help.

We regret to learn of the illness of one of our esteemed members, Mr. Chas. Smack. However, we expect to have him with us at our next meeting.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes from Philadelphia.

In looking over the files of current periodicals and newspapers at the public library last week, I was very much surprised to see the ERA. The librarian informed me that it has been sent by some private person each week for over two years, as each copy bears a 2c stamp. Surely some one is doing missionary work.

Mr. Jas. Whiteside recently showed to an admiring circle the new Costa Ricans, recently chronicled by Mr. Wylie. His copies were all very fair, and presented a very handsome appearance.

Mr. Ross D. Breniser, president of the local philatelic society, until recently connected with F. N. Ayers and Sons, Advertising Agents, has branched out for himself, and now has a cosy suite of offices in the Odd Fellows Building, where he is ever willing to entertain a philatelist or place ads for anyone.

A local philatelic literature society has been formed and has held several meetings, but unless the officers show a wonderful lot of energy in getting members it will soon pass over into the great majority. The officers are: President, R. A. Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Ellwood Johnson; Librarian, Wm. J. Logan.

The 23rd regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday

evening, March 1st, at 221 N. 12th St., with President Breniser in the chair. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. F. J. Stein was admitted to active membership. Messrs. Green, Shourds and Hand applied for active membership. The Constitutional Committee, through Mr. Cowan, made a report and offered a draft of a new constitution. The new constitution was read and adopted article by article, and the Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to have it drawn up in elaborate style. A committee of D. C. Evans, H. J. Davish and Chas Smith were appointed to draw up resolutions commemorating the death of our esteemed fellow-member Mr. S. E. Medford late deceased. The meeting then adjourned to meet March 15th.

The auction sale following the meeting was hardly a success as it was long after 10.30 when it began, so poor prices were recorded in every instance, in fact the 5c and 10c U. S. 1847 set went for 1/4 Cat. and they were in good condition.

D. C. E.

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*Danish West Indies 1873, 7c lilac and orange	.40
" " " 1895, 10 on 50 dull purple	.20
*Trinidad 1853, 6p olive brown	.18
*Greece 1900, 20 on 25 blue, imperforate	.10
" " " " perforated	.10
U. S. 1871, 24c purple	.75
" " 1899, 90c carmine	.50
" " 1898, 30c orange brown	.35
" " Interior, 9c vermilion	1.10
" " Justice, 6c purple	1.00
" " Treasury, 7c brown	.75
" " Revenue \$2.00 Probate of Will	.50
" " " \$5.00 " "	.45
" " " \$5.00 Mortgage	.45
" " " 70c Third Issue	.35
" " " \$5.00	.40
" " " 1898, 2c I. R. inverted	.16

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No. 2861	50c Probate of Will, blue35
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1c black and claret, III issue	1.40
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10c " " " " " "	2.00
3c black Proprietary	2.50
6c violet " " " "	1.50
6c blue " " " "	1.50
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5c 1879, carmine, fine60
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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, March 6th.

The Library Committee of the Boston Philatelic Society are desirous of securing priced catalogues of postage stamps held anywhere at any time. These catalogues form a valuable part of any society's library, and are much in use by the members.

The Exchange Superintendent is making up some new circuits and report a good demand for medium priced stamps.

Mr. F. P. Brown is breaking up a fine general collection which is especially strong in stamps of the early issues, cataloguing from two to ten dollars each. Although it contains none of the great rarities, I noticed as fine a copy of the 3c scarlet and \$5.00 State as you would see in a long time.

Can any of the ERA's readers tell on what authority the change in color of the current 10c China from dark green to lilac was announced last fall? No one to my knowledge has yet seen a copy in the reported new color.

The stamps in the Bartels auction sale to be held in New York on March 14th and 15th, were on exhibition at the office of the New England Stamp Co. last week. This was one of the finest collections of British Colonials seen in Boston for a long time. Mr. Batchelder will attend the sale in New York.

The Burton collection is still on exhibition at this company's office.

The following information, which I have taken from an article in the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, will no doubt interest those collectors of Australian stamps who are now wondering what and when to expect certain changes in the issues from this part of the world. A letter was received from a well informed correspondent in Melbourne, by the above paper, and the following is the most interesting part:

At present the only thing definitely known is that there will be no Federal stamps till about July first next. The federation of the Colonies dates from January 1st, but the Federal Parliament will not be elected, and a government be formed till about April. and although the different colonial post offices are to be formally amalgamated on January 1st, it is quite possible that they will continue to be administered independently of each other as at present, till the appointment of a post-master general. Meanwhile, the different Australian stamps will probably remain as they are, and there will be no surcharges or provisional issues of any sort, but nothing definite is known here. There is an idea in Melbourne that the Federal stamps, when they come, will be similar to the Canadian Maple Leaf series.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Off for Europe.

We are now getting into shape to leave soon for Montreal, Portland, Me., Boston and New York, thence to Conshohocken, Pa., to confer with The J. Ellwood Lee Co., whom we are to represent on a tour around the world, and at three minutes past the noon hour on Wednesday, April 10th, we pull out of Pier 49, North River, on the promenade deck of the White Star liner, *Majestic*, wearing a five dollar English hat, and a nice new crop of pink whiskers.

How we shall come in on the home stretch, two years from now, from the Philippines is uncertain, but our whiskers are safe, and the chances of having at least some kind of a hat are good, and in so much as Brother Osgood magnanimously writes he will meet us in San Francisco with a blanket, we sail away with no fear coming.

LEWIS ROBIE,

ITHACA, - - - - MICH.

N. B. This is our last advertisement, as we shall discontinue our Retail Stamp business, so ably and conscientiously managed by Miss Murray. ERA readers, however, will hear from us, as Mr. Jewett is to publish occasional letters on our experiences and travels. Au revoir.

Two Collections.

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RARE STAMPS.

3c scarlet; perfectly centered, unused, o. g.	\$75.00
\$5.00 State, unused, absolutely perfect.	105.00
Hong Kong 18c, CC, unused, o. g., very fine.	14.00
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The March number of THE NEW YORK PHILATELIST will contain a complete alphabetical list of all the frauds published during the last six months with index stating number of magazine when published.

No free copies of this number will be sent. A years subscription at 25 cents may commence with this number. Send now [x]

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AN AD IN THE WEEKLY ERA.

A Suggestion.

It is proposed by the critics of the Scott Catalog that the American Philatelic Association undertake the publication of a catalog which shall be above suspicion. Such a catalog, properly prepared, would be a boon to suffering humanity but we see many difficulties in the way, beside the query that was raised in England during a similar discussion last year.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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BOSTON, March 12, 1901.
The one hundred and fourth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, March 19th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

- Order of Business.
1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.
The exhibition of United States adhesives, postal issues only, will take place at this meeting. This will be the first of the series of competitive exhibits to be held this year.

The February Meeting.

The one hundred and third regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, February 19th, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and 50 members and friends present.

- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The Library Committee asked for contributions of stamps from the members, to be sold at auction at the March meeting for the benefit of the library.
Report of Supt. of Exchange for last year was presented but no action was taken on it.
The following applications for membership were presented:
MR. JAMES M. PORTER, Medford, Mass.; proposed by W. H. Colson.
MR. FREDERIC M. CREHOE, Newton Lower Falls; proposed by A. W. Batchelder.
MR. CLIFFORD F. CROSBY, Somerville; proposed by H. A. Mears.
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MR. JOHN T. ROPER, Boston; proposed by J. F. Johnson.
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MR. HERMAN PARKER, Boston; proposed by H. A. Mears.
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MR. F. N. MASSOTH, Chicago, Ill.; proposed by M. H. Lombard.
MR. J. H. MAKINS, San Francisco, Cal.; proposed by M. H. Lombard.
MR. T. MERRITT GIFFORD, New Bedford, Mass.; proposed by M. H. Lombard.
MR. GEO. F. WALDRON, Somerville, Mass.; proposed by M. H. Lombard.

THE ORACLE of ITHACA

has spoken and the syndicate of Norristown has decreed that the Lee stamps are snags at \$1.00 a set, but they appear to move slowly. Such is not the case with the stamps we offer, however, and there are no whiskers on them, either. Look over this list and see if you don't want some of these at the following prices:

Table with 3 columns: Cat. No., Cat. Value, Our Price. Includes sections for CUBA, PORTO RICO, and HAWAII.

HOME CITY STAMP CO., Box 1352, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Quaker City Philatelist.

No. 5 is out, send a stamp for a copy at once; or, better still, a nickel for 6 months.

The Quaker City Philatelic Publishing Co., 7739 N. 25th St., Philadelphia.

Mr. A. T. Forrest, New York City, won the prize offered last week.

The following were elected members: Mr. Walter L. Gates, Teaticket, Mass. Mr. Edward S. Burnett, Boston, Mass. The chair appointed the following Entertainment Committee for March: Mr. Colson, Dr. Burleigh and Mr. Burnett. The Annual Jollification then followed, consisting of very interesting talks by Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs and Mr. C. A. Howes, music by an orchestra and a collation. The meeting stood adjourned at 10.50 o'clock. M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

Notice.
The Library Committee respectfully request members to contribute some stamp or stamps, to be sold at auction for the benefit of the Library. Please mail such contributions at once to Mr. J. H. Lyons, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending March 9th.

New Stockholder.

1654. **OLSON, MARSHALL**, 648
Erie St., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Reinstated.

496. **BERGER, ANTON**, 813 Rue de
Nord, Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

1500. **DAVIS, CHAS. K.**, 209 East 3rd
St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

1156. **KROTZSCH, HUGO**, 22 Lange
Strasse, Leipzig, Germany.

1392. **RIBEIRO, C. A.**, 3 Battery Road,
Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1577. **TEISSEIRE, L.**, 9 Cours de
Gourgue, Bordeaux, France.

Application for Re-instatement.

1466. **PINKNEY, JOSEPH RICII-
ARD**, Box 69, Newcastle, Natal.

Changes of Address.

1537. **PARTELLO, CAPT. J. M. T.**,
from Tien Tsin, China, to Bangued, Phil-
ippine Islands.

1641. **HARRINGTON, T. F.**, not E.
F. as printed in Year Book.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership March 2d.....	484
New Stockholder.....	1
Reinstated.....	5
Total Membership March 9th.....	490

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 2, 1901.

General Fund.

Cash on hand Feb. 1,	\$55.29
Dues collected in Feb.,	21.90
Year Book,	.25
Interest transferred,	25.92
Balance on hand March 1,	\$103.36

Stock Fund.

Am't on hand Feb. 1,	\$1,667.92
Subscribed in Feb.,	4.00
	\$1,671.92
Interest transferred,	25.92

Am't on hand March 1,	\$1,646.00
Entertainment Fund,	\$125.89

Total am't cash on hand Mar. 1, \$1,875.25

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,

WINONA, MINN., March 1, 1901.

260 books of stamps in circulation according to my last report, value.....	\$8,108.28
16 books received since my last report, value.....	472.31

Total No. books in circulation
276 valued at..... \$8,580.59

There is a good demand for books of the better grade of stamps, and members who are furnishing them to the Department are well pleased with the results.

Will retire Books whenever called upon and will gladly inform members how their stamps are selling upon request.

Do not hesitate to write me any matter concerning the Department.

H. G. SMITH, 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. 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.

Fountain Pen, cost \$4.00, to exchange for \$7.50 catalogue value Foreign and U. S., to be selected from sheets. British Colonials preferred. Philatelic Exchange, Box 72, Cincinnati, O.

I have one complete unused set of Guatemala 1898 surcharges, 22 varieties, No. 75 to No. 90, to exchange for \$8.50 worth of good foreign, my selection. Also other stamps to offer value for value. Geo. D. Weeks, Garfield National Bank, New York City.

Have a fine collection U. S. postage and revenues, about 700 varieties, to exchange for Match and Medicine stamps. C. H. Nagle, Birdsboro, Pa. [10]

Philatelic papers and magazines to exchange for U. S. stamps and revenues or British Colonies. Stamps to catalogue not less than 10c each. What have you? C. A. Gurney, Hart, Mich. [9]

Old Books, Newspapers and Magazines, all kinds wanted, in exchange for stamps. References. Ulster Stamp Co., Rondout, N. Y. [71^h]

Wanted: Cardboard Proofs of U. S. Revenues in exchange for Proofs of Regular Issues and Departments. What have you to dispose of and what do you want in exchange for them? Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Maine. [51^h]

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.

1250 philatelic papers and magazines, many complete vols., no duplicates, \$8.00 cash. Freight extra. ULSTER STAMP CO., Rondout, N. Y.

\$1.00 rose 1902, picked copies, cut, 30 for \$1.00. FRANKLIN COOMBS, 499 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

150 foreign stamps 6 cents, and a stamp that catalogues at 5 cents, free. Approval sheets at 50¢ commission. Reference required. GEM STAMP CO., Des Moines, Iowa.

Kalona Stamp Co. Specials:
Guatemala 1900, 1, 2 and 6c, 5 cents.
Guatemala 1900, 20c, 9 cents.
Guatemala 1900, 25c, 10 cents.
Guatemala 1900, 1 on 10c, 2 cents.
Guatemala 1899, 1 on 5c, 2 cents.
KOLONA STAMP CO., Dayton, Ohio. [9]

Selections of stamps on approval at 50% discount, also at net prices. Reference required. GEO. D. WEEKS, Garfield National Bank, New York City. [11]

Belgian Hares: Imported or Domestic stock for sale, or exchange for U. S. Postage and Revenues. H. N. MCKUSICK, 308 N. 3rd St., Stillwater, Minn. [8]

Wanted: the rarer Match and Medicine stamps. Send list with lowest net cash prices. HAROLD D. WATSON, Collector, 64 Cedar St., N. Y. City. [71^h]

Doc. \$1.00 red, cut cancelled, 8c each, 40c per 10. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. [8]

Very fine U. S. Postage on approval, 50% off. Every stamp a gem. References. J. C. LONG, Church Buttes, Wyo. [11]

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Stamp Collectors

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CONTENTS OF MIXTURE.

One hundred pounds of this mixture came from Belgium, one hundred pounds from France, one hundred pounds from Great Britain, one hundred pounds from Germany, one hundred pounds from Italy, one hundred pounds from Austria, one hundred pounds from Switzerland, one hundred pounds from Bavaria. Two hundred pounds came in smaller parcels from Chili, Argentina, Mexico, Roumania, Turkey, Russia, Bulgaria, Spain, Netherlands and other places.

1000 POUNDS.

The above thousand pounds have been made up in an honest mixture, and will be found to include many countries other than those mentioned. They have not been picked over, and occasional colonials were noticed in the various classes when they were mixed. Over 200 varieties from the bulk of the mixture, but many others are possibilities.

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Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates and portraits.

Adhesive, Vol. II No. 3, March :

*W. G. L. Paxman.
Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
London Letter.
Chilean Information.
Proprietary Cancellations.

American Philatelic Magazine, Vol. V No.

4 (52), January :
From a Dealer's Standpoint.
British Stamps a Year Hence.

Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXVII No. 3 (267),

March :
Our Late Lamented Queen.
The King.

Canadian Philatelic Magazine, Vol. VI

No. 1, March :
Princes and Rulers.

Filatelia, Vol. I No. 1, January :

Is Philately a Science?
Argentine Philatelic Society.
French Circle of Stamp Collectors in Buenos Aires.

General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Vol. XIX

No. 372, February 15 :
Advertisements only.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV

No. 10 (531), March 7 :
A Philatelic Pyre.
Story of Our Stamp Manufacture.
New Zealand Penny Postage.
Boston, New York and Chicago Notes.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 22,

March 2 :
Washington Notes.
English Letter.
Great Stamp Sale.

Philatelic Record (Montreal), Vol. I No.

3, March :
Malta and Her Stamps...
Philatelic Literature Notes.
The Queen's Postage Stamps.

Philatelic West, Vol. XIV No. 3, February :

Counterfeits, etc.
Stamps of Germany.
Porto Rico.
Postal Cards of Finland.
Three Cornered Caps.

Philatelist, Vol. XXII No. 2 (275), Feb. :

Proofs, Essays etc.

Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II

No. 22, March 7 :
Philatelic Press.
Some Philatelic Sides-lines.
Stamps of Siam.
New York, Chicago, St. Louis Notes.

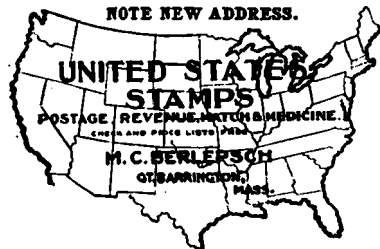
Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt, Vol. XI

No. 2, February :
Society News, Notes on Forgeries and Frauds.

A new department has been introduced in the *Adhesive* and one which will prove of interest I think. E. R. Aldrich under the caption "With the Magazines" proposes to call the attention of its readers to some of the articles which appear in the magazines not devoted to philately, which are connected enough with our hobby to be of more than passing interest. Good.

The *American Philatelic Magazine* prints a letter from John N. Luff expressing his regret that the editor of the *A. P. M.* had given publicity to the differences between the genuine and forged Puerto Rico Habilitados. A letter is also printed from the editor, in reply, defending his position. I, for one, agree with Mr. Luff and think it extremely ill advised to make public such information.

A new arrival from Buenos Aires is entitled *Filatelia*. It is a small twelve-page journal containing but little solid matter.



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" " 200 " "	1.20	10.00
" " 300 " "	2.90	26.50
" " 500 " "	8.00	...
" " 1000 " "	\$2.90	each
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All post free and shipped day of order. Terms spot cash with order. All above are put up in printed envelopes. [10]

Marks Stamp Co., 169-171 McCaul St., TORONTO, CAN.
Our Big Wholesale List is Free to Dealers.

The *Philatelic West* contains a lot of interesting reading matter in its various departments devoted to philately, curios, photography etc., but it is so wretchedly put together that it is nearly spoiled. The illustrations aside from those on the cover would be much improved if they were decently printed. As it is they are generally quite dauby. Now don't get mad Brodie but go and give your printer some good advice.

There is a good article on the philatelic press in *Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post*. Some of the difficulties and hardships that a publisher has to contend with are shown and the whole article is well worth attention. "Four pages containing sensible, well written articles that will be of benefit to the majority of readers are to be preferred to four times four pages filled with nonsense, etc."

The exposure of frauds and forgeries is one of the strong points of the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt*. The current number contains a two-page half-tone plate illustrating numerous "rarities" offered by A. Venturini of Pisa. Zurich and Geneva for 25 cents and thereabouts, with other varieties at similar prices are some of the gems offered.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

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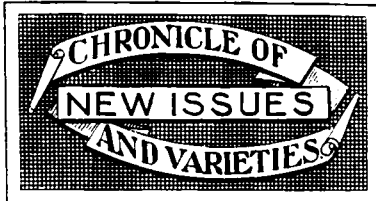
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Vol. XV. No. 25.

PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1901.

WHOLE No. 409.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The kaleidoscopic changes of the past few weeks have been frequent and rapid. I now have a 3c orange to chronicle and *Mekeel's Weekly* announces that new 8c and 30c stamps are among the probabilities of the future. An English contemporary states that the 12c blue is to appear hereafter in olive, but I shall await confirmation of the report ere I chronicle the change.

Adhesive (Regular):
3c orange.

DJIBOUTI—According to *Ewen's News* a new issue is being designed for this colony. For the lower values the design will consist of a camel and two native riders in an oval frame. The higher values will have pictured three armed natives. A French paper is also authority for the statement that a set of Unpaid Letter stamps is being made.

FRANCE.—The *London Philatelist* states that there are two distinct printings of the new issue in some of the lower values. It is said that the first lot issued were obtained by two impressions but now they are produced at one operation. Details of differences are not given for our edification. It is also stated that the 15 centimes is to have its color changed, the entire issue, in fact, having furnished material for a wordy denunciation.

GERMANY.—The 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80 pfennig stamps have appeared with the word "REICHSPOST" occupying a trifle smaller space than heretofore.

GREECE.—In number 404 I listed two new provisionals made by surcharging the Olympian Games issue. Several more are to be noted. I herewith list the 1 drachma

on 5dr. *Mekeel's Weekly* states that the 1dr of this same issue has been overprinted 5 lepta and *Ewen's News* announces that the 10dr has been converted into a 4dr. I list at present but one:

Adhesive (Provisional):
1 drachma on 5dr bistre.

GRENADA.—The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* announces a new envelope value 1d, usual type, color red:

Envelope (Regular):
1d red.

ICELAND.—I have given but little space to the changes and new issues of this colony for the simple reason that few have taken place. I now have a 25 aur in blue and yellow-brown, also an official, 4 aur, in grey. They are both in the well known designs hitherto used in this colony.

Adhesive (Regular):
25 aur, blue and yellow-brown.

Adhesive (Official):
4 aur, grey.

INDIA, Chamba.—I have just received from Whitfield King & Co. specimens of the 3 pies, carmine, surcharged in black in two lines "CHAMBA STATE."

Adhesive (Regular):
3 pies, carmine, surcharged in black.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The *Fortnightly* announces the probability of a provisional post card, thus noted by a correspondent under date of February:

"By the time this is in your hands, I fully anticipate that the O. R. C. Postal Administration will have issued a new post card in the shape of the Cape Colony card, overprinted 'Orange River Colony.' As far as I can learn, the first value likely to appear is the 1d single, which has been out of issue some time back."

PARAGUAY.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me six new letter cards, three varieties of 2 centavos and an equal number of the value 4 centavos, issued on or about January 1st to commemorate the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries. The stamps impressed on the cards are not of the types of the recently issued adhesives but portraits of two Paraguayan notabilities. The 2c is in carmine and black on various colored paper, inside cream. Inscription on face in upper centre in blue black: "SIGLIO XIX-XX, PARAGUAY, ENERO 1901" and underneath "CARTA POSTAL." On the reverse side is a view of a procession in Asuncion, surrounded on three sides by an ornamental design in orange red with the arms of

the republic in the upper left corner and the inscriptions "REPUBLICA DEL PARAGUAY" above and "FELIZ AND NUEYO" below the central view.

The 4 centavos is in blue green and brown on various colored papers. The central view on the reverse is a scene on Buenos Aires St. in Asuncion. Size 84x138mm. Perforated III.

Letter Cards (Commemorative):
2c carmine and blue black on cream.
2c " " " " " yellow.
2c " " " " " buff.
4c blue green and brown on pale yellow.
4c " " " " " yellow.
4c " " " " " buff.

VICTORIA.—The following extract from Mr. Hopkins' chronicle in *Mekeel's News* explains itself:

They seem to have gone back to the old types here for two not very necessary issues. The *Australian Philatelist* mentions a postal card on which "the stamp is the 1883 type of 1d and the inscription the same as that on the hitherto current card." The adhesive has been shown to us by the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co. The types are given in accordance with the 1901 catalogue. Why they should have been reverted to at this time is a mystery to be explained later.

Post Card (Regular):
1d carmine on pale buff (A26).

Adhesive (Regular):
3/4d blue green (A21).

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

Since the arrest of those engaged in washing of revenues, it is said the revenue officers are advising all firms to cut the stamps, and it is noticeable that this is being very strictly complied with.

The regular meeting of the C. P. S. was held Thursday evening, about forty being present. Thirteen were admitted to membership with ten applications. One of the most interesting and instructive meetings that has been held thus far this year. On the judges' table there were some twenty-five collections. Ten of these being in class "B." At the conclusion Mr. Trumbull White entertained us with his stamp collecting among the islands of the Pacific, of which I will speak later.

Mr. Alex. Holland arrived here from New York to attend to business in connection with his firm.

Our dealers report that they have had a large demand for Siam and Sarawak on account of the exhibition of these countries at the Society's meeting. Already the demand for Chili has commenced. This is the country exhibited at the next meeting.

The Huber sale is to be given early in April. Mr. W. showed us among other things a St. Louis, a Sheet of Providence and a \$5.00 State, to be sold at this sale. Mr. W. has a rule not to set the exact date of his sales until the catalogue goes to press. The auction sales, being a side issue, are done only at his convenience.

At the C. P. S. auction sale Saturday night some fifty people were present. The out-of-town bidders numbered about 135. Prices ruled firm and strong.

Branch i of the A. P. A. will hold their regular meeting March 14th. Quite a number of applications have been received by the committee.

The letter addressed to "Any One" Chicago, Ill., and mailed from Somerville, Mass., was written by Miss Clark, a religious enthusiast, and is one of the many mailed by her.

I promised to say something further regarding the lecture given by Mr. Trumbull White. Mr. White is a correspondent of the Chicago Record, in whose interest he investigated the Postal Systems and Postal Savings Banks of Hawaii, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, New Zealand, Russia through Siberia and Corea. Mr. White advises those who expect to travel abroad to abandon the idea of getting the rarities of a country when in that country,—that it is far easier to get them at some well known established house.

Down in New Zealand he found the Postmaster General a most entertaining person, who, when they had finished their business, opened one of the drawers of his desk and told Mr. White to help himself. Needless to say Mr. White took two mail sacks of stamps to his hotel and while he found no great rarities he did find interesting stamps to add to his collection. In Russia he found it a most difficult task to obtain the higher values.

Wishing to obtain both used and unused of Corea, he asked the Postmaster to cancel a set to order. This the Postmaster most emphatically refused to do. Thereupon he did what he hoped would be pardonable, addressed a letter to himself, handed it to the Postmaster and called for his mail with the result that he got what he wanted.

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By WM. C. STONE.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
- Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, No. 315, March: Hawaiian Stamps Destroyed.
- Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XII No. 2, February: Postage Stamps of the Netherlands.
- Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XV No. 196, February 28: Note Upon a Unique French Fiscal Essay. Perforations of the Stamps of Austria.
- Energy, Vol. III No. 1 (21), February: Stamps of 1900.
- Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. VI No. 74 (160), February 23: New South Wales Perforations. Hawaiian Reprints and Fac-similes. Notes from America.
- General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Vol. XIX No. 373, February 25: Advertisements.
- International Philatelist, Vol. X No. 3, March: Advertisements.
- London Philatelist, Vol. X No. 110, Feb.: London Philatelist. Victorian Era of Philately. Making Besieged Stamps. Dangerous Swiss Forgeries. Notable Philatelic Auction.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV No. 12, March 21: Chicago, New York, Boston, Washington Notes.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 23, March 9: Washington Notes.
- Montreal Philatelist, Vol. III No. 9 (33), March: South African Stamp Notes. Used or Unused Stamps.
- Morley's Philatelic Journal, Vol. II No. 2, February: V. R. I. German Colonies—Official Notice. Fiscal Catalogue—Argentine Republic.
- Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXIV No. 6, February 25: Philatelic Opportunities of Today. Hawaiian Stamps Destroyed.
- Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. XI No. 122, February: *W. B. Avery. Notes on Greek Stamps. Australian Postal Conference.
- Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. V No. 1, January: Arrangement of Stamps. German China Provisional Stamps. Notes from England.
- Philatelic Record, Vol. XXIII No. 2, Feb.: Orange River Colony V. R. I. Issues. World's Postmasters—Fred Jeppe of the Transvaal. Griguland 4d Varieties. Making Siege Stamps. Salomon Type of Hayti.
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- Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly Vol. VI No. 156, March 2: Philately in the Police Courts. I. P. U. Exhibition. Curious Pricing by Senf.
- Stampman, Vol. V No. 6, February: About Catalogues.
- Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol. XI No. 128, February: The King. Stamp Portraits of Queen Victoria. Stamps of the Straits Settlements—Johore. Alleged Forgery of Swiss Stamps. Stamps of Bundi. Origin of the Stamps of Corrientes.
- Timbrophile Belge, Vol. IV No. 37, Jan.: Notes and News.

It will evidently be sometime before we shall hear the last of the Mafeking stamps.

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Reference, First National Bank.

Their champions and detractors will probably continue for some time to fill our journals with reasons, pro and con, as to their necessity. One of the best articles that I have seen so far in favor of them is that in the *London Philatelist* by J. R. F. Turner. He takes up statements against them, which have appeared in another prominent magazine, and answers them in detail. I must say that I am now a thorough believer in their legitimacy, but am yet to be persuaded that they are actually worth the fancy prices some holders are putting on them, and which they are actually bringing. When the war fever has died down there will be a chance for the market to get settled, and then we can tell better just what they are really worth.

A couple of illustrations of the auction rooms of Messrs. Puttick and Simpson are

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\$5.00 Charter Party, " "	.12
\$5.00 Conveyance, " "	.08
\$5.00 Manifest, " "	1.25
\$5.00 Mortgage, " "	.45
\$5.00 Probate Will, " "	.40
\$10.00 Charter Party, " "	.50
\$10.00 Conveyance, " "	1.25
\$10.00 Mortgage, " "	.50
\$10.00 Probate Will, " "	.40
\$15.00 Mortgage, " "	3.75
\$20.00 Conveyance, " "	.55
\$20.00 Probate Will, " "	22.00
\$25.00 Mortgage, " "	2.00
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\$200.00 " " " "	10.00

Remember I have nearly everything complete in the revenue line including the present issue, which I am willing to send to parties giving commercial references. If you lack the very, very hard ones write me. I think I can help you out.

H. F. COLMAN,

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shown, and they make us shudder when we think of the narrow quarters in which most of the New York sales are held.

The *Montreal Philatelist* has some interesting correspondence from South Africa, giving an account of the censorship of mail matter. Descriptions are given of the labels used by the officials to indicate that the letters had been inspected by the proper authorities.

Morley's Journal contributes a translation of a notice issued by the German Postal Department concerning the sale in Berlin of the new colonials. Full directions are given as to how they should be ordered. Payment should be by money order to Postamt, Nr. 19, Berlin, S. W., (Beuth Strasse). The remittance should include enough for return postage and registration fee.

The first installment of the fiscal catalogue supplement is presented with this number. It covers four pages and includes a portion of the numerous issues of the Argentine. Prices are affixed to those which Mr. Morley has in stock. There are numerous illustrations. It is to be regretted that more of the catalogue cannot be issued at once. It will take so long to complete it. But it takes money to pay a printer, and if collectors don't ante up they can't get the catalogue any faster. I imagine if the subscription list of the *Journal* could be doubled that the publisher might be encouraged enough to increase its size by a few pages a month.

We have had numerous and full accounts of the philatelic exhibition held in Paris, but there has been little if anything written concerning the postal exhibits in the great exposition itself. Geo. B. Duerst contributes a very entertaining account to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* of what he was able to find in this line and Americans will be particularly interested in the account for he says "By far the best and most comprehensive exhibit was that of the United States."

We are all aware that numerous portraits of Victoria have been displayed upon the stamps of the various British possessions but I think few of us have any conception as to the great variety that exists among them. The *Monthly Journal* this month has a most interesting and instructive study in the philatelic portraiture of the Queen. Fully one hundred different types are shown, being carefully classified according to their nature. It is a unique collection. Works of art and caricatures are both represented, the hideous attempts of some of the colonial engravers being worthy of no higher name than the last. I can make but one criticism on the article. Had the modern half tone process been employed for the illustrations we should have had a more realistic presentation.

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ALBERT E. CHASE, Brunswick, Maine.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

From South America I noticed a few new things coming in. Messrs. Burger & Co. have shown me the new Peru stamp, bi-colored, and the new issue of Ecuador, current type, but a change of colors. The stamps are very pretty. This firm has also shown me a new provisional from Colombian Republic, something out of the ordinary. A full description will be given next week.

I understand that one of the largest philatelic monthlies in the West is open to purchase. My informant wishes his name withheld for divers reasons.

Dealers are awaiting with interest the issuance of the Pan-American Exposition stamps. Whether these stamps shall augment the ranks of philately is an open question. My candid opinion regarding these labels is that they will not only make new collectors, but will also increase the demand for other new issues of pretty designs and bright colors. From this don't conform me with new issues, as I would prefer older issues every time, regardless of scarcity of the new. What I mean to infer is, that those collectors who commence by purchasing all the new issues of cheap variety from "God know's where" parts of the globe, do not help philately permanently, but only for a limited time, go and come, like the four seasons of the year. A collector who intends to stay with us, collects what may come his way, showing no discriminations between old and new. No doubt new issues help business to a certain extent, but to what extent is hard to say.

VOLUNTEER.

How I Became a Dealer.

By C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

[Notes read at the Boston Philatelic Society's Annual Jollification, February 19, 1901.]

(Continued from page 214.)

The U. S. government has three collections. The most important is the one in the National Museum, which was presented by the late Prof. Spencer Fullerton Baird. It contained many scarce stamps, such as the first issue of Ceylon, imperforated, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia shillings; all unused, besides many other choice foreign and a fine collection of U. S. stamps.

The early part of 1888 the officers in charge were arranging this collection to be placed on exhibition in large frames under glass. At that time collectors and dealers contributed stamps, albums and books to increase its size. All these contributions were gratefully and officially acknowledged.

Amongst those who volunteered to help in arranging this collection, was a person who helped himself to some of the most valuable stamps. When I heard that these stamps were missing I called on the officer in charge and reported the theft, and informed him that I could produce evidence to convict the guilty party. This officer requested me not to say anything for fear that the whole matter would be published in the daily papers. This stamp thief lost his government position through this and other bad transactions.

A collection of U. S. Revenue stamps is in the U. S. Treasury. It contains all revenues issued during the civil war, and up to 1878, including Document, Match, Medicine, Perfumery and Playing Card stamps.

Some of you who have seen the collection in the Post Office Department may remember the large frame of U. S. Stamped Envelopes which was exhibited at the Centennial in 1876 and at the World's Fair Exposition in 1893. The first time I saw this frame it contained some very choice envelopes, including the 4c, 6c and 10c of 1857 issue. The last time I saw this frame it did not contain these envelopes, but in their places were common envelopes with cut round envelopes pasted on, which made poor substitutes for the originals.

The public can see these collections between to A. M. and 2 P. M. by calling at the National Museum, U. S. Treasury and Postal Museum. The officers in charge are very courteous.

I have given you an idea about some of the stamp collections in Washington, and the class of people you can sell your stamps to, and will now give you an account of a few of my purchases.

A lady called at my store to sell me a lot of used War Department stamps. The lot contained about 5,000 stamps of all denominations from 1 to 90c with paper on back.

After paying her, she asked me if I would buy more. I told her that I would buy any quantity at same rate per 1,000 stamps. She said that she would bring me all the stamps she had. This lady and her friend brought in bundle after bundle, and by the time I had bought all which she had, all of my boxes were filled with War Department stamps, besides having a big lot piled in the corner of my store. There must have been over 500,000 stamps in that lot. Hardly had I finished this deal when a young man came in and told me that he had a lot of Department stamps that he wished to sell, and that his father threatened to take him out of college if he did not get rid of his stamps, on account of

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I have a fine copy U. S. 1861, 3c rose on laid paper. Will exchange for \$6.00 worth of old U. S., my selection from sheets. Walter R. Fox, 364 Quincy St., Dorchester, Mass.

210 numbers WEEKLY ERA, 146 numbers "Mekeel's," 14 numbers "Redfield's Weekly Post," and 21 numbers "Stamps" (N. Y.), and others to exchange for anything in stamps. Henry Lotgren, 716 Green St., Peoria, Ill.

I have stamps and coins to exchange for a camera, or a good rifle. Erastus Cornell, Box 99, Marshalltown, Iowa. [10]

Exchange wanted with medium collectors. I have duplicates cat. 1c to \$2.00 each. Send sheets U. S. and Foreign and receive mine. E. Bull, Jr., Care Union Bank, New London, Conn.

Exchange desired with collectors of entire U. S. Envelopes and U. S. Plate Nos. John W. Schaefer, No. 64 Walnut St., Buffalo, N. Y.

5 varieties Centennial Envelopes, 40 varieties Columbian Envelopes, 5 varieties 2c Die A Envelopes, 14 varieties Letter Sheets, Omaha and Columbian Exposition Postals, to exchange for 2c Omaha Plate Nos. S. B. Fish, Butler, Ills.

Have a fine collection U. S. postage and revenues, about 700 varieties, to exchange for Match and Medicine stamps. C. H. Nagle, Birdsboro, Pa. [10]

Philatelic papers and magazines to exchange for U. S. stamps and revenues or British Colonies. Stamps to catalogue not less than 2c each. What have you? C. A. Gurney, Hart, Mich. [9]

Old Books, Newspapers and Magazines, all kinds wanted in exchange for stamps. References. Ulster Stamp Co., Roadout, N. Y. [71c]

Wanted: Cardboard Proofs of U. S. Revenues in exchange for Proofs of Regular Issues and Departments. What have you to dispose of and what do you want in exchange for them? Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Maine. [51c]

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Look! 12 fine perfect foreign cat. \$1.00, only 20 cents. ARNHEIM'S, 976 Liberty Av., Pittsburg, Pa.

1873, 90c rose carmine, \$2.50 1882, 10c brown, 25 cts. 1890, 6c brown red, 11 cents. 1890, 10c green, 16 cents. 1890, 8c lilac, 12 cents. 1890, 15c indigo, 25 cts. Entire sheet 8c 1890, very fine, \$1.00. All are unused, o. g. and fine. John V. Yegge, DeWitt, Iowa.

I want to buy 2c Omaha Plate Nos. 660, 662, 664, 667, 671, 673, 685, 691. S. B. FISH, Butler, Ills.

3 Plate proofs in black, green and blue, beautiful condition, of the San Francisco Match Co., \$6.50. Entire U. S. Env., Scott No. 1313, \$5.00. Fine horizontal pair Doolittle, W. E., \$16.00. U. S. and Foreign on approval. WENDELIN WEBER, 809 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

A few more Emerson Drug Co.'s Prop., unused, o. g. Set of 4, postpaid 25c. Jno. M. Stone, Louisa, Va. [10]

U. S. 3p green, No. 136, new, o. g., a pair cat. \$5.00, my price \$1.25. Newspaper 3c black, No. 1030, new, o. g., a pair cat. \$1.50, my price 60c. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa.

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giving more time to stamps than to his studies. I bought the lot which included some of each Department and another large lot of War Department. After I had all his adhesive stamps, he and another young man came in every morning for ten days with a large clothes basket full of used War Department envelopes. After buying these another party sold me 35,000 entire War Department envelopes. At that time I had a big stock of War Department stamps. I was fortunate enough to sell large quantities abroad as well as in this country at a fair profit.

In 1886 a boy of about ten called at my store and asked me if I would trade some of my sets of foreign stamps for unused U. S. stamps. I asked him to let me see his traders. He handed me a small book in which were stuck a quantity of 1856-60 issue, all values excepting the 90c. The 1 to 12c were priced above, and 24 and 30c, below face. I asked him where he got them. His reply was, from his father, and that he had more. I told the boy that I would like to buy the lot from his father. He thought I could.

I called on his father that evening and stated that I would like to buy the lot of stamps similar to the ones which he had given to his son. I was informed that these stamps were obsolete, and were not good for postage. I said that I did not want them for postage. The gentleman eyed me very sharp, as if to make sure of my sanity for wanting to buy a lot of stamps which were not good for postage. I explained to him that I was a dealer in postage stamps for collections, and that stamp collectors would buy them from me for their albums, to look at and to show to their friends.

Before showing me the stamps, he explained how he happened to have them, he said that at the outbreak of the civil war he was postmaster in a Southern city, and that in those days the U. S. stamps were of no use in the South, and that he took all stamps which were at his office home, and looked them up, and that he did not look at them until recently when he gave some to his children. He then started up stairs; when he returned he had a tin box large enough to hold full sheets without folding.

I was very impatient, and it seemed to me that he would never unlock the box. After he opened it we counted the stamps, and, after adding up the face value, I said to him: How much will you take for the lot just as they are? Then came another suspense, for he expected me to state the price I was willing to pay. I told him that it depended upon his price whether I bought them or not. He then said:

"Are they worth face value to you? If so, you can have them; if that is too high, make me an offer."

I bought them at face, also those which his boy had left. And then, from somewhere a young Miss came to me in a rather

bashful way, with a book in her hand, and said:

"Mister, won't you buy mine, too?"

I bought them, and she was the lucky one in receiving a premium for her lot.

When we parted we were all pleased with our trade; they with the money, and I with the finest lot of unused U. S. stamps I ever bought.

This lot contained only 1856-60 issue, including full sheets of 1c, types 1 and 2 on same sheet; 5c, types 2 and 3 on same sheet; 3c, 10c and 12c and broken sheets of the 24c, and a few 30c, besides a block of 29 5c brick red, type 1.

The last block of these stamps I sold to a collector in Providence for \$80.00, which cost me 20 cents and is now priced \$400.00. I have sold many blocks of 1c, types 1 and 2 on same block, for 80c per block, which cost me 4 cents, and now priced \$60.00.

These purchases I like much better than buying Mexico 1864, set of 4 for \$1.50 as I did in those days, and which I now offer for 10c a set; or even Italy 50 and 100 lira, which I bought in quantity for \$3.50 a pair, and which I am now offering for 10c a pair.

One of my profitable purchases was a lot of 5,000 unused State Department stamps, including all values from 1c to 90c for \$200.00, or 4c a piece. The party wanted to send this lot out of Washington, because he thought I could not afford to pay such high prices for stamps which were so common in Washington.

The finest lot of State Department stamps which I ever saw was the lot which I bought in 1889. In this lot there were 25 full sheets of the \$10.00 and \$20.00 stamps, a few \$2.00, but no \$5.00 State. In the broken sheets I had 80 more of the \$20.00 than of the \$10.00 State. This transaction broke my cash box, and in order to raise money to repair it, I offered the \$20.00 stamps at low prices to dealers. The \$10.00 and \$20.00 I sold to collectors in pairs for \$32.00 a pair, and exchanged some with dealers for other desirable stamps. At that time I had a few \$5.00 State in stock. Those I would not sell unless in complete sets.

It was not long before I had sold enough to repair my cash box, besides receiving some good stamps in exchange to increase my stock. Just before that purchase my price for the \$2.00 State was \$4.00; \$5.00 State, \$7.50; \$10.00 State, \$12.00; and \$20.00 State, \$20.00 or the four for \$35.00, and the complete sets of nine Departments, unused, including four high value State, and 2c green Navy, was \$200.00.

If you consult your auction catalogues you will see that after 1889 the price of the \$5.00 State went up like a rocket, and the \$10.00 State passed the \$20.00, owing to the fact that I placed 80 more \$20.00 than \$10.00 in the market. This transaction gives you the cause of the rise of the \$5.00, and why the \$10.00 is scarcer than the \$20.00.

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In August, 1897, I removed to Boston. I noticed many changes since my early collecting days. The most important is the organization of collectors, the Boston Philatelic Society, whose members' collections were awarded first prizes in France as well as in the United States, and whose committee compiled an Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States, which is a living monument to the Society.

There is also a big change in the stamp business. The number of dealers who carry large and valuable stocks, and the prices paid for single collections, is convincing that besides the pleasure derived from adding stamps to collections, the value is increased to such an extent that many have found it a profitable investment.

There is one thing which I consider does more harm than benefit, and that is

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the advice to collectors not to collect an unused stamp unless it is of bright color, well centered and large margins at four sides if imperforated, and if perforated not to have one perforation missing, and by all means it must have the full original gum; if used, it is allowable to have the original gum washed off, it must be lightly cancelled, but in all other respects in as fine condition as the unused.

Personally, I like to see stamps in fine condition, but do not object to a stamp which does not come up to the mark of the condition fancier. I have over 2,000 stamps in my collection which are more or less imperfect, and which please me as much as any 2,000 stamps in my collection which come near the mark of perfection. I believe that a collector should collect to suit his fancy, used or unused, and if it pleases him to collect all varieties of colors, shades, papers, watermarks and perforations it pleases me, as I like to see such collections myself, but I question the wisdom of the advice not to collect any but perfect stamps. I have seen and handled many stamps and collections, but have never seen a collection of importance which contained only perfect stamps.

If collectors were to follow such advice, the stamps in the possession of dealers and collectors which would not come up to these requirements would be consigned to the waste paper, because there would be no demand or value for those which would not be good for postage. The catalogue prices for those remaining would most likely be

so high that stamp collecting would soon be a pleasure of the past.

I have read articles of scribes in stamp papers, in which they claim that damaged stamps are practically worthless and a poor investment and advise collectors not to buy a stamp unless it is perfect. My experience as a stamp dealer convinces me that these scribes labor under a delusion, because any collector who is well informed about the value of stamps knows better. I claim that a popular stamp which is listed at \$5.00 is not as good an investment at \$5.00 if perfect as the same stamp would be at \$1.00 if slightly imperfect. I have sold enough of fine stamps, as well as 2nd and 3rd quality to know the wants of collectors here as well as abroad.

A collection of stamps was sold at auction the 22nd of last October in Berlin, Germany. The total receipts for that evening's sale was 25,000 marks. This collection contained stamps in fine as well as in damaged condition, such as you will find in all large collections. A fine copy of the Moldavia 81 para, 1858 issue (which is considered the scarcest European stamp) fetched 5,000 marks, and a damaged Brattleboro stamp was sold for 1,000 marks, about \$250.00 in our money. A pretty good price for a damaged stamp, and in my opinion too valuable to consign to the waste basket.

This reminds me of an auction sale of Messrs. Venton, Bull & Cooper which I attended the 11th of last May while in London, England. As many of you have attended auction sales in Boston, it might interest you if I give you an idea of this London auction.

The auctioneer was seated behind the desk on a platform similar to this one, his bookkeeper was seated at his side. In front of the platform were three tables forming an enclosure. In this enclosure was a clerk, and around the outside of these tables sat the bidders. There were 108 lots sold, which took from four in the afternoon until 7.30 in the evening, with intermission just long enough to have a lunch of sandwiches and tea, which was furnished by the auction managers.

As a lot was put up for sale the clerk in the enclosure would pass it around, so that any one could examine the stamp while it was being offered. The attendance was large and the bidding was very spirited on some of the scarce Transvaal stamps.

The 20th of May I was at the stamp bourse in Hamburg, Germany. The bourse is in a hall one flight above the dining room in a hotel. Collectors meet there once a week at 8 o'clock in the evening. If a collector wishes to sell stamps he hands them to the manager, who in turn has them sold at auction, and charges 10% commission. The auctioneer and managers sit at one side of the tables across the hall, and the bidders at the other side. There is also a waiter to take orders for refreshments. During my visit everyone present had something to eat, drink and smoke. Beer and wine was in the majority. At 8 o'clock the sale began; it was a collection. The auctioneer would tear one or more pages out of the album and offer them as one lot. Some stamps fetched high prices and others went low. The attendance was large and very jolly.

All of you, no doubt, have heard of the stamp bourse in Paris, France. Sunday, July 15th, I visited the bourse, which lasted from two until half past five in the afternoon. The rendezvous is in a park near Avenue de Champs Elysee. After arriving at this renowned meeting place for stamp collectors, I noticed men and women with books of stamps which they exhibited on benches and chairs, others carried books in their hands and nearly everyone had one or more books in his pockets.

You will find young and old, rich and poor, men and women, all meet on the same footing, with the object of buying, selling or exchanging stamps. Before I was there five minutes I was accosted by a gentleman, who asked me if I had any stamps. I handed him a small book which I had in my coat pocket. This was my introduction.

Collectors and dealers handed me their stamp books, and I offered mine in return. I expressed a wish to buy choice U. S. stamps. A few minutes later a gentleman handed me a book saying that it contained some scarce American stamps. After examining the contents of his book I returned it as there was nothing in it to tempt me. He then said that he had some very fine stamps, used on the original envelopes, and handed me five envelopes, which were postmarked New Oxford, Pa., Dec. 30, 1893. The envelopes were blue and had the printed business address of C. F. Rothfuchs, Washington, D. C., and were franked with the \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Columbian stamps, like these which I have in my hand. He assured me that they were genuine beyond a question of doubt. I agreed with him and handed him my card. He looked at my card, and at the address on his envelopes, and then at me. He was surprised, and did not know what to make of it.

I explained to him that the address on his envelopes was my former address, while in Washington, and that I sold those envelopes to a dealer while in Germany. We had a good laugh over this joke, and as it became known to the other dealers, we exchanged cards and seemed to be better acquainted.

Some very good stamps are offered at the bourse, but it is advisable not to accept stamps unless you know that they are genuine; because forgeries were not scarce in some of the books which were handed me by persons who were unknown to me. On the other hand, I did not see any forgeries in the books of known reliable dealers.

By appointment I called at the home of a collector at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to buy his stamp collection and duplicates. It was 7 o'clock in the evening when I had examined all of his stamps, and as we were dickering about the price, his little son of about four years walked in and said, "Papa, when is that man going home? Mamma said supper is waiting for you and is getting cold." I took the hint also the collection of stamps.

And now, gentleman, this reminds me that supper is waiting for us. I will conclude by thanking you for your kind attention.

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Application for Membership.

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Brussels, Belgium. Age, 41; occupation,
Stamp Dealer, Gelli & Tani. Refer-
ences: F. J. Laurie, Henry L. Calman.

Application for Re-instatement.

1548. **HUYCK, CHAS.**, 816 Page St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

66. **KILBON, REV. J. L.**, Congrega-
tional House, Boston, Mass.

New Stockholder.

1655. **STEIN, FRANCIS J.**, 307 Wal-
nut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Reinstated.

767. **CLARK, H.**, Angmering, Worth-
ing, England.

549. **EVANS, MAJ. E. B.**, Longton
Ave., Sydenham, S. E., England.

1154. **HENDRICKS, W. F.**, 1711
Leavenworth St., Omaha, Nebraska.

1538. **WILLADT, CARL**, Pforzheim,
Baden, Germany.

Changes of Address.

1169. **BAKER, MAJOR S.**, from Cleve-
land, Minn., to The Richelieu, 1385 Fifth
Ave., New York City, N. Y.

1474. **HOLLAND, ALEXANDER**,
from care of J. S. Toppan Co., Great
Northern Bldg., Chicago, Ill., to 40 Grace
Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1601. **STEBBINS, Z. G.**, from 216
South Clark St., Chicago, Ill., to 3031
Florida St., New Orleans, La.

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Total Membership March 9th..... 490
New Stockholder..... 1
Reinstated..... 4

Total Membership March 16th..... 495

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

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276 books of stamps in circulation
according to my last report,
value..... \$8,580.59
14 books received since my last
report, value..... 384.33

Total No. books in circulation
290 valued at..... \$8,964.92

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

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creasing the membership of the Associa-
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interest of the Association and they desire
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1851-56, 1c blue, unused & fine, no gum		15.00	4.50
1855-60, 1c blue, type I, used, centered		7.50	2.50
1855-60, 3c rose, type I, unused and fine		12.50	4.10
1867, 3c rose, 12x16, used, has pin hole		6.00	2.00
1867, 5c blk. br'n, 9x13, used, not centered		5.00	1.65
1867, 5c blk. 12x13, used, No. 91.....		4.00	1.50
1870, 3c green, unused and fine, National		2.00	.70
1873, 2c violet, unused, soiled & no gum		10.00	2.00
1875, 3c blue, Re-issue, used, good copy		12.00	4.00
1c Proprietary, unperf., good margins ..		1.00	.40
1c Express, " " " " " "		1.00	.40
5c Certificate, " " " " " "		.25	.08
10c Certificate, " " " " " "		5.00	2.00
20c For. Exch., " " " " " "		1.00	.40
25c Bond, " " " " " "		5.00	1.65
50c Conveyance, " " " " " "		1.50	.60
50c For. Exch., " " " " " "		1.25	.50
50c Lease, " " " " " "		1.25	.50
\$15 Mortgage, " " " " " "		25.00	11.00
1c blue, Eichel & Co., No. 3177, roul.		3.00	1.50
20c Foreign Exchange.....		1.00	.40
30c Foreign Exchange.....		1.50	.65
50c Lease.....		.40	.16
\$2.00 Probate of Will.....		1.00	.40
\$5.00 Manifest.....		9.50	1.00
\$20 Third Issue blk. & orange, fine		16.00	8.50
1874, 5c blue, entire, unused, No. 1420..		.25	.10
1874, 5c blue, entire, unused, No. 1419..		.40	.16
1875, 5c blue, entire, unused, No. 1448..		.25	.10
1894, 1c dark blue, wrapper No. 1731, en- tire, unused.....		.40	.15
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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 341st regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, March 7th, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by President Merell with the following members present: Messrs. Baldwin, Bauer, Boehm, Dahl, Dickinson, Dodd, Doncyson, Flanders, Fiske, Fowler, Geldert, Gurley, Holland, Kline, Lefever, Massoth, Merell, F. Michael, Moisant, Morris, Nixon, Oesch, Russell, Smack, Severn, Schmidt, Schlieckert, Wolsieley, Wolsieffer, Zajicek, Arndt. Messrs. Peterson, Werner and White were present as visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Through oversight, mention of the exhibition of Cape of Good Hope was left out of our minutes of two weeks ago. The chairman appointed Messrs. Massoth, Nixon and Smack as judges.

In Class "A"—Mr Chas. Schlieckert received the highest award. Mr. Wm. Bauer received second award.

In Class "B"—Mr. M. H. Lombard received the highest award. Mr. H. W. Wolsieley received second award.

In the exhibition of Siam and Sarawak, for tonight, the chairman appointed Messrs. Severn, Zajicek and Dr. Fiske as judges.

In Class "A"—Mr. C. B. Geldert received the highest award. Mr. P. J. Flanders received the second award.

In Class "B"—Mr. Alexander Holland received highest award. Mr. W. F. E. Gurley received the second award. Honorable mention is made of the exhibit of Mr. H. W. Wolsieley.

Change of address, James Abbott, 77 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Report of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board elected to membership the following:

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The treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$99.34.

Mr. Trumbull White entertained the Society for an hour with a very interesting account of his experiences in stamp collecting through the Australasia, Russia, Siberia and Corea.

After which the meeting adjourned.
C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be held Thursday, March 21st. Exhibition of Chili.

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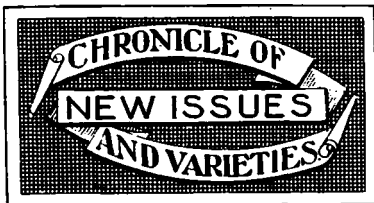
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WHOLE No. 410.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—*Mekeel's News* reports a 30c lilac rose as having been added to the set now in use. I presume the end is not yet.

Adhesive (Regular):
30c lilac rose.

BERMUDA.—My readers will no doubt be interested in learning more about the farthing provisional described in number 407. A correspondent writes to the *Monthly Journal*:

"A correspondent in this Colony kindly sends us a specimen of a provisional farthing stamp, together with an account of its issue. It appears that an Act was passed last year under which an inland rate of ¼d per two ounces is to be levied on newspapers, which have hitherto been conveyed free. As it was desired to bring this into force from January 1st, there was no time to get a new plate prepared, and a telegram was sent home requesting that a supply might be printed from the 1st plate, in grey, and overprinted "ONE FARTHING." Owing to delay of the steamer the stamps did not arrive until January 10th; they were put on sale the 11th, with the result that all were bought up by speculators within twenty-four hours, and until a fresh lot can be obtained the newspapers have to pass free as before! The post office loses nothing, of course, as many more stamps have been sold than were at all likely to be used upon newspapers, and we suspect that the subscribers to the papers will be the principal gainers. From 4d to 6d each was being asked for the stamps on the spot, but as the supply was some £200 worth, or 192,000 stamps in all, the fortunate (?) purchasers will be glad to unload at very much less than that before long. The surcharge is in thin, wide, sans-serif capitals, in two lines above the lower label, the original value on which is cancelled by a bar."

It is very evident that the ¼d was not surcharged "ONE FARTHING" but that the 1 shilling grey was the only stamp treated to this surcharge.

ERITREA.—I am informed that the Italian government is planning a new issue for this colony, in which the lower values will picture a lion and the higher values an elephant.

FERNANDO PO.—In number 404 I listed the 50c surcharged in green and violet on the 4c orange. There is also a variety of this surcharge in green alone which I now list:

Adhesive (Provisional):
50c in green on 4c orange.

GREECE.—I have to announce a number of additional surcharges on the Olympian Games issue. I listed in number 404 the 2½ in 40 mauve and the 50 in 2dr and last week a third value. I group the entire set, all with the A. M. surcharge.

Adhesives (Provisional):
51 in red on 1 dr blue.
251 " " 40l mauve.
251 " " 40l " double surcharge.
50l in black on 25l in red on 40l mauve.
50l in red on 2½ bistre.
1dr in red on 5dr green.
2dr " " 1odr brown.

MALTA.—Several contemporaries announce ½d regular and reply cards of the type of the 1d.

Post Cards (Regular):
½d penny, green on buff.
½*½d green on buff.

MAURITIUS.—The *A. J. of Phil.* reports that among a lot of common stamps Mr. A. Calman found several copies of the 4c revenue with a postal cancellation.

Adhesive (Postal Revenue):
4c gray green.

NORWAY.—Whitfield King & Co. announces the appearance of the 60 ore with the word "NORGE" in Roman capitals. This is in keeping with the remainder of the set now in use.

Adhesive (Regular):
60 ore, dark blue.

PERU.—I have already listed two new stamps (408) designed to commemorate the opening of the 20th century, a 1c green and black and a 2c carmine and black. Mr. Hopkins now lists in *Mekeel's News* a third value, 5 centavos. He reports the design the same as in the other values with a change only in the portrait.

Adhesive (Commemorative):
5 centavos, violet and black.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. Burt has shown me two values, the 2sh 6d vermilion and the 5sh carmine, printed on very heavy paper. The stock in question is worthy of note on account of its weight. *Ewen's Weekly*

also reports the 10sh and the £1 on this same stock. They are all of type A6.

SERVIA.—The *Monthly Journal* chronicles two new values issued in a larger size than the current issue, name in a straight line at the top, a crown and mantle over the oval containing the head and numerals in the shields below. White wove paper, perforated 11½.

Adhesives (Regular):
3 dinars, bright pink.
5 dinars, mauve.

VICTORIA.—Mr. Hopkins gives us in *Mekeel's News* so plain an exposition of recent stamp history that I quote *in extenso*:

"All stamps in use since 1884 have been inscribed 'Stamp Duty,' and have been available both for postal and fiscal purposes; under the new regulations these two sources of revenue are separated and the 'Stamp Duty' stamps are reserved for revenue purposes only, recourse being had to the old types for stamps without these words to serve as a sort of provisional issue until the appearance of the Commonwealth series.

We chronicled the ¼d in blue-green last week and have now received two additional varieties, both from Mr. Frederick L. Lewton. The 1d carmine is in type A26 like the card listed last week, while for the 3d they had to go back still farther and revive type A14. We are also informed of a 2d type A27, printed in violet but not the same shade as number 143."

Adhesives (Regular):
1 penny, carmine (A26).
2 pence, violet (A27).
3 pence, brown-orange (A14).

Notes.

I have just received two new pre-cancelled stamps from Aurora, Ills. I have one inverted and one right side up also.

I have just received a list of the number of stamps to be printed for 1901, giving amount of each stamp. They are as follows:

1c green,	1,078,186,000
2c red,	3,109,834,000
3c purple,	34,700,000
4c brown,	35,500,000
5c blue,	62,200,000
6c chocolate,	9,800,000
8c puce,	16,800,000
10c brown,	26,100,000

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" " 2c rose12	.08
" " 5c ultramarine15	.08
" " 5c dark blue30	.18
" " 10c black40	.20
" " 10c brown40	.25
" " 15c brown .....	.75	.45
1894, 10c green15	.07
" " 25c blue60	.35
*Envelope 1883, 1c, entire10	.05
" " 2c, "15	.08
" " 1893, 2c, "20	.06

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1855, 2r p carmine, Scott No. 375	.25
1856, 1r p green, Scott No. 10	1.00	.50
" " 2r p orange red, Scott No. 11	2.00	.50
1860, 40c violet65	.30
Costa Rica 1889, 1c Correo12	.05
*Guatemala 1894, Prov. 5 var.78	.40
" " 1895, 1 on 5c (error 1894)	3.00	.50
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" " Rev. used Post., \$1 green35	.35
" " " \$1 violet35	.35
" " " \$5 on \$10	3.00	1.75
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" " 1901, 1d rose, London print05	.05
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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

I have the pleasant task of informing the ERA of the doings of Philatelic Springfield. We claim high rank for our city as a philatelic stronghold, a claim you will allow, I think, when I tell you that at the last meeting of our local club we had an attendance of thirty-six, and added two new members.

We met at the residence of Mr. W. C. Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Stone entertained us finely, and the opportunity of viewing Mr Stone's splendid collection was enjoyed.

Mr. Wainwright, our able auctioneer, assisted us to exchange our cash for desirable auction lots supplied by our members.

We are honored at our meetings with the presence of our "better halves" who apparently enjoy the meetings as well as any of us.

Some of the ladies are collecting postals and have nice lots. This last meeting was a record breaker, and shows that the interest in our pursuit locally is being maintained and increased.

Last week I received a letter franked with the surcharged Nyassa stamps, and in addition with British Central Africa stamps. Apparently the Nyassa stamps brought the letter to the coast at Chinde, and the B. C. A. from there here.

We are to see the stamps comprising the Burton sale here on the 28th, and a number of our collectors will improve the opportunity.

EDWARD DE Z. KELLEY.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, March 20th.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 64th auction sale of postage stamps took place on March 6th. A good attendance was noticed and spirited bidding was heard, and some record prices were obtained, and in some cases stamps sold at catalogue or above. I mention several cases which I noticed: An unsevered strip of three 5c 1851, on original cover, cataloguing \$36.00, brought \$36.30; and an unsevered strip of three 10c 1851, cataloguing \$2.25, brought just catalogue price, this strip also was on the original cover; a fine lot of 12 Netherlands, cataloguing \$3.00, brought \$3.24; a 3d Newfoundland, on cover, listing \$3.50, sold for \$4.00; a Switzerland Zurich 6c, No. 11, listing \$3.50, sold for \$3.60; Victoria 1850, 1d, No. 1, two strips of three on

UNUSED PHILIPPINES O. G.

	Catalogue Price.	My Price 1st.	2nd.
60th No. 8r 1891, 25c dull blue	\$0.20	\$0.10	\$0.08
No. 106 1896, 10c yellow brown .....	.05	.03	.02
No. 111 1898, 1m orange brown .....	.02	.02	.01
No. 112 1898, 2m orange brown .....	.02	.02	.01
No. 116 1898, 1c black violet .....	.04	.03	.02
No. 117 1898, 2c blue green .....	.10	.06	.04
No. 118 1898, 3c dark brown .....	.04	.03	.02
No. 120 1898, 5c carmine rose .....	.25	.12	.08
No. 122 1898, 8c gray brown .....	.12	.08	.04
No. 125 1898, 20c maroon .....	.40	.25	.20
No. 126 1898, 40c violet60	.40	.25
No. 127 1898, 60c black	1.00	.60	.40
No. 128 1898, 80c red brown	1.25	.75	.60

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cover, listing \$10.50, were sold at \$12.60; seven Oldenburg early Roumania and Sweden covers, listing \$1.44, brought \$2.03; an original 1895 \$5.00 Newspaper stamp, brought \$11.00; a 3d Canada, unused, listing \$5.00, was run up to \$8.10; while a 6d, also listing \$5.00, was considered desirable enough to pay \$8.55 for; two Danish West Indies, listing \$5.50, sold for \$6.20; South Australian 1855-59 6d, No. 8, unused, listing \$5.00, sold for 50 cents over list price. Many other good prices were obtained and I might mention a 5c New York brought \$5.70; and a fine pair sold for \$10.60; a 3c blue glazed, No. 848, brought \$7.60; France 1849-50, 10c strip of three, 1 franc, all on one cover, listing \$3.10, were secured for \$3.00. Among the Revenues a 2c second issue, inverted medallion, listing \$15.00, was sold at \$11.05; 6d 1874-78, P. O state, Barbados, listing \$1.25, brought \$1.05; Cape of Good Hope 1853-54, 6d, listing \$1.50, sold for \$1.10. The 517 lots brought nearly nineteen hundred dollars.

I hope to be able to give some prices obtained at the sale of the Burton collection by the New England Stamp Co., to be held on April 9th and 10th. No doubt some record prices will be obtained.

Mr. J. F. Johnson, Exchange Manager of the Boston Philatelic Society, has changed his residence from 5 Cedar St., Roxbury, to 383 Lexington St., Auburndale. His business address remains the same as before, 136 Congress St., Boston. Correspondence addressed to Mr. Johnson will be facilitated, and annoyance to themselves as well as Mr. Johnson avoided if the correct address is used.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

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1894 3d on 2d orange.....	.16
1896 2 1/2d black.....	.12
1898 2 1/2d on 1sh rose, black surch.....	.12
1898 2 1/2d on 1d green, red surch.....	.12
1898 Same Pair, one low s in fraction.....	.30
1898 2 1/2d on 1sh rose, red surch.....	.12
1898 Same Pair, one low s in fraction.....	.30
1900 2 1/2d on 2sh 6d violet.....	.16
1900 Same Pair, one low s in fraction.....	.40
1899 1/2 and 1d.....	.07
1900 1/2 and 1d Prov. Govt.....	.07

HAYTI.

1896 3, 5, 7 and 20c, unused.....	.25
Any One Singly Half Catalogue.....	
1896 1 and 2c unused.....	.05
1898 2c brown carmine, 5c green, unused.....	.16
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THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR:

Having heard of the American Philatelic Association, you are perhaps desirous to know what are its objects and what is its methods of accomplishing them, and you are perhaps considering whether it is worth your while to apply for membership.

It is, no doubt, unnecessary at this late day to call your attention to those general advantages that individuals interested in any object or pursuit find in associating themselves together. It is to the advantage of every stamp collector that his pursuit should be recognized as a worthy one and should be regarded with the same consideration as those other branches of collecting, which were formerly considered as mere hobbies or individual whims, but have now become recognized as worthy the attention of sober men. To obtain this result for any object no better means has ever been devised than that of association.

The American Philatelic Association is a concrete, tangible evidence of philatelic power. It is a multiplication by the number of its members of the worth or fitness

of the [average member. The sum of the individuals becomes a giant for purposes of pushing philately ahead and hoisting it higher; and commanding attention by the display of strength alone. It is to the advantage of every stamp collector to have a large and influential society, devoted to the interest of philately; but a society to be influential must have the loyal support of all interested in the purpose for which the society was formed.

The assumption that it is the duty of the American collector to add to the prestige of philately in his own country by allying himself with the representative national organization and be content to pay his dues without questioning whether he receives an equivalent in individual benefit is one which at first thought may not appeal to the collector of practical mind who is eligible to membership in the American Philatelic Association. Yet, the proposition that it is fair to ask the support of the collector on the score of resultant general benefit to philately, rather than direct returns to himself, is not wholly a sentimental one. There are tenable grounds for basing the argument that collectors can afford to give their influence as carried by membership in the American Philatelic Association, to strengthen the stand of the organization as a factor in national philatelic legislation, as it were.

There are times in the experience of the philatelist when it becomes desirable to bring forth some evidence of philately's sway; the American Philatelic Association is a convenient illustration to cite of the dominion of philately. Again, at intervals, it becomes necessary to protect philatelic interests against harmful aggression from private or governmental sources; the American Philatelic Association can wield a power to compel some recognition of the stand where the individual or unattached collector would speak in the voice of a weakling. On the contrary, it may be deemed advisable to agitate in favor of some movement having for its end an improvement of philatelic conditions, and the American Philatelic Association is an organization best fitted to force a hearing.

In a way, membership in the American Philatelic Association is a guarantee of the holder's reliability.

The foregoing somewhat elusive advantages are not all the benefits derived by membership in the Association. The Membership Committee have prepared a booklet enlarging upon the real, specific benefits that a membership commands, and we trust that each individual collector will be interested enough to apply for the said booklet, application blanks, or any further information.

Address all communications or requests to the Chairman of the "Membership Committee."

Jno. J. OESCH, Chairman,
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FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., - BOSTON, MASS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Captain Richard B. Paddock, of this city, at Tien Tsin, China. Captain Paddock was one of our oldtime collectors, and a specialist in U. S. At the beginning of the war with Spain he was Lieutenant of the sixth Cavalry, and distinguished himself for bravery at the battle of Santiago. For which he was promoted in August, 1899.

From the papers we learn that the entire supply of postage stamps at Hot Springs, Ark., was exhausted one day this week, and in lieu of anything better many letters were sent with postage due stamps affixed. Inquiry at our post office reveals the fact that there are plenty on hand; the supply being over a million dollars at all times.

More mail was handled on Tuesday, March 12th, at the post office here than at any time previous in the history of the office. It amounted to 154 ton. Of the local mail ten ton were letters, seventy-six ton were second class, and sixty-eight ton were third and fourth classes. The opening of the Spring trade was the cause for this, as was noted by the large number of circulars and catalogues sent out by business houses.

One of our members, who has just recently returned from New Orleans, tells me that the South is a wonderful undeveloped field for philately. It is pleasant to note that the C. P. S. has quite a few members in the South.

The regular meeting of Branch No. 1 of the A. P. A. was held Thursday, March 14th, some fifteen members being present. Five dollars was voted to the Membership Committee to help defray expenses, and also the proceeds of subsequent sales to be given by the Committee of stamps donated by members. It was also decided to hold a dinner, the date being fixed for April 6th.

Mr. Massoth, the Auction Manager, has the 11th sale of the C. P. S. in course of preparation. There will be some 600 lots, and will be given at an early date.

Our local dealers are well pleased with the past week, their sales having been very heavy. When I dropped in one place there were some fifteen boys, and it kept the dealer and two assistants busy attending their wants.

"OMEGA."

YOU WILL REGRET IT

if you don't send in early bids for the "Huber Auction Sale" on April 13th. It contains so many good things we can't mention them all in an ad. The catalogue is now mailed and if you have not received it you are not on our list. Better get there at once.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 75 State St., Chicago.

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H. C. BARR,
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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.

DEAR MR. JEWETT:
My notes "How I Became a Stamp Dealer," 62nd and 63rd lines, second column of page 233, in the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA of March 16th read, my price for the complete sets of nine Departments, unused, "including four high value State, and 2c green Navy, was \$200.00."

It should read, My price for the complete sets of nine Departments, unused, excluding four high value State, and 2c green Navy, was \$20.00.

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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Notes from Philadelphia.

The philatelic event of the week was the visit of Mr. Batchelder with the collection of Mr. J. E. Burton, which is to be sold at auction April 10th, 1901. He stopped with us two days and during that time the rooms where it was exhibited were thronged with local collectors, many of whom registered bids at the time and it is safe to say that a good many good things will finally land here. Mr. B. seems satisfied with the market at present and feels sure a good price can be realized.

Mr. Percival Parrish late of Newport, R. I., and lately returned from Havana, Cuba, has permanently settled in this city, of which he is a native but has been absent many years. He is in the coal business, but still continues his stamp trade, and his stock has been greatly augmented by heavy purchases on his recent trip. He visited the local society last meeting and made many friends and it is safe to say he will soon be a member.

The 24th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, March 15th, at 221 N. 12th St., with the President in the chair. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Messrs. Green, Shourds and Hand were admitted to active membership. According to the new constitution adopted last meeting it was necessary for a new election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Ross D. Breniser.
Vice-President—James A. Whiteside.
Secretary—John Cowan.
Treasurer—D. A. C. Evans.
Sales Supt.—J. W. Boud.

As there was only one nominee for each office the ballot was cast by the retiring Sect'y-Treas. Immediately followed the appointment by the President of Cecil Rawson as Auction Manager, F. J. Stein as Librarian, and William D. Averell as Counterfeit Detector. The various committees made reports through their chairman and were re-appointed. The rules of the Sales Department were read and approved, but those of the Auction Department were laid on the table, as the Auction Manager objected to giving the fees to the Society. A literary committee of J. W. Boud and W. D. Averell were appointed to look after the Society's welfare along that line. The meeting then adjourned to meet April 5th.

D. C. E.

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I have stamps and coins to exchange for a camera, or a good rifle. Erastus Cornell, Box 99, Marshalltown, Iowa. [10]

Have a fine collection U. S. postage and revenues, about 700 varieties, to exchange for Match and Medicine stamps. C. H. Nagle, Birdsboro, Pa. [10]

Old Books, Newspapers and Magazines, all kinds wanted, in exchange for stamps. References. Ulster Stamp Co., Rondout, N. Y. [71¢]

Wanted: Cardboard Proofs of U. S. Revenues in exchange for Proofs of Regular Issues and Departments. What have you to dispose of and what do you want in exchange for them? Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Maine. [51¢]

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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Cash paid for stamp collections. We want to buy three or four collections, large or small. Write us at once. ROYAL EXCHANGE STAMP CO., Winona, Minn. [15¢]

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Doc. Revs., 10 var., well assorted, mostly cut, 40c per 1000. Franklin Coombs, 499 Wabash Ave., Chicago. [10]

Selections of stamps on approval at 50% discount, also at net prices. Reference required. GEO. D. WEEKS, Garfield National Bank, New York City. [11]

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NOTICE.

In compliance with my published notice of Jan. 28, 1901, the mail vote upon the proposed amendments to the By-Laws was counted by the Board of Vice-Presidents upon Saturday, the 16th inst., and resulted as follows:

Total No. of ballots cast,	278
No. necessary to amend according to the By-Laws,	186
1st Amendment.	
No. of affirmative votes cast,	228
No. of negative votes cast,	45
2nd Amendment.	
No. of affirmative votes cast,	264
No. of negative votes cast,	10
No. of ballots rejected for cause,	4

As per the above vote the By-Laws have been amended as follows:

1st.—Article VIII, Section 3, by substituting the words: "one half of one per cent." for the words: "one per cent." in the fourth line of said section.

2nd.—Article VIII, Section 3, by striking out the words: "except those arising from substitutions," and inserting the words: "including those arising from substitutions which may be proved to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department and the Board of Vice-Presidents."

GEO. L. TOPPAN, President.
RACINE, Wis., March 19, 1901.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending March 23rd.

Applications for Membership.

EVANS, C. DE LACEY, "The Arundel," Baltimore, Md.; age 38; occupation, Manufacturer. References: Bruce V. Jenkins, H. E. Deats.

WHITLOCK, BACHE McE., 59 William St., New York City; age, 48; occupation, Lawyer, Whitlock & Simonds. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John W. Scott; Resident Vice-President, W. F. Gregory.

Application for Re-Instatement.

1440. **GRACA, F. M. P. DE**, 58 Peel St., Hong Kong, China.

New Stockholders.

1656. **GROUT, W. D.**, 667 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

1657. **SMITH, EDW.**, 766 Hopkins St., E. Oakland, Cal.

Change of Address.

343. **KISSINGER, CLIFFORD W.**, from 1030 Penn. St. to 18 North 11th St., Reading, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership March 16th.....	495
New Stockholders.....	2
Total Membership March 23rd.....	497

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,

WINONA, MINN., March 15, 1901.

290 books of stamps in circulation according to my last report,	value.....	\$8,964 92
10 books received since my last report, value.....		374 55

Total No. books in circulation	300	valued at.....	\$9,339 47
6 books retired during the week (from which has been sold \$23.80) value.....			114 29

294 books in circulation at present time valued at..... \$9,225 18

I wish to impress upon the patrons of this Department the necessity of sending in reports to me when they mail books to next on circuit (whether they make any purchase or not) giving date on which the circuit is mailed. Failure to do this in

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	CUBA ON U. S. 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10c, very fine, set.....	.38
	BRITISH GUIANA 1898-99, ac on 10c red and black, fine..	.05
	BARBADOS Registration Envelope 1d rose, No. 151	.09
	SIERRA LEONE 1, 3, 6d, 1sh (Nos. 103-5-6-7), fine.....	.48
	JOS. B. HENDERSON, Columbus, Ohio.	

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If there are any members who are thinking of disposing of their collections I should be pleased to have them correspond with the Department.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

WINONA, MINN., March 18, 1901.

The rule of the Sales Department relating to the use of control stamps has been modified, so that, hereafter, when any member shall remove a stamp from any of the sales books, they can either:

1st—Sign their names in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed.

2nd—Sign a nom de plume, which shall first have been registered with the Superintendent.

3rd—Use a rubber stamp which shall have some secret mark with which the Sales Superintendent shall have been made acquainted.

4th—Use control stamps under the rules which have been in force up to the present time.

The above changes have been submitted to the Board of Directors and unanimously approved by them, and will be in force on and after this date.

Preserve this for future reference.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.,
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Porto Rico 1893, 80c orange, unused, o. g.....	1.10
Porto Rico 1898, 1 peso, green, unused, o. g.....	1.25
Porto Rico 1898, 2 pesos, blue, unused, o. g.....	2.95
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Pan-American Stamps.

SIX DESIGNS TO BE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMEMORATE THE EXPOSITION.

In a recent number of the official Postal Guide the Third Assistant Postmaster General gives notice that the Pan-American series of postage stamps will be ready for delivery to postmasters, "the latter part of April." These stamps were ordered by the Postmaster-General at the instance of the authorities of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held in Buffalo from May to November, 1901. These series will include six stamps, and these will be, according to the statement of Edwin C. Madden, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, "the most artistic series ever issued from the department."

The denomination, subject, color, etc., of each stamp are officially described as follows:

- 1 cent, Lake steamer, Green, Fast Lake Navigation.
- 2 cent, Railway train, Red, Fast Express.
- 4 cent, Automobile, Red Brown, Automobile.
- 5 cent, Steel Arch Bridge, Blue, Bridge at Niagara Falls.
- 8 cent, Ship Canal Locks, Lilac, Canal locks at Sault Ste. Marie.
- 10 cent, Ocean steamship, Light brown, Fast ocean navigation.

The stamps are of uniform dimensions, .76 by 1.06 of an inch, the longer side being horizontal. The borders take the colors of the regular series on the same denominations at this date. The words "Commemorative series, 1901." and "United States of America" next below appear, above the vignette; the legend in a line next below the central opening, with the denomination in a line at the bottom, appears in the same order on all stamps of the series. All the lettering is in white Roman capitals. The numerals are all white-faced Arabic in the Roman type except the 10 cent, which is the block letter type of figure condensed to secure space for the two figures. The borders are well separated from the central pictures, and the words of denomination at the bottom are preceded on the same line by the word "Postage." All the central illustrations are from photographs as the objects represented appear today, and are to be printed in black.

One Cent—The lake steamer presents the port bow, the pilot house is well forward and it is propelled by side wheels.

Two Cent—The train of four cars is drawn by a locomotive with four drivers; four parallel tracks are shown.

Four Cent—The automobile is of the closed coach order, with two men on the box and a part of the United States Capitol at Washington as a background.

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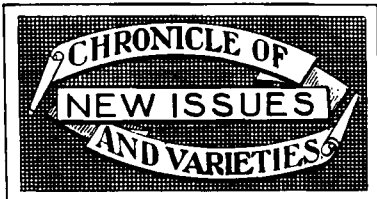
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1901.

WHOLE No. 411.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The 12c has been issued in olive, its former color, blue, having been taken by the 15c recently chronicled.

Adhesive (Regular):
12c olive.

COSTA RICA.—Mr. Geo. S. McKearin has shown the *A. J. of P.* a pair of Costa Rica, 1892, 1 centavo, imperforate vertically between.

DENMARK.—The *Monthly Journal* has been shown an 8 ore of the 1875-9 issue, on thick paper, in which the letters "RE" of the word of value are quite invisible. It seems to be as worthy of notice as the 3 ore with the first "A" of "DANMARK" similarly deficient.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—*Mekeel's News* quotes the *London Philatelist* in which this paper reports a permanent issue to take the place of the surcharged stamps of various kinds that have been doing duty recently. The new arrivals have "a tiger in the center with figures of value in each corner." The center is in the second color given.

Adhesives (Regular):
1 cent, green and black.
3 cents, brown and black.
4 cents, carmine and black.
5 cents, carmine and green on yellow.
8 cents, blue and black.
10 cents, purple and black.
20 cents, black and purple.
50 cents, orange and black.

INDIA.—The new colors listed in number 389 have received the Chinese Expeditionary Force surcharge of the three letters forming the initials of these three words. There are five values.

Adhesives (Provisional):
3p gray, surcharge "C. E. F."
½d light green, surcharge "C. E. F."
1a carmine, surcharge "C. E. F."
2a violet, surcharge "C. E. F."
5a 6p ultramarine, surcharge "C. E. F."

INDIAN NATIVE STATES, Alwar.—The *Monthly Journal* reports the ¼ anna in a new color, emerald green.

Adhesive (Regular):
¼ anna, emerald green.

PERU.—The *Monthly Journal* states that the 1 sol has appeared in the type of the 5 and 10 soles of 1899, with the date at each side.

Adhesive (Regular):
1 sol, lake.

RUSSIA.—*Le T. Belge* reports the issue of a 10 kop in pale blue.

Adhesive (Regular):
10k pale blue.

Offices in the Levant.—From the same journal I learn that the 1 kopec is now surcharged "4 PARAS" in black instead of blue. In number 389 I stated this "4 PARAS" surcharge was an error and that the value should have been "5 PARAS." I am unable to reconcile this statement with the information given above.

Adhesive (Provisional):
"4 PARAS" in black on 1 kopec orange.

TURKEY.—The *A. J. of P.* states that the 20 paras, brown-violet, listed by me several months ago upon the authority of a Boston firm has been surcharged for use on newspapers.

Adhesive (Newspaper):
10 paras, brown-violet, black surcharge.

VICTORIA.—In number 409, I listed a ½d blue-green of the type A21. I was unable to explain the reason for reverting to this old type but the *Australian Journal of Philately* just at hand, contains full particulars. I can do no better than quote our contemporary at length:

"Owing to the fact that all the recently current stamps of this State bore the words "Stamp Duty," it became necessary to have a fresh series as, according to the Federal Constitution, the Postal and Duty Departments must be kept separate. Victoria has overcome the difficulty by utilising old dies, which had not been destroyed. Values, as below, have been issued in new colors which, on the whole, form a very pretty set. Printed on V and Cr. paper, and cleanly perforated 12½, the stamps will be appreciated by collectors, more particularly as this emission is strictly in keeping with the requirements of the Victorian Post Office.

"The types of the 2½d and 5d are the same as before, with the words "Stamp Duty" taken out, and "Postage" inserted. The colors of the 5sh value have been transposed, the body being in vermilion, and the words "Victoria Five Shillings" and crown in blue."

Adhesives (Regular):

1d green, issue of 1883.
2d mauve, " " 1887.
2½d blue, " " 1887.
3d brown orange, issue of 1866.
4d bistre, " " 1881.
5d chocolate, " " 1887.
6d pale green, " " 1865.
1sh dull orange, " " 1873.
5sh blue on pink, " " 1881.
5sh blue and verm., " " 1881.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—*Mekeel's News* announces a new 2½d "of a more elaborate design than the old one. The color remains the same and the inscriptions are the simplest possible 'Two Pence Halfpenny' above the swan and 'Western Australia' below."

Adhesive (Regular):
2½ pence, blue.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

A. M. Trujillo, proprietor of the Universal Stamp Co. of this city, who was arrested last summer charged with "washing" U. S. Revenue stamps, was tried before Judge Thomas last Monday. A number of the local dealers were subpoenaed by Mr. Trujillo to vouch for his good character, etc. It appears as though the Inspector made out a very clear case against Trujillo for he was convicted and will be sentenced on Friday.

A young German, apparently considering himself a genius, offered during the past week a quantity of "Mafeking Besieged" stamps. He demanded a very high figure for the lot, but as the stamps bore a counterfeit surcharge it is doubtful whether he found a buyer for the stuff.

Mr. A. Herbst, late publisher of the *New York Philatelist*, has just been engaged by Mr. Scott F. Redfield to serve as advertising manager on the *Weekly Philatelic Post*. Mr. Herbst is well versed in the art of advertising and we predict a successful future for the *Post's* advertising department under Mr. Herbst's supervision.

The *New York World* illustrates the central design of each value of the proposed Pan-American issue. The *World* predicts a great sale for these stamps and says the government will be able to meet the demand.

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Kwang Tung, 1 mace and 44 candareens.....	.30
Hong Kong Copper Cent, very fine10
Japan, 1 sen, copper, size of cent.....	.10

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Panama Provisionals.

1894 1c on 2c rose, (17).....	\$0.05
1894 1c on 2c rose, (18).....	.08
1894 1c on 2c rose, (17 and 18), horizontal pair15
1894 5c on 2c lilac, (19) .....	.12
1894 5c on 2c lilac, (20)16
1894 5c on 2c lilac, (20b)50
1894 5c on 2c lilac, (19 and 20b), vertical pair75

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Transvaal 1887, 10sh fine, used.....	1.40
Transvaal 1887, 5sh fine, used	1.50
Transvaal 1890, 2sh 6d fine, used	1.50
Transvaal 1896, 1sh fine, used12
Transvaal 1896, 6d, 4d, 3d, each.....	.25
Transvaal 1896, 2d used.....	.08
Marshall Islands 1897, complete.....	5.00
Sweden, 17 ore grey	3.00
Cuba 1891, 20c blue, used, \$1.00: unused	1.90
Finland 1892, 5 and 10 marks, used.....	2.50
Finland Mourning stamp 1p (suppressed)10
U. S. A. 1862, No. 75a, 5c brick-red, new	100.00
British Central Africa 1895, 1d to 1sh, new	1.85
Transvaal £1 green	6.50
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Porto Rico 40c orange, new.....	8.00

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The one hundred and fifth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, April 16th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

The exhibition of U. S. Departments, Periodicals and Postage Dues, will take place at this meeting. This will be the second of the series of competitive exhibits to be held this year. Undoubtedly many fine collections will be entered.

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last month), will be held at this meeting. Come, and bring some friend who is interested in stamps. We want new members.

The March Meeting.

The one hundred and fourth regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, March 19th, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and 38 members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Library Committee reported that they desired to postpone the auction for the benefit of the Library until the April meeting, as they had not received as many contributions of stamps as they thought they ought to have. Accepted.

The following applications for membership were presented:

- MR. LUCIEN E. TAYLOR, Cambridge; proposed by Gordon Ireland.
- MR. W. R. BUTLER, Dorchester; proposed by W. H. Colson.
- MR. HENRY J. CROCKER, San Francisco, Cal.; proposed by M. H. Lombard.
- MR. ALBERT E. RHODES, Wollaston; proposed by H. Smith.
- MR. LOUIS P. HOWE, Marlboro; proposed by W. H. Colson.
- MR. ROBERT B. SMITH, New York; proposed by E. A. Holton.
- MR. EUGENE E. LOW, W. Somerville; proposed by J. F. Capron.
- MR. A. DENNISON, Neponset; proposed by H. A. Mears.
- MR. HENRY A. MOORE, Neponset; H. A. Mears.

The following were elected members:
Mr. James M. Porter, Medford.
Mr. Frederic M. Crehore, Newton Lower Falls.

- Mr. Clifford F. Crosby, Somerville.
- Mr. Chas. S. Hill, Cambridge.
- Mr. John T. Roper, Boston.
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- Mr. J. M. Bartels, Washington, D. C.
- Mr. E. B. Power, New York City.
- Mr. F. N. Massoth, Chicago, Ill.
- Mr. J. H. Makins, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. T. Merritt Gifford, New Bedford.
- Mr. Geo. F. Waldron, Somerville.

The chair appointed the following Entertainment Committee for April, Mr. Colson, Dr. Burlleigh and Mr. Bennett.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. C. A. Howes and Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs for the interesting talks they gave at the February meeting.

After an informal auction the first exhibition of the series, United States Adhesives, was held. It was a great success. Five exhibits were entered for competition, and several other members exhibited covers and rarities but not for competition.

The judges were Messrs. E. A. Hulton, F. E. Smith and F. A. Foster. They decided the exhibits of L. L. Green and Alex. Holland were of equal merit. The New England Stamp Co. stated they would give a silver medal to each, and referred the other three exhibits to the judges for decision as to the bronze medal. They awarded it to Geo. L. Gilmore.

Meeting stood adjourned at 10.40 o'clock.

M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

Notice.

The Library Committee respectfully request members to contribute some stamp or stamps, to be sold at auction for the benefit of the Library.

Please mail such contributions at once to Mr. J. H. Lyons, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held their regular meeting on Thursday evening. There were some thirty members present. Ten new members were admitted to the Society, and six applications were received. As usual a most enthusiastic meeting was held. On the collection table we noted some fifteen collections which were entered in competition. After awarding the ribbons the chairman read the names and points of the successful contestants thus far. It is interesting to note that there are some seven or eight tie, and with only six more exhibitions there is bound to be a most lively race for first place, and win the Holland medal.

The writer looks forward to the time when rural free delivery will be an accomplished fact all over the United States. Many new routes are being established through the Central States at different points. Those which have been in operation are well received by the people, and a paying investment to the government.

Advice from Washington on March 19th confirms the appointment of Mr. F. E. Coyne to succeed Mr. Chas. U. Gordon as postmaster here. Mr. Coyne has been Internal Revenue Collector of this district for the last four years.

It may be of interest to know that the Postmaster General has issued an order barring intoxicants from the mails. While such an order has been in effect it was

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Mr. Wolsieffer announces the date of the Huber sale for April 13th. It will be given at the Great Northern Hotel. Six hundred lots are to be sold. It is, by far, one of Mr. W.'s best sales.

Immediately following the above sale the Chicago Philatelic Society will hold their 12th sale. The date has not yet been decided.

The \$2.00 grey is commencing to make its appearance among our collectors. It is reported that the \$1.00 red can still be obtained at the revenue office.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, March 27th.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held as usual at Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, March 19th. At this meeting was held the first of a series of competitive exhibits for the medals offered by the New England Stamp Co., and over forty members were present. Fifteen new members were added to the roll of the Society and nine new applications were received. After the routine business was disposed of an informal auction was held, at which Mr. Batchelder secured many bargains (?). The competitive exhibition followed being of United States Postal Adhesives only. Five competitors were entered, Mr. L. L. Green, Treasurer of the Society, Mr. C. A. Howes, Vice-President-elect, Mr. Alex. Holland of Chicago, Mr. Geo. L. Gilmore, and Mr. W. R. Butler. The judges were Messrs. Holton, Smith and Foster. The judges were unable to decide between the collection of Mr. Holland and Mr. Green for first prize, and therefore declared it a tie, whereupon the donor of the medals desired to give each a silver medal and the bronze medal as second prize. At this writing the winner of the bronze medal had not been declared.

Mr. W. S. Barker, Jr., showed a very fine collection of U. S. covers not in competition. Also Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Rothfuchs exhibited a few rarities not in competition. Among them I noticed a 15c 1869 inverted, also a 24c and a 30c same issue unused and grilled all over, a Millbury, a Brattleboro, and many other rare stamps. Altogether was shown during the evening many thousand dollars worth of valuable stamps. At the April meeting will be held an auction sale the proceeds of which will be devoted to the library. Donations for this sale are earnestly solicited by the committee.

Mr. Chas. F. Fisher of Middleton, Nova Scotia, was here last week with a good stock of stamps for dealers.

The American Journal of Philately for March, 1901, gives the Monthly Journal credit for the fact that the one-half penny on one penny blue Cook Islands exists with inverted surcharge. I would say that Boston dealers have had these stamps in stock for about two years. The stocks of Boston dealers will compare favorably with any in this country.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

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" " 2a lilac	"	.08
" " 2 1/2a blue	"	.10
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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending March 30th.

Applications for Membership.

ELSTER, EMMETT E., 159 S. Division St., Buffalo, N. Y.; age, 41; occupation, Employed by Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co. References: Raynor Hubbell, Alfred L. Becker.
FEUSTMANN, JOSEPH B., P. O. Box 2162, San Francisco, Cal.; age, 46; occupation, Director of firm of Thanahouser & Co. References: A. H. Weber, H. B. Phillips; Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

New Stockholder.

1658. **DICKINSON, IRVING**, 1367 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Reinstated.

803. **ABRAHAM, WM. A.**, Care Book-er Bros., McConnell & Co., Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana.

1235. **HINRICHS, FRED**, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Changes of Address.

1594. **GOODRICH, ARCHIE C.**, from Manitou, Colorado, to Redondo, California.

574. **JOHNSON, J. F.**, from 5 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass., to 383 Lexington St., Auburndale, Mass.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership March 23rd..... 497
New Stockholder 1
Reinstated 2
Total Membership March 26th..... 500

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1 American Philatelic Association.

A regular meeting of Branch No. 1 was held Thursday, March 8th, at 8 o'clock P. M. at Room 1603 Marquette Bldg.

Members present were Messrs. Oesch, President Merell, Smack, Wolsieffer, Gurley, Doncyson, Rosenthal, Severn, Boehm, Dickinson and Flanders. Visitors present were Messrs. Massoth and Moisan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Severn, seconded by Mr. Rosenthal, that we, Chicago Branch No. 1, donate \$5.00 from the treasury, to the Membership Committee to be used in helping to defray expenses that will arise in connection with the work assigned to the committee and that members of the Branch be asked to donate stamps to be auctioned at some later day and the revenue derived from the same to be used for the above purpose.

Mr. Massoth kindly donated the back page of his next auction catalogue to the Membership Committee for advertising purposes. Moved by Mr. Gurley seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer that the Branch shall hold an informal dinner about April 6th if arrangements can be made. Mr. Oesch and Mr. Massoth were asked to make all necessary arrangements for the same.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

P. J. FLANDERS, Secretary.

The New England Philatelic Association.

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48 3c Jubilee, .25	46 5c "
100 3c Leaves, .20	46 5c Numeral, .12
70 3c "	100 2c green, .10
20 3c "	500 1c yellow, .35
1000 2c Numeral, .80	1500 1c Numeral, .75
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800 1 sen "	630 10 " "
1000 2 " "	430 5 " Norway, .25
400 10 " "	200 10 " "
500 1p Cape, new, .30	300 20 " "
450 1p old, .30	300 8 " Denmark, .50
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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

The Springfield Stamp Club, which is now about seven years old and meets at the homes of the members every two weeks, held a large and pleasant meeting with W. C. Stone last Friday.

Quite an interest is being shown in stamps on the original cover. One member collecting in this way only.

About twenty-five stamp cranks called at the Cooly House to see Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. and the lots in their next auction sale.

"There was a general pulling on of boots and dropping of smokes" when in walked several lady collectors and later the Postmaster and son.

Keeping the rarer stamps under thin mica was quite a novelty to the ladies, and they looked a little disappointed at not being able to put their fingers on them.

I notice a general leaning to the special country idea, and when a country is complete up to the "higha fellers," it don't seem to stagger the boys the way high price stamps used to, they go right ahead and get them.

STAMP CRANK.

Chicago Philatelic Society,
 1603 Marquette Building.



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 Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 342nd regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, March 21st, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by President Merrell with the following members present: Messrs. Bauer, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Dickinson, Dodd, Doncyson, Edmonds, Flanders, Fowler, Geldert, Gurley, Holland, Kline, Lefever, Massoth, Merell, Moisant, Nixon, Oesch, Schlieckert, Schmidt, Severn, Smack, Wolseley, Wolsieffer, Arndt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Flanders of the Collection Committee reports receiving quite a number of donations of stamps.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Trumbull White for his address before the Society at the previous meeting.

Chairman Oesch of the Exhibition Committee appointed Messrs. Severn, Massoth and Dickinson as judges of collections for the evening.

The Judges' awards were as follows:
 In Class "A"—Mr. Chas. Smack received

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highest award. Mr. S. T. S. Doncyson received second award; with honorable mention for Mr. C. B. Geldert.

In Class "B"—Mr. A. Holland received highest award. Mr. H. W. Wolseley received second award.

Report of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board elected to membership the following:

- N. J. Petersen, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 662.
- Edwin Werner, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 663.
- Walter C. Nelson, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 664.
- El. Fink, Dunkirk, N. Y.; Passive, No. 665.
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- Wm. H. Voas, Buffalo, N. Y.; Passive, No. 669.
- Scott F. Redfield, Smethport, Pa.; Passive, No. 670.

The resignation of Mr. Edward Mendel has been accepted.

The following applications were ordered posted:

- F. L. SUTHERLAND, 6513, Ingleside Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Active membership; proposed by F. N. Massoth.
- WM. KOUGH, 670 Fulton St., Chicago, Ill.; Active membership; proposed by M. F. Kline.
- JOHN B. TINGLEY, Box 791, Schenectady, N. Y.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- HOBART ROBERTS, 420 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- BACHE, MCE WHITLOCK, 59 William St., New York City, N. Y.; Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- H. A. BORGMANN, Care Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Mo.

The treasurer reports balance on hand \$106 84. After which the meeting adjourned.

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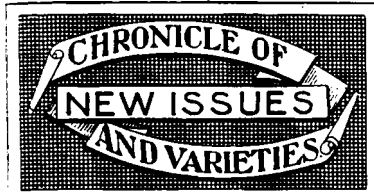
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRAZIL.—The *A. J. of P.* lists a 50 reis Unpaid Letter stamp in the new type adopted in 1895.

Adhesive (Unpaid Letter):
50 reis, yellow-green.

CHILE.—Mr. G. S. McKearin has shown the *A. J. of P.* the 1 peso brown, imperforate horizontally.

CRETE.—That this country is to have a set of Postage Due stamps seems to be an established fact, but authorities disagree as to what the color will be, some giving olive and others vermilion. The design also seems to be in question, and when the smoke has cleared away I will list this new set.

EGYPT.—The 1 piastre envelope letter has been changed from blue on bluish to grey on greyish according to the *P. J. of G. B.*

Letter Card:
1pi grey on greyish.

FINLAND.—In number 405 I listed all of the new set but the 2p orange. I have had this value on hand for some weeks and am unable to account for my tardiness in listing it.

Adhesive (Regular):
2p orange.

GIBRALTAR, Morocco Agencies.—The *Monthly Journal* tells of a curious error or misprint:

We are shown a specimen of the 5c Card surcharged in two lines "Morocco—Agency.", the second word in the singular and with a stop after it. This, we are told, was the first form of the overprint impressed at Gibraltar. It has every appearance of being genuine, and we believe it to be so, but it is curious that this variety should only have appeared on the cards.

NATAL.—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles a new registration envelope for this colony.
Registration Envelope:
4d blue, stamp on flap.

PERSIA.—I have already listed some of the double surcharged stamps and given a very lucid statement as to the circumstances connected with them (404), but I find I omitted two values, the 1sh gray and the 4sh vermilion. I have received some of the new provisionals consisting of the 8 shahi surcharged "5 shahi," the surcharge consisting of the numeral "5" in modern and Persian numerals and a scroll underneath.

Adhesives (Provisionals):
1sh gray on 1899 surch. issue.
4sh vermilion on 1899 surch. issue.
5sh on 8s brown, 1894.

NETHERLANDS.—The *Monthly Chronicle* lists a 30c Unpaid Letter stamp in the current type but states that the 40c and 50c have not yet been issued.

Adhesive (Unpaid Letter):
30c green and black.

TURKEY.—An English exchange is authority for the statement that two new sets of stamps are to be issued one for interior postage and the other foreign. The date fixed for issuance was March 14th. It is also stated that a set of Postage Due stamps similar in type to the issue of 1892, printed on bright red paper is to appear at the same time. I will delay listing these sets until it is known in what colors they are to be printed.

TUNIS.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles three values in new colors, the 10c in carmine, the 15c in grey and the 25c in blue. This seems to be in the case of the 10c and 25c at least a conforming to the dictum of the powers that pass upon international postal union matters.

Adhesives (Regular):
10c carmine.
15c grey.
25c blue.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, April 3rd.

I take pleasure in announcing that Mr. Geo. L. Gilmore was the winner of the second prize at the competitive exhibition at the Boston Philatelic Society, held at the March meeting. This superb collection has only to be seen to be appreciated.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 68th sale, to be held on April 30th, contains many good stamps. Among other stamps I notice the 15c 1869 inverted, a 3c August type, unused; also

the U. S. Revenues, practically complete, including inverted medallions. Probably some record prices will be recorded on some of these stamps.

The Post Office Department reports that books of 2 cent postage stamps are averaging a sale of 18,500 a day throughout the United States. The fraction of a cent which the government earns on the sale of a single book has amounted, in the eleven months during which they have been on sale at all post offices, to the handsome net profit of \$33,672.

All the dealers report the mail order business as good, and especially the boy trade. We notice some of our dealers have employed extra help to attend to this latter branch of their business.

A new philatelic term "Perforated in the effigy." Did you ever hear of it? I never did until the other day. A dealer has a customer who, when writing for stamps, instead of saying, do not send stamps off center, requests that stamps must not be perforated in the effigy. This party resides in a near-by state and should a dealer receive an order from this eccentric individual he will save himself time, trouble, and annoyance if he will return his money with the notation "all out." At least so says one of our prominent Boston dealers. However, I have seen some unused stamps returned by this crank because he claims they were perforated in the effigy. I examined these stamps in question and found them perfectly centered, full gum never had a hinge, brilliant color, in fact mint state. I have noticed one of our prominent philatelic papers has occasionally illustrated philatelic terms, and I would like to see their artist illustrate "perforated in the effigy," as no doubt he could produce some thing which would be quite startling.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 66th sale realized over one thousand dollars to collectors disposing of their stamps.

As a sign of prosperity we notice that the Colonial Stamp Co. have moved to a larger and better office on the same floor as before, also that the Boston Stamp Co. have moved one door below, to No. 22 Bromfield street, where they will occupy offices better suited to their business.

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 2; '98, 1, 2; '75, 1/2. Norway '54, 4; '63,
 4; '67, 1, 2, 4; '72, 1, 2, 3; '77, 1, 3, 5, 20, 50; '88, 2 on
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American Journal of Philately, Vol. XIV No. 3, March:
 Making Siege Stamps.
 Stamps of the National Bank Note Company on Double Paper.

Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXIX Nos. 325, 326, January, February:
 Catalogue—New Zealand-Peru.

Canada Stamp Sheet, Vol. I No. 7, March:
 Items from England.
 \$20,000 Stamp Auction.
 "Post Office" Mauritius.

Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, No. 244, February:
 Theft of Stamps at the Post Office Department.
 Turks and Caicos Islands.
 Lord Carrington and Governor Philip.
 Don Carlos.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XIV No. 24:
 Washington Notes.
 Colonial Plate Numbers.
 American Philatelic Association.

New York Philatelist, Vol. IX No. 6, March:
 Syracuse, N. Y.
 Watermarks.
 How to Tell the Difference.
 No Change in Australians Yet.

Perforator, Vol. VII No. 1, March:
 National Philatelic Societies.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. III No. 5, March:
 Some Foreign Experiences.
 Check List of Orange River V. R. I. Surcharges.
 Philatelic Index.

Philatelic Record, Vol. XXIII No. 3, March:
 Queen Victoria's Philatelic Reign.
 Niger Territories.
 Orange River Colony.
 St. Helena.
 *A. B. Creeke, Jr.
 Mutzenbecher Sale.

Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II No. 24, March 21:
 Century of Postal Development.
 About Philatelic Exhibitions.
 Pacific Coast Notes.
 Chicago Notes.

Revue Philatelique Francaise, Vol. XI No. 121, February:
 Concerning the New French Stamps.
 Philatelic Exposition at the Hague in August.
 Danger! !!
 Secret Control Marks on the French Stamps.
 Stamps of St. Pierre-Miquelon.

Revue Postale, Vol. V No. 47, March:
 Here and There.

Timbrophile Belbe, Vol. IV No. 39, March:
 Notes and News.
 Stamps of Samoa.

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 6, Feb.:
 *J. W. Percival.
 German China Provisionals.

John N. Luff in the *American Journal of Philately* gives some valuable information concerning the stamps of the National Bank Note Co. which were printed on what is called "double" paper. It has been known for a number of years that some of the Continental issues were printed on this paper but now the 3, 15, 24 and 30 cents of the 1869 issue and the 6 and 24 cents of the 1870-71 issue have turned up on the same. Mr. Luff thinks it quite probable that other values of the 1870 series may be found.

A very interesting account of the Turks and Caicos Islands appears in the *Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*. A reproduction of the arms of the islands is given which is taken from an official English government publication and it is identical with the design on the new issue of stamps.

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No.	Description	Price for 1st.	and,	2nd	3rd
100	1859, 5c vermilion, used	\$1.25	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
102	" 5c scarlet, "	1.50	1.25	1.25	1.25
112	1861, 5c vermilion, "	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.50
13	1862, 5c dull red, "	1.00	1.75	1.75	1.75
31	1872, 25c gray lilac, w	..	.35	..	..
46	1878, 25m black, used	..	.06	.04	.04
55	1880-82, 2c rose, "	..	.05	.03	.01
57	" 2 4-8 ultramarine, used,	..	.06	.04	.02
58	" 2 4-8 " " "	..	.06	.04	.02
58	" 2 4-8 " " "	..	.06	.04	.02
61	" 8c red brown, used	..	.15	.08	.05
63	" 12 4-8 bright rose	..	.06	.04	.03
64	" 20c bistre brown	..	.12	.07	..
65	" 25c brown	..	.12	.08	.06
70	1880, 2c claret	..	.03	.02	.01
71	" 2 4-8 ultramarine	..	.03	.02	.01
74	" 8c yellow green	..	.10	.07	.05
74	" 8c " " used	..	.12	.08	.06
75	" 10c blue green	..	..	.15	.10
76	" 12 4-8 yellow green	..	.12	.10	.07
77	" 20c salmon rose	..	..	.15	.12
79	1891, 10c claret	..	.04	.03	.02
81	" 25c dull blue	..	.12	.10	.07
83	1892-93, 2c gray violet	..	.05	.03	..
84	" 2 4-8 olive gray	..	.04	.03	..
85	" 5c blue green	..	.05	.04	.03
86	" 5c brown violet	..	..	.12	..
88	" 8c ultramarine	..	..	.08	.06
89	" 10c lilac rose	..	.06	.04	.03
90	" 15c red brown	..	.12	.10	.07
91	" 20c gray brown	..	.15	.12	.08
94	1894, 6c vermilion	..	.06	.04	.03
95	" 8c red brown	..	.05	.03	.02
96	" 12 4-8 orange	..	.12	.08	.06
97	" 15c rose	..	.25	.15	.10
98	" 20c dark violet	..	.18	.10	..
100	1895, 2c ultramarine	..	.03	.02	.01
101	" 2c brown	..	.03	.02	.01
106	" 10c yellow brown	..	.04	.03	.02
107	" 15c blue green	..	.15	.12	.08
108	" 20c orange	..	.15	.12	.07
109	1897, 40c dark violet	..	..	.35	..
111	1898, 1m orange brown	..	.02	.01	.01
112	" 1m " " "	..	.02	.01	.01
116	" 1c black violet	..	.03	.02	..
117	" 1c dark blue green	..	.06	.04	.03
118	" 3c dark brown	..	..	.02	.01
120	" 5c carmine rose	..	.12	.08	.05
122	" 8c gray brown	..	.08	.04	.03
125	" 20c maroon	..	.25	.15	.12
126	" 40c violet	..	.40	.25	.20
127	" 60c black	..	.60	.40	.35
128	" 80c red brown	..	.75	.50	.40
168	1879, 8c on 100m carmine, used,	..	.35	.20	.15
172	1881-88, 10c on 2 4-8 ultra	..	.20	.15	.10
176	" 10c on 2c carmine, w	..	.75	..	..
178	" 11c on 5c gray blue, used,	..	.40	.25	.15
180	" 11c on 2 4-8 ultra, w	..	..	.05	.03
182	" 16c on 2 4-8c " "	..	..	..	.40
1848	" 8c on 2 4-8c " used,	..	.12	.10	.05
193	1897, 5c on 5c gray blue, used,	2.00	1.35	1.35	1.35
196	1897, 5c on 5c gray blue, 3.00 2.75	..	..	..	..
270	1881, 16c on 2c blue, w	..	.75	..	..
274	" 62-8c on 2 4-8c gray bl, w	..	.75	..	..
300	1883-88, 2c on 250m ultra, w	..	..	.75	.50
304	" 1c on 20c " " "	..	..	1.35	..
357	1889, 2 4-8c on 1/2c green	..	.05	.03	..
361	" 2 4-8c on 5c blue	..	.04	.03	.02
401	1886, 1/2c yellow green	..	.03	.02	..
402	" 1m rose	..	.04	.03	.02
403	" 2m blue	..	.04	.03	.02
404	" 5m dark brown	..	.05	.04	.03
405	1890, 1/2c dark violet	..	.02	.01	..
406	" 1m " " "02	.01
407	" 2m " " "03	.02
408	" 5m " " "03	.02
409	1892, 1/2c blue green06	.04
410	" 1m " " "08	.06
411	" 2m " " "08	.06

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The Metropolitan Philatelist gives a list of Colonial plate numbers which is believed to be up-to-date. There is not such a rage for these strips as there was at first, but there are still many collectors who include them in their collections. The issue

of the Pan-Americans will no doubt stimulate the demand somewhat, for it will be comparatively easy to get most of those plates as the number is so limited.

The New York Philatelist is now published by Clark W. Brown & Co. of Syracuse, N. Y. It is practically unchanged in get-up except for a new cover. In the "Fraud Reporter" is to be given every six months a list, with page references, of all the beats who have been shown up during the half year. This is a good idea and will act as a Black Book.

The Perforator is also to change hands and goes to New York state. C. B. Rice of Oswego being the publisher. The current number contains Mr. Kissinger's valedictory.

Herbert Armstrong gives some interesting experiences in the Philatelic Chronicle of his attempts to import stamps direct from foreign post offices. His experiences sound very familiar to many of us for we have been there ourselves. I have just received a high value Uganda for which I paid face value, carefully stuck on a piece of paper and postmarked and then sent under cover, when my order was decidedly different.

The Philatelic Record devotes its leading article to Queen Victoria's philatelic reign, giving a brief account of the various issues of the Empire. The illustrations are half tones and are made from picked specimens from the stock of J. W. Jones, the well known Cheapside dealer.

Mr. Nankivell commences an account of the various issues of the Niger Territories. The 1892 and 1893 issues are taken up in this first chapter and some interesting figures are shown of the quantities of stamps issued. Of the Oil Rivers surcharged set the following were issued:

1/2 penny,	50,000
1 "	50,000
2 "	42,000
2 1/2 "	72,500
5 "	36,000
1 shilling,	11,000

Of the 1893 series (Oil Rivers erased) there were two printings and nearly all the colors of the first printing were of a much darker shade than the later. The 1 shilling is an exception.

1/2 penny,	8,000	8,000
1 "	10,000	10,000
2 "	5,000	5,000
2 1/2 "	15,000	15,000
5 "	8,000	8,000
1 shilling,	5,000	5,000

To my mind the above are going to be mighty good stuff to own in the not very distant future.

Redfield's Weekly gives a review of the postal development of our country which is highly instructive. Now it costs two cents to send a letter to the far off Philippines, while in 1800 it cost six cents to send a letter thirty miles! ! !

NEW ISSUES.

PARAGUAY 1901, 2c & 4c Letter Cards, the set	\$0.08
PERU 1901, 1c and 2c Postal Cards, the set	.06
MAURITIUS 1900, 6c on 8c, single and double	.15
SALVADOR 1898, 5 varieties, complete	.25
CHILE 1900, 2c P. C. and 5c Letter Sheet	.12
POSTAGE EXTRA.	

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Argentine '92, 1p 20 black	\$0.25
1899, 30c rose	.05
Ceylon 15c blue	.02
5c black and brown	.12
75c "On Service"	.25
Entire Envelope, No. 431	.02
" Wrapper, No. 553	.02
Greece 1806, Olympian 4c	.66
" 1c	.05

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Chicago Auction!

The next regular auction of the Chicago Philatelic Society will be held at Palmer House April 17th.

This sale offers many attractions in the way of really scarce medium priced stamps and fine line of stamps on covers. There are many things to interest the dealer in the way of wholesale lots and collections. Don't forget to send for Catalogue if not already received.

How about your application of membership in our Society? Ask for Circular. *

F. N. MASSOTH, Auction Manager, 1603 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Excessively Rare Envelopes.

Bartel's No.	1853-60 Issue.	
20	6c green on white, post office state	\$5.00
21	6c red on buff	4.00
22	6c red on white	1.50
23	6c red on buff	1.50
27	10c green on buff	4.00

	1860-61 Issue.	
56	4c compound, white, post office state	\$10.00
57	4c buff	10.00

	1870-74 Reay Issue.	
139	1c blue on white, post office state	\$17.50
140	1c blue on amber	17.50
150	3c brown on amber	12.50
159	3c green on white	12.50
167	3c green on white	15.00
168	3c green on amber	15.00
169	3c green on cream	15.00
165	3c green on amber	10.00
178	3c green on white	15.00
179	3c green on amber	15.00
180	3c green on cream	15.00
185	3c green on white	20.00
186	3c green on amber	15.00
187	3c green on cream	20.00
188	3c green on white	20.00
189	3c green on amber	20.00
190	3c green on cream	20.00

All of the Reay envelopes have ruled blue lines printed on the face of the same, or the patent lines inside of the envelopes.

War Department Envelopes.

6c dark red on cream, Reay issue	\$18.50
12c dark red on white	1.00
15c dark red on white	1.50
24c dark red on white	2.25
30c dark red on white	3.00

Pilplinton Issue.

2c brown, die "B3" on white	\$50.00
2c brown, die "B3" on amber	75.00

All of the above envelopes are entire, without specimen and in beautiful condition, and I very much doubt if any dealer in the country can supply them at the prices quoted. Remember I have a very fine line of entire envelopes in stock, which I will sell at proper prices. This is just a sample of some of the rare ones I have. I have other good ones, and I think it will pay you to write me if you are interested in envelopes.

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- *Samoa 1901, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 pf25
- *South Australia 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6d75
- *Tasmania 1899, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6d, 1sh75
- *Tobago 1883, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6d, 1sh85
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to send a selection of stamps to him, care of Clifton House, Chicago. No one here knows such a person, nor is he known at this hotel.

As May 1st draws near, at least two of our members will move to new quarters. Mr. Wolsieffer, so long located at 75 State street, has several favorable locations in view but as yet has decided on none. Mr. Severn of *Mekeel's Weekly* will also vacate his office in the Journal Building.

The amount of mail matter at the Chicago post office has come in so fast this last week that it has been impossible to work it away each day, despite the fact that all the clerks put in from four to six hours overtime. While tons of commercial matter waits not a single delay was caused to first class. I will say that Mr. Wolsieffer's auction catalogue of the Huber sale was mailed Friday, March 22nd, and did not leave the Chicago post office till the following Monday night. The city edition of 1000 copies was not delivered till Tuesday.

Mr. F. N. Massoth will take his regular outing about the last of April. He contemplates being gone about two weeks and will spend the time down in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The auction of the Chicago Philatelic Society will be held Wednesday evening, April 17th, at the Palmer House. Six hundred lots of good stamps are to be sold.

I have before me *Mekeel's Weekly* for April 4th, giving a report of the C. P. S. for March 21st, which does us an injustice. Mr. Severn says, "A half-dozen new members were elected and half as many applications were received." When, as a matter of fact, nine were elected to membership, one was held over, and six new applications were ordered posted. Omega appeals to Messrs. Wolsieffer and Oesch (the C. P. S. boomers) not to let this statement go by unchallenged.

"OMEGA."

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5c Certificate	1-5	catalogue
5c Inland Exchange	1-5	"
5c Agreement	1-5	"
6c Inland Exchange	1/2	"
25c Life Insurance	1/2	"
25c Insurance	1/2	"
25c Certificate	1-5	"
50c Surety Bond	1/2	"
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\$2.00 Mortgage	1/2	"
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Have You Ever Seen One?

\$10.00 Charter Party, perf, very fine	.50
\$10.00 Mortgage, " " "	.50
\$10.00 Probate of Will, " " "	.40
\$20.00 Conveyance, " " "	.55
\$25.00 Mortgage, " " "	2.00
\$50.00 U. S. I. Rev., " " "	1.50
\$200.00 U. S. I. Rev., " " "	10.00

I have got nearly everything in the revenue line including the \$1.90 Foreign Exchange Imperforated, \$200.00 II issue, \$5.00 Proprietary and the \$100, \$500 and \$1000 present issue.

Why not write me if interested?

H. F. COLMAN,

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Panama Provisionals.

1894	1c on 2c rose, (17).....	\$0.05
1894	1c on 2c rose, (18).....	.08
1894	1c on 2c rose, (17 and 18), horizontal pair	.15
1894	5c on 20c lilac, (19).....	.12
1894	5c on 20c lilac, (20).....	.16
1894	5c on 20c lilac, (20b).....	.50
1894	5c on 20c lilac, (19 and 20b), vertical pair.	.75

All are unused. Postage extra under 50c.

WILLIAM F. PRICE, Arnold Ave., Newport, R. I.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mr. Chas. P. Lebon of Boston, were recent visitors to the Metropolis.

Mr. A. M. Trujillo has not as yet been sentenced. I hear he will have the alternative of paying a fine or going to jail. It is most likely he will do the former.

Mr. J. F. Dodge of Abbottstown, Pa., who intended to move to Massachusetts, has, at the last moment, changed his mind. He has decided to stay where he now resides for the time being, if not permanently.

The following clipping received from the Press Department of the Pan-American Exposition may prove of interest to convention goers:

There are 5,000,000 or more persons in the United States who devote more or less of their time to the collection of stamps, coins, pictures, curios, etc., and the majority of them are members of the societies of collectors. Among these are: The American Society of Curio Collectors, the Philatelic Sons of America, The American Philatelist Association, The American Numismatist Association, the American Camera Club Exchange and the Illustrated or Souvenir Card Exchange. These and many other associations of collectors will hold their annual meetings in Buffalo during the week beginning August 19th, while the Pan-American is in progress.

On account of the many attractions offered by the Exposition and Niagara Falls, and the extraordinary opportunities which the collectors will have for adding to their specimens, it is expected that this will be the most largely attended meeting of the different associations ever held.

On March 30th Postmaster-General Smith issued an order extending the Domestic rates and classification of postage to mail matter passing between the United States and Cuba, Guam, Samoa and the Philippine Islands. The franking privilege on government letters and documents is also extended to those islands by the same order.

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A SUGGESTION WORTHY OF EMULATION.

MARYVILLE, TENN., March 18, 1901.
MR. W. W. JEWETT,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Since becoming a member of the A. P. A. I have always been much interested in its welfare, and especially in anything that would advance the Association's interests.

Accordingly, at the last convention, I suggested to Mr. Wolsieffer (who held my proxy) that he bring before the convention the idea of a Membership Committee, to look after securing new members, and in other ways advertising the Association to collectors at large.

Mr. Wolsieffer kindly did as requested and now we have a Membership Commit-

tee which has recently been appointed by President Toppan, and from the way they are starting out they mean business.

They have already prepared a circular letter for members to enclose in their correspondence and now they have in preparation a booklet enlarging upon the benefits derived from membership.

I think that the committee ought to have \$40 or \$50 to carry on their work properly. I believe this is a fair estimate and now, to avoid drawing on the treasury for the necessary amount, I propose starting a fund which might be termed the Membership Fund, which will consist of contributions of members to the Membership Committee for use in their work. I am going to start the fund by sending \$1.00 to the Committee, and if this plan meets the approval of the members, I would suggest that members contribute in sums of 25 cents to \$1.00 and same be duly acknowledged in the official journal.

If this plan seems to you to be a wise one I would like to see it presented in the ERA at your earliest convenience.

Wishing you continued success, I am,
Sincerely,
F. W. CONING.

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I have a lot of 1st Issue Revenues to exchange for U. S. Postage or Revenues not in my collection, among the lot are 1c P. Cards, \$1.00 Mortgage and \$2.00 P. of W. (many are on the original deeds and mortgages). John Wilson, Box 480, Wapakoneta, O.

Mexico. I offer good Exchange for all kinds of Mexican stamps, unused preferred. L. Lazarus, 1152 Washington St., Oakland, Cal. [13]

Will exchange entire envelopes Die A and B 2c orange on white, buff and amber, for foreign stamps not in my collection. If interested in oranges write me. R. J. Hummel, Baton Rouge, La. [15]

I have several hundred species of fossils all correctly identified and in fine condition, to exchange for U. S. or foreign stamps. Robert Jones, 15 New St., Catskill, N.Y.

Wanted: Proofs of all kinds particularly Revenue Proprietary, Match, Medicine and Playing Cards—Will give good exchange in U. S. Stamps or Proofs—Send on approval and state your wants. Albert E. Chase, Box 1173, Brunswick, Maine. [41117*

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.

The acidic A, No. 5, orange on white, entire envelopes, sent to New York over a year ago for inspection, will be placed on sale as well as other sizes and papers. If interested in Orange Envelopes write me for prices or will send on approval to responsible persons. These envelopes have stood the test and collectors would do well to buy now. R. J. HUMMEL, Baton Rouge, La. [14]

If you want to buy the 1c black Powell Match, No. 3248 unused, fine, write me. H. J. Douglass, Champlain, N.Y.

I want to buy \$1.00 and \$2.00 Omaha stamps, unused. Will pay face value if well centered and perforated on four sides. J. R. VIETS, 26 Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass. [13*

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20 var. Belgium including Brussell Ex., 15c.
4 varieties Gold Coast, 6c.
6 varieties Honduras 1852, unused, 15c.
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N. & P. 1c to \$60 (25), Card Proofs, \$5.00.
Revenue Proofs wanted, what have you? [12*
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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending April 6th.

Applications for Membership.

CASWELL, M. D., S. J., Rockford, Ill.; age, 53; occupation, Druggist. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch.
SMITH, ETHELBERG L., Hope, Arkansas; age, 21; occupation, Salesman and Farmer. References, A. F. Merrell, John J. Oesch, S. T. S. Doncyson.
STREISSGUTH, HERMAN H., 1305 Chestnut St., Milwaukee, Wis.; age, 27; occupation, Photo-Engraver. References: S. T. S. Doncyson, A. F. Merrell, John J. Oesch.

New Stockholder.

1659. BAUER, WM. H., 32 Eugenie St., Chicago, Ill.

Application for Re-instatement.

976. STIMPSON, FRANK E., 28 Sever St., Worcester, Mass.

Reinstated.

601. BALLHAUSEN, CHARLES WILLIAM LEWIS, District Survey Office, Dubbo, N. S. W.

Changes of Address.

1609. SHOVE, ERWIN L., from Unionville, N. Y., to Lock Box 544, Middletown, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership March 30th..... 500
New Stockholder 1
Reinstated 1
Total Membership April 6th 502

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,

WINONA, MINN., March 29, 1901.

294 books on hand according to my last report, value..... \$9,225.18
42 books received since my last report, value..... 1,559.33

336 books on hand valued at... \$10,784.51
13 books retired since March 15, (from which has been sold \$117.95) value..... 526.40

323 books in circulation at present time valued at \$10,258.11

The fact that the sales of the Department have been more than \$500.00 for the month of March shows that a good class of stamps are being sent in and that members are pricing their stamps expecting to sell them.

The patronage of this Department is on the increase, but I wish other members would become identified with it.

H. G. SMITH, Supt.

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Indianapolis, Ind., Notes.

Other additions to the fast increasing list of pre-cancelled stamps will be made soon at Indianapolis as Postmaster McGinnis has received authority from Washington to sell pre-cancelled stamps to reputable firms, in large quantities in sheets of one hundred. The words "Indianapolis, Ind.," will be printed across the face of each stamp, but there will be no firm name and, of course, no date. This measure is designed as a relief for the overworked force of the post office, as the additions to the staff recently allowed will not be available before July 1st. The firms using the stamps will classify their mail by states before sending it the post office.

The Indianapolis Philatelic Society is dead, after more than a year of fairly successful work. There were a couple of good exhibitions and several fairly remunerative sales, but toward the last it got so that Egan, Fiscus and Babcock were about the only attendants, and the boys evidently got tired of looking at each other's faces, so they disbanded. There are a number of owners of unusually fine collections in Indianapolis, but they are "blue-stockings," and, of course, exclusive and selfish. They could not be induced to join the society, and their collections are kept for the delectation of themselves and the members of their social "sets," which is hardly in keeping with the spirit of Free Masonry which is the usual mark of followers of the noble art of philately. There is a probability, however, that an attempt will be made to re-organize the club in the late summer or early fall, and I understand that an effort will be made to arouse interest in the project by an elaborate exhibition at an earlier date.

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To those members who hold the above views I will say: "Try one book of good stamps and one of cheap stamps and then judge the department by results and not by supposition.

A few more words regarding the placing of stamps in books. Do not place stamps on the cover page or the reverse side of any leaf.

Do not place more than one stamp in a space, it confuses when the stamps have been removed and are being checked up.

It is impossible to have one person first on all circuits as well as to send a circuit of Danish West Indies, British West Indies or British North America, inasmuch as one circuit of any of the three, were the stamps all different, would be more than a complete collection in itself. Always remember that you receive 800 stamps every time you receive a circuit.

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Philatelic Press Review.

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Adhesive, Vol. II No. 4, April:

Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
*Samuel Jory.
Review of the Omaha Stamps.

Australian Journal of Philately, Vol. I No.

6, February:
Requiescat in Pace.
Our New Monarch.
Federal Prospects.
An Appreciation of Stamp Collecting.
Philately as an Aid to Culture—Geography.
Queen Victoria in Relation to Philately.

American Philatelic Magazine, Vol. V No.

5 (53), February:
Publicity is the Best Policy.
New Revenue Law.

Buckeye Philatelist, Vol. I No. 1, March:

Stamps of North America.
Artistic Collectors.
Hawaiian Stamps Burned.
Special Delivery Stamp.

Bric-a-Brac, Vol. XXVII No. 4 (268), April:

Royalty on Tour.

Bay State Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 3 (31),

March:
French Stamps of 1849 Used in the Colonies.
U. S. Postal Methods in Cuba and Porto Rico.

Brown's Advertiser, Vol. IV No. 54, March:

Advertisements only.

Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. XI No. 3,

March:
Advancement of the Post in Persia.

Columbus Philatelist, Vol. I No. 3, March:

The Queen's Stamps.
Philadelphia Notes.
*Shirley E. Moisant.

Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XII

No. 3, March:
Stamps of the Netherlands.
German Southwest Africa 25pf (Eagle Type).

Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XV No. 197,

March 15:
Recent Issues of Salvador.
Stamps of France and Colonies.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vol. IX No.

5 (101), February:
Stamps of Haiti.
Mafeking Stamps.
Place of Issue of Stamps of Austrian Italy.

General Anzeiger fur Philatelle, Vol. XIX

No. 374, March 5:
Advertisements only.

International Philatelic Review, Vol. III

No. 2, March:
Status of Reprints.

International Philatelist, Vol. X No. 4,

April:
Publisher's advertisements only.

Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol.

X No. 3, March:
*Dominik Stadlbauer.
German Marine Posts.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV

No. 15 (536), April 11:
Chicago, Boston, New York Notes.
"Baby-Head" Types of Cuba etc.
Origin of the Stamps of Corientes.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XV No. 1,

April 6:
Washington Notes.
English Letter.

Morley's Philatelic Journal, Vol. II No. 3,

March:
U. S. Philippine Fiscals.
Philately as an Aid to Culture from the Loyalist's
Standpoint.
Fiscal Catalogue—Argentine Republic.

National Philatelic News, Vol. I No. 4,

March:
The Honored Mexicans.
Why the Prices of Stamps Advance.
Anti-Kissinger Crusade.

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXIV No. 7 (157),

March:
Philatelic Opportunities of Today.
The Library.
Looking Backward.
Post Offices.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. X No. 2, Feb.:

Exit Mafekings.
Hamburg.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. X No. 3 (55),

March:
U. S. Minutemen.
Outskirts of Philately.

Philatelic Inter-Ocean, Vol. III No. 8 (18),

March:
Philately.
Unjust Criticism.

Philatelic Record (Canada), Vol. I No. 4,

April:
Royal Series of Newfoundland.
Philatelic Literature.
Duke of Cornwall and York.

Philatelist, Vol. XXII No. 3 (276), March:

Imperial Postal Museum at Berlin.
International Stamp Exhibition at the Hague.

Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. V No. 2,

February:
Victoria Regina et Imperatrix 1819-1901.
Philately in the Indian Post Office Report.
Indian Philately in the New Bright and Scott.
Notes on Mr. Luff's Article on Br. East Africa etc.
Oldenburg.
Wei-hai-Wei Courier Post.

Philatelle Francaise, Vol. X No. 83, Feb.:

Stamps of Roumania.
Notes on the Stamps of Greece.
Stamps of the United States.

Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II

No. 26, April 4:
Stamps of Chile.
New York Notes.

Smyth's Philatelic Circular, No. 55, March:

King Edward VII.
Japanese Postal Curiosity.

Stamps, Vol. V No. 3 (51), March:

Philately and Charity.
Stamps of the United States—1855 Issue.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VII No.

157, March 16:
Origin of the Stamps of Corientes.
For a Red Penny Stamp.

Swap, Vol. II No. 3, March:

Word of Advice.

Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt, Vol. XI

No. 3, March:
Society News etc.
Forgery and Fraud Departments.

Mr. Thiele continues his interesting papers in the *Adhesive* treating of the arrangement of stamps in sheets. The present article takes up the British North American Colonies.

Mr. Albert H. Hall has been secured by Mr. Chapman as a member of his staff and

contributes an entertaining article treating of the recent overturning of certain well-known stamps.

The *Australian Journal of Philately* contains as usual a lot of entertaining reading. "Federal prospects from a philatelic standpoint" are discussed at length, and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that the Commonwealth stamps will be issued "by and by."

The *Buckeye Philatelist* is a new arrival hailing from Columbus, and is very neatly gotten up and well printed.

The *Bay State Philatelist* gives some information concerning the use of the French stamps of the 1849 issue in the Colonies from 1851 down to the issue of the Eagle type. Much of the information given is translated from the *Gazette Timbrologique*. A very good summary is also given of the post offices in Cuba and Porto Rico under the United States management.

Another new journal is the *Columbus Philatelist*, which is edited and published by Geo. W. Linn. It is much better gotten up than the average amateur journal and is quite readable.

The various overprints that have been inflicted upon the issues of Salvador are very interestingly written up in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* and one is able to bring a little order out of the chaotic mess which has been chronicled during the past few months.

The *International Philatelic Review* has sadly deteriorated since it changed hands. The typographical appearance of the last issue is simply a botch.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden informs the Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* that Guam will have no more surcharged stamps. The Navy Department will cease to handle the postal revenues and the island will be on a par with Porto Rico, Hawaii and Tutuila. Hic jacet etc.

A. Preston Pearce has another article in *Morley's Philatelic Journal* treating of the fiscal issues for the Philippines under

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United States rule. A number of new discoveries have been made since the first article appeared last October, and light is thrown on many dark points. The article is to be continued.

The fiscal catalogue supplement concludes the list of Argentine Document series and commences the Foreign Bills.

There will be a red hot campaign this year in the P. S. of A., judging by the two page and a half attack on C. W. Kissinger in the *National Philatelic News*. Treasurer Barnum is the writer and if what he states is so, it is high time things were changed. That the society has been a personal one since its organization is an open secret.

E. H. Wilkinson has a good article on philatelic libraries in the *Philatelic Bulletin* this month. He speaks of the various society libraries and how little they are used, and urges that they be boomed and brought into notice so that collectors will make more use of them. Good.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* takes up the catalogues recently issued by Scott and Bright and points out numerous errors in the Indian portion of each. In Scott the 1/2 anna grey has not been surcharged On H. M. S., nor has the 2 1/2 annas of any color been surcharged. The 2 annas "short" service stamp does not exist with green surcharge.

In Afghanistan Nos. 191-195 are fiscals, as are the four high values of Bhor. Busahir is a little mixed and most of the native Faridkots should be omitted. Kishengarh is practically useless. Talcher never issued stamps. The so-called surcharge is a private mark similar to the initials perforated by business firms to prevent thieving.

J. Godinho furnishes some notes on the provisionals of British East Africa and Zanzibar in corroboration of John N. Luff's article which appeared in the *American Journal of Philately*.

The article on the stamps of Roumania in the *Philatiste Francais* is carried down through the 1868 issue and is full of detail, making it extremely valuable to the specialist.

Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post contains the concluding part of the Chilean article by John Peltz. Most of the paper, however, aside from the advertisements, is taken up with plate matter relating to the Pan-American exposition.

Grant Francis' article in *Stamps* contains some excellent diagrams showing the different types of the 1851-55 issue of the United States. They are considerably enlarged and show at a glance the variations.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Geo. Dimmock entertained the stamp club last, and what he don't know about bugs and stamps cannot be found in the books, or around his Rushville Home.

The suppressed Finland mourning stamp sells freely at our auctions and of the local company for 20 cents. I see one dealer advertises it for 10 cents in the last ERA.

Most of the old members think stamps are coming in strong for the next few years but the condition of a stamp will make the quoting of price of little value unless the stamp is seen.

We are all bidding on the numerous auctions, some for stamps they want, some for bargains. The results are waited for much the same as one waits for a list of the lucky numbers in a lottery drawing.

Fifteen lady members present at every meeting. Can any other city do as well? They don't buy many stamps, but you ought to see them come rushing out, when they hear their husbands' voice bid eight or ten dollars for a stamp. Visions of new bonnets fade away and they always ask "Who bought that stamp?"

The boys find the club auction a great attraction for their pennies. J. Arthur Wainwright of Northampton, who generally attends, always has some job lots for them. He is now in one of the Southern states looking up a gold mine.

One of our members bought a gold-brick a while ago. It came in the nature of an \$30.00 stamp of the Two Sicilies, No. 8, and was put up as doubtful and brought \$1.25. There is no doubt about it now. It was unwatermarked.

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The 343rd regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday evening, April 4, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St. The president not being present, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Geldert with the following members present: Messrs. Allin, Baldwin, Birr, Dahl, Dickinson, Dodd, Doncyson, Edmunds, Flanders, Fowler, Geldert, Lefever, Luckens, McGuffin, Massoth, F. Michael, Moisant, Nixon, Oesch, Petersen, Robie, Stebbin, Severn, Schliecker, Welcker, Wolsieffer, Arndt. There were present as visitors Messrs. Eckwald, F. L. Sutherland, J. L. Sutherland and Geo. Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Flanders of the Collection Committee reports receiving stamps to the valuation of \$78.40. This does not include stamps recently received.

Chairman Oesch of the Exhibition Committee appointed for judges for the evening Messrs. F. Michael, Stebbins and Baldwin.

In Class "A"—Mr. Irving Dickinson received highest award. Mr. P. J. Flanders second.

In Class "B"—Mr. H. W. Wolsieley received highest award.

The chairman desires that all members hand in names of countries they would like to have exhibited the second six months.

Report of the Governing Board. The Governing Board elected to membership:

- F. L. Sutherland, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 671.
- Wm. Kough, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 672.
- John B. Tingley, Schenectady, N. Y.; Passive, No. 673.
- Hobart V. Roberts, Utica, N. Y.; Passive, No. 674.
- Brace McE. Whitlock, New York City, N. Y.; Passive, No. 675.
- H. A. Borgmann, St. Louis, Mo.; Passive, No. 676.
- Geo. J. Carter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Passive, No. 677.

The following applications were ordered posted:

- CHAS. HUSTACE, JR., Honolulu, H. Islands, Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- W. W. KING, Ponce, Porto Rico, Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- R. F. CHAMBERS, 89 Courtland St., Providence, R. I., Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.
- W. E. COLSON, Salem, Mass., Passive membership; proposed by S. T. S. Doncyson.
- R. S. Appleton was dropped by limitation.

Change of address: R. D. McGuffin, 408 No. Central Ave., Austin, Ill.

The treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$109.59. After which the meeting adjourned.

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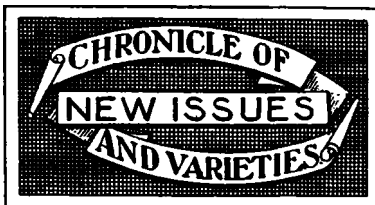
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Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CHILE.—*Mekeel's News* is informed by a correspondent that the surcharged 5 on 30c carmine recently chronicled exists with an inverted surcharge.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer has sent me a new Letter Sheet 5c blue on white. It apparently is the L S 1, listed in Scott's, just making its appearance.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—The postal emissions of this Republic are becoming so frequent that one is almost tempted to place it in the same category with the Indian States. Indeed it is very difficult to keep track of all the provisionals that come to light. The *Metropolitan Philatelist* thus describes the latest:

"We are indebted to Mr. Henry Clotz for the sight of a new provisional stamp used on a letter mailed at Tumaco, Jan. 31. It is of crude manufacture, being simply a small oblong piece of white paper printed in black in three lines 'Pago \$0.20—El agente Postal—Manuel E. Jimenez.' It is obliterated with the regular cancelling mark and also the dating stamp."

CUBA.—J. C. Morganthau contributes to the last number of *Mekeel's News* particulars of two distinct varieties in the Baby Head issues, 1890-96, of Cuba, Philippines and Porto Rico:

"Some values have been found only in Type I, others only in Type II, while a few exist in both types. The variety is found in the wavy lines of the corner ornaments, which, in type I are almost composed of scallops, whereas in Type II it is a thin wavy line especially noticeable in upper right hand corner, not wearing of the plate, as both types are found on same sheet, often side by side, and there are other points of difference."

INDIA, *Faridkot*.—My chronicle of the surcharged 12 annas for use in this state is somewhat belated, but this oversight I am sure will be pardoned in the light of the frequency of Indian emissions.

Adhesive (Regular):
 12 annas, brown on red.

MONACO—I have received from Wm. B. Hale copies of the new Monaco stamps. The design is the same as that previously in use, the colors being changed. I list *Adhesives (Regular):*

5c green.
 10c rose.
 15c brown.
 25c blue.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The provisional Post Card heralded in number 409

DON'T NEGLECT NEW ISSUES.

TRANSVAAL 1 penny, surcharged "V. R. I."	\$0.06
SIAM 1900, 1½ and 4 atts	.10
SARAWAK 1807, 3c carmine	.08
" 1809, 4c on 3c carmine	.10
" 1900, 4x4c carmine	.15
HOLLAND 1901, 2½c and 5c single and double	.20
POSTAGE EXTRA.	

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Argentina '92, 1p 20 black	\$0.25
1899, 3c rose	.05
Ceylon 15c blue	.18
75c black and brown	.12
75c "On Service"	.25
Entire Envelope, No. 431	.02
" Wrapper, No. 553	.02
Greece 1895, Olympian 40c	.06
1 dr.	.05

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What have you to offer for any of these, in quantities of 10 or more?
 Luxemburg '92, 37½; '50, S. P. '81, 1°. Malta '85, ½, 2½. Mauritius 93, 1 Montenegro '71, 5. Mozambique '86, 100. Netherlands '59, 10; '67, 5. N. S. Wales '82, 5 green; '86 duty paper, 1; '88, 4, 6. New Zealand '74, 2; '98, 1, 2; '75, ½. Norway 54, 4; '63, 4; '67, 1, 2, 4; '72, 1, 2, 3; '77, 1, 3, 5, 20, 50; '88, 2 on 10; '90, 35, 50. Orange Rep. ½, 1, 2. Persia '89, 5, 10. Portugal '62, 25; '66, 25; '71, 5.
 No unsaleable or damaged stamps wanted.

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FAULTLESS

has become a reality. The 1½d Cape of Good Hope Card has been surcharged in black, in three lines "O. R. C. One Penny."

SIAM.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer has sent me two Cards that I may have already listed in numbers 365 and 367. They are the values 1½ atts red on yellow and 4 atts red on buff. In the former we have a full face view of the king and in the latter the view is in profile. The inscriptions on the 4 atts show that the Card is to be used for international correspondence.

TURKEY.—I have received full sets of the new issues designed for internal and international use. The designs are in keeping with the past productions of this country and I need not attempt any description. These sets arrive too late for me to enter a description of colors in this week's issue. By next week I shall have opportunity to classify in accordance with the color chart.



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Not of our ancestors but of the '98 Proprietary Revenues with the *new Roulette* in singles, pairs and blocks, *finely centered*.

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 - *Hawaii 1882, 10c black, used or new, No. 40... .90
 - *Hawaii 1882, 15c brown, used or new, No. 41... 1.40
 - *Hawaii 1883, 12c red lilac, used or new, No. 46 1.25
 - *Hawaii 1883, 50c red, o. g., fine, No. 48..... 6.50
 - *Hawaii 1883, 50c red, no gum, No. 48..... 4.25
 - *Hawaii 1883, 50c red, used, No. 48..... 3.75
 - *Hawaii 1883, \$1.00 cherry red, o. g., No. 49... 9.00
 - *Hawaii 1883, \$1.00 cherry red, heavily can., No. 49 2.00
 - *Hawaii 1883, \$1.00 cherry red, Maltese cross, Cancellation, No. 40..... 3.00
 - *Hawaii 1893, 12c red lilac, red surcharge, no gum, No. 62..... 3.90
 - *Hawaii 1893, 12c red lilac, black surcharge, no gum, No. 69..... 8.00
 - *Hawaii 1893, \$1.00, no gum, No. 73..... 3.50
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- Hawaii 1893, 1c green, (35)..... \$0.04
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 - Siam 1894, 2c on 64c lilac and orange, (33).... .10
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FRANK P. BROWN,

333 Washington St., - - BOSTON, MASS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Dub.

Wednesday, April 10th.

The philatelic event of the week in Boston was the New England Stamp Co.'s auction sale of the John E. Burton collection of postage stamps, which occurred Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 9th and 10th, at Wesleyan Hall. Mr. J. H. Lyons, auctioneer, conducted the sale.

This auction brought out the largest attendance of any stamp auction for a long time. The first evening nearly fifty were present and the second evening over forty were noted. The results show what a properly advertised and exhibited sale will produce.

The prices averaged well especially the second night. Among those not usually seen at our auction sales I noticed Mr. Alex. Holland, Mr. Clarence H. Eagle and Mr. Clemons all of New York, also Mr. Washburn of Greenfield. The following prices will no doubt interest some of the ERA's readers: Four single copies of the 5c 1847 on cover, cut, cat. \$2.80, brought \$3.00; Horizontal strip of the 10c 1847 on cover, fine, cat. \$10.50, sold for \$26.00; Horizontal pair 12c 1851, fine, cat. \$3.50, brought \$3.15; Horizontal strip of three 30c 1869, lightly cancelled, cat. \$7.50, were sold for \$5.15; the so-called blue error of the 4c Columbian brought \$28.00; \$3.10 was the bid on a pair of \$1.00 Columbians unused; 2c Navy, error, listing \$40.00, brought \$31.00; a Confederate 20c on large piece of cover, also a block of six and a single unused, cat. \$2.40, brought \$2.50; a horizontal pair of the 10c Power of Attorney, imperforate, exceedingly rare, cat. \$60.00, brought \$85.00; a fine copy of the \$1.30 Foreign Exchange, imperforate, cat. \$40.00, was bid off at \$31.25; \$2.00 Probate of Will, imperforate, cat. \$40.00, was sold on a bid of \$32.50; \$30.00 was the price of the \$3.50 Inland Exchange, imperforate, listing \$50.00; \$5.00 Probate of Will sold at \$8.00, cat. at \$12.50; a \$10.00 Probate sold for \$15.50; a horizontal strip of three of the \$15.00 Mortgage in dark blue shade, cat. \$75.00, brought \$80.00; \$25.00 Mortgage, horizontal strip of 4, cat. \$100, brought \$70.00; \$50.00 Internal Revenue, strip of 5, cat. \$37.50, bid off for \$22.50; 50c Lease, part perforate vertical pair, sold for \$7.25; \$25.00 Mortgage, part perforate, horizontal pair, bid in at \$28.25. The following are perforated Revenues: 4c Playing Card, pair, fine, cat. \$16.00, sold at \$11.00; \$15.00 Mortgage, unused, sold for \$6.60; \$20.00 Probate Will, uncancelled, sold at \$25.00; \$50.00 Internal Revenue, pair on *thick paper*, sold for \$4.10; \$2.00 green and red sold at \$11.05. The following of the second issue: \$50.00, a pair sold at \$17.25; \$200.00 blue and red, uncancelled, cat. \$110.00, brought \$101.00; a \$500.00, cat. \$300.00, sold at \$152.00; a 20c Inverted Head, listing \$20.00, brought \$18.75; the inverted 5c orange, listing

STOP YOUR KICKING.

- J. Ellwood Lee, complete set, smds..... \$0.35
- " " " " 1sta..... .50
- " " " " o. g..... 1.00

The seconds are good used copies, somewhat off centre. The firsts are good used copies, as well centered as they come, but *uncancelled*. The \$1 set are fine o. g. copies, the best to be had. These copies are "outside" the syndicate and trust, as our Eastern friends put it. Only one set sold to a customer as this is a free for all snap.

Our Auction Sales are the only ones that fully explain and price each lot, and are conducted on the common sense plan "by the lot."

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| 3c | 5c | 3c, | 10c and 12c |
| 4c | 5c | 4c, | 2 1/2c and 5c |
| 10c | 18c | 6c, | 31c |
| | | 10c, | 62c and \$2.50 |

50c black and green, nice copy, green paper, \$12.50

- | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---------|-----|------|-------------|---------|-----|------|
| 1878 1c, | .01 | .01 | .93 | 4c red br., | .01 1/2 | .01 | 1.25 |
| 2c, | .01 | .01 | 1.25 | 5c, | | | .75 |
| 3c, | .02 | .02 | 1.00 | 6c blue, | .05 | .15 | 1.25 |
| 4c red, | .02 1/2 | | 1.25 | 6c violet, | | | .48 |

1878, 10c blue, fine copy, \$6.00; 1 with corner gone, \$2.00

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- France, unpaid 1894, used..... \$0.70
- Iceland 20 violet, unused, cat. 75c..... .37
- Iceland 40 green, unused, cat. \$1.50..... .95
- Mayotte 5f, used, cat. \$1.65..... .85
- Portugal 500 reis black, used, cat. \$1.50..... .90
- Tunis 5f, used, cat. \$1.40..... .70
- Hawaiian 1891, dark blue, unused, cat. \$1.50..... 1.00

1897 and 1898 Salvador's also just received.

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- 5c Proprietary, " "..... .30
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E. W. DAVIDS, 158 204 Lenox Road, FLATBUSH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

\$30.00, sold at \$27.00: 15c brown, invert listing \$75.00, brought \$83.50; \$2.50 inverted, brought \$141.00. The following Proprietary stamps were sold: The \$1.00 at \$76.00; the \$5.00 at \$335.00; another poorer copy at \$206.00; a Hawaii 5c blue 1853, thick paper, unused, bright, \$33.00; a 13c, thick white paper, unused, sold at \$10.25; 12c mauve, black surcharge, unused, sold at \$11.10; a pair of the same brought \$20.10.

As will be noted in these quotations many record prices were obtained and prices established on stamps in unlisted condition, notably in uncancelled revenues.

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1896 Issue Official Stamps

5c green
5c black brown
6c deep ultramarine
10c bright rose
12c orange
5c dull violet

Complete Set \$2.50.

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Unused, Cut Square.

Cat. No.	Fair Margins.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1372	1870, 10c plum on white.....	\$3.00	\$1.25
1373	" 15c orange	4.00	1.50
1374	" 24c purple	4.00	1.50
1375	" 30c black	3.00	1.25
1381	" 10c brown on amber.....	2.50	1.25
1386	" 9c purple	4.00	1.75
1390	" 6c carmine on cream .....	.75	.35
1391	" 12c plum	4.00	1.75
1392	" 15c orange	6.00	2.75
1395	" 90c carmine	5.00	2.25
1396	" 1c blue on orange .....	.50	.20
1397	" 3c brown .....	.25	.07
1403	1880, 3c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.25
1904	June 1884, 5c red on fawn.....	.75	.30
1909	" 5c brown on blue.....	1.00	.30
1708	1864, 2c black, die s, wrapper65	.30
1810	P. Service, black on white10	.03
1813	" blue on blue.....	.10	.03

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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10. Walter T. Wilson, 22 St. Michael's Road, Headingly, Leeds, England, G. B.; proposed by Adolph Lohmeyer.

Resignation Received.

James H. Fountain, 1027 Overton St., Los Angeles, California.

Resignation Accepted.

O. Ruprecht, 803 Union St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Election.

The following is the result of our annual election which closed on March 12th, 1901:

Total number of votes cast, 42
For President, Adolph Lohmeyer, 40
For Vice-President, Herbert A. Croghan, 39
Dr. Paul Rossberg, 2

For Secretary, T. H. Gafford, 42
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For Official Journal, WEEKLY PHIL. ERA, 34
Virginia Philatelist, 4
Meeke's Weekly, 2

Resulting in the election of the officers and the Official Journal as given above

until March 1st, 1902, or until their successors have been duly elected.

Renewals to Date.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 48*, 51, 52, 57, 58, 61*, 62*.
*These dues have been previously remitted.

Collections.

I have collected for dues since my last report \$33.00, of this amount I have remitted to the Treasurer \$31.00, the remaining \$2.00, having been received since I made my remittance to Mr. Morse.

Received.

Mr. Charles de Grave Sells of Cornigliano, Ligure, Italy, one of our corresponding members, has sent me the new Italian 10c carmine card on cream, with imprint "900."

Benefits.

Members who do not patronize the Purchasing and Exchange Departments do not know what a snap they are missing. The Purchasing Department supplies us with all new issues with only a fraction of cost above face value and the Exchange Department gives us the pick of a large selection of cards at our own homes, where we may compare with our collections, keep what we want and send the balance along to the next on the circuit. It will be to your advantage to participate in both these Departments. The cost of membership is many times outweighed by the above benefits alone.

Mr. Lohmeyer, our worthy Purchasing Agent, writes me that the year ending April 1st, 1901, shows the largest business ever done in his Department in a single year. Non-participating members wake up! And partake of the many benefits offered unto you.

If you have not yet received your 1901 Membership Certificate and a copy of the Official Souvenir, it is because you have not sent in your dues.

Please attend to it at once. Members in arrears give this matter your prompt attention.

Please to notice the list of renewals. Is your number among them? If it is not, it should be. I have sent the handsome Membership Certificate for 1901 and a copy of the Official Souvenir to every member who has paid his dues.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. GAFFORD, Secretary.
CHURCH HILL, MD., April 8, 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand February report, \$94 67
Received from Secretary, 31 00

Balance on hand, \$125 67
No payments.

J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.

BOSTON, March 30, 1901.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals since my last report:

F. L. Smith, \$3.07; Will G. Saxton, \$5.00; Paul Lazarus, \$4.79; W. D. Arnold, \$5.42; Allan Forbes, \$6.00, and Waldemar Hoffmann, \$1.10.

Distribution No. 53 was sent out on March 6th, and contained the following New Issues: Reunion, 10c; Indo-China, 10c; Peru 1900, 1c and 2c; Netherlands 1901, 2½c single and double; Togoland, Eagle Type, 5pt single and double; German Levant, 10x10pf; German East Africa, Ship Type, 3, 3x3; 5, 5x5 pcsa; Marshall Islands, Ship Type, 5, 5x5, 10x10pf, and the same for Samoa, Marianne Islands, Togoland and German China.

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" 1897, Registration, complete.....	.45
" 1898, Set, complete.....	.45
" 1898, Upside, complete.....	.45
Bermuda 1901, 1 farthing on 1sh.....	.03
Chile 1900, 5c on 30c.....	.08
New Zealand 1901, 1p local print.....	.04
" 1901, 1½p local print.....	.06

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FAULTLESS

Distribution No. 54 was made on March 30th, containing Cards from Italy, "900" 10c, and Letter Card 20c; Mauritius 6x6 on 8x8c; Netherlands, 1901, 5c; Paraguay, Letter Cards, 2c and 4c; Chile 1900, 2c, and Letter Sheet, 5c; Argentine, New Year Letter Card, 5c; Salvador, 1898, set of five.

The new Cards of Slam, ordered on April 16th, 1900, have just arrived, and will be sent out with the next distribution.

I now have the honor of submitting my SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Membership on April 1st, 1900, 29

Dropped out since, 4

New participants, entered since, 25

Present membership, 30

Amount standing to the credit of members on April 1st, 1900, as per last report, (see Virginia Philatelist, Vol. III, Page 168, \$64.05
Deposited during the year, 322 55

\$386.60

During the same period 224 new Cards were distributed to the members at an aggregate cost, including delivery, of \$308.76

Leaving to the credit of members, \$77.84
Of this amount there has been sent to foreign countries for New Issues, not yet received, \$37.11

Leaving actually in my hands, \$40.73

The 224 cards distributed cost each participant \$10.17, an average of 4½c each, and yet there are members in our Society who *can* not or *will* not see the advantages offered and rendered by this Department. Wake up!

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
BALTIMORE, MD., Purchasing Agent,
April 1st, 1901. 922 North Gilmor St

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending April 13th.

Applications for Membership.

COLSON, W. H., Salem, Mass.; age, 19; occupation, Commercial Traveller for the New England Stamp Co. References: A. W. Batchelder, M. H. Lombard. Resident Vice-President, J. F. Johnson.

PUTNEY, FREEMAN, JR., 292 Washington St., Boston, Mass.; age, 24; occupation; Clerk for the New England Stamp Co. References: E. M. Carpenter, A. W. Batchelder. Resident Vice-President, J. F. Johnson.

Change of Address.

1459. **DROSSNER, T. M.**, from 566 Bergen Ave. to 547a Summit Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Obituary.

Mr. Anthony J. Ammann, No. 650, who was dropped for non-payment of dues last December, died May 30, 1900, but his death was not reported until recently. His brother informs me that he was born at Highland, Ill., March 31, 1853. He attended the public schools there until the age of fifteen when he entered a wholesale dry goods house in St. Louis. In 1888 he returned to Highland and entered into the retail dry goods business and continued in the same business until his death, which was from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He was an enthusiastic stamp collector and at the time of his death had a very valuable collection of stamps. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Johanna F. Ammann, who still resides in Highland. His brother, Joseph C. Ammann, is Cashier of the Highland Bank.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 5, 1901.

General Fund.

Cash on hand March 1, \$103.36
Dues received in March, 18.10
Year Book, .25

Balance on hand April 1, \$121.71

Stock Fund.

Am't on hand March 1, \$1,646.00
Sub'ns rec'd in March, 6.00

Am't on hand April 1, \$1,652.00
Entertainment Fund, \$125.89

Total am't cash on hand April 1, \$1,899.60

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13 books received since my last report, value..... 296.92

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Chicago Notes.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held their regular meeting on Thursday evening; many new faces being present. It was a most important meeting. One of the subjects under consideration being to determine plans and fix rules to be used in the guidance of the exhibitions for the last half of the year. The subject was only partially settled, and will probably be brought up again when we expect some conflicting opinions. There are several more medals in prospect, one of which is a gold medal, and the probabilities are that the donors of these medals will designate what stamps are to be competed for and under what rules.

The Society's collection was on exhibition. All are well pleased now that it commences to make a showing. The Holland medal was also on exhibition. It certainly is a pleasing design and of very solid appearance. We think that the member who wins this prize will have good reason to feel proud. A short description might not be amiss: On the obverse is the well-known emblem of the Society, which represents one of Chicago's Local stamps; suitably-inscribed with wreath embellishment on the reverse, and is without doubt one of the handsomest medals ever offered in any philatelic contest.

The enthusiasm that has been displayed has been so great that several of our advanced members have decided to give medals. Mr. Wolsieffer is on the list for a gold medal.

We are sorry to learn that our esteemed member and president, Mr. Merell, is on the sick list. We hope to have him with us soon. Our Vice-President, Mr. C. B. Geldert, performed the duties of the chair in a most able manner.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer will move to 38 Madison Street, where he will be located after the first of May.

Mr. Stan Zajicek has been on the sick list for the past week, caused by long hours and overwork at the post office. Members who have not been receiving their circuits lately are requested to be patient, as he hopes to be able to send them out this week.

Mr. Massoth showed me his new price list, which will be much larger in every way from his previous ones. While late in the season to get it out, so many requests has made it necessary to issue one.

Much is being said now-a-days about the Pan-American stamps in our daily papers. The other evening a local evening paper had the pictures of stamps together with a short description of each.

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WHOLE No. 414.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, April 17th.

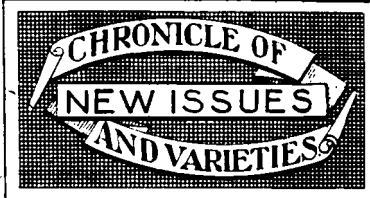
The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held at Elks' Hall, last evening. Over thirty members were present to participate in the enjoyments of the evening. Nine applicants were elected to membership, and eleven new applications for membership were received. During the evening an auction sale of postage stamps for the benefit of the library fund was held, and the stamps donated for the purpose realized over \$40, to be devoted to this useful adjunct of the Society. Much enthusiasm was evinced during the sale, and the same stamps were put up several times. The principal event of the evening was the competitive exhibitions. This was the second in the series to be held during the year, and consisted only of U. S. Department, Periodicals and Postage Dues. The judges were Messrs. Rothfuchs, Capron and Woodward. Four collections were entered in the competition, owned by Messrs. Toppan, Howes, Butler and Gilmore. After careful consideration the judges awarded the silver medal to Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, formerly secretary of the Society, and the bronze medal to Clifton A. Howes, the Vice President of the Society.

The collections which were all worthy of special and careful examination received considerable attention by the members. Mr. Rothfuchs displayed several frames of stamps which he exhibited at the Paris Exposition, these stamps also attracted much attention. The membership of the Society is increasing by rapid strides, usually from nine to twelve new members are elected at each meeting. New members of the right class will be welcomed.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel of St. Louis was in Boston for a short time last week.

Pending the arrival of the stamps in new colors of Morocco, there was a shortage of the 5 and 10c stamps, and to supply the deficiency 5 and 10c revenues were used for postage. All that I have seen bear the dates March 22 and 23.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BOLIVIA.—It is reported that the issue of 1899 is to be supplanted by an entirely new series. This issue bears the portrait of Major Sucre and its colors have made it popular with collectors.

CUBA.—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. states that it has received a pair of Puerto Principe 5c on ½m in which the right hand stamp is without the surcharge. It is number 190 in the catalogue.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The *A. J. of P.* announces the intention of this Republic to issue a new set of stamps, owing to the dissatisfaction of the Haytiens in regard to the map issue. Three millions of stamps will be printed ranging from ½c to \$1.00, and four values of an Unpaid Letter set, 2c, 4c, 5c, 10c.

FRENCH CONGO.—The foreign press contains several items of interest regarding the issues for this colony. According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* 44 sheets of the 2c panther were printed in carmine: "The errors were at once sent to the Ministry to be burned, and although they left the printing office they never arrived at the office of the Minister." A new set of Unpaid Letter stamps is being prepared for this colony with numeral of value in the centre and elephants at the sides.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. Albert Rae of Port Louis favors the ERA with a specimen of a diminutive envelope designated as a "Visiting Card" envelope. It bears the stamp of the current 2 cents, brown. It is un-gummed, the flap fitting into a specially prepared pocket.

NETHERLANDS.—I have received from Mr. A. Lohmeyer the new 5c and 5½c Post Cards completing the new series.

This new set differs from the old in that it is adorned with the new arms, those of the Kingdom of Holland in place of the Postal Arms, those of the P. O. Department. This new series is a very beautiful one and lovers of cards will be delighted in possessing it.

Post Cards (Regular):
5c carmine on rose.
5½c carmine on rose, T 3.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy sends me a couple specimens of an insurgent stamp that I have not mentioned. In fact I hardly think I am equal to a description of it. No value is expressed upon it, its color is red-brown and under each stamp its number is printed, these two being number 17272 and 17273. At the top is the inscription "Trans de Ganados" and native characters make up a central design on a white background.

ROUMANIA.—The provisional 5½ bani, green, Letter Card chronicled in number 366 upon the authority of Mr. A. Lohmeyer has now been superseded by a permanent 10 bani bearing an impression of the current 10 bani stamp in the upper right hand corner. The inscription as well as the stamp is in carmine on a brownish gray paper, and I have Mr. A. Lohmeyer to thank for a copy.

Letter Card (Regular):
10 bani, carmine on brownish-gray, perf. 1.

SWEDEN.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me one of the new inland reply cards. It is now folded at the top instead of, as heretofore, at the left.

Post Card (Regular):
5½c ore, green on white, T 3.

TURKEY.—I have received from Whitfield King & Co. complete sets of the new stamps for inland and foreign use. The designs are very commonplace and will arouse little enthusiasm.

Adhesives (Regular):
5p bistre, (inland).
10p yellow green, (inland).
20p magenta,
1p violet blue, "
2p gray blue, "
5p ochre, "
25p dark green, "
50p yellow, "
5p purple, (foreign).
10p green, "
20p carmine, "
1p blue, "
2p orange, "
5p lilac rose, "
25p brown, "
50p yellow brown, (foreign).

Unpaid Letter (Regular):
10 paras, black on dark rose.
20 " " " "
1 pia, " " " "
2 pia, " " " "

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- 1 pia, blue on green, dark green inside, "
- 20p lilac-red on gray, blue inside, (foreign).
- 1 pia, violet-blue on gray, blue inside, (foreign).

Wrappers (Regular):

- 5 paras, violet, (inland).
- 10 " green, "
- 5 " olive-yellow, (foreign).
- 10 " yellow-green, "

These wrappers are on thin yellow paper.

URUGUAY.—In number 405 I listed the new set as high as the 10c. I find according to the *A. J. of P.* that other values have been or are to be issued, so I chronicle the balance of the set. I have just received the 2c and 7c from G. B. Calman and consider them two handsome stamps.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 25c brown.
- 50c carmine.
- 1p dark green.

Envelopes (Regular):

- 5c blue.

Letter Card (Regular):

- 3c blue.

Wrapper (Regular):

- 5m brown.

VAAL RIVER COLONY.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer favors me with one of the V. R. I. surcharged Post Cards now in use here. He also states that the ½d and 1d have both been thus surcharged but that a temporary shortage of the ½d existed in Johannesburg at the time his order was filled. The surcharge is in black:

Post Card (Provisionals):

- ½d green and black on buff.
- 1d carmine, green and black on buff.

The Editor's Spears.

AN INTERESTING EXHIBITION OF STAMPS.

At the last meeting of Pacific Philatelic Society A. H. Weber exhibited his collection of old German stamps, which was very much admired by those present. Like all Mr. Weber's collecting, he has gone into this interesting group of stamps with the thoroughness for which he is noted, and those present had an opportunity of seeing the stamps of the various states with the postmarks showing use in neighboring states and cities, as the stamps of Hanover used in Bremen and Hamburg. As is known to those who have specialized in these countries, many of the neighboring free cities and states maintained post-offices of their own, and used their own stamps. Thus the specialist has ample opportunity to expend his energies and cash in gathering what seems to some collectors a collection of postmarks. What-

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ever may be said on this subject, the array of these stamps has an interest to most persons, and from the side of historic and postal progress or development they have a claim on philately. Collectors of Germany, who specialize in the stamps of their own country, go even farther than this, and strive to collect the stamps as used in the various postoffices within the state or country of issue and use. Obviously this at once opens up a field—for instance in the United States, Great Britain, or the present German Empire—which may well cause the collector to pause on the threshold and turn his back on philately in general. There has always been, and will continue to be, collectors who carry their hobby to extremes; but it ought not to deter the general collector, who wishes to gather a representative collection of the whole world, or any of the great divisions of the world, from following his bent as well. Mr. Weber's collections in various countries of groups of countries, has been made on much the same lines, particularly in the stamps used in China, where he has representatives of Hong Kong, Japan, Germany, and many others bearing the post-

marks of the various treaty ports where foreign postoffices are maintained.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

THE SURCHARGED SPANISH STAMPS.

We append below a short article, regarding the 1868 surcharges of Spain, taken from an old number of *Le Timbre Post*, which we believe will be of interest to many of our readers.

Just after the revolution of 1868, the Spanish government gave orders that the mark HABILITADO POR LA NACION should be impressed on all the stamps bearing the royal arms or the effigy of Queen Isabella. For the execution of this decree the government had from five to six hundred stamps made in bronze and these were sent to the revenue officials and to those who sold stamps for the account of the government. The hurry which occurred in preparing these stamps accounts for the want of resemblance between them, although they all bore the same legend, and also for the existence of the varieties of characters. With regard to the colour in

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which the inscriptions were struck, it will be easily understood that the stamps being distributed among many hands, each employe used what colour he pleased—black or blue, more or less clear.

The government order to apply the mark **HABILITADO** upon the stamps of 1868 and 1869 bearing the effigy of the Queen, was fully carried out with the stamped paper, but it was not the same with the postage stamps. The clerks, during the first few days which followed the promulgation of the order, complied with its provisions, but afterwards—probably because it was found that the work was too great—they disobeyed orders, and ceased to affix the mark, and the government finding this to be the case withdrew its decree, and interdicted the circulation of the “Habilitados” stamps.

The Madrid office sent to the provinces and colonies a certain number of hand stamps but the colonial administration, after marking some hundreds of stamps permitted the law to fall into abeyance. From these facts it results that authentically surcharged stamps are somewhat rare, a statement well borne out as will be seen on reference to any current catalogue.

With regard to the mark “**HABILITADO POR LA JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA**,” the writer of the above observes, genuine specimens bearing this must be extremely rare for the hand stamp was never used except at Madrid, and there only for a few days.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

Our special correspondent at Malta sends us the following account of the recent visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to the Island:—

The festivities for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York's visit have been really a success. On the 27th ult., the Duke opened an Art Exhibition, a section of which was allotted to postage stamps. The collections were many. Among the most prominent were Mr. Micallef's Maltese collection which is unique in the whole Island. In it there were the yellow ½d stamp with pin perforation, and another with watermark crown CC inverted, the latter the only specimen known. Blocks of the 5 sh watermark inverted and of the 4d imperforated, used and unused were in abundance. The Duke was presented with a collection of Maltese stamps, dating since 1866, by the Exhibition Committee. He also accepted a general collection from Baron Testaferrata, CMG., which he had been uniting since 40 years ago. Mr. R. Leonardini very kindly filled some valuable gaps in the Duke's collection.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

Stamps of the National Bank Note Company on Double Paper.

BY JOHN N. LUFF.

Collectors have for some years been cognizant of the existence of certain stamps, printed by the Continental Bank Note Company, on double paper. The list includes several values of the issue for general use and also a few of the Department stamps. The 2 cents brown and 3 cents green of the issue of 1873-75 are not scarce on this paper. But it does not appear to have occurred to philatelists to search for similar varieties in other issues; yet, had we but considered the history of these stamps, we might have found reason to suspect the existence of this paper in issues preceding that of 1873.

The object of this paper was to prevent the washing and re-use of stamps. It was composed of two papers,—one, thick and hard; the other, thin and soft. The two were united by some adhesive preparation. The printing was to be made on thin paper, which was to be so delicate as to be destroyed if an attempt were made to remove the cancellation. This paper was patented on February 16th, 1869, by Charles F. Steel.

For some years I have known the 3 cents of the 1869 issue, printed on this paper, and recently I have seen the 15, 24 and 30 cents. However, we have, as yet, no evidence that these are anything more than an experimental printing, and the best informed collectors hold that they are essays and not stamps which were placed in use. About 1877, the attention of collectors was called to a printing, on double paper, of the stamps then current. This printing is said to have comprised twenty millions of stamps. I do not know what authority there is for these figures. This information appears to have been overlooked by most collectors and the stamps were almost unknown until a few years ago, when attention was once more drawn to them and their recognition by catalogues was secured. I must confess that, while I knew the stamps were printed experimentally in 1869 and issued in considerable quantities about 1875, it had not occurred to me look for them in the intermediate issue. I had taken it for granted that nothing had been done with the patent in the years between 1869 and 1875. But we now have evidence to the contrary.

In September last, Mr. C. P. Orr wrote me that he had found a copy of the 24 cents 1870-71, on double paper, and subsequently he showed me the stamp. Unfortunately, it had been soaked apart and not very successfully re-united. Because of its rather unsatisfactory appearance, and in view of the difficulty of distinguishing between the printings of this stamp by the

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National and Continental Bank Note Companies, I preferred to suspend judgment and wait for more evidence, before chronicling the stamp. Such evidence is now available. Mr. C. E. Severn has recently sent me a copy of the 6 cents National print, on the original cover and on double paper. There is no room for doubt about this copy. The date of the cancellation is November 1st, 1870. A curious thing about these National stamps is that they are printed on the thick side of the paper instead of on the thin. By this blunder the purpose of the patent is, of course, defeated. I think it is quite probable that other denominations of the 1870-71 series will be found on double paper.—*American Journal of Philately.*

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U. S. 1867, unused, o. g.,
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Price on application.

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Federal Prospects.

FROM A PHILATELIC STANDPOINT.

The amalgamation of the State Post and Telegraph Departments is nominally an accomplished fact, but nothing more. They were transferred on the 1st instant, but the officials received instructions that "business would be carried on as usual under the new management."

From what we can gather no change is likely to take place until after the Federal Government has received a vote of confidence in the Federal Parliament, and probably not until a postal bill, which is being drafted, has become law.

The permanent heads met in conference last month and made several recommendations, so me of which, however, have not been accepted by the Federal P. M. G. In the daily papers a few weeks ago it was announced that it was practically settled that the State stamps would be surcharged "A. C." but the Federal P. M. G. has since informed us that he has no intention of doing so.

A deputation of the Sydney Philatelic Club waited on Mr. Drake on the 25th February (particulars of which will be found elsewhere), and we also had an interview on behalf of our readers on the same date with the Federal P. M. G., whom we found most courteous, but in a negative mood. The following is a report of our interview:

Question:—Do you intend making any alterations on 1st March?

Answer:—No. Nothing will be done until after Parliament meets.

Question:—Will stamps be interchangeable?

Answer:—No.

Question:—Will they be surcharged?

Answer:—No.

Question:—Will deficient postage and fine be charged on letters if posted with stamps of other States?

Answer:—Yes.

Question:—Do you propose having the clause re the book-keeping period amended at the earliest opportunity?

Answer:—I cannot say. That is a matter of policy, but I do not intend to interfere with the Constitution.

Question:—Is it your intention to conduct your department strictly in accordance with postal requirements?

Answer:—Yes.

Question:—Will you avoid catering for speculators for the purpose of increasing revenue?

Mr. Drake replied that he was not aware of what had been done in that respect, but that the requirements of revenue must receive prior consideration.

Question:—Do you propose recognizing the existence of stamp collectors as a body?

Answer:—No, I shall always be happy to receive suggestions and will treat stamp

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E. W. DAVIDS [15]
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collectors the same as the general public. I look upon stamp collecting as an excrescence so far as the postal department is concerned.

Having thanked Mr. Drake and his private secretary, Mr. Oxenham, for their courtesousness, we withdrew, feeling that the former's hands were tied by the Cabinet, and that he was not free to act on his own responsibility.

Considering that the Government is only a provisional one, and has not been elected by the people, we can understand their hesitancy at doing anything which can be allowed to stand over.

Some are delighted that the stamps are not to be surcharged, others are sorry, for ourselves we are indifferent. The whole proceedings in connection with the transfer of the Post and Telegraph Departments seem to have been bungled. Steps ought to have been taken earlier and preparations made months ago. No one seems to know when we are likely to have a Federal issue of stamps, or uniformity of any kind, but the public have a right to demand the benefits of the Commonwealth as soon as possible. It is to be sincerely hoped that when it is decided to issue a Federal series that it will not be rushed through with undue haste, but that every care will be taken

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The discovery that the "Braddon Blot" covers the Postal Department has complicated matters considerably. We do not think it was ever intended that the "Braddon Blot" should cover the postal service, and steps should be taken to have the Constitution amended in this respect as it will have to be in others.

As to Mr. Drake's remark that stamp collecting is an excrescence, well, we feel sorry—for Mr. Drake. Mr. Dalgarno, who assumed the position of N. S. W. Deputy P. M. G. on the first of this month, evidently does not think so, as he has a very fine collection which we have been informed he values at Two Thousand Pounds. The word is obnoxious, and not justified. We purpose, however, endeavoring to educate Mr. Drake up to see the beauties and benefits of philately, and hope some day to include him in our ranks.

It would pay the Federal P. M. G. to acknowledge the existence of the stamp collectors as a body and run straight. Our firm purchases annually hundreds of pounds' worth of unused stamps at face value, none of which are used postally, thereby adding the full sum to profit on the year's working. Other stamp dealers do the same, and many collectors purchase from time to time pounds upon pounds' worth of stamps which are never used postally. The sale of cancelled stamps at less than face value is an illegitimate means of raising revenue. They represent the performance of specific service, but none has been performed. For instance, the Victorian Postal Department recently advertised for sale current stamps representing about £200 face value, lightly

postmarked, for £5, which, costing say 2s. to produce, would leave the department the net gainer by £4 18s., whereas the stamps themselves would indicate that a performance to the value of £200 had been completed.

The sale of postmarked sets of Postage Dues by the N. S. W. Department is not quite so bad, as these stamps are not on sale to the public unused; but even that is an illegitimate transaction. Surely the Federal Post and Telegraph Department will be able to make ends meet without having recourse to such paltry means. We would not speak so strongly on this point, but the Federal P. M. G. was, to us, beautifully indefinite as to his intentions in this respect.

As to the revenue requirements of the P. & T. Department, we have long since held the principle that they should be maintained purely and solely for the convenience of the people, that business should be conducted as economically as possible, and that no surplus should be sought for. We could go further and recommend that the Federal P. & T. Department ought to be conducted on the same lines as the N. S. W. Government Railways—free from political control. It does seem a farce to find a gentleman taking charge of a department such as the P. & T. who has had no practical experience in postal matters, overriding the opinions and recommendations of gentlemen who, besides having served a lifetime, have all the details at their finger ends, and have gradually worked their way to the top of the ladder.

Mr. S. H. Lambton retired from the position of N. S. W. Deputy P. M. G. on the 21th ultimo. His term of office was marked by a high state of efficiency in the department, and his worth has been evidenced by the fact that he has since been appointed postal adviser to the Federal P. M. G. at a salary of £50 per month in addition to his pension of £600 per annum from the State Government.

Mr. J. Dalgarno, who succeeds Mr. Lambton, has been Secretary of the Department for many years, and will, no doubt, maintain the prestige of the position to which he has been promoted. He has our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Proofs of the Duke of York Commemorative stamp have been submitted. They are similar to the present N. S. W. ½d with the late Queen's head removed and a full-face portrait of the Duke inserted. We can not see how the Federal P. M. G. with any degree of consistency can sanction its issue, and we are at a loss to know why the Sydney Philatelic Club did not taboo it. Mr. Bassett Hull, the Hon. Sec., said in our January issue: "The other class—those who advocate the Commemorative Stamp—are beyond the pale of sympathy or consideration. The deputation to the P. M. G. which included Mr. Hull never mentioned the subject, nor were commemorative stamps referred to in Mr. Parry's

resolutions. There is a screw loose somewhere.

While we agree with most of the suggestions carried at the last meeting of the Sydney Philatelic Club (from which we were unavoidably absent) and submitted to the P. M. G., still we think they were too comprehensive and calculated to make that gentleman think the S. P. C. wanted to "run the show."

We have just heard that postmarked sets of current issues up to £1 of the six Australian States are being prepared for the purpose of being presented to members of Parliament in all the States, i. e., each member of Parliament in each State will receive six different sets—not marked "specimen"—but postmarked, or obliterated in the same manner as if the stamps had done postal duty. This is a matter with which the Federal P. M. G. had nothing to do. It was approved by the State Postmasters-General before they retired from office. It means the issue of about 600 sets in each State, and while the authorities may have considered it a right and proper thing to do, by way of a souvenir, we question the wisdom of such a proceeding in view of the fact, well-known, that every used stamp has a fixed market-value, and that in all probability many of the recipients will sell the sets to the first buyer. Besides, the stamps being obliterated as if used in the usual manner will carry on the face of them a certain amount of deception which ought to be beneath the dignity of Government institutions forming part of the British Empire. Further, the Post and Telegraph Departments being maintained at the public expense, have no right to go outside their functions, and create an illegitimate supply of stock calculated to depreciate the market value of similar goods in the hands of those who make their living as stamp-dealers. We trust, for the sake of common decency, that the idea will be abandoned; if, however, the project be persisted in, we shall make it our business to have those responsible taken to task for such an outrage on official behaviour.

What are we coming to!! We have just been informed that the Victorian Postal authorities have announced for sale postmarked sets of the new issue at 4s. per set. This is "killing the goose with the golden eggs" without doubt.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

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For the Week Ending April 20th.

Applications for Membership.

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BROWN, CLARK W., 332 South Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.; age, 35; occupation, Stamp Dealer, C. W. Brown & Co. References: Thomas Wheatley, W. W. Jewett.

New Stockholder.

1660. **GELLI, GUSTAVE**, 10 Rue des Frippiero, Brussels, Belgium.

Reinstated.

1548. **HUYCK, CHAS.**, 816 Page St., San Francisco, Cal.

66. **KILBON, REV. JOHN LUTHER**, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

Applications for Re-instatement.

351. **GREANY, W. F.**, 838 Guerrero St., San Francisco, Cal.

1343. **MARTIN, EBEN S.**, 641-642 Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

659. **RAE, ALBERT**, Procureur General's Chambers, Port Louis, Mauritius.

Changes of Address.

1615. **JOHNSON, C. C.**, from 428 Grand Ave., Milwaukee, to 204 Grand Ave., Room 70, Milwaukee, Wis.

1612. **SEAGER, A. L.**, from Lorin, Cal., to 6435 Raymond St., Oakland, Cal.

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Total Membership April 13th..... 502
New Stockholder 1
Reinstated 2

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3c rose, outer line10
3c green, embossed02
6c carmine 1871, Nat'l04
6c rose, re-engraved02
10c bright claret Dues04
12c violet, cat. 40c18
6c Treasury, used04
12c War, used08
30c War, used, cat. 50c18

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H. L. WHITNEY, Derby, Conn.

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HOME CITY STAMP CO.,

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

This is certainly the banner month for auction sales. To our knowledge there are no less than twelve, of which four of these are of the two-night order.

Mr. C. E. Severn has been in St. Louis, this week, looking after the interest of the Weekly.

Through an error I stated that the next sale of the C. P. S. was the 12th, it should be the 11th. The 12th sale is in course of preparation and will be given early in May.

Branch 1 of the A. P. A. met on Thursday evening, some fifteen were present and an unusual interesting meeting was held. A number of donations of stamps were received by Chairman Oesch of the Membership Committee to be sold at auction, and the proceeds to go towards defraying the expenses of the committee.

It might be a good idea if some of the other members of the A. P. A. would donate a few of their duplicates to a cause which should certainly receive their support.

At the Huber sale between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen were present. The prices being as usual, high. Below are some of the prices realized:

- An unused complete sheet of Providence, \$30.50
- U. S. 5c No. 28, horizontal pair, 1.80
 - U. S. 12c No. 36, " " 4.20
 - \$1.60 second issue, No. 2921, 7.05
 - \$3.50 " " " 2926, 3.20
 - 5c Providence 1846, " 18, 3.45
 - 12c Reprint 1855, " 51, 9.10
 - \$12.00 Newspaper, " 1024, 9.00
 - \$36.00 " " 1026, 17.10
 - \$48.00 " " 1027, 21.25
 - \$60.00 " " 1028, 36.50
 - 10c St. Louis, " 21, 108.35
 - 5c 1851, " 34, 8.05
 - 90c 1867, " 101, 8.30
 - \$5.00 State, " 568, 76.50
 - Br. Bechuanaland 1/2d, " 30, 10.00
 - Congo, 5 fr, " 5, 6.15
 - Dominica, 1 sh, " 24, 13.25
 - New Foundland, 8d, " 8, 5.10
 - So. Bulgaria, " 16, 3.35
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The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 65th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, April 8, 1901.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Low, Luff and Scott.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Andreini occupied the chair and called the meeting to order at 8 30 P. M.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. John N. Luff was appointed to act as Secretary, pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a number of communications.

The Committee on New Club House reported having received gratifying answers to their circular, the replies so far being unanimously favorable.

Letter of Mr. F. H. Pitman was laid on the table.

Report of the Treasurer showing cash balance in bank of \$329.76 exclusive of \$1,000 bond was read and accepted. Report of House Committee received.

Dr. T. L. Hazzard was dropped from membership roll for failure to qualify.

Mr. J. L. Libby was dropped for non-payment of dues.

The names of Messrs. Colson, Lawrence and Colson were balloted upon and were declared to have been unanimously elected subscribing members of the club.

Adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

JOHN N. LUFF, Secretary pro tem.

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WHOLE No. 415.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

We hear it rumored that the St. Louis (two bear) stamp which was sold at Mr. Wolsieffer's sale, April 13th, was purchased by Baron Roschild.

The Chicago Philatelic Society met on Thursday evening, with some thirty members present. With the approach of warm weather it was thought that the enthusiasm of its members would be on the wane, but such is not the case. A year ago, the attendance at the meetings was ten to fifteen, to-day it is from thirty to forty. The many plans and improvements of its officers and members which are being carried out, those which are under consideration for the future, have served to stimulate an interest that certainly is most gratifying. Plans are well under way for the competition for the last half of the year, and we have heard many members express themselves as going to enter the competition for the medal. The informal auctions held at the close of the meetings are as popular as ever.

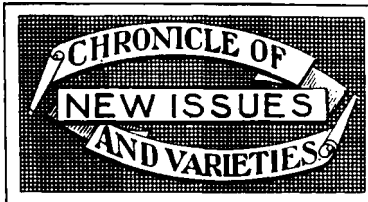
The C. P. S. auction sale took place at the Palmer House, on Wednesday evening, about fifty people were present. Some of the prices realized were good. The sale will probably amount to nearly \$1000.

Mr. F. N. Massoth will leave on his trip South, April 27th, we expect, and are promised some big fish stories when he returns.

We note in the papers a new order which was issued this last week to Postmasters throughout the country by the Postmaster General. That the carriers throughout a city, during the warm weather, will be allowed to discard their coats and wear a shirt waist of uniform cloth and make. This is certainly welcome news. A heavy coat is anything but pleasant to wear around on a day when the thermometer ranges from 90 to 100 degrees.

We expect to receive the Pan American stamps this next week, many orders are being received for them. Every one wants them the first day issued.

"OMEGA."



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BULGARIA.—I have received from Whitfield King & Co. a provisional consisting of the 50 stotinka, 1889, surcharged "10" in large numerals.

Adhesive (Provisional):
10 on 50s dark green.

CHILE.—Mr. Lohmeyer writes me that the letter sheet referred to two weeks ago is arranged the same as the U. S. 1861, 3c Letter Sheets having both side and top flap, scored at the folding line by red dots. The sheets when folded for mailing measures 142x97m and has a large rectangular embossed stamp inscribed at top: "REPÚBLICA DE CHILE" and at the bottom: "5 CENTAVOS 5" with a female head in a plain blue circle. The inscription in the upper centre reads "MEMORANDUM POSTAL" and is printed in red.

ECUADOR.—Mr. R. P. Lee of New York City has favored me with one of the late provisionals, consisting of a 4c orange Revenue surcharged vertically in two lines "CINCO CENTAVOS" and used postally. I described and listed this in number 386.

GERMANY, Offices in the Levant.—The A. J. of P. has been shown "the 5 pfennig wrapper of the old type, surcharged for use in the Levant. It appears that this wrapper was issued sometime during the early portion of 1900, and some authorities claim that the issue was entirely a private one, only one lot having been printed and that at the request of one firm. The remainders were bought up by a speculator in Jerusalem."

Wrapper (Provisional):
10 paras on 5pf green, black surcharge.

HAYTI.—I learn from the *Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* that a new set of stamps is being designed for this country. No particulars are given as to design nor are we favored with the reasons that occasion the new issue.

HONG KONG.—In number 400 upon the authority of *Mekel's News* I chronicled the 5c as having been changed to lilac. There is some doubt now expressed as to whether the change will ever take place. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. inform the *P. J. of G. B.* that the new color will probably be yellow but that there is still a large stock on hand of the 5c blue so that there is not likely to be a change for some time.

MONTENEGRO.—The following from *Timbrophile Belge* explains itself: "After the 1st of May the Austrian currency is to be applied to all postage stamps and this may lead to some provisional surcharging." We can suffer the new currency change, but when it comes to the provisionals we ask to be relieved.

RUSSIA.—The *P. J. of G. B.* states that accompanying the issue of the new series of stamps on Jan. 1st last new single and reply Post Cards have appeared impressed with stamp in the new design of the adhesives. While I noted in number 400 that an entirely new set was to be issued for this country, I have failed to observe any chronicle in the philatelic press giving particulars.

Post Cards (Regular):
10 pen, carmine on buff.
10x10 pen, carmine on buff.

PORTUGAL.—The 10 reis Post Card has, according to *P. J. of G. B.*, been issued on *thin pale green* card, with white back, and is said to have been withdrawn from circulation within a few weeks from the date of its appearance.

Post Card:
10 reis, green on pale green.

PARAGUAY.—A French paper chronicles four new cards but gives no particulars as to designs. I will defer listing these until further information is at hand. There appear to be two 2c Cards and two 4c in green and carmine respectively.

URUGUAY.—I have received the new 2c in two shades distinct enough to demand recognition. One is red and the other has a distinct orange tint to it.

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Cat. No.	Unused, Cut Square.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber	\$.50	\$0.35
1397	" " sc brown on orange	.85	.70
1403	1880, 2c vermilion on cream	1.50	.35
1409	1874, 2c brown on orange	1.50	.35
1504	1884, 2c red on fawn	.75	.25
1509	" " 2c brown on blue	1.00	.35
1515	" " 2c brown on fawn, die B	1.00	.50
1527	1886, 3c black on oriental buff	5.00	2.50
1548	1887, 2c green on white, die A	.50	.25
1561	" " 2c green on o. buff, die A	12.00	6.00
1565	" " 2c chocolate on o. buff	1.25	.60
1571	" " 2c chocolate on blue	1.25	.62
1768	1864, 2c black, die 2, wrapper	.65	.30
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896. WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. COMDR., U. S. N., from U. S. S. Albany to U. S. S. Bennington, Naval Station, Cavite, P. I., Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.
1650. MCFARLAND, C. LOUIS, from Santa Barbara, Cal., to Care of D. E. Newell, 2912 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

Died.

5. RECHERT, JOSEPH, Hoboken, N. J., April 11, 1901.

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A regular meeting of Chicago Branch, No. 1, of the American Philatelic Association was held April 10th, at room 1603, Marquette Building, Chicago.

The members present were President Wolsieffer, Messrs. Oesch, Stebbins, Smack, Lefever, Michaels and Flanders.

Visitors present were Messrs. Moisant and Massoth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Oesch gave a short talk on the progress of the Membership Committee.

Messrs. Wolsieffer and Massoth promised to give space in one of their auctions for the sale of lots donated by members, the proceeds of the same to help defray expenses occurring to the Membership Committee.

The Secretary stated that he had on hand lots donated by members to the amount of \$20.34 catalogue value.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned.

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* " 10c lilac, "Cattle Industry"..... .15

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*Macao 1901, 5, 10c, new colors..... .05
*Serbia 1894 96, 1 dinar, cat. 50c (No. 49) .. .20
U. S. 1876, 3c red Centennial env., cat. 50c. .20
*Turkey 1901, 10p unpaid, black on red..... .02
* " 1901, 5p inland, purple..... .02
* " 1901, 5p foreign, bistre..... .02
*Spain 1900, 2c, boy king..... .02
*Sarawak 1901, 1c slate and carmine..... .02
ICELAND 1901, .25 aur, official..... .02
*25 aur, regular..... .12
*Corea 1900, 2, 3 cheun, both..... .05
*New Zealand 1901, 1d Universal Postage..... .04
*Malta 1901, 1 farthing, Valetta Harbor..... .02
*Finland 1901, 2, 5, 10, 20p, the set..... .15
*French Congo 1900, 1, 2c, poster type..... .02
*Ceylon 1902, 12c green and carmine..... .08
*Chile 1900, 10c mauve, soon obsolete..... .10
LIBERIA *1892, 3c unpaid letter..... .10
*1892, 6c unpaid letter..... .15
*Chamba 1901, on 3 pices, carmine, India..... .02
*Crete '98-'99, 10, 20, 1c, 20p, four var..... .25
*Straits Settlements 1900, 5c puce..... .05
*Sudan 1901, Unpaid, 2, 4, 10, 20m..... .32

WILLARD O. WYLIE, BEVERLY, MASS.



REVENUES.

We have bought a small dealer's stock of revenues this week and as we do not wish to compete for the doubtful honor of having the "largest stock of revenues in the world" we shall sell them at following prices. We shall not put a single stamp out of this lot into our regular stock and after these are sold there will be no more at these prices.

	Cat. price.	Our price.
25c Power of Attorney, Imp.	\$0.95	\$0.07
25c Certificate, "	.35	.10
50c Conveyance, "	1.50	.50
50c Original Process, "	.30	.47
50c Passage Ticket, "	5.00	1.50
50c Life Insurance, "	2.50	.85
50c Probate of Will, "	2.00	.70
\$1.00 Mortgage, "	1.50	.60
\$5.00 Conveyance, "	1.50	.60
\$5.00 Manifest, "	3.50	1.20
\$5.00 Charter Party, "	3.00	1.00
\$50.00 Conveyance, "	1.50	.50
2c Playing Cards, blue, Perf	.25	.07
2c Express, orange, "	.08	.02
\$1.00, 2nd Issue	.10	.04
\$2.00, "	.60	.20

This lot also contains many other varieties but with too few copies of each to advertise. Send want list and we will price it very low from this lot.

Our terms for this sale are cash with order and postage extra. Money will be refunded in case any stamp is not satisfactory.

These prices are for collectors and not for dealers.

FREE.

We do not believe in splitting hairs. So if you need any of the following we will send them free of charge, if you enclose stamped Envelope for reply: Scott's numbers 284, 284a, 282, 283, 285, 294.

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1c green, 1883	5	.07
2c rose, 1883	5	.08
2c violet, 1889	5	.07
1c green, 1893	5	.10
2c violet, 1893	5	.10
1c yellow, 1894	5	.08
2c brown, 1894	5	.06
5c rose, 1894	5	.09
10c green, 1894	5	.37
10c green, 1894	5	.55
5c blue, 1894	5	1.60
1c green, 1899	5	.47
2c green, 1899	5	.08
2c rose, 1899	5	.07
2c rose, 1899	5	.15
1c green, 1893, Envelope	5	.22
2c rose, 1883, Envelope	5	.30
1c green, 1893, Envelope	5	.70
2c rose, 1893, Envelope	5	.40

It will pay you to look up my Six different ads in *Melcher's* "Pan American Special Edition" of May 2nd, 1901. There may be something you want in those ads.

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Great Britain 1887, 1sh green	\$0.40
Great Britain 1900, 1sh carmine and green	.35
Br. Bechuanaland 1892, 1sh green	.50
Newfoundland 1863, 1sh lake	.75
St. Helena 1895, 1sh yellow green	.40
Trinidad 1896, 1sh green and red brown	.35
Turks Islands 1887, 1sh sepia (492)	.65

Cash with order. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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Every dealer has a surplus of one or more stamps. Who knows but that you have just what we want? We are always in the market, for prompt cash or good exchange, for bargains of any description or such things as we may need, and we need lots of cheap stuff.

If you have anything to offer submit on approval at your lowest cash price and if O. K. will remit on receipt, otherwise return. On bulky lots it might be well to first send quotations.

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GOLDEN GATE STAMP CO.,
632 Market St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

United States Postal Cards.

From Report of the Post Office Department for 1900.

The first issue of these cards, authorized by act of Congress approved June 8, 1872 (p. 304, 17 Stat.), was made under the appropriation act of March 3, 1873, (p. 557 of the same volume), on May 1.

1873.—The dimensions of this card are 3 by 5 1/4 inches. The face is engraved on steel, surrounded by a border, in scroll work, one-eighth of an inch in width. The 1 cent stamp, printed on the upper right-hand corner, is from a profile bust of the Goddess of Liberty, looking to the left, and surrounded by a lathe-work border, with the words "U. S. Postage" inserted above and "One Cent" below. On the upper left-hand corner are the words "United States Postal Card" with directions to "Write the address only on this side; the message on the other." Underneath, and occupying the lower half of the card, are ruled lines for the superscription, the top line being prefixed with the word "To." The back of the card, intended for the communication, is entirely plain. In color, the body of the card is light buff; the printing velvet brown.

1875.—This card is of the same dimensions as the first (3 by 5 1/4 inches). On the upper right-hand corner of the card is a profile head of Liberty, looking to the left. The frame or border of this emblem consists of two upright Roman consular faces, connected at the top and bottom by strips, the upper one of which has the words "U. S. Postage" and the lower one the words "One Cent." On the upper left-hand corner is the monogram "U. S.," crossed by a ribbon bearing the words "Postal card" in bold Roman letters. Under this device is the notice, in small Gothic letters, "Write the address on this side; the message on the other." Later it was changed to "Nothing but the address can be placed on this side." The border surrounding the face of the prior card and the superscription lines are dispensed with. The color of the paper is light cream, and the printing is in black.

1879, *International*.—These cards were issued under the law of March 3, 1879 (p. 357, 20 Stat.), on December 1 of that year. The size of the card and the paper are the same as those of the 1875 card.

An inconspicuous border surrounds the card, the corners being very heavily displayed. In the upper left corner are the words "Universal Postal Union," in English and French, forming two parallel curved lines, swelling upward in the middle. Beneath this, separated by an ornamental dash and in much larger type, are the words, in straight parallel lines, "United States of America," in both English and French. The French repetitions are parenthesized and in smaller form than the English, the latter being in solid color capitals. Beneath this, in much smaller

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LESS THAN AUCTION PRICES!

See ERA April 13, page 265. Will sell following at 1-2 catalogue.

10c P. of Attorney, Imp.	\$5.00 Mortgage, Imp.
25c Bond, Imp.	\$5.00 Probate Will, Imp.
40c In. Exchange, Imp.	\$10.00 Conveyance, Imp.
50c Conveyance, Imp.	\$10.00 Mortgage, Imp.
70c For. Exchange, Imp.	\$15.00 Mortgage, Imp.
\$1.00 Pas. Ticket, Imp.	\$50.00 Int. Revenue, Imp.
1c P. Card, Imp., sur. S.H.S. & Co., Dec., 1863, printed.	
1c P. P. L. C. & Co., Nov., 1862, "	
1c Prop., Imp., H. R. Costar, Oct., 1853, "	
1c Telegraph, Imp.	

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France, unpaid if 1894, used	\$0.70
Iceland 40 violet, unused, cat. 75c	.37
Iceland 40 green, unused, cat. \$1.50	.95
Mayotte 5c, used, cat. \$1.65	.85
Portugal 50 reis black, used, cat. \$1.50	.90
Tunis 5c, used, cat. \$1.40	.70
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1897 and 1898 Salvador sets also just received.

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1853-55, " 1317		.80
1861, " 1337		.80
U. S. POSTAGE.		
1847, 5c on cover, used		.45
1847, 10c not on cover, used		1.75
1855-60, 5c red brown, type 1, used		3.00
1855-60, 5c brown, type 1, used		1.75
1873, 15c yellow orange, used		.40
CONFEDERATES ON COVERS.		
1861, 5c green, No. 200		.25
1861, 5c " " 200, pair		.60
1861, 10c light blue, No. 201a		.60
1861, 10c blue, No. 201		.45
1862, 5c blue, No. 203		.30
1862, 5c " No. 203, pair		.75
1862, 10c rose, No. 204		1.75
Memphis Local, No. 89		3.00

All above in fine condition. Your money back if stamps don't suit.

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Gothic capitals, are the words, "Write only the address on this side."

In the right upper corner, within an elliptical belt border and upon the plain paper ground, is the profile head of "Liberty." The monogram "U. S." appears at the top of the border upon a decoration, through which the belt appears to pass; midway of each side, in a corner-clipped square tablet, appears the white figure 2. At the bottom of the belt's end is drawn out and drops downward, leaving the buckle tongue exposed to the left. The words "Postal" and "Card" fill the otherwise vacant spaces on the right and left upper quarters, respectively, while "Two" and "Cents" occupy the corresponding quarters on the lower half in white gothic capitals. Color, blue.

1885.—A new contract for the manufacture of postal cards having been let on the 1st of June, 1885, a new design was is-

Bermuda 1902, 1 farthing on 1sh	mint	\$0.03
Chili 1900, 1, 2, 5 and 10c		.18
1900, 5 on 30c		.08
V. R. I. on Orange Free State, 1/2, 1, 2, 3 & 6p		.70
	1sh	.55
Venezuela, Miranda set, 5, 10, 25, 50 & 1b		.35
1878, Official, 5, 10, 25, 50 & 1b		.33
Porto Rico 1874, 25c, No. 4		1.00
1874, 25c, No. 5		.75
" " 50c, No. 6		1.50
" " 1p, No. 7		3.75

T. MERRITT GIFFORD, New Bedford, Mass.

sued on the 24th of August next following. The color of the paper was not changed. The design, printed in dark brown, is as follows, as described at the time: "On the upper right-hand corner of the card in an oval frame is the head of Thomas Jefferson, from the painting by Chappel, the face of which is three quarters full, looking to the left, and surrounded with a wreath of oak and laurel tied with a ribbon bearing the words 'One cent' and the numeral '1.' On the left, at the top of the card, are the words 'United States Postal Card' the words 'United States' being in plain white letters on a curved and partly folded scroll, and the words 'Postal Card' being in dark ornamental letters, inclosed in straight, unshaded lines, with a rosette at each end. Immediately under the scroll is a small white star, below which is a long tablet containing thirteen stars. Beneath the whole design are the words: 'Nothing but the address to be on this side.' Color, brown."

1886.—On the 1st of December of this year a new design was introduced, printed in black. It bears the right profile of Jefferson as the central object in the upper half of the card. This medallion is a circular, thirteen-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. To the left and right are the words "Postal" and "Card" between double horizontal straight lines terminating in gothic points and foils. Above, upon a double-ended ribbon, are the words "United States;" below the portrait, and in the circle, between double lines inclosing it, are the words "One cent." The ornamentation is of an open double-line style, with conventional lines springing from a base, upon which the words "Postal card" are shown. Below all the rest, in a single line of gothic capitals are the words "Nothing but the address to be on this side" There is no numeral on the card. This card, designated the B card in the table below, was issued to postmasters until 1895.

Under a new contract, beginning on the 1st of October, 1889, three different sizes and styles of postal card were provided for. One of these, called the B card, and described above as the card of 1886, was issued continuously from the beginning of the contract. For various reasons, the two others, designated A and C cards, were not issued until 1891. The following is a detailed description of these two cards:

1891.—The A cards: The vignette of General Grant in citizen's dress appears with a line ground—a 3/4 by 15-16 inch ellipse partly inclosed with two branches of laurel united beneath. It is situated in the right upper corner. To the left of the portrait are the words "United States of America" in slightly shaded German text, below which in small gothic capitals, are the words, "This side for the address only," the whole inclosed with a fine line, involved and broken here and there for the purpose of ornamentation. Above this, and partly set into it, is a small shield; on the left and above are the words "Postal card," and on the right the words "One Cent."

In 1891.—The C card: The portrait and its situation are the same as on the A card. To the left of this extends a single ornamented line panel within which, in large German letters, heavily shaded, are the words "United States of America." Above the panel are the words "Postal card One Cent," and below, in a much smaller panel, are the words "This side for address only," in small gothic capitals, as those on the A card.

In 1892 two other postal cards were introduced—called double or reply cards—one intended for use in the domestic mails and the other for international mails. The following is a description of them:

1892.—The D cards—domestic reply: The card consists of two parts, one appropriate to an original message and the other a reply thereto, the imprint upon the two superscription faces being on reverse sides of the paper, and the parts being easily separable by means of a scored line between them, cut about half through the thickness of the paper.

The following is a description of the card:

Message part.—In the upper right-hand corner, constituting the denominational stamp, is a portrait of Gen. Grant in citi-

zen's dress, three-quarters face, looking to the left, in a horizontally lined elliptical frame, with a fine line around the inner and outer edges thereof, a white five-pointed star in a small black circle being on either side of the frame, which bears above the words "Message card" and below the words "One cent," in white slightly shaded capitals. To the left of the stamp, in prominent black letters with outline shading, the letters being arranged in a straight line, are the words "Postal card with paid reply," below which, in shaded German letters are the words "United States of America," and underneath this, in very small single-line capitals, the words "This side for address only." In these latter characters, in the lower left-hand corner of the card, is this direction: "Detach annexed card for answer." Around the whole card is an ornate linked border, with heavy corner pieces.

Reply part.—This is precisely the same as the message part, except that the upper part of the frame around the portrait bears the words "Reply card," while to the left of the stamp the words "Reply postal card," in heavy black letters, are substituted for the words on the message part. The direction, too, in the lower left-hand corner is omitted.

1892.—The international reply card.

Message part.—In the upper right-hand corner is the postage stamp, consisting of a horizontally lined elliptical frame, with a fine line on the inner and outer edges, the words "Message card" and "Two cents" in white capitals with black shading being, respectively, above and below, while between the two, on either side of the frame, is a white rosette in a small circle set into an oblong tablet with lopped corners. Within the frame, looking to the left, is a head of Liberty, with coronet, such as is stamped on the United States twenty-dollar gold piece. To the left of the stamp, in black, unshaded capitals, arranged in a curve, are the words "Universal Postal Union," with equivalent words in French in smaller letters underneath. Below this in a straight line, in ornamental prominent black capitals, are the words "United States of America," with the French equivalent beneath in smaller letters, while below this, again, in small single-line capitals, are these words: "Write only the address on this side." In these latter characters, in the lower left-hand corner of the card, is the direction "Detach annexed card for answer." Around the whole is a border exactly like that in the domestic reply card, except that nearly the whole upper portion of it is taken up with a tablet surrounded with a single line, wherein, upon a black ground, are these words in white capitals: "Postal card with paid reply," after which is a very small star, and the words in small letters "Carte postale avec reponse payee."

Reply part.—This is precisely the same as the message part, except that the words "Reply card" are substituted for "Message

Designation	Dimensions	Denomination	Portrait and color of ink	Color of paper	Date of first issue	Character of correspondence
A	2 15-16 by 4 1/2	1-cent	General Grant; blue; three-quarters left.	Gray	Dec. 16, 1891	Domestic, which includes Canada and Mexico.
B	3 by 5 1/2	do	Jefferson; right profile; black.	Light Manila.	Dec. 1, 1886	Do.
C	3 3/4 by 6 1/2	do	General Grant; black, as above	Manila	Dec. 16, 1891	Do.
D	3 3/4 by 5 1/2	2-cent, double	do	Light Manila.	Oct. 25, 1892	Domestic, return, including Canada and Mexico.
E	3 by 5 1/2	2-cent, single	Liberty; left profile in blue.	Gray white	Dec. 1, 1879	Foreign.
F	3 3/4 by 5 1/2	4-cent, double	do	Pearl gray	Mar. 1, 1893	Do.

card" in the frame of the stamp, while the following words are put in the tablet along the top border of the card: "Reply postal card" and "Carte postale reponse." The direction also in the lower left-hand corner is omitted.

Since 1892 there have been several modifications of dimensions, discarding earlier designs, so that the condensed list of cards issued from the beginning to this time is shown thus:

Postal cards that have been and those that are now being issued to postmasters.

at the bottom. The words "Postal card, one cent" appeared at the top with ornamentation between them, and the words "United States of America" in the next line, and in large shaded letters with capitalized initials, and following this the words "This side is for the address only," with an ornamented line inclosure. This card continued to be issued until December 1, 1897.

1896.—The E card was enlarged to 3½ by 5½ inches to agree with the G cards. They were printed from the old 1879 plate

"Postal card—one cent," is in black Roman capitals, the initials being large. The words "United States of America" in larger capitals are on the line below, then follows an ornamental dividing line, and in small black capitals the instruction "This side for the address only."

1898.—The D card was reduced to 3¼ by 5½ inches and no other modifications made.

1898.—The E card was reduced to 3¼ by 5½ inches, the border removed, and it was then first printed in black.—*American Journal of Philately.*

Name.	Date.	Denomination.	Dimensions.	Head.	Color.	
B.....	1873	1 cent	Single	3 by 5½	Liberty, capped	Brown.
B.....	1875	1 cent	Single	Same	Liberty, bare	Black.
E.....	1879	2 cent	Single	Same	Liberty, bare	Blue.
B.....	1881	1 cent	Single	Same	Jefferson	Brown.
B.....	1886	1 cent	Single	Same	Jefferson in profile	Black.
A.....	1891	1 cent	Single	2 15-16 by 4¾	Grant	Blue.
C.....	1891	1 cent	Single	3¾ by 6¾	Grant	Black.
D.....	1892	1 cent	Double	3¾ by 5½	Grant	Black.
F.....	1892	1 cent	Double	Same	Liberty	Blue.
G.....	1893	1 cent	Single	Same	Jefferson	Black.
E.....	1897	2 cent	Single	Same	Liberty	Blue.
H.....	1897	1 cent	Single	3¾ by 5½	Jefferson	Black.
K.....	1898	1 cent	Single	2 15-16 by 4 15-16	Adams	Black.
D.....	1898	1 cent	Double	3¾ by 5½	Grant	Black.
E.....	1898	2 cent	Single	Same	Liberty	Black.

Those whose heads and colors are given in bold-faced letters are now being issued. The E card of 1898 has no border.

No requisitions from postmasters are filled for a smaller number of cards than 500 H or K, 250 D or F (double), nor 100 E.

The H and K postal cards are furnished in sheets of 40 of the former and 50 of the latter when ordered in lots of 10,000 or its multiple. The H card sheets are 4 cards, horizontally wide, and of dimensions 22 by 32 ½ inches. The K sheets are 5 cards wide and measure 24 11-16 by 29 3-8 inches.

The postal cards issued prior to 1893 are sufficiently described on pages 116, 117 and 118 of this report. Since that time the dimensions of all cards manufactured have been brought within the Postal Union dimensions, i. e., 3¾ by 5½ inches. A large quantity of the original F cards are still on hand, so that none of those has yet been made of the reduced dimensions. The C cards ceased to be made when the card contract went into effect, October 1, 1893.

1893.—The G card, 3½ by 5½ inches, was adopted October 1, 1893, as a substitute for the C card, which was much larger and of very heavy paper, weighing 9 pounds 1 ounce to the thousand. The new cards weigh but 6 pounds 10½ ounces to the thousand. They were not actually issued to postmasters until January 2, 1894. Cards of this style were the first systematically issued to postmasters in sheets, and this issue in sheets began on the 13th of June, 1895, in cases of 10,000 each.

The vignette on this card is the Jefferson face, used with brown ink in 1885, and discarded, the inclosing wreath with scroll and numeral 1 having been supplanted by a more modest design of wreath only and the name "Jefferson" in very small letters

and in blue thus leaving a broad margin of three-eighths of an inch outside the border. These cards were not actually issued until January 25, 1897.

1897.—The H card, 3¾ by 5½ inches, was introduced with the new contract in effect December 1. The head of Jefferson was retained with a larger wreath of laurel and the name in larger type than on the G card, which it supplanted. The paper was the same as that of which the G card had been made, the weight being 6 pounds 3 ounces per thousand. The title, as in the G card, is at the left of the vignette, "Postal card—one cent," in plain gothic with large initial capitals. In a second line, on a black tablet inclosed by small lines and pointed ornaments at the ends, appear the words "United States of America" in heavy white capitals, slightly ornamented gothic. Beneath this a half circle design with lines extending right and left half an inch, and next in small gothic capital letters, "This side for the address only."

1898.—The K card was introduced March 31. It is 2 15-16 by 4 15-16 inches, only five-sixteenths of an inch larger one way than the A card of 1891, but the paper is that upon which the B, G, and H cards are made. Its weight is 5 pounds to the thousand, while the A card is of white and heavier paper—5 pounds 12 ounces to the thousand.

The portrait in the stamp is that of John Adams, three-quarters to the left, after an engraving by Longacre in the National Portrait Gallery, from a painting by B. Otis, after the portrait by G. Stuart. The name John Adams is given beneath and the vignette is surrounded by a wreath much like that on the H card stamp. The title

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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1901.

WHOLE No. 416.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

In addition to what we wrote in our letter of last week regarding competitive exhibitions given by the C. P. S. many of the more advanced collectors have expressed themselves as going to compete for the medal, to be given at the end of the year. This means that they change their membership from Passive to Active. The Committee are at work on the list of countries which will be exhibited and are pleased that so many members have handed in lists of countries that they wish to exhibit in.

During the last few days the post office authorities have been busy putting up new cards on the mail boxes throughout the city. Some man has gotten up an automatic regulating device which he desires adopted. It consists of an attachment which will show time last delivery was made, and time next one is to be made. One is to be attached to each mail box.

A gentleman here now numbers in his collection 14,700 varieties. This does not consist of any shades or minor varieties. There are some twelve more who have already passed the 12,000 mark.

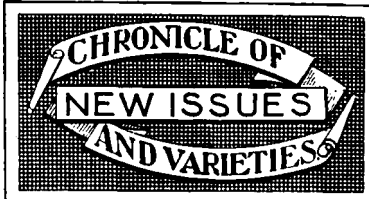
A stranger who has just come from So. Africa called on Mr. Wolsieffer and others and offered entire sheets of the present issue of the Transvaal surcharges. Mr. Wolsieffer refused to handle them as the surcharging had the appearance of being fraudulent.

Expecting to make a fortune a lady called on our dealers this week, and offered them 1000 of the New Bermuda Prov. at 25c each.

Mr. Trumbull White, who is pleasantly remembered by our members, departed this week on the steamship "Northwestern" which sailed direct from here to England. Mr. White goes in the interest of the paper which he represents.

By the way these ocean going vessels are to be a permanent thing henceforth for Chicago.

"OMEGA."



By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BERMUDA.—I have listed the new provisional 1 farthing on 1 shilling gray in a recent number (407). I find some data in *Mekeel's News* from W. F. Gregory that will prove of interest:

"Probably no stamp of recent issue has caused so much excitement for a day as the 1 farthing on 1sh gray of Bermuda. As a speculation, the bubble burst before it had been fairly formed. Reports as to the number printed varied from 10,000 to 240,000. It was also reported that the entire issue was bought up in 24 hours, which was probably nearly correct. This could be easily done, as the stamps represented only about \$1200.00. Dealers had secured a few which were offered at high prices. They were said to sell at 8 to 12 cents each in Bermuda. A steamer arrived from Bermuda and speculators were unloading on the dealers at almost any price. Gradually the cause of the unloading became public. The Government had printed another lot of 480,000 which had just arrived in Bermuda. Now everybody will be able to get Bermuda 1 farthing stamps at a reasonable price."

BOLIVIA.—The *Monthly Journal* states that it has seen a copy of the 20c stamp of the 1897 issue apparently imperforate. It has good margins, (with ragged edges,) is on an entire envelope and was used in October, 1898.

CRETE.—In number 412 I announced a new Unpaid Letter set stating that the color had been given in some quarters as olive and others as vermilion. The *American Journal of Philately* announced the set as appearing in olive bistre and while the last number of this journal properly lists the vermilion set it does not correct its former chronicle. The design of the new set is similar to that of the current Norway, with the posthorn shaded.

There are reports current that the 25 and 50 lepta have appeared in changed colors. The *Monthly Journal* has received the 20l in orange yellow and the 50l in ultramarine and a correspondent informs this paper that the 25l exists in dull yellow as well as the 50l. I therefore chronicle

Adhesives (Unpaid Letter):

1 lepton, red.
2 lepta, "
5 " "
10 " "
20 " "
40 " "
50 " "
1 drachma, red.
2 drachmae, "

Adhesives (Regular):

20 lepta, orange-yellow.
25 " dull yellow.
50 " "
50 " ultramarine.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. Henniker Heaton, M. P., is not so busy in reform work that he cannot give a little attention to the color of the 1d English stamp. He is very actively at work trying to induce Parliament to change the color to red. A few days since he forwarded a memorial to the Postmaster General signed by 100 members of the House of Commons in favor of a change in color from lilac to "Royal Scarlet."

INDIA, Kishengarh.—Two new values are reported for this state, 2 and 4 annas. The former bears a portrait, presumably of the ruler of the State, while the 4 annas is similar in design to the 1 anna chronicled in number 370.

Adhesives (Regular):

2 annas, orange.
4 " chocolate.

LABUAN.—In some manner not at all made clear, three of the values printed for Labuan, while issued in the special colors of this colony nevertheless failed to receive the surcharge "LABUAN." Thus I have three errors to chronicle either of color in the case of Borneo or omission of surcharge in case of Labuan. You pay your money and you take your choice.

Adhesives (Errors):

25c green.
50c marone.
\$1.00 blue.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The *Monthly Circular* is authority for the statement that the 5c on 4c provisional listed in number 360 has been converted into a Postage Due stamp by a surcharge of the letter "T" in an inverted triangle. As might be expected it was in use for only a few days.

Unpaid Letter (Provisional):

5c on 4c claret on grey.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.—I have referred in a previous issue to the Commemorative stamp to be issued upon the occasion of the Duke of York's visit to Australia. It will consist of the current half penny green stamp of this colony with the Duke's head in place of Queen Victoria's. It will be issued on his arrival.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. A. W. Dunning of Newton sends me what might be called a trade Post Card. It is diminutive in size measuring 3 by 1½ inches, no doubt the smallest Post Card ever issued. Its value is ¼d, color rose, and it is issued by a business firm to promote a prize competition among its patrons.

TRANSVAAL.—A very important bit of news reaches us. A correspondent of *Ewen's News* states that the 1d carmine has undergone a change in the overcharge, the letters "E R. I." taking the place of "V. R. I." This will mean a similar change in all the values as fast as supplies on hand are exhausted. The type of the surcharge remains unchanged.

UNITED STATES.—Long before this item gets into print my readers will have seen and admired the Pan-American stamps. Their coming has been eagerly awaited and the amount of good they will accomplish in the stimulating of philatelic energy cannot be over-estimated. Hundreds of collectors will date the inception of their interest in collecting to the appearance of this pretty set and all, dealers and collectors alike, will welcome the Pan-Americans with open arms.

Mr. R. F. Chambers, Providence, submits for my examination a ½c proprietary revenue upon what appears to be distinctly laid paper. Has any other reader noted his peculiarity?

Building a Collection.

BY ALBERT H. HALL.

Are you building a collection of stamps or just gathering one? There is a vast difference. A schoolboy will gather together every kind of a stamp that he can lay his hands on, paste them, hit or miss, into an old account book, and then stop. He has gathered a collection. The collection builder is as careful in his work as is the builder of a house. You have often watched a mason laying brick. How he chooses each one, balancing and turning it to be sure that it is even in shape, sound and whole. How neatly he spreads the mortar, just enough and not too much. How carefully he lays the brick in place with plumb and level and gentle tap of the trowel. And when the work is done the building is a thing of beauty and pride. That is the way a stamp collection should be built. Each stamp should be chosen for its condition or for its relation to the rest of the collection, and should be mounted with neatness and with care.

WHAT TO COLLECT.

Collect everything that costs you nothing or only time and labor of exchanging. No man may tell you that you can collect only this and that. Revenues, envelope stamps, postcards, telegraph stamps, locals, Seebeks, reprints, remainders, speculatives, anything connected in the slightest degree with our hobby, if it drifts into your hands keep it. If you are limited in purse, keep your money for the stamps you need, but what you can get without money, get and enjoy.

Foreign correspondence had put me in possession of quantities of duplicates cataloging two cents each, for which I had given the stamps rescued from the mail of a business house. I ran across a man who had a lot of foreign revenues. I traded stamp for stamp to the extent of about a hundred. He got a hundred different foreign postage stamps and I have a hundred different foreign revenues which cost me only the time and trouble of collecting them and which always interests my friends by their novelty.

GENERAL OR SPECIAL.

Go neither to the extreme of schoolboy generalizing or of scientific specializing. Combine the two for your own sake. Take everything that comes and put it neatly in its place, it will round out your collection and some day you will want it to compare with something else. Specialize in one country at a time for the practice in watching for details. Take some one of the older and smaller European countries where most of the stamps are common and where the few that you will have to buy are not expensive.

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Will allow 75% in exchange at whole catalogue for selection from your duplicates, or will take all duplicates at fair rates. Exchange Stamp Co., Malden Mass. [18]

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USED AND UNUSED.

Don't confine yourself to used stamps, neither to unused. Take them as they come, using some discretion in their purchase. Of old issues the used stamps are always cheaper, except in the case of remainders. In current issues unused stamps are often nearly as cheap and much better in appearance. Particularly in the stamps of your own country have all that you can unused. My advice to a beginner about to spend his first money on his collection would be, don't buy used foreign stamps yet. Go to your post office and get every stamp that you can afford to buy. There is no excuse for a used two cent United States or Canada in the album of any collector however poor. Unused low values cost little now but when you part with them fifty years hence they will have increased marvelously. Or if you transmit your collection to your son or grandson he will have old issues to be proud of and not a mess of rubbish. Did some one hand down to you a daubed 3 cent imperforate of 1851, worth 2 cents? Don't you wish it were unused? It would have cost the donor 3 cents in its time and now is worth \$1 50.

NEW ISSUES.

Don't be afraid to collect new issues because there are no spaces for them in your album. In a few years a new edition of the album will appear with spaces for them. Get your stamps first and your album afterward. It is easier that way. Every collector should have two albums,—one the printed form for old issues, the other loose sheets of punched paper in a cover, for new issues and odds and ends. Buy the new issues, unused, as they appear—at least samples of the low values to show the design. Keep abreast of the times and ahead of your fellow collectors. Have something to show them that they have not got. So you will build a collection that will give you a reputation, and a reputation that will give you pride.—*The Adhesive.*

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THE DESIRED INFORMATION.

{ IRISH PHILATELIC CLUB,
D. B. C. BUILDINGS,
LOWER SACKVILLE STREET,
DUBLIN, 22 April, 1901.

The Editor PHILATELIC ERA,
Dear Sir: As you ask for information regarding the genuineness of the appeal for Foreign Stamps for mission work, issued by Mr. J. N. Mostyn of Bray, Ireland, which you published in your number of March 23rd last.

I have much pleasure in informing you that Mr. Mostyn is a well-known member of the Irish Bar, who several years ago took up stamp collecting as a means of aiding mission work, in which he is deeply interested. He is a member of the "Brethern" and the circular which you printed was intended only for private circulation amongst the members of that body. During the past nine years he has, from the sale of stamps sent to him, realized several hundred pounds, all of which he has devoted to mission work. Over £700 has been forwarded, to and acknowledged by *Echoes of Service*, the journal of the Brethern, published at 10 Widcombe Terrace, Bath, England, as reference to the back numbers will prove, and he has also sent donations to the North African, South African and China missions.

Your readers may rest assured that any stamps forwarded to Mr. Mostyn will be used solely for the purposes stated by him in his letter. I remain,

Yours truly,
WM. LANE,
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The Sordid Side of Philately.

By **L. G. QUACKENBUSH.**

The financial side of our hobby has, within the past decade or so, developed into a stupendously powerful factor in philatelic matters. At no time since Philately first began to be seriously followed has it been possible to ignore it altogether; but at no previous period has it forced itself one-half so insistently into the very warp and woof of philatelic life. The last ten years of the nineteenth century must ever remain notable in the annals of our hobby as an era of great and grave changes in philatelic things; changes whose magnitude few of us fully realize until, as now we look back and in the clearer perspective which the past affords, see their real import and significance. It has been a period of gigantic growth and large achievement. All things philatelic have loomed up on a Titanic scale. The struggling young pursuit of ten or a dozen years ago has grown by wondrous leaps and bounds into a lusty giant. Great movements have taken place and great strides have been made in many different directions; and, as must be the case with whatever waxes big and strong Philately's increased greatness has brought into being new dangers and fresh crises that were unforeseen in its less ambitious days. Of these things, born of its very strength, that have menaced Philately's welfare and are yet causes for grave uneasiness, all are more or less the outgrowth of Philately's commercial side. The reprint, the forgery and the speculative issue are most deeply to be feared because they attack collectors in the most vulnerable of points, the pocket; and that is as it should be. He who purchases any pleasure-giving device (and is not a postage stamp, in its philatelic sense to be so considered) can find no joy in the possession if he later learns that he has been duped as to its nature. The adulterated and the false are even more to be feared in Philately than in many other of life's concerns, since the basis on which stamp collecting rests is so purely one of sentiment. An obsolete stamp, whether used or unused, is in itself worth absolutely nothing. Its value as a curiosity depends alone on the amount of pleasure the philatelists of the world are securing from their hobby. Yet how far has this simple truth been lost sight of in the presence of that sordid spirit that has of late years seemed to animate so large a section of the body philatelic. There is little need to here retell a story that is already to most of us painfully familiar, of the yearly increasing of catalogue values on all stamps in any degree desirable, sometimes only a little higher, sometimes doubled, sometimes trebled, sometimes even more; of the day of the auction sale with its ever rising quotations and its wide heralded record-breaking

The DR. POTTS COLLECTION

will be included in our next Auction Sale. We are moving to new quarters and are all torn up, so we can not set the date this week, but we hope to bring it off in May.

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10 " 1893, U. S. 1c to 30c	.38
7 " Omaha 1c to 50c	.39
7 " Omaha 10c used	.19
20 " U. S. Due stamps	.32
5 " Ecuador 1881, unused	.07
7 " Honduras 1878, complete, unused	.26
11 " " 1890,	.23
3 " " 1891, 2 1/2, 5, 10 pesos, cat. 75c	.25
3 " " 1893, complete, unused	.32
10 " Wuhu 1894, comp., unused, cat. \$1.95	.90
6 " German China 1898, complete	.50
6 " Kamerun 1897, complete	.55
4 " Swelland, 1, 3, 4, 6d, unused, fine, rare	1.15
11 " Tonga 1897, 1/2 to 1sh, unused, fine, rare	1.75
8 " V.R.I. on Transvaal 1/2 to 1sh, unstd., fine	1.00
3 " Doc. Revs., uncut, \$1, \$3, \$5, fine	.30
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1896, No. 99, 1c blue green	.40	.25
1896, No. 103, 3c emerald green	.08	.05
1886, News set, complete	.17	.10
1890, News set, complete	.10	.06
1896, News set, complete	.12	.08
1889, No. 351, 2 4-8 on 1c*	.08	.04
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prices; of the day of the boom and inflation and speculation, when "purchase" and "sale" were the words most often on philatelic lips, when big collections almost daily changed hands at unheard of sums and the philatelic press seemed at times, only an echo of the auction room; of these later days when speculators began to realize and prices began to fall and collections depreciated and the dark days came; of all this and many other things let some great philatelic historian of the future draw the picture in all its vivid colors. Let us simply strive to discern the lessons which these things should teach—lessons still I fear, as little comprehended by many of us as they were a half-dozen years ago. For today there still remains a great deal of the old spirit. There still exists a great many collectors who seemingly cannot look at stamps in any other light than miniature coupon bonds. Any marked decrease in stamp values they hail as a calamity most terrible, and decided stiffening of prices, they greet with glad rejoicing. They yearn for the time when prices shall again move skyward and in mournful tones proclaim that these are the days of philatelic decadence. Are these critics right? Is it necessary that even in the hobby which beguiles and makes sweeter our leisure hours we must be pursued by that haunting, dreary phantom named financial expediency? Must we of modest purses, O, ye wise ones, lament the train of circumstances that has brought within our means the prices of many long wished for specimens? Must we sing and be joyful when prices do advance, simply because such advance indicates a healthier tone to the philatelic market, due to increasing numbers of collectors. Philately does not so much need new blood and new recruits as an increase in earnest enthusiasm on the part of those already enrolled. Any great increase in the number of active collectors of course means that each of us can count his own collection of higher value as a realizable asset. But is this to be all and end all of collecting. It is all-very well to argue that unless stamps had a fairly staple market value, we could not afford to lock up in them as much money as we often do. It is an extremely pleasant thing when one can eat his cake and have it too; or, in other words, after one has extracted all the enjoyment possible out of his stamps to be able, in commercial phrase, to return the goods and get the money back. We doubtless feel more free to spend money on our hobby than if all sums so laid out were gone irretrievably; and this is of course right and proper. But let no man think for one moment that this is the real foundation and corner stone of collecting; that when prices fall Philately trembles, that when they rise it is thereby glorified. The eternal sources of philately's hold upon mankind are to be found in its own inherent attractions. Not because prices rise or prices fall; not because men make

money from it or because they lose it; not because stamps have a commercial value, but because they have a far more important value of another kind does our pursuit stand where it is today.

The collection of the true philatelist has a value to him not to be measured in money. It is the embodiment of all that has entered into its making; all the study, all the research, all the efforts that have accompanied its growth; all the hours of pleasure; all the placid enjoyment; all the soothing of weary and troubled moments; all the quickening of mental powers; all the thrills of exultation; all that has inspired us to do and feel. It is the repository of pleasant memories, the always true and trusty friend, the ever ready comforter and mental solace. How can this value be reduced to concrete figures? The mere catalogue worth of the individual stamps it is easy to arrive at, but what about this other value, so much harder to estimate, yet every whit as real. What if market quotations do break most sharply; there is a value to stamps that is entirely unaffected. Nothing can take it away. Even though it may seem to vanish when one's collection is laid aside and neglected, yet the germs of philatelic interest are never wholly dead in the heart of any man who has been its votary; and those of us who have passed through long spells of philatelic torpor know full well how easily the old feelings are re-awakened and how little impaired is the fascination that attaches to the stamps that we have kept by us during our hibernation.

It seems to me that he is a poor philatelist whose attachment to Philately is so much a matter of dollars and cents that a decline in the catalogue value of his stamps means a corresponding decline in his pleasure in them. Do we collect for money? Are we stamp brokers and buyers and sellers, or are some of us simply collectors in the good old way? Why should we collectors really care which way the market moves. If prices rise we must simply work a little harder, or deny ourselves a few necessities to provide for our chosen pleasure; if prices fall, our philatelic pocket money will simply go a little farther. If it should chance that adversity befall us or, O thrice cursed day, that our interest in Philately flickers and dies out, what if we can realize from our treasures only a portion of their original cost. Are we to count as nothing all the pleasant hours they have afforded us? Are we to begrudge their cost? Have we not had value received from them many times over? We spend money on many a pleasure without the least hope of ever deriving therefrom a grain of financial benefit, and yet feel ourselves well repaid in the happiness of the moment and the resultant addition to our store of pleasant memories. If Philately makes our lives sweeter and better worth while, can we not afford its cost, be it great or be it small? If the money we put into

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It is inexplicable how any real philatelist can find it in his heart to give up his hobby simply because the monetary value of his treasures may chance to depreciate. There are too many of the weak-kneed and faint-hearted in our ranks; men, whom the first indication of a wane in prices sent post haste to the auction room or other markets of sale, and thereby proven how slight after all was their interest in real Philately. There has been a great weeding out among us in the last five years, and I am not sure but it is better so. It has been sad some ways to see the desertion of many men who have been counted among the moguls of Philately; men with princely collections and princely means for developing and increasing them. It would seem that those possessed of worldly riches would be the last to give up Philately on account of depreciated values. But, strange to say, they have, in many cases, been among the very first to sacrifice their treasures and abandon the pursuit. And we need not bewail them. The leaving of the philatelic clans, the sifting out of the few to whom Philately is a lifelong interest and study from among the many to whom it is but a passing fad, is in reality a blessing in disguise.

It strengthens and solidifies the cohorts of Philately. It brings out in brighter relief the true philatelist whose interest in his hobby springs from so much more enduring a basis. The sordid side of Philately is not now nearly as prominent as it once was, but it is still too prominent by far, and the more it is subordinated and stifled and kept under cover in the future, the better will it be for Philatelic interests at large. Let us strive to educate the rising philatelic generation to a different standard. Let us teach them that the intellectual and ethical beauties of Philately are the keystone of its power, and that its greatest benefits and largest dividends are not in negotiable coin. It is all very well that they who traffic in stamps should prosper and that we who buy of them can look on the stamp album as in one sense a personal savings bank. But he who can take no loftier view of Philately's inner temples than as a place of merchandise has not in his soul the constituents of the true philatelist.—*Philatelic West and Camera News.*

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or a total of £26,720! ! This of course is merely stated as an estimate, and we presume it will be based on a retail value, for we read that in addition to this Mr. Ruben had a very heavy stock of his own. Those of us who also take an interest in other philatelic matters will be aghast to read that this same gentleman estimates his Russian locals only from the Moen stock at M 192,800!—*Postal Cards and Covers.*

OVEKLOOKED THE "ERA."

Amongst the philatelic magazines which are friendly to "entire" collecting we would first place *Stamps* in England, *The American Journal of Philately* in America. But there are a large number of others who are always pleased to publish items on postal stationery, and amongst these we must mention the excellent *Monthly Circular* of Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son, which has of late provided a very complete chronicle of all newly issued series. The *London Philatelist* is also friendly though in a less degree, while the *Stamp Collector*, which is the official organ of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, has had one or two articles on the desirability of collecting cards and covers. A regular feature of the *Philatelic West* is a postal card department conducted by Mr. Thiel, and the *Virginia Philatelist*, official organ of the Postal Card Society of America, has a capital new issues list. *Ewen's Stamp News* has been publishing a series of articles on the Embossed Envelope Dies of our own country by Mr. Oswald Marsh, but Mr. Ewen's own bearing is in favour of "cut squares"—our pet aversion. In this connection it would be unfair not to mention the excellent list of new issues of cards and covers which occurs in *L' Timbrophile Belge*, to which we are often indebted for the earliest news.—*Postal Cards and Covers.*

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Items from the Tub.

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Mr. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. is away on a short trip. Mr. Colson is about to take a trip West, stopping at Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland and other points, and returning via Montreal, also in the interest of the New England Stamp Co.

In my notes in the April 20th number an error occurred in regard to the frames which Mr. Rothfuchs displayed at the Boston Philatelic Society. My notes read that the frames were exhibited by Mr. Rothfuchs at the Paris Exposition, while they should have read that they were exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.

The frames alluded to are:

- 1 complete set Agriculture olive yellow.
 - 1 " " Navy ultramarine.
 - 1 " " Executive.
 - 1 " " War.
- and one 2c Navy green.

Mr. Rothfuchs also displayed another frame containing

- 1 full sheet of \$10.00 State Department.
 - 1 " " 20.00 " "
 - and 1 strip of 10 90c Justice Department,
- and this frame was exhibited for the first time at the Boston Philatelic Society.

As a matter of fact no exhibit in this country or abroad has ever shown two full sheets of State Department stamps.

Stamp collectors of Boston and vicinity who are not members of this Society cannot realize what philatelic feasts they are losing by not coming into the Society. Nearly every meeting night, stamps of rarity are seen or talked about.

I have noticed a slight difference in the current two cent Canadian stamp. One which I have just noticed which came from Canada within a few days is about one-half millimeter shorter and one-half a millimeter wider than those that I have received through the mails heretofore. This difference in size gives the label a more circular appearance which is at once noticeable upon comparison with the older variety. Possibly a new plate has been engraved, and perhaps some of the Canadian readers of the ERA can enlighten us in regard to this difference, and while they are investigating this inform us whether any of the other values have been so altered.

Mr. Chas. H. Stone's auction sale, which was held on the 23d of April, was well attended, and the stamps brought good prices.

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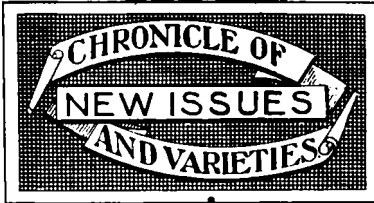
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WHOLE No. 417.



By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CEYLON.—I have just received from G. B. Calman a new 4c orange that I find I have not listed. This is a change in color, the stamp replacing the 4c rose issued last year.

Adhesive, (Regular):
4c orange.

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Upon the authority of the *Revue Philatelique Belge*, our St. Louis contemporary, *Mekeel's News*, gives a long list of stamps of various issues "surcharged with a circular device similar to the Salvador 'wheel,' but larger. It is said to be a 'control stamp' and is probably another development of the desperate situation now existing in this unhappy country on account of the revolution. The worst feature of this latest eruption is the appearance of the surcharge in various colors on the same stamp. We present a complete list as given by our contemporary; their status will be determined later."

Adhesives (Provisional):

- 1 centavo, orange on yellow, surch. black or green.
- 5 centavos, red on rose, surch. black or violet.
- 5 centavos, black on buff, surch. black.
- 10 centavos, bistre-brown on rose, surch. black, red, violet or green.
- 20 centavo, brown on blue, surch. black.
- On 1895 issue.
- 5 centavos, orange-brown on pale buff, surch. black, blue, red, violet or green.
- On 1899 issue.
- 1 centavo, red on yellow, surch. black.
- 5 centavos, red-brown on salmon, surch. black red, violet or green.

COREA.—The *Monthly Journal* announces two new stamps, 2 ch light blue and 10 ch mauve, the latter similar in type to the current 4 ch.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 2 ch, light blue.
- 10 " mauve.

COSTA RICA—I have been shown a new official stamp by Mr. Edward L. Rand,

consisting of the 2c carmine and black of the 1900 issue surcharged in black "OFFICIAL." As the entire set will without doubt now appear with this surcharge I list it as follows

Adhesives (Official):

- 1c green and black, surch. "OFFICIAL."
- 2c red " " " "
- 5c blue " " " "
- 10c orange " " " "
- 20c maroon " " " "
- 50c lilac and blue, " " " "
- 1 colon, bistre and black, " " " "
- 2 colones, carmine and green, surch. "OFFICIAL."
- 5 " brown and black, " " " "
- 10 " green and red, " " " "

ECUADOR.—In number 408 I listed four values as appearing in new colors, the 1, 2, 5 and 10 centavos. I now learn that this set has been surcharged for official use, but I delay listing until I can give further particulars.

SALVADOR.—Mr Hopkins, in his chronicle in *Mekeel's News*, gives a very comprehensive review of the 1900 stamps surcharged with "rayed device":

"This device consists of an anchor and shield, the latter having stars above and vertical stripes below with a diagonal panel bearing the letters "D. G. C.," the whole being surrounded by rays. In the first type (large violet) the rays are alternately long and short, the diameter over all being about 15 mm. In the second type (small violet) the rays are all the same length and the diameter is about 12 mm. In the third type (black) the rays are alternately long and short and the diameter is about 12½ mm. Most of the varieties listed have been shown us by Mr. C. H. Mekeel, including the three additional varieties of 1899 official stamps with "Franqueo Oficial" and 12 holes. Each of the 1900 sets appears to be a distinct printing, as the shades are quite distinct."

Though I have chronicled certain of these values I now list the sets in their entirety for convenience sake.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- 1 centavo, gray-green, 1900, large violet surch.
- 2 centavos, dull pink, " " "
- 3 centavos, light gray, " " "
- 5 centavos, slate-blue, " " "
- 10 centavos, dull blue, " " "
- 13 centavos, orange, " " "
- 50 centavos, rose-red, " " "
- 1 centavo, pale green, 1900, small violet surch.
- 2 centavos, rose, " " "
- 3 centavos, dark gray, " " "
- 5 centavos, dull blue, " " "
- 10 centavos, blue, " " "
- 12 centavos, green, " " "
- 13 centavos, brown-orange, " " "
- 1 centavo, yellow-green, 1900, black surch.
- 13 centavos, orange, " " "

Adhesives (Provisional Official):

- 1899, "Franqueo Oficial" and 12 small holes.
- 1 centavo, bistre-brown.
- 5 centavos, gray-green.
- 5 centavos, brown-orange.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, *Selangor*.—The *Monthly Journal* states that the 50c exists in lilac and black as well as green and

black. The issues of these states have followed each other with so great frequency that I do not wonder at the inability of editors to keep abreast of them.

Adhesive:

- 50c lilac and black.

VAAL RIVER COLONY.—I have received the 1d South African Republic with the surcharge "E. R. I." in place of "V. R. I." I indicated the change last week but did not list it. We may expect from now on a succession of changes and the query may well be "which value next?" The new surcharge is of the same type as the old, and though I examined a sheet carefully I could note no errors, missing letters or periods or other freaks worthy of mention.

Adhesive (Provisional):

- 1d carmine and green, surcharged "E. R. I." in black.

Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
- American Journal of Philately, Vol. XIV No. 4, April:
 - Postage Stamps and Entries of Belgium.
 - Provisional Stamps of German China.
 - Status of Unpaid Letter, Registration Too-Late and Officials.
 - United States Postal Cards.
 - New Guatemala Counterfeits.
- American Philatelic Magazine, Vol. V No. 6 (54), March:
 - From a Dealer's Standpoint.
- Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXIX No 327, March:
 - Catalogue—Peru.
- Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica de Chile, Vol VI No 5-6, Sept.-Dec. :
 - Chilean Provisionals.
 - Suggestions for a New Set of Chilean Stamps.
- Australian Journal of Philately, Vol. I No. 7, March:
 - Federal Prospects.
 - Classification by Production.
 - Commonwealth Postage Stamps.
- Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. XI No. 4, April:
 - The Post in Persia.
- Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, No. 245, March:
 - Selection of Types of Postage Stamps.
 - Printing in Typography, Lithograph and Taille Douce.
- Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XV No. 199, April 15:
 - Stamps of the Papal States.
- Energy, Vol. III No. 2, March:
 - Valedictory.
- Ewens Weekly Stamp News, Vol. VI No. 79 (165), March 30:
 - New Zealand Unpaid Letter Stamps.
- London Philatelist, Vol. X No. 111, March:
 - Fence Issues of Ceylon.
 - Regulations for Unpaid Letter Stamps in France
- Madrid Filatelico, Vol. V No. 52, April:
 - Historic Notes—Thurs and Taxis.
 - Austrian Reprints.
 - England and Her Colonies.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV

No. 18 (539), May 2:

Stamps of Samoa.
 Surcharged Stamps of the Philippines.
 *John F. Seybold of Syracuse.
 Puerto Principe.
 As in a Looking Glass.
 Some Pony Express Feats.
 Unpaid Letter Stamps of France.
 Trip Through United States and Canada.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XV No. 4,

April 27:
 Washington Notes.
 English Letter.
 Colonial Plate Numbers.

Montreal Philatelist, Vol. III No. 10 (34),

April:
 Cuba Y K.
 Postals and Fiscals.

New York Philatelist, Vol. X No. 1, April:

*C. W. Abbott.
 *J. C. Miller.
 Original Letters.
 Bogus "Errors" of Finnish Stamps.
 Ye Olde Time Revenues and Ye Newe Ones.
 Educational Benefit Derived from Stamp Collecting by Young Philatelists.
 Two Varieties of Star Watermark on South Australian Stamps.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. X No. 4 (56),

April:
 United States Minutes.
 Outskirts of Philately.
 Passing of the Queen.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. III No. 6, April:

First Issue of Samoa.
 Stamps to Bear King Edward's Phiz.
 Philatelic Index.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Vol. XI

No. 123, March:

*A. H. Stamford.
 Notes on Greek Stamps.
 Bulmer Case.
 St. Helena.
 Late Perforations of New South Wales.

Philatelic Record, Vol. XXIII No. 4, April:

An Official French Forgery.
 *Dr. Emilio Diena.
 My Favourite Countries—Italian States.
 Origin of Stamp Colours.

Philatelistes Francais, Vol. X No. 84, March:

Stamps of Roumania.
 Dominican Republic.
 Stamps of the United States.
 Belgian Postal Obliterations.

Post, Vol. VIII No. 3, March 20:

*Ludwig Reeder.
 The Stamp Album
 Post and Telegraph in Tunis.

Prairie State Philatelist, Vol. III No. 1,

April:
 Queer Things in the Mails.

Quaker City Philatelist, Vol. II No. 1,

April:
 Once a Philatelist Always a Philatelist.

Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post, Vol. II

No. 27, April 11:
 Talk on Some New Issues.
 Chicago Notes.

Revue Philatologique Francaise, Vol. IX

No. 122, March:
 Concerning the New French Stamps.
 French Congo.
 Turk's Islands or Turks' Islands.
 Fiscal Stamps of Switzerland—Berne.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VII

No. 158, March 30:
 Reminiscences of a Philatelist.
 First Visit to a Stamp Auction.
 National Collection for India.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol.

XI No. 129, March:
 Reprints of Hawaii.
 Stamps of Hyderabad.
 Four Months' Trip Through U. S. and Canada.
 Note from Australia.
 Reprints of Belgian Post Cards.

Timbrophile Beige, Vol. IV No. 40, April:

Stamps on Double Paper.
 Surcharged Greek Stamps.

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. V No. 7, March:

*J. J. Courtice and R. C. Frith.
 Literature Collector.
 Valuable Scraps.
 What Are Guam Stamps Worth?
 Stamps of the National Bank Note Co. on Double Paper.

The *Anales* of the Chilean Philatelic Society contains a suggestion for a new issue of stamps for Chile. There would be

fifteen values running as high as 5 pesos. The ten lower would have the portraits of distinguished Chileans, while the other values would have historical scenes depicted upon them. Should they be adopted they would certainly make a very fine appearance.

The study of cancellations is receiving considerable attention in this country and it will be of interest to know that our post office at the Paris Exposition used at least three different obliterations. One of these has already been illustrated in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* and the last number presents the other two.

Energy gives up the ghost, having been consolidated with the *Canada Stamp Sheet*. "One more unfortunate" etc.

The stamps of the Papal States are very entertainingly and instructively written up in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* by Victor Flandrin. I trust some publisher will see his way to having it translated for the benefit of those who do not see *L'Echo*.

The early pence issues of Ceylon have always been popular with advanced collectors and the paper by E. D. Bacon in the *London Philatelist* gives many interesting facts. It is in a way supplementary to that presented by Baron Percy de Worms last year.

Franz Reichenheim read a paper before the London Society in February, dealing with the regulations governing the use of the French unpaid letter stamps. As *Mekeel's Weekly* for May 3rd, has reprinted it in full I will say no more except to urge my readers to peruse it for themselves.

Madrid Filatelico is publishing as a supplement a history of the postage and telegraph stamps of Spain. It is written by the editor of the journal and is so printed that the pages can be detached and folded so as to be about 6x8 inches in size and bound by themselves. It is illustrated and full of official documents etc.

It is a trifle late to say anything about the Pan-American number of *Mekeel's Weekly* but isn't it a stunner! The stamp business must surely be good when dealers blow in so many full page advertisements as we find in this forty-page paper. And the reading matter is as usual, fresh and up-to-date. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, who owns the finest collection of original covers in the country, is shown seated in his stamp den with his books and stamps all around him. But probably most of my readers have seen the paper for themselves so I will stop.

Greece has always been a bugbear to most collectors as to the arrangement of the numerous shades, prints etc. The series of notes running in the *Philatelic*

PORTO RICO,

1890 40c ORANGE,
 Unused, Full Original Gum, Fine Condition,
 Price, \$5.00.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
 3118 Washington St., * BOSTON, MASS.

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at great sacrifice, all my stamps cat. 2c to 25c each, in packets as follows:

Foreign:		United States:	
300 all different,	\$1.00	4-5 of each packet are	
300 " "	.50	adhesives.	
150 " "	.25	100 all different,	\$0.50
100 " "	.10	75 " "	.30
50 " "	.05	50 " "	.20
		40 " "	.10
		30 " "	.05

A Premium of a 25c Album for U. S. only or foreign, or an entire, unused U. S. Env. cat. 50c, free with every 3rd order of 30c and up. [17*]

G. C. RHEINFRANK, LA CROSSE, WIS.

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.

Scott's List, City Mail Co., cat. \$1.00, on o. g., lightly cancelled on corner, for same value in cheaper grades U. S. Revs., Depts. or postage, by 59th cat. W. H. Keppel, Tiffin, Ohio.

Imperf. 70c Foreign Exchange, large margins all sides, but has small tear at side, neatly mended, cat. \$4.00, will exchange for \$2.00 Columbian, 7c or 10c State. Make offers. C. H. Smith, Box 4009, Sta. B, Philadelphia, Pa.

Will exchange Bartels' No. 337, 5c blue on white, unused, entire, cat. 50c, for stamps not in my collection. U. S. and Canada preferred, but will accept others. Rev. Edwin Ewell, Nashua, Iowa.

Pedigreed Belgian Hares to exchange for \$1.50 (face value Pan-American Plate Numbers) per pair. Will also take 1891-95 issue Plate Nos. H. N. McKusick, 308 N. 3rd St., Stillwater, Minnesota. [19]

Will allow 75% in exchange at whole catalogue for selection from your duplicates, or will take all duplicates at fair rates. Exchange Stamp Co., Malden Mass. [18]

For Exchange: 600 philatelic and coin papers, 250 magazines, all kinds, 9 vols. "Chamber's Encyclopedia" for good U. S. and foreign stamps. C. S. Mason, 704 Jefferson St., Toledo, O. [17]

Wanted: Proofs of all kinds particularly Revenue, Proprietary, Match, Medicine and Playing Cards. Will give good exchange in U. S. stamps or Proofs. Send on approval and state your wants. Albert E. Chase, Box 1173, Brunswick, Maine. [4111*]

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.

For Sale: A collection of Plate Numbers 1894-95, numbers 1 to 215, one strip of each number. Complete except six numbers. GEO. F. CRANE, 90 Nassau St., New York City.

San Marino Jubilee; the three unused 3c. Stamps and sets on approval. Reference required. GEO. D. WEEKS, Garfield Nat'l Bank, New York City.

24c Agriculture, damaged but mended, 95c. L. S. SANBORN, Winchester, Mass.

"Fifty Schemes and How to Work Them." Price 25c. Agents wanted. WM. H. SHAW, 718 Vallejo St., room 6, Los Angeles, Cal.

Wanted: Pan-American Buffalo Exposition stamps, used. For 90 days will pay 10c a set for them: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10c. Any quantity. Send on what you have for immediate cash. LEWIS ROBIE 4 Ludgate Square, London, E. C., England. [161*]

Our approval books, fine specimens only, at 50c cancelled, 75% uncancelled. Want lists solicited from advanced collectors. Exchange Stamp Co., Malden, Mass. [18]

GEORGE J. CARTER STAMPS

265 HALSEY STREET, BROOKLYN, N.Y., U.S.A.

I am constantly buying large lots and collections and publish a list of special bargains weekly, which will be sent upon request. U. S. POSTAGE AND REVENUES A SPECIALTY.

I have a number of the following stamps bought very cheap. Let me know what you will pay for them.

100 2c green Cuba on U. S., used.
100 2c carmine Cuba on U. S., used.
500 1c green Cuba, present.
500 2c carmine Cuba, present.
100 1c Porto Rico on U. S.
100 2c " " " " " "
100 1c Puerto Rico on U. S.
100 2c " " " " " "
100 \$1.00 Carmine Documentary, cut.
100 \$1.00 Grey, all shades, " "
100 \$2.00 " " " " " "
100 \$3.00 " " " " " "

I undertake to sell at least one of each of the above lots to highest bidder. I want to find the present market value. Say how many hundred you will take at the price you offer.

Did you ever answer an "ad" of mine and not get what you wrote for?

When you spend 2c postage and 2c for return and find the ad a fake to get your address, don't it jar you? Reputable dealers don't do this, the other kind of "dealer" does.

GEO. J. CARTER, 265 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Journal of Great Britain by P. L. Pemberton will prove a blessing to many puzzled collectors. The only fault I can find with them is that there is so little each month.

Most philatelists have heard of Dr. Diena of Rome and we are all glad to see his portrait in the last *Philatelic Record* and to read about him. He contributes a sketch telling why the Italian states are "favourite countries."

An article on the stamps of the Dominican Republic is commenced in the *Philatelic Français*. I do not recall ever having seen a good essay on the stamps of this country and it will be a welcome addition to our literature. C. Jalouzet is the author.

The *Philatelic Post* is to be congratulated upon having secured L. G. Quackenbush for its editor. Good as the paper was before it has taken on a new impetus since the new editor took hold. Success to you Brother Q.

The French magazines are all running a regular department devoted to "Les nouveaux timbres français" and in the *Revue Philatelic-Francaise* for March the veteran Pierre Mahe has the floor.

Some doubt has been expressed in the papers as to whether the wonderful tiger etc. set of French Congo ever saw that country. An illustration is given showing a cover prepaid with seven values of the beauties postmarked at Loango 25 Janv. 01.

A writer in *Le Timbrophile Belge* states that he has stamps of India, Chile, Paraguay, Netherlands, Belgium and Canada on double paper similar to those known of the United States.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Pan-American two-cent *inverts* have been offered to the Guarantee Stamp Co. by a party named Davis, who hails from Brooklyn, N. Y. The party telephoned that he had ten copies for sale at twenty-five dollars each.

A young man has offered considerable numbers of Guatemala surcharges to the local dealers. Some varieties being in envelope sheets. As they have read some manuscript regarding the recent counterfeits of the Guatemala surcharges, they interrogated the young man, and he emphatically denied they were counterfeits, but, inasmuch as he offered them at forty cents on the dollar, and the face value is sixty cents, the stamps must be either counterfeits, remainders, or reprints. There is certainly something wrong with them, and should be left alone until further developments show what the stamps are.

The Bogert & Durbin Co. will hold their 163rd sale on Saturday, May 18th, at their offices in the Morton Building.

Mr. Coonan of Nyack, N. Y., was a recent visitor.

Mr. J. F. Dodge has met with a severe loss, he has just buried his father. He has our sympathy in his hour of bereavement.

VOLUNTEER.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

H. E. WOODWARD, President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Vice-President, Cambridgeport.
M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary, 2 Lagrange St., Winchester, Mass.
L. L. GREEN, Treasurer, 47 Tremont St., Boston.
J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Auctions, P. O. Box 16, Roxbury, Mass.
J. F. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Exchange, 136 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

The one hundred and sixth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, May 21st, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

The exhibition of U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square, will take place at this meeting. This will be the third of the series of competitive exhibits to be held this year. Undoubtedly many fine collections will be entered.

The April Meeting.

The one hundred and fifth regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, April 16th at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and 30 members and friends present.

PAN-AMERICAN.

A collection of the Postal Cards of the Western Hemisphere can be built up at a comparatively small outlay. Have you ever made an attempt to start one? Send 50c for 10 artistic specimens and booklet.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

922 N. GILMOR ST., BALTIMORE, MD.

10 Varieties Quebec Law Stamps	.....	\$0.25
Greece, Olympian, 201	.....	.02
401	.....	.06
12r	.....	.05
Denmark 1863, 165 violet, rouletted	.....	2.10
U. S. 1851, 12c black, fine	.....	.90
1869, 15c brown and blue, fair copy	.....	.75
Treasury, 7c brown, very fine	.....	.75
1893, 8c Columbian, unused	.....	.09
1847, 10c black, fine	.....	1.90

C. W. BROWN & CO., Publishers,
Box 185, Syracuse, N. Y.

A \$1.00 BLOCK COLLECTION.

Here's a bargain you can't duplicate—a collection of twenty different unused blocks of four (80 stamps) including blocks from the following countries: Newfoundland, Barbados, China, Eritrea, Paraguay, Shanghai, Bulgarina (provisional), Cuba (old issues), Macao (provisional), Brazil, etc., etc. The twenty blocks catalogue at \$2.40, our price is

\$1.00 POSTPAID.

It is getting to be a popular fad to collect unused blocks of four. We are supplying many collectors with better class stamps in blocks and for the purpose of starting others we have put up this handsome collection. Special terms to dealers on 10 or more collections.

GUARANTEE STAMP CO.,

106 E. 11th St., NEW YORK CITY.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following applications for membership were presented:

MR. C. E. SEVERN, Chicago, Ill.; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. S. T. S. DONCYSON, Chicago, Ill.; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. JOHN J. OESCH, Chicago, Ill.; proposed by M. H. Lombard.

MR. JOHN A. KLEMANN, New York City; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. WALTER S. SCOTT, New York City; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. SAMUEL C. BARNES, Amesbury, Mass.; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. JOHN I. TAYLOR, Boston; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. CHAS. W. SAWTELLE, Sharon; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. THOS. E. PENARD, Everett; proposed by W. E. Coburn.

MR. WM. TALBOT, Brockton; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. SHERMAN FOLLANSBEE, Salem; proposed by W. H. Colson.

The following were elected members:

Mr. Lucien E. Taylor, Cambridge.

Mr. W. R. Butler, Dorchester.

Mr. Henry J. Crocker, San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Albert E. Rhodes, Wollaston.

Mr. Louis P. Howe, Marlboro.

Mr. Robert B. Smith, New York.

Mr. Eugene E. Low, W. Somerville.

Mr. A. Dennison, Neponset.

Mr. Henry A. Moore, Neponset.

The President and Secretary were given full power to make a contract with THE WEEKLY ERA for one year.

The auction for the benefit of the Library then took place, and proved a success, a large sum being realized.

Following this, the second exhibition of the series, U. S. Departments, Periodicals and Postage Dues, was held.

Four exhibits were entered for competition. The judges were Messrs. C. F. Rothfuchs, H. E. Woodward and J. F. Capron.

They awarded the silver medal to Geo. L. Toppan, and the bronze medal to C. A. Howes.

Meeting stood adjourned at 10.20 o'clock.
M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.



San Marino.

1894, 25c, 50c, 11, unused,
o. g., cat. 63c - - - 25c

We have a few copies of some varieties of the Revenues advertised last week, but it will be well to send at once if you wish for them. Our prices made them fly.

Orders under 50c postage extra.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

* Unused.

* Abyssinia 1894, 1/2 g to 16g, complete	\$2.10
* Abyssinia 1896, unpaid, 1/2 to 16, 7 var.	1.75
Cuba 1855, sr, No. 3, cat. 75c	.30
Cuba, same, block of 4	1.20
Cuba 1864, sr, No. 21, cat. \$1.50	.60
Cuba 1870, 40c, No. 49, cat. \$2.00	1.00
Cuba 1891, 20c, No. 143, cat. \$1.50	.75
* Grenada 1893, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 4, 6d	.53
Liberia 1880, 24c rose, cat. \$1.00	.19
* Philippine Is., 1m 1892, No. 40	.66
* Philippine Is., 2m 1892, No. 410	.06
Philippine Telegraph, 2c to 10p, 12 var.	.39
* Servia, No. 49, 1d blue green	.25

E. F. GAMBS, P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Used Pan-American Stamps Wanted

in exchange at following prices:
1 and 2c at 40c per 1000.
4, 5, 8 and 10c at \$1.25 per 100.

stamp. His request could not be granted, so he had to content himself with just one-third that amount. The government is to be commended in issuing no higher denomination than the ten-cent.

About thirty members were present at the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society on Thursday evening. A great deal of business was transacted one part of which I'll speak of later.

The younger members have formed a Society on North Side and call it The Open Window Philatelic Society. Some dozen or fifteen members are enrolled, and they report having had a good time.

At the Philatelic Society Mr. Michael informed us that he had been approached by Buchanan, whose swindling scheme was fully explained last year in these columns by my predecessor, Mr. Jno. J. Oesch. Buchanan again offered for sale on cover split and perforated proofs of the rarer Department stamps. On Mr. Michael declining to handle them he wanted him to go in partnership with him, saying he had about \$1,000 of same kind of material which had been left with him.

I commend the action of the C. P. S. in taking up this case to see if something can not be done to prohibit such men as this one in swindling collectors. Unfortunately for us, the proofs are printed by the government, otherwise this man would have received his just deserts.

"OMEGA."

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, May 8th.

The New England Stamp Company have opened a branch office at the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo, N. Y., in charge of Mr. Warren H. Colson. The office is located in Bazaar building on the main corridor near the post office. A register will be provided in which all visiting philatelists will be invited to enter their names.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 68th sale was held at Elks' Hall on April 29th and 30th. A good attendance was noticed and good prices prevailed. The following bids are worthy of notice:

	Catalogue	Price Realized
1c type I, 1851,	\$25.00	\$25.05
5c " I, 1855-60, brick red,	6.00	5.70
15c 1869, inverted,	200.00	136.00
6c Nat'l 1871, unused,	3.50	2.00
12c " " "	7.00	5.50
48c 1879 Newspaper, used,	4.00	2.10
\$1.02 unused,	4.50	2.25
3.00 "	7.00	3.50
6.00 "	10.00	5.00
12.00 "	16.00	8.00
24.00 "	25.00	12.50
36.00 "	30.00	19.05
48.00 "	35.00	17.50
60.00 "	45.00	22.50
15c Agriculture, unused,	3.50	2.00
2c Navy, green, error,	40.00	29.35
\$5.00 State,	135.00	87.75
10.00 "	70.00	37.10
2c Proprietary, blue, imp.,	2.00	1.75
\$1.90 For. Exchange, "	65.00	40.25
2.50 In'd Exchange, "	30.00	20.00
\$10.00 Mortgage, "	7.00	4.25
20.00 Conveyance, "	1.50	1.20
4c Playing Cards, perforated,	8.00	5.00
\$1.60 second issue,	14.00	7.10
1c inverted medallion,	15.00	7.00
5c " " punched,	20.00	10.25
10c " " "	17.50	10.50
20c " " "	20.00	16.50
20c unused, no medallion,		6.00
50c inverted, not fine,	17.50	12.60
1c 1871-75, violet p, inverted,	25.00	15.00
\$1.00 1871-75, violet p, tack hole concealed,	100.00	50.25
5.00 on Periodical, surcharge up, P. O. state,	8.00	5.30
5.00 on Periodical, surcharge down, P. O. state,	8.00	5.60
10.00 1898,	1.50	1.05
Confederate.		
Autaugaville, Ala, envelope, greenish paper, No. 12,	300.00	
New Orleans, La., 5c brown on cover,	2.50	1.80
1862, 2c on cover,	2.00	1.50
U. S. Regular Issues.		
1847, 5c horizontal pair,	1.40	1.30
1851, 10c " "	1.50	1.20
" 10c vertical "	1.50	1.00
" 10c horiz'al strip of three,	2.25	1.50
" 12c " pair,	3.50	3.20

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE

this week in a stamp journal that the "dealers" were selling Ellwood Lee sets at 35c and 50c per set. There is only one dealer that sells them at that price and I am that dealer. While I have sold a great many, I still have some for sale at those prices, but only one set to a customer.

DR. POTTS COLLECTION

auction sale catalogue ready soon. Do you buy at auction? Our catalogues are the most explicit of any. Are you on our list?

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
38 Madison St., CHICAGO.

N. B.—Have you read the American Association Booklet?

75% DIS. LOCALS.

If we have any you want you may have them at 75% discount. Send list. U. S. Postage 50% to 75%. Revenues 60%. List and references wanted. [18]

St. Nicholas Stamp Co., 406 St. Nicholas Ave., N. Y.

France, unpaid if 1894, used	\$0.70
Iceland 40 violet, unused, cat. 75c	.37
Iceland 40 green, unused, cat. \$1.50	.95
Mayotte 5f, used, cat. \$1.65	.85
Portugal 500 reis black, used, cat. \$1.50	.90
Tunis 5f, used, cat. \$1.40	.70
Hawaiian 1891, dark blue, unused, cat. \$1.50	1.00

1897 and 1898 Salvador sets also just received.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO., Coldwater, Mich.



Confederate Stamps Free.

A beautiful unsevered pair of genuine Confederate stamps used during the late war, to all sending for my Packet No. 20, containing 100 var. of choice stamps. Price, 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned.

H. A. AMMANN,
ORRVILLE, OHIO.

\$1.00 red Documentary, cut	3c
1.00 gray " "	1c
2.00 " " "	1c
3.00 " " "	7c
5.00 " " "	10c
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jecture whether this is the forerunner of a		
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V. R. I. was exhausted, it would be sur-		
charged E. R. I., pending the issue of a		
permanent set, and we might go farther		
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New Stockholders.

1665. CASWELL, S. J., M. D., Rockford, Ill.
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Change of Address.

38. WOLSIEFFER, P. M., from 75 State St. to 38 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership May 4th..... 508
New Stockholders 3
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Total Membership May 11th..... 512

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 7, 1901.
General Fund.

Cash on hand April 1,	\$121.71
Dues collected in April,	8.50
Year Book,	.25
Balance on hand May 1,	\$130.46
Stock Fund.	
Am't on hand April 1,	\$1,652.00
Subscriptions rec'd in Apr.,	5.00
Balance on hand May 1,	\$1,657.00
Entertainment Fund,	125.89
Total am't in funds May 1, 1901,	\$1,913.35
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.	

Newspaper Clippings.

Washington, May 11 —Two-cent stamps (Buffalo Exposition series) worth considerably more than their face value may be the sequel to a blunder said to have been made by the bureau of printing and engraving.

It is said that a sheet containing 100 stamps was reversed before being run off, thus causing the picture of the express train to be printed inverted within the red border. There are 100 of them in existence and collectors are already looking for them.

The sheet was not noticed by the authorities, the story goes, and it is further reported that it was sent in the ordinary course of business to Brooklyn, where it was placed on sale. A manufacturing firm bought ten of the stamps and wrote to the department here complaining of them, using one of the very stamps in transmitting its letter of protest.

Thus the fact came out, and an enterprising Philatelist at once set about trying to secure as many of them as possible. He secured four by paying a Brooklyn man \$20 each for them. A stamp firm here is said to have secured two more of the stamps.—*Boston Record*, May 11th.

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1st.—Are all selected copies: The best which I have in stock as to perforations, centering and cancellations; imperforate and part perforated have the largest margins.
 2nd.—Are next best, but not as fine as 1st, but as fine as most all those sold by firms who do not classify their stamps according to condition.
 3rd.—Are not as fine as 2nds, some are repaired or imperfect, but many are as good as have been sold me for stamps in good condition. They are good space fillers.

1862, First Issue, Perforated.			1866, First Issue, Perforated.			First Issue, Part Perforated.		
	Price for 1st.	2nd.		Price for 1st.	2nd.		Price for 1st.	2nd.
1c Express	\$0.05	\$0.03	\$5.00 Mortgage	\$0.75	\$0.45	25c Certificate	\$0.10	\$0.05
1c Playing Cards	2.00	1.50	\$5.00 Probate of Will	.75	.45	25c Life Insurance	.15	.08
1c Proprietary	.04	.02	\$10.00 Charter Party	.75	.50	25c Power of Attorney	7.50	5.00
1c Telegraph	.15	.08	\$10.00 Conveyance	1.50	1.00	30c Inland Exchange	1.00	.75
2c Bank Check, blue	.01	.01	\$10.00 Mortgage	.75	.50	50c " "	.50	.35
2c " orange	.01	.01	\$10.00 Probate of Will	.75	.45	50c Conveyance, blue	.25	.15
2c Certificate, blue	.50	.30	\$15.00 Mortgage	5.00	3.25	50c " ultramarine	.35	.25
2c " orange	.30	.20	\$20.00 Conveyance	1.00	.75	50c Entry of Goods	1.50	.75
2c Express, blue	.04	.01	\$20.00 Probate of Will	25.00	15.00	50c Lease	3.50	1.50
2c " orange	.06	.04	\$25.00 Mortgage	3.50	2.00	50c Life Insurance	2.00	1.25
2c Playing Cards, blue	.20	.10	\$50.00 U. S. Int. Rev	2.00	1.25	50c Mortgage	.50	.30
2c " orange	.50	.35	\$200.00 " green and red	12.00	..	50c Probate of Will	2.50	1.50
2c Proprietary, blue	.08	.05	First Issue, Imperforate.			50c Surety Bond	.50	.35
2c " orange	1.02	.75	1c Express	1.00	.50	60c Inland Exchange	.50	.25
2c U. S. Int. Rev.	.01	.01	1c Playing Cards	..	7.50	1871, Second Issue, Perforated.		
3c Foreign Exchange	.08	.05	1c Telegraph	7.00	..	1c blue and black	.50	.35
3c Playing Cards	5.00	3.75	2c Bank Check, blue	.03	.02	2c " " "	.02	.01
3c Proprietary	.12	.07	2c Certificate, blue	.15	.10	3c " " "	.35	.20
3c Telegraph	.20	.12	2c Express, blue	.30	.20	4c " " "	.40	.30
4c Inland Exchange	.05	.03	2c Proprietary, blue	2.00	1.00	5c " " "	.05	.03
4c Playing Cards	6.00	4.00	3c Telegraph	1.50	.75	6c " " "	1.50	1.00
4c Proprietary	.15	.10	5c Certificate	.12	.12	10c " " "	.02	.01
4c Agreement	.03	.02	5c Express	.30	.20	15c " " "	.40	.25
5c Certificate	.01	.01	5c Inland Exchange	.10	.07	25c " " "	.12	.07
5c Express	.05	.03	10c Bill of Lading	.50	.25	30c " " "	.60	.40
5c Foreign Exchange	.04	.03	10c Inland Exchange	4.00	2.50	40c " " "	.50	.30
5c Inland Exchange	.01	.01	15c " "	.75	.50	50c " " "	.60	.40
5c Playing Cards	.50	.30	20c Foreign Exchange	1.00	.50	60c " " "	.60	.40
5c Proprietary	.60	.35	20c Inland " "	1.00	.12	70c " " "	.60	.40
5c Inland Exchange	.15	.08	25c Bond	3.25	2.75	\$1.00 " " "	.08	.05
6c Proprietary	50.00	18.50	25c Certificate	.30	.15	\$1.50 " " "	3.50	2.50
6c Bill of Lading	.05	.02	25c Entry of Goods	.20	.12	\$2.00 " " "	2.50	1.50
6c Certificate	.01	.01	25c " (hole punch)	.10	.05	\$2.50 " " "	.50	.30
6c Contract, blue	.01	.01	25c Insurance	.10	.06	\$3.00 " " "	1.00	.60
6c " ultramarine	.10	.05	25c Life Insurance	1.00	.60	\$3.50 " " "	.25	.15
6c Foreign Exchange, blue	.35	.20	25c Power of Attorney	.20	.12	\$4.00 " " "	3.00	2.00
6c " ultramarine	.75	.45	25c Protest	.60	.35	\$4.50 " " "	.50	.30
10c Inland Exchange	.01	.01	25c Warehouse Receipt	.75	.50	\$5.00 " " "	1.00	.60
10c Power of Attorney	.03	.02	25c " (hole punch)	.25	.15	\$5.50 " " "	.60	.35
10c Proprietary	.50	.25	30c Inland Exchange	.50	.30	\$6.00 " " "	1.00	.60
15c Foreign Exchange	.50	.30	40c " "	7.50	5.00	\$6.50 " " "	3.00	2.00
15c Inland Exchange	.03	.02	50c Conveyance	1.00	.75	\$7.00 " " "	.50	.30
20c Foreign	.75	.50	50c " (hole punch)	..	.25	\$7.50 " " "	1.00	.60
20c Inland " "	.02	.01	50c Entry of Goods, hole punch	30.00	10.00	\$8.00 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Bond	.08	.05	50c Foreign Exchange	1.00	.60	\$8.50 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Certificate	.01	.01	50c Lease	1.00	.60	\$9.00 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Entry of Goods	.07	.05	50c Life Insurance	1.75	1.25	\$9.50 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Insurance	.03	.02	50c Mortgage	1.00	.60	\$10.00 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Life Insurance	.15	.10	50c " (hole punch)	.50	.30	\$10.50 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Power of Attorney	.42	.01	50c Original Process	.25	.15	\$11.00 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Protest	.20	.12	50c Passage Ticket	4.00	..	\$11.50 " " "	1.00	.60
25c Wa. House Receipt	.50	.30	50c Probate of Will	1.50	.75	\$12.00 " " "	1.00	.60
30c Foreign Ex. change	1.00	.75	50c Surety Bond	6.00	4.00	\$12.50 " " "	1.00	.60
30c Inland	.04	.03	\$1.00 Conveyance	.30	.20	\$13.00 " " "	1.00	.60
40c " "	.05	.03	\$1.00 Entry of Goods	.60	.35	\$13.50 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Co. veyance, blue	.01	.01	\$1.00 " (hole punch)	.25	.15	\$14.00 " " "	1.00	.60
50c " ultramarine	.10	.05	\$1.00 Inland Exchange	.15	.07	\$14.50 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Entry of Goods	.02	.01	\$1.00 Lease	1.50	1.00	\$15.00 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Foreign Exchange	.40	.25	\$1.00 " (hole punch)	.35	.25	\$15.50 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Lease	.30	.20	\$1.00 Life Insurance	2.50	1.50	\$16.00 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Life Insurance	.04	.02	\$1.00 Manifest	1.25	.75	\$16.50 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Mortgage	.03	.02	\$1.00 " (hole punch)	.50	.35	\$17.00 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Original Process	.01	.01	\$1.00 Mortgage	1.00	.75	\$17.50 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Passage Ticket	.15	.10	\$1.00 Power of Attorney	.75	.50	\$18.00 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Probate of Will	.60	.35	\$1.00 Probate of Will	1.50	.75	\$18.50 " " "	1.00	.60
50c Surety Bond	.07	.05	\$1.50 Inland Exchange	.20	.15	\$19.00 " " "	1.00	.60
60c Inland Exchange	.12	.07	\$2.00 Mortgage	2.00	1.50	\$19.50 " " "	1.00	.60
70c Foreign	.08	.05	\$3.00 Conveyance	3.00	2.25	\$20.00 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Conveyance	.12	.07	\$4.00 Probate of Will	4.00	3.00	\$20.50 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Entry of Goods	.28	.03	\$5.00 Mortgage	5.00	3.75	\$21.00 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Foreign Exchange	.02	.01	\$5.00 Manifest	3.00	1.75	\$21.50 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Inland	.02	.01	\$5.00 Probate of Will	8.00	6.00	\$22.00 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Lease	.28	.05	\$5.00 Conveyance	1.25	.75	\$22.50 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Life Insurance	.12	.07	\$5.00 Probate of Will	30.00	..	\$23.00 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Manifest	.50	.30	\$7.50 Mortgage	15.00	..	\$23.50 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Mortgage	2.50	1.50	\$50.00 U. S. Int. Rev	5.00	3.75	\$24.00 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Passage Ticket	5.00	3.00	\$200.00 " green and red	30.00	7.50	\$24.50 " " "	1.00	.60
\$1.00 Power of Attorney	.07	.04	First Issue, Part Perforated.			2c green	.02	.01
\$1.00 Probate of Will	1.00	.60	1c Express	.40	.25	1c " unused, o. g.	.10	.05
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\$1.90 " "	1.00	.50	2c Express, blue	.50	.35	3c " roull., unused, o. g.	3.50	2.50
\$2.00 Conveyance	.10	.05	2c U. S. Int. Rev., orange	2.50	1.00	4c red	.12	.08
\$2.00 Mortgage	.12	.07	3c Telegraph	2.00	1.50	4c red unused, o. g.	.12	.08
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The 345th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, May 2, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by President Merell with the following members present: Messrs. Bauer, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Dodd, Doncyscn, Flanders, Fowler, Gurley, Kline, Lefever, Merell, F. Michael, Moisan, MacGuffin, Oesch, Petersen, Severn, Schliekert, Stebbin, Sutherland, Wolsieffer, Wolsley, Zajicek, Arndt.

Mr. Straus an applicant and Mr. J. L. Sutherland were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Flanders of the Collection Committee reports total catalogue value Society's collection to date \$100.67.

Mr. F. Michael advises that he has been approached by Buchanan during the last week who offered some more of the perforated card board proofs on covers. Collectors and dealers are warned against this person.

Report of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board elected to membership the following:

- Mr. John N. Reynolds, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 682.
- Mr. Simon Straus, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 683.
- Mr. Edmund Quincy, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 684.
- Mr. Carl T. Bauch, Oak Harbor, Ohio; Passive, No. 685.
- Mr. Theo. P. Willey, Weymouth, Mass.; Passive, No. 686.
- Mr. Earl Barton, Cincinnati, Ohio; Passive, No. 687.

The Treasurer was directed to deposit surplus money in the Illinois Trust and Saving Bank. The same to draw interest for the use of the Society.

It was also decided that in future all applications shall be posted one month instead of two weeks as has been the custom.

Changes of Address:

- Mr. Irving Dickinson, 1279 Wilton Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- Mr. A. F. Boehm, 116 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
- Mr. S. T. S. Doncyscn, 730 West 64th St., Chicago, Ill.
- Mrs. Jessie Doncyscn, 730 West 64 St., Chicago, Ill.

On motion of Mr. Wolsieffer, seconded by Mr. Gurley, voted that Honorary membership be restored to Mr. S. B. Bradi, C. P. S. No. 1.

The Treasurer reports balance on hand, \$132.55.

After which the meeting adjourned.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

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1900, 1sh.....	.45
1921 Uruguay, 2c.....	.04
" 7c.....	.12
" Ecuador, 1, 5 and 10c, change of colors.....	.22
" Japan China, 1 1/2 sen.....	.03
" Monaco, 5 and 10c, change of colors.....	.05
" Finland, 2, 5, 10 and 20c.....	.24
" Iceland, 25 aur.....	.12
" 4 aur Official.....	.02
" Bulgaria, 10 on 50 st.....	.05
" Tunis, 10, 15 and 25 cts.....	.22

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DORCHESTER, MASS, May 9, 1901.

The first regular monthly meeting of the Association was held May 7, at the office of Mr. J. Favill Capron, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

In the absence of the President, Vice President Waldron occupied the chair and called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary's bill for postage was accepted.

The following resignations were accepted:

- Mr. Herbert L. Turner, 177 Mountain Ave., Malden, Mass.
- Mr. W. D. Eldridge, Box 1352, Boston, Mass.

Mr. W. A. Tuck was dropped for non-payment of dues.

Applications for membership proposed by Mr J. Favill Capron to be acted upon at the next meeting:

- MR. S. WILLSON BAILEY, 22 Inman St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
- MR. J. P. VASQUE, 25 Beethoven St., Roxbury, Mass.

MR T. L. STODDARD, West Newton, Mass.
 MR. HOWARD MOORE, Newtonville, Mass.
 MR. E. E. LOW, 11 Burnside Ave., Somerville, Mass.

The next regular meeting will be held at 22 Bromfield St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock.
 Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

J. J. CONE, JR., Sec'y.

After the meeting Mr. G. F. Waldron exhibited his fine collection of plate numbers, which was very interesting and even at this early date the members present had a chance to see many numbers of the new Buffalo set.

J. J. CONE, JR.

NOTICE.

Several of the members have not replied to the circular letter issued Apr. 2, 1901. If you are one of these let us hear from you without delay.

Please do not put the Association to the expense of sending another letter calling for dues.

J. J. CONE, JR., Sec'y.

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WHOLE No. 418.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

Mr. C. E. Severn has moved from the tenth floor of the Journal Building to a very pleasantly situated office on the seventh floor of the same building.

Mr. F. N. Massoth returned from his trip through the South on May 9th. He reports having a most delightful time.

Postmaster Coyne put himself on record and voted with the rest of the postoffice employees as being opposed to the "shirt waist" for use during warm weather. A light blouse is favored and recommended in place of the above.

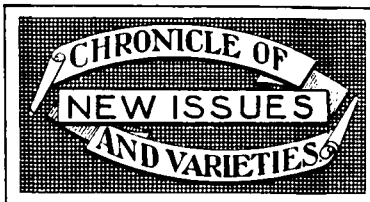
The Dr. Potts' auction sale to be given by Mr. Wolsieffer will take place early in June. This will probably be the last sale of the season to be given by Mr. Wolsieffer. He expressed himself well satisfied with his last two sales, and we feel sure he will be with this. Dr. Potts, we believe, was at one time a member of the C. P. S., and his collection contains some rare and interesting stamps.

Adorning the front window at 38 Madison St., the new home of Mr. Wolsieffer, is a sign of more than usual interest. It was made expressly for this place, and extends the full length of the window. On the left is the one penny Cape of Good Hope, carmine on white; on the right is that celebrated local stamp, Chicago Penny Post, orange on white, while in the centre is "P. M. Wolsieffer, Postage Stamps," in gold letters, while the balance of the sign is finished off in maroon. The carpenter has not yet finished the place on the inside, but when it is done it will compare favorably with any stamp merchant's office in the country.

During the present exciting time in speculation the amount of Revenue stamps used in this city is nearly \$50,000.00 per day.

Mr. W. H. Colson, the representative of the New England Stamp Co., spent May 9th and 10th in our city in the interest of his firm.

"OMEGA."



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BOLIVIA.—Several of our exchanges chronicle a change in the color of the current 5 centavos stamp from green to red.

Adhesive, (Regular):
5c dark red.

BOSNIA.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me a new letter card, issued in 1900, on green paper, and now printed on buff, inside white. The inscriptions in black and stamp in brown remain unchanged.

Letter Card:

6 heller, brown and black on buff, inside white, perf. 1.

CRETE.—It will be remembered that two weeks ago I questioned the appearance of the olive bistre unpaid letter set that the *A. J. of P.* chronicled. It would seem that this journal is, after all, right in its contentions and I give its argument in full:

"A number of our contemporaries are chronicling various values of the current issue in dull yellow, assuming that these values are issued in this color as regular postage stamps. In our March number we stated on good authority, that the plates of the entire issue, from 11 to 5dr, had been used for the printing of unpaid letter stamps in dull yellow or, as it should more properly be called, olive blue. We have since received a supply of these stamps, with the positive information that they were issued only for use as unpaid letter stamps. It may appear strange that, at the same time, another set of unpaid letter stamps in a new design should have appeared, but the positive fact remains that both sets were issued for the same purpose; and we assume that the use of the plates of the postage stamps for the preparation of the one set was really intended as a provisional measure, in order to provide against the contingency of the set in the new design not being ready on time."

FINLAND.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer favors me with the two cards listed in number 415

under the heading "Russia." The only Finnish thing about the cards as Mr. Lohmeyer suggests is to be found in the currency "pen."

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer has sent me the inland cards, court shape in the new color, blue green, printed as heretofore on thick white cardboard, the reply cards being hinged with a strip of muslin.

Post Cards:

½d blue green on white, 115289m.
¾d blue green on white, T. 3, 115289m.

HONG KONG.—The 30c has appeared in brown. The 5c yellow has yet to put in an appearance, a considerable stock of this stamp in blue being on hand.

Adhesive (Regular):
30c brown.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Both Nigerian sets have now appeared. In the Southern Nigeria now at hand the portrait of Queen Victoria is in an oval centre of black on all except the 1sh, where it is on green. This set has been long awaited.

Adhesives (Regular):

½d black and yellow green.
1d " " carmine.
2d " " orange brown.
4d " " sage green.
6d " " mauve.
1d green and black.
2sh 6d black and brown.

UNITED STATES.—As reported in the ERA last week the 2c Pan-American has been found with inverted centre. It is very natural that the new set should show this variety and I shall, no doubt, be called upon from time to time to chronicle the various values with inverted centres.

VAALE RIVER COLONY.—I had hoped no further provisionals were to be discovered but it seems that the garrison at Schweizer Reneke issued a companion set to those emanating from Mafeking. It will be interesting to have the history of this set of provisionals even though we may never possess one or be satisfied that the occasion demanded its issue. Messrs. Bright and Son wrote Col. Chamier, the garrison commandant, and received this letter in reply. It fully explains itself:

"On the 19th August, 1900, the garrison at Schweizer Reneke was invested by a large Boer force. All communications with the outer world were cut off on the 21st August. Letters and despatches had to be carried by native runners. I found it necessary to limit the number of these letters sent by runners, and I issued orders that no letters would be forwarded unless

officially stamped. Stamps could only be procured from the two local stores (Mr. Stern's and Mr. Tilbrooke). I called these in, and issued them, as required, at face value.

The following is an exact account of the number thus issued:

Cape	1d,	368
"	1/2d,	529
Transvaal	6d,	178
"	2d,	568
"	1d,	1572
"	1/2d,	781

Total, 3996

Also 4 Cape 1d stamps (issue with Table Mountain); 4 Cape 1/2d stamps, old pattern, which I cannot describe, as I am not a stamp collector myself.

The stamps employed were: (1) The Z. A. R. Post Office official steel stamps, which gave "Schweizer Reneke, Z. A. R.," and date in centre; (2) an india-rubber stamp "BESIEGED," which we made up out of a collection of old letters found in the Post Office (these two stamps used in conjunction).

I think forgery will be difficult, as I kept the steel stamp, whilst my staff officers kept the india-rubber one.

The whole supply of stamps was exhausted before the end of September, and no further issues could be made, although the garrison was not finally relieved until 9th January, 1901.

The only genuine date, therefore, will be August and September, 1900.

Probably complete sets would be very hard to obtain, as quite 3,300 were bought by the Non-Com.'s and men of the garrison, and these were forwarded on letters to their friends in all parts of the world. Possibly many found their way to Mr. Stern.

I have no doubt that stamps you purchased from Mr. Stern were genuine.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. CHAMIER.

From the above, it would appear that the circumstances of this issue were exactly analogous with the Mafeking set.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. J. F. Dodge and Mr. E. Marks of Marks Stamp Co., of Toronto, Canada, were recent visitors.

I note a local paper chronicles the new Costa Rica stamps, surcharged Official; the 1c, 2c and 5c are listed. I have copies of the 10c and 20c values. One peculiarity about official stamps of this country is, that the post office people never cancelled these stamps when affixed to letters. As these stamps can only be used for official purposes, it is unnecessary to postmark them. All copies I have seen were uncancelled.

Mr. M. Tausig may again enter the philatelic journalistic field.

In a previous number of the ERA I remarked that European collectors would

TIMELY OFFERINGS.

SOME SAMOAN SNAPS.

The 2 1/2d surcharges of 1898-1900 furnish some varieties that will be given more attention a few years hence than they are today. The differences are very marked and will be found in the fraction. In its normal condition the "a" of the fraction will appear on a line with the large "2" indicating pence. In the variety the 2 of the fraction is several millimetres lower and is now designated as having a "low 2 in the fraction." I offer these Samoans, all unused.

*1898-9, 2 1/2d on 1sb, red surch	\$.02
*1898-9, Pair "low 2 in fraction"	.30
*1898-9, 2 1/2d on 1d green	.12
*1898-9, Pair "low 2 in fraction"	.30
*1900, 2 1/2d on 2sb 6d	.15
*1900, Pair "low 2 in fraction"	.35

1901 SOLITAIRES, All O. G.

*Alwar, 1/2a blue, perforated	.02
*Ceylon, 4c yellow	.03
*Monaco, 5c green	.02
" " 10c carmine	.03
*Denmark, 24 ore, brown	.12
*Iceland, 4 aur, official	.02
" " 25 aur, regular	.12
*Ceylon, 15c blue	.10

GERMAN COLONIES.

Surcharged on Germany. Now obsolete. I have just received from Germany a small assortment of the now obsolete German stamps surcharged for use of the colonies. These stamps have now been displaced by the new and much advertised "ship type." At a recent Boston auction sale many of these sets sold at between 80 and 90 cents each. All unused.

*Togo '97, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50p	.60
*Cameroons '97, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50p	.55
*G. B. W. Africa '99, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50p	.55
*G. E. Africa '00, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25 pence	.55
*Ger. Levant '89, 10, 20pa, 1, 1 1/2, 2 1/2 pia	.50
*Ger. Morocco '00, 2, 5, 10, 25, 30, 60c	.50
*Ger. China '98, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50p	.55

SAN MARINO JUBILEE.

HAVE YOU THIS SET? Look it up. Three fine large stamps that catalogue 63 cents for only 30 cts. Were issued in 1894, and the value 25c, 50c and 1l. Until the present offer this set has never been sold at this unheard of price and you will make no mistake in buying it. All unused and in fine condition.

AUSTRIA UNPAID, IMPERFORATE.

When the change in Austrian currency occurred last year and "hellers" displaced "kruzers" the labor incidental to the issue of a complete new series caused the Unpaid Letter stamps to be issued imperforate. I obtained a supply at that time and can offer certain values in pairs and blocks at ridiculously low rates. It would seem that no better time than the present could be offered for the purchase of these stamps. All unused.

	Single Copy.	Pair.	Block of 4
*1 heller	\$.02	\$.03	\$.06
*2 "	.02	.03	.06
*3 "	.03	.05	.10
*4 "	.03	.05	.10
*5 "	.03	.05	.10
*6 "	.04	.08	.15
*10 "	.04	.08	.15

Postage Extra.

WILLARD O. WYLIE, BEVERLY, MASS.

view with disfavor the Pan-American stamps as speculative. The following from the *American Journal of Philately* proves that my fears were well grounded:

"In the April 13th issue of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, the editor concludes that the Pan-American stamps will be speculative and unnecessary, because they are to be withdrawn on Oct. 31st of this year, and the remainders to be destroyed at once. Our contemporary fails to realize that the stamps will remain good for postage as long as the United States exists, and that therefore, no shadow of speculation can touch the issue. That the appear-

1901 PROVISIONALS, All O. G.

*Japanese China, 1 1/2 sen, blue	.02
*Bulgaria, 10 on 50 stotinka	.04
*E. R. I. on Transvaal, 1d carmine	.04
*Perak "Three Cents" on 50	.07
*Russian Levant, 4 paras on 1k, blk. surch	.02
" " 10 paras on 2k	.03
" " 1 pia on 10p	.09

MAURITIUS.

*84 1801-2, 1c on 2c violet	.02
*90 1895-7, 1c lilac and ultramarine	.01
*91 " 2c lilac and orange	.02
*92 " 3c lilac	.02
*93 " 4c lilac and green	.03
*94 " 18c gray green and ultramarine	.14
*96 1899, 6c on 18c	.05
*97 " 15c on 36c Jubilee	.10
*98 " 6c green and rose	.04
*100 " 15c Labourdonnais	.10

UNITED STATES COLONIALS.

These sets temporarily in use in the

PHILIPPINES, CUBA and PORTO RICO

can never be purchased at a more opportune moment than the present. They consist of the regular United States issues surcharged and I can supply for a short time the following sets at these extremely low prices:

PHILIPPINES Surcharged on U. S.	.30
*1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	.28
*1899, 15c olive	.32
PORTO RICO Surcharged on U. S.	.22
*1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	.08
*1900, Puerto Rico 1, 2c	.06
CUBA Surcharged on U. S.	.32
*1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	.08
*1899, 2 1/2c d p, error	.02
*1899, 10c Special Delivery, blue	.22

SETS OF NEW ISSUES, ALL O. G.

ECUADOR 1901, Two Var.	.06
" " *2, 5, fine	.06
FINLAND 1901, Pretty Set	.16
" " *2, 5, 10, 20p	.13
URUGUAY '01, New Design	.19
" " *1, 2, 5c	.13
SUDAN Unpaid Letter	.32
" " *01, 2, 4, 10, 20m, Nile Boat	.32

GREEK PROVISIONALS.

Some day you will wonder where you were when the provisionals of 1900 made their appearance. All too late you will realize that there was an opportunity for investment better than money in houses and land. Of many varieties only a small number was issued and it will be well for you to buy these while an opportunity presents itself. Of most of these, pairs and blocks can be supplied at the same rate. All unused, perfect.

*1900, 20 on 25 lepta, blue	.09
*1900, Same imperforate	.09
*1900, 40 on 21 bistro	.11
*1900, same imperforate	.11
*1900, 50 on 40 buff	.13
*1900, Same imperforate	.13
*1901, Olymp. Games 25 on 40, A. M.	.10
*1901, " " 50 on 2dr, A. M.	.20

* Unused.

ance of the set is not rendered necessary by the exigencies of the postal service can, of course, not be denied, but it seems to be the admitted policy of the stamp trade to look with little disfavor upon commemorative issues, the use of which is not confined to a limited period of time."

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Will give ten foreign stamps all different, for each arrow head or curio sent me. Will give more for curios worth more. Write me. Walter C. Shields, care Theo. H. Davis & Co. Ltd., Honolulu, T. H.

\$25.00 and \$50.00 Second Issue Revenue Proofs on Cardboard also \$3.50 on Cardboard or India paper to exchange for other Revenue Proofs not in my collection. What have you? Albert E. Chase, Box 1173, Brunswick, Maine. [18*]

Pedigreed Belgian Hares to exchange for \$1.50 (face value Pan-American Plate Numbers) per pair. Will also take 1891-95 issue Plate Nos. H. N. McKusick, 308 N. 3rd St., Stillwater, Minnesota. [19]

Will allow 75% in exchange at whole catalogue for selection from your duplicates, or will take all duplicates at fair rates. Exchange Stamp Co., Malden Mass. [18]

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 1900, \$1.00 red, 25c per 10; \$3.00 per 100.
 1900, \$1.00 olive-gray, 12c per 10; \$1.00 per 100.
 1900, \$2.00 olive-gray, 17c per 10; \$1.40 per 100.
CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

Wanted: Pan-American Buffalo Exposition stamps, used. For 90 days will pay 10c a set for them: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10c. Any quantity. Send on what you have for immediate cash. LEWIS ROBIE 4 Ludgate Square, London, E. C., England. [16if]

Our approval books, fine specimens only, at 50% cancelled, 75% uncanceled. Want lists solicited from advanced collectors. Exchange Stamp Co., Malden, Mass. [18]

Notes by the Way.

Mr. Sellschopp of the firm of W. Sellschopp & Co., the San Francisco stamp dealers, is abroad on a combined pleasure and business trip. The following are some of the observations made while en route and published in the firm's paper, *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*.

The first postal curiosity after leaving the United States for Europe (this time via Gibraltar and Italy) I encountered near the Azores, in plain sight of the beautiful little white town of Ponta Delgada. It was a marvelous day, late in October, ocean and sky of an absolutely clear blue, when our steamer slowed down somewhat, and a picturesque rowboat with about twelve or sixteen study Portuguese fishermen hove in sight. A little square box, I hope it was watertight, was simply thrown overboard. A few minutes later the boatmen showed by signs and gestures that they had succeeded in picking up the box, and, full steam ahead, our boat went her way. The box, I was told, contained what little mail there was for the Azores Islands. Only in good weather is this peculiar kind of delivery possible; otherwise the letters must go via Gibraltar and Lisbon by the Portuguese mail boat.

A few days afterwards we landed in Gibraltar, where I stopped a week to see the sights and to visit Morocco. I did not find much of philatelic interest—a few small stores with stamps which they got on consignment from English dealers, and nobody making it a specialty. The people at the postoffice here, as well as in Tangiers where I had to make large purchases, I found exceedingly obliging. Tangiers—oh, what a queer place! Morocco—what a peculiar country! It seems to me that our own Chinamen are a hundred times nearer to us in their civilization, and in their habits and customs, than these Moors, Rifians, and Berbery Jews. In the widest streets possibly two people could ride abreast on horseback or mules, but in the smaller ones even two could not comfortably walk side by side. These narrow lanes are lined with houses, a good many of them three and four stories high. There is a little plaza in the middle of the town, and on it are the five postoffices, less than twenty paces from each other. In the German office they had just received the new stamps, and were counting the old ones preparatory to sending them home. Of the 25 pf, eagle type, they had only a small lot left, and I bought them all; but I do not think I have a corner, as there are about four or five more German offices in the other Morocco towns.

In the English office the gentleman told me he had a few of the old issues left, and let me have some without charging anything extra. In the French office they told me it was the rule of the house to sell the postage due stamps only canceled, but when I told him that was a pity, as the

PAN-AMERICAN.

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ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

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" No. 124, 25c on 32, "	.40
1890, No. 144, 15 on 28, "	.50
1885, No. 94, 5 on 36, "	1.75
" No. 93, 5 on 32, " no gum	1.00
Wholesale 1888, No. 136, per 10	.18
1883, No. 87, per 10	.18
1892, No. 140, per 10	.18
1886, No. 128, per 1000	.60

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FRANCE, 1900, 2 FRANCS, 12c.

British Guiana 1886, 1c lilac and black	\$0.04
Hong Kong 1863, 30c violet	.04
Orange River Colony 1883, 2d violet	.02
Persia 1894, 10s orange	.02
Siam 1887, 2s green and carmine	.02
Transvaal 1896, 4d brown and green	.03

Above are good used copies. Postage extra.

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U. S. REVENUES.

If you need any U. S. Revenues old issues, write me. I have them at the right price.

F. G. JONES, 2013 Brook St., Louisville, Ky.

American collectors preferred them clean, he let me have the stamps that way—as a favor! In the Spanish office they did not care to do a big business, possibly because they use the same stamps as in Spain, without any surcharge. In the Moorish office I did not buy, as they wanted full face value, and I thought that rather too much for that class of merchandise; but I must confess that in Tangiers I was not able to buy them any cheaper.

Our courier or guide, whom we had taken over from Gibraltar, told me an interesting thing. Before they had the European posts in Morocco the letters of any importance were sent by runners, and the price was fixed, not by the distance, but by the time the sender wished the answer.

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"Most assuredly, my master; and when do you wish the answer?"

"I would like it for the next steamer of those hateful Giaurs—say in ten days."

"You shall have it, I shall send my quickest runner, and you can safely depend on your most humble servant!"

"And what is your charge, my honorable sir?"

"Thirty pesetas, if it has to be done in ten days, but if fourteen days will do, it will only cost you half of that price!"

After the bargain was made, the runner right then and there started, clad in a bit of rags, carrying in a little pocket around his body the letter; besides that a stick, a little stale bread, a skin bag with water, and off he would go, through desert and mountains, generally at a good quick trot, resting just a little during the night or midday on the wayside, and in all cases the letter would be delivered and the answer carried back in the same quick manner.



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44	*Guatemala, 5c purple.....	Per 5	.04
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47	*Guatemala, 10c red.....	Per 5	.06
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49	*Guatemala, 25c orange.....	Per 5	.20
50	*Guatemala, 1c on 2c brown.....	Per 5	.12
55	*Guatemala, 1c on 5c purple.....	Per 5	.09
56	*Guatemala, 1c on 5c purple.....	Per 5	.15
57	*Guatemala, 1c on 5c purple.....	Per 5	.20
58	*Guatemala, 1c gray.....	Per 5	.05
59	*Guatemala, 2c orange.....	Per 5	.09
60	*Guatemala, 10c blue.....	Per 5	.09
73	*Guatemala, 1c on 10c rose.....	Per 5	.09
77	*Guatemala, 6c on 5c purple.....	Per 5	.16
88	*Guatemala, 1c on 10c green.....	Per 5	.08
90	*Guatemala, 1c on 10c green.....	Per 5	.25
93	*Guatemala, 1c on 25c carmine.....	Per 5	.30
131	*Guatemala, 1/2 green env.....	Per 5	.25
132	*Guatemala, 1/2 blue env.....	Per 5	.45
138	*Guatemala, 10c rose env.....	Per 5	.45
150	*Guatemala, 1c on 5c blue env.....	Per 5	.25
160	*Guatemala, 6c on 5c blue env.....	Per 5	.60
162	*Guatemala, 6c on 5c blue env.....	Per 5	.25

E. F. GAMBS, P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

1. Many rare stamps are Underpriced.
2. There is a great scarcity of Fine Used Copies of many stamps.

With the second point I heartily concur, having looked through scores of leading dealers' stock books, Exchange Club sheets, private collections, etc, etc., and although I have specialised in Used English for very many years, I am still trying to improve on some of my plates. There is truly a great scarcity of Fine Used English stamps, especially as regards the early 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 9d, 1sh and 2sh stamps, not only of the rare varieties, but also of the commoner stamps in the above values.

As regards his first point, I must differ somewhat from Mr. Neyroud. It is not so much, I think, that rare stamps are underpriced, as that rare stamps in a very mediocre state of preservation are priced at lower figures than they should be, and would be, if they were in fine condition, and this fact is in harmony with point 2. I cannot say, e. g., that a 2sh brown English, heavily obliterated or badly centred, should be priced at anything like what it should be if it were a fine used copy, and, as your cor-

respondent says, it is not to be wondered at that dealers try to dispose of such stamps at lower figures than if they were fine.

I venture to suggest that if, say, the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, had any A1 copies of the 2sh brown, used, to dispose of, those specimens would not be underpriced, but would be marked, if anything, above catalogue. I, for my own part, would sooner pay a reasonably higher price for stamps used in fine state, than less for stamps which, though rare, are so heavily obliterated or cut, or unevenly centred, etc., etc., as to very much depreciate their value and interest. It is this scarcity of rare stamps used, in fine condition, which causes these same stamps not in A1 condition to be underpriced, but unlike Mr. Neyroud, I cannot blame owners for underpricing, as they know full well that true specialist collectors of used English will not have such stamps in their collection, if they can possibly help it. I have further come to the conclusion that the second of the two points above is also applicable to both rare, medium and common stamps in almost every country, certainly in the more important Philatelic countries, and every year it seems to me to become more and more difficult to procure fine used stamps of the early issues.

Our own English stamps are, I think, noted for being generally very heavily obliterated, and anyone who has studied them will agree with me in this assertion. It is true, I also collect obliterations upon the stamps themselves, many of these naturally being heavy ones, and in this case I like them as being representative, but I also collect fine used stamps, and the latter come first in my large lot of English. As a keen collector of used stamps, I am not able to judge of unused beyond what I have, of course, seen in stock books, etc., etc., but I venture to say I have seen far and away more fine copies unused with original gum, than used specimens that could justly be called "fine," and, of course, these unused have been priced naturally at very much higher prices; but, apart from this fact, it seems to me that if one has the cash, and is willing to spend it, one can far more easily acquire unused English than fine used English. The latter, although the cheaper, are the harder to procure and pick up. I should think over 90 per cent. of our used English stamps, especially as regards the issues named previously, are in a condition to be called far from A1; hence the rarer varieties amongst these must be underpriced to effect a sale.

How hard it is to get a really fine used complete set of the ordinary 1d red plate number! Some plates are fairly easy to acquire, others, and especially Plate 225, extremely difficult. And although dealers can sell complete sets for a very few shillings, in what condition can such sets be? I have heard of collectors paying very much higher prices in order to secure sets in fine condition, and I would do likewise.

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From the dealer's point of view, however, it is a natural action to sell a set containing many plates with heavy obliterations at a figure very much below catalogue value. They would not sell a complete set containing only fine copies at any such low figure, I warrant, for some plates in good condition require finding, and, with a dealer, time means money.

Apologising for the length of this letter, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

ERNEST HEGINBOTTOM, B.A.

THE SPECULATION IN SAMOANS.

Several years ago the Samoan Express stamps were brought to the attention of collectors by means of an animated discussion regarding their character.

It was contended by some that they were a legitimate issue of desirable and collectible stamps; others contended that they were the doubtful product of private enterprise, entitled to recognition as locals at the most, and further declared that those which had found their way into the stamp dealers' hands were reprints made especially for sale to collectors.

Samoa was not a popular country at the time, the excuse for the discussion being found in the fact that certain dealers had large holdings of the stamps, which they deemed it wise to convert into cash without any unnecessary delay. Samoan Express stamps sank in the estimation of collectors until they reached the level of the trashy reprints of Heligoland and the Roman States.

Today, as if to illustrate the versatility of the modern philatelist, Samoa is popular. Its stamps are sought for, not excepting the Express stamps.

The reprints are still on the proscribed list, it is true, but if the carefully arranged plans of the persons interested in booming Samoan stamps are rewarded with as great success in the next few months as they have been in the last few months, even these same reprints may be eagerly bought. That certain parties would eagerly sell in that contingency is quite apparent to anyone who is familiar with the market.

In our estimation the present attempt to boom Samoan stamps is one of the best

examples of skillful and intelligent speculation which philately affords. It is based upon the fact that one of the islands of the Samoan group has come into the possession of the United States, the idea being, presumably, to foster, encourage and stimulate the natural increase in the demand which the change caused.

The interest of the United States in Samoa is carefully emphasized by the speculators, but they do not think it necessary, or desirable; to even mention the fact that Germany and Great Britain are interested in Samoa to substantially the same extent that the United States is. It is probable, however, that if the speculators see fit to offer their wares in Germany and Great Britain the connection between those countries and Samoa will receive due consideration.—*American Philatelic Magazine.*

Newspaper Clippings.

KINGS ARE EXPENSIVE.

ACCESSION OF EDWARD VII. ENTAILS IMMENSE EXTRA POSTAL OUTLAY.

Among the many changes which the death of the queen will necessitate one of the most important, and certainly not the least expensive, is the stamp issue of the United Kingdom, says the *London Chronicle*. It is yet too early to state the precise nature of the alterations that will be made, inasmuch as the treasury, the inland revenue department and the post office, the three Government offices concerned in the matter, have not yet made up their minds on the subject. Correspondence has passed among the three departments, and a decision will be made at an early date.

One obvious and necessary change is, of course, that the head of King Edward VII. will replace that of Queen Victoria on all stamps; but the question that is agitating the minds of the officials is the position of the King's head. It will, as in the present issue, be placed within a circle, but a suggestion has been made from an influential quarter that the head should be reversed. Against this has been urged that the reversal of the head would make his Majesty look away from the address. This may appear a frivolous objection, but it is, nevertheless, one to which the authorities are giving serious consideration. Their ideas on the subject of the new issue will be embodied in a report which will be placed before the King, who will give the final decision. This question of the position of the monarch's head is practically the only one that has to be settled, as we understand it is not intended, as a consequence of the Queen's death, to make any changes in the colors of the stamps. One change in color will, however, shortly be announced to the public, but it was decided on some considerable time since, and has no connection with the death of her

Majesty. All the green adhesive stamps will be abolished and carmine-colored stamps substituted for them. The post office has been obliged to make this change on account, it is understood, of the discovery that the green coloring matter used in the printing of these stamps is of a poisonous character. The other colors are absolutely free from any such suspicion.

The cost of the change may be estimated when it is stated that not only has a die to be cut for each separate stamp, but, stamps being printed in the sheet, each individual stamp in the sheet must have a die. Eighteen postage stamps, ranging in value from one-half penny to £5, will be affected by the change. These stamps, are, of course, also available for inland revenue and telegraphic purposes. There are also two series of embossed envelopes, one bearing a half-penny and the other a penny stamp which requires separate dies, as well as newspaper wrappers and post-cards. The preparation of those dies will occupy at least a twelvemonth, and when they are ready the printing of the new stamps will be begun at once. Gradually the stamp with the familiar head of the Queen will pass out of use and find a place only in the albums of philatelists.—*New York Sunday News*

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H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

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H. G. SMITH, Supt.

Rowland Hill's "Bit of Paper."

GENESIS OF THE PENNY POSTAGE STAMP,
FOR WHICH WISE MEN PROPHESED
A SHORT LIFE.

In view of the change which will soon be made in the design of our postage stamps (remarks the writer of a special article in the *Daily Express*), it is interesting to glance back through the years of their existence.

The first real attempt to issue postage stamps to the public on the principle now in vogue was made in 1837, when Mr. Knight suggested that a wrapper should be sold on which the Queen's head was em-

bossed. Mr. Rowland Hill adopted this idea, but thought it would be better to use "a bit of paper, just large enough to bear the stamp, and covered at the back with a glutinous wash."

With these crude suggestions to work upon the Lords Commissioners issued an appeal to "artists, men of science, and the public generally," to send in sketches or ideas for the furtherance of the scheme. And in reply to this somewhat naive appeal we find that they received nearly 3,000 drawings, of none of which did they approve.

For a short time the matter rested in abeyance. Then, by greater luck than judgment, somebody sent in a design, which took the form of the young Queen's

burst upon a black ground for the penny and upon a blue ground for the twopenny stamp.

This stamp might almost be called a "rough proof" of the ones we use in the present day. For the first forty years Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Petel, of Fleet Street, were the printing contractors, and it is estimated that during that time they produced over 23,000,000,000 stamps.

Preparations and experiments took up much time, and it was not until May 1840 that postage stamps were sold "over the counter." More to curiosity than anything else may be ascribed the rush which took place to buy them upon the first day of issue; two thousand five hundred pounds' worth were disposed of within twenty-four hours.

That the scheme would be a hopeless failure was a foregone conclusion among the wise men of the day. People who had formerly sent their letters to be paid for on delivery could hardly be expected to go to the trouble of buying stamps and affixing them to the envelopes, they argued. Besides, the only safeguard for the delivery of letters lay in the fact that no money was paid until the note had reached its destination.

How far these predictions came true is shown by a complaint which was soon made to the contractors by the Postmaster General that the stamps were badly printed. The contractors, however, said that no blame could be attached to them, as they were required to print double the number contracted for.

It seems that a new difficulty now cropped up. The cancelling mark was too easily removable, and it was found that stamps were being used over and over again.

Experiments were made in cancellation and the colour of the penny stamp was changed to red, or to the various shades of red. And to the cry that these colours came off upon wet fingers, the reply was given in all earnestness that this was one of the greatest safeguards against cancel-mark obliteration and subsequent re-use.

The brick-red Queen's head was not changed until 1879, when the present mauve-coloured penny stamp was placed before a long-suffering public. Yet, notwithstanding the fastness of the dye, there was a general outcry against the "wishy-washy" shade in which it had been printed.

This, however, soon quieted down, as it was felt that Mr. Fawcett, who had been sent to the Continent on a philatelic expedition by the G. P. O., had chosen the most serviceable colour both from an artistic and utilitarian point of view.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

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Wednesday, May 15th.

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24c Newspaper, pale rose,	2.20	
36c " " "	2.10	
72c " " "	6.90	
War Dept. 10c on amber, cut very close and corners clipped,	100.00	18.85
Brazil 1844, 300r, red cancellation,	20.00	12.05
Brazil 1844, 600r, yellowish paper, mended,	40.00	13.50
British Guiana 1853, 4c blue, imperforate,	4.00	3.00
Ceylon 1sh 9d green,	16.50	10.55
New South Wales 1860, 5sh purple, perforated 12½,	10.00	7.00
Oldenburg 2g rose, used,	10.00	5.50
" 3g yellow,	10.00	6.70
" 1860, ½ orange, unused, 1 blue, 2 red, 3 yellow, used,	16.00	9.00
Spain, Madrid 1 can. bronze,	11.00	7.10
" 1853, 2 rest scarlet,	35.00	21.20
Virgin Isle 1sh, white borders, unused,	18.00	11.10
Wurtemberg 1869, 70 kr violet, used,	18.00	10.75
U. S. 1851, 12c imperforate, horizontal strip of four, used, with margin on every side,		12.40
Bavaria 1850, 12 red, fine horizontal strip of five, used on piece of cover,		4.50
Great Britain 1840, 2p blue no lines, used, horizontal strip of three,		1.65
Cuba 1871, 10c green, unused,	6.00	4.10
Vaal River 1887, 5sh steel blue, unused,	4.00	3.15
Lagos 1885, 2sh 6d olive brown, unused,	25.00	12.85
St. Vincent 1d on 6d, yellow green, used,	20.00	10.15
Hawaii 1853, 13c dull rose on ordinary white, unused but soiled,	40.00	14.20

Everyone now seems to be on the lookout for inverted Pan-Americans. Have you seen one?

Mr. E. Marks of the Marks Stamp Co. of Toronto, Canada, has been in town the last week.

Mr. J. F. Dodge of Abbottstown, Penn., has been in Boston for a short time, buying and selling, and if you want to trade stamps Bro. Dodge is your man.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

\$6.61 For \$1.35.

ABYSSINIA, Unused, O. G.

1891, ½ to 16g, 7 varieties, complete set. Catalogue Price \$3.07, My Price 75c
 1896, ½ to 16g, 7 varieties, complete set, Unpaid, Catalogue Price \$3.54, My Price 75c
 The 2 Sets, Cat. Price \$6.61, My Price \$1.35
 The above stamps are all in good condition but off centre. I can furnish the pick of my stock, best centered, at \$1.25 for either set or \$2.35 for both sets.

Guatemala, Unused, O. G., 1897. 1c, 2c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 100c, 200c, 500c. Catalogue Price For the 11, \$1.75 My Price For All Selected Copies, 75c. For a set with one imperfect stamp, 50c.

Philippine, Unused, O. G. 1898, 2p slate blue, Catalogue Price \$1.50, My Price for very fine \$1.50, Good Copy \$1.00. Bermuda if on 1sh gray. Free with every order. Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

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The Collectors Club,
 351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The sixty-sixth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday evening, May 13, 1901.

Present: Messrs. Bruner, Calman, Luff, Scott and Perrin. Meeting called to order at 8 30 P. M.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The Secretary read a number of communications.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in hand of \$317.24 exclusive of \$1000 bond was read and accepted. It was ordered that a duplicate share of stock be issued to Mr. Serfling to replace a lost one.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. J. W. Scott for a bound copy of Vols. XIII and XIV of the Metropolitan Philatelist.

Report of House Committee was received. The Committee on New Club House reported favorable progress.

A communication was received from the American Collectors Co. offering a silver medal for an exhibition of the stamps of Samoa to be held under the auspices of the Club. The matter was referred to the Committee on Amusements with power to act.

The application of Mr. J. W. Fiske having been posted the required length of time, his name was balloted for and he was declared unanimously elected a subscribing member of the Club.

Adjourned 9.40.
 ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

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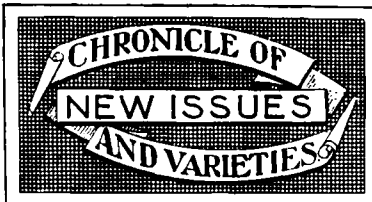
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1901.

WHOLE No. 419.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

ABYSSINIA—Mr. C. A. Howes, vice-president of the Boston Philatelic Society, gives me a translation of a clipping from a French newspaper that will prove of interest. It pertains to the unpaid letter set of this country and asserts that no such set has ever been seen there. M. Marconnet writes to a merchant in Addis-Ababa and receives in reply this letter:

"I can send you as many sets of stamps as you wish, but we do not know here of any unpaid stamps as yet; there are in circulation by the post office only the ordinary stamps; a complete set consists of 7 stamps which I can have cancelled for you as you ask; the price of a set is 6 francs, post-paid."

Says Mr. Marconnet: "As I had bought a set of these unpaid stamps from a Paris dealer for 14 francs, I wrote immediately to this dealer to ask if his stamps were genuine and current in Abyssinia. Upon his replying in the affirmative I thought my correspondent, who was not a collector, did not wish to trouble himself to get the stamps; I therefore sent him the set I owned in order to prove to him that they existed, and begged him to hunt up the Director of Posts and Telegraphs of Abyssinia and ask him for the stamps which doubtless the clerk did not wish to give my correspondent. I asked him to have my set cancelled and to send me several more, likewise cancelled. Here is his answer:

ADDIS-ABABA, June 9, 1900.

'Sir: I am in receipt of yours of April 1st. I return your set of postage dues.

'You affirm that there are unpaid stamps in Abyssinia, but I declare that those you sent me in your letter are the first that either I or Monsieur M—, the Director of the Ethiopian Posts and Telegraphs, ever saw. Each time a mail arrives for me from Europe I have to pay 2, 3 or 4 thalers supplementary tax on the newspapers. They never put on any postage due stamps. They simply indicate with pencil the amount to be collected.'

It will be in order for someone who knows to contribute his mite to the settlement of this vexed problem.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A French paper states that an addition to the current set will be made in the form of an 8c value. This country is keeping things very lively just at present.

A new 15c envelope in blue has recently appeared of the type of the 5 and 12c envelopes of 1899:

Envelope (Regular):
15c ultramarine.

CHILE.—Mr. A. W. Dunning of Newton sends me a new card that appears to have been issued by the postal department, extending New Years' greetings. The stamp bears no value but the simple inscription "Correos Chile." In the upper centre are the words "Tarjeta de Servicio" and in the left hand corner a steamship in an oval. On the reverse side a winged wheel with the inscription in French: "Our best wishes for the New Year." Color, black on light brown.

Postal Card (Official Com.):
No value, black on light brown.

FERNANDO PO.—In number 390 I listed a new set for 1900 giving the colors from a specimen set sent me by Whitfield King & Co. of England. A set for 1901 has now been issued. I have not seen one, but the colors are as follows, design unchanged except as to date:

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1 centimo, black.
- 2 centimos, bistre.
- 3 centimos, violet.
- 4 centimos, lilac blue.
- 5 centimos, dark red.
- 10 centimos, violet-black.
- 25 centimos, blue.
- 50 centimos, red-brown.
- 75 centimos, brown olive.
- 1 peseta, greenish blue.
- 2 pesetas, slate-brown.
- 3 pesetas, gray-green.
- 4 pesetas, brick red.
- 5 pesetas, green.
- 10 pesetas, bistre.

A change in currency will be noted, centimos and pesetas replacing centavos and pesos.

GREECE.—In the *Metropolitan Philatelist* I find this item from the pen of Wm. B. Hale, now travelling in Europe:

"I was privileged to see here in Athens by the courtesy of an official of the Porte, accepted essays of the new Greek stamps which are now in press and will appear in four weeks. They are especially pretty and possess real artistic merit. The series will consist of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60 lep, and 1, 2, 3, 4 drachmas, in the same small size as the present series of Greek stamps, and a 5 drachmas of double size printed in

(color) gold. They resemble the Olympian issue, each stamp being of a different illustration, the whole being typical Greek. Simultaneously will appear a set of dues of similar denomination ending with the two drachmas and a separate stamp for parcel post of the denomination of 25 centimes, or as it says (translated) 'I am 25 lepton,' meaning it is 25 centimes gold standard. "The work and engraving is done in London."

HONG KONG.—*Le T. Belge* announces new single and reply cards of the value 4c. The single card is of the same type as the preceding issue, the frame being formed of a Greek pattern. The reply card has no frame and there is a slight modification in the printing.

Post Cards (Regular):
4c carmine on buff.
4x4c " " "

MONACO.—Some four weeks ago I chronicled by courtesy of Wm. B. Hale, now travelling in Europe, the new Monaco stamps. I received at the same time some revenue stamps said to have performed postal duty, indeed one was used on the envelope mailed me, but I could not be certain that it was needed to make up the postage, so I refrained from listing it. Upon the strength of their being noted by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. I now list these large and unwieldy labels.

Adhesives (Postal Revenues):
5c yellow brown and blue.
10c " " "

SALVADOR.—According to Mr. Hopkins' chronicle in *Mekel's News* there are two more values to be added to the list given in number 417. A 26c ochre with small violet surcharge and a 5c with a 1900 black surcharge are the two late arrivals.

Adhesives (Provisional):

- 26 centavos, ochre, 1900, small violet surch.
- 5 centavos, deep blue, 1900, black surch.

UNITED STATES.—About two weeks ago I listed a 1/2c proprietary revenue as appearing on ribbed paper. Dr. Jesse W. Sargent of Malden forthwith sent me a marginal strip of five in which the ribbed appearance does not extend beyond the gum. Mr. J. W. Scott to whom Dr. Sargent sent this strip replied: "These stamps are not on laid paper as the margin of the sheet proves. We do not believe that any U. S. stamps have ever been printed on laid paper."

Vaal River Colony.—The 4d registration envelope of the South African Republic has been surcharged in blue "V. R. I."

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All prominent philatelic publications, including the ERA, will be kept on file.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP COMPANY.

Mekeel's News, upon the authority of an exchange, says that this envelope has also been surcharged "V. R. I.—2d" in two lines. While the first surcharge is reported on all 5 sizes of envelopes, the latter exists only upon the large size official envelope.

Registration Env. (Provisional):
4d olive, surch. V. R. I. in blue.
4d surch. "V. R. I.—2d."

VICTORIA.—Mr. A. W. Dunning of Newton sends me one of the new "Commonwealth" commemorative cards that I listed in number 406 as having appeared in five different colored prints. The one sent for inspection is in blue and bears on the reverse side portraits of Queen Victoria, the Duke of York and Lord Hopetown.

I have already chronicled the new set (411) with the words "Stamp Duty" eliminated. *Ewen's News* chronicles new wrappers and envelope stamps of this order. The ½d and 1d wrappers are similar to the new adhesives of those values. The envelope stamps, 1d and 2d, are in rose and mauve, respectively, and are similar to the recently current type with the words "Stamp Duty" removed.

Envelopes (Regular):
1d rose.
2d mauve.

Wrappers (Regular):
½d green.
1d rose.

1c INVERT.

I have secured a few 1c BUFFALO INVERT, and offer at the low price of

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IN THE REALM OF NATURE.

Inasmuch as the book of Nature ever lies open to our gaze, it is by no means surprising that the designers of stamps have often turned to it for inspiration. Consequently our series of articles would be incomplete were it concluded without some allusion to what may be learned from philately about the varied forms of animal and vegetable life which exist upon our globe. What an interesting group of postal labels either the zoologist or the botanist can collect in illustration of his particular study! Passing over heraldic emblems and devices, and imaginary creatures such as griffins and Chinese dragons, we can compile a long list of representations from Nature about which the scientific student will desire to know more, with reference to their classification, their characteristics and habits, and the countries to which they belong.

Amongst beasts we have carefully drawn heads of the stag, the ox, the dog, the tiger; and complete pictures of wild cattle, llamas, horses, camels, both the African and the Asiatic elephant, the kangaroo, the gorilla, the lion, the leopard, the buffalo, and a herd of antelopes; while if we extend our investigation to local stamps of Norway and Russia we can add the reindeer, the bear, the wolf, the fox, and probably several more.

Of amphibious things and fishes we may enumerate the beaver, the seal, the crocodile, the hippopotamus, turtles (as a water-mark), the codfish, and most singular of all the ornithorhynchus or duck-billed water-mole of Tasmania.

Of birds we have also an interesting assortment—the eagle of the Rocky Mountains, the condor of the Andes, the Tongan parrot, the resplendent trogon of Guatemala, three birds of Japan, another from Cook Islands, several of New Zealand including the odd-looking apteryx or wingless bird, the Argus pheasant, ptarmigan, the emu and the lyre bird, and (as if in refutation of the ancient proverb) the black swan of Western Australia.

From these various living creatures the transition is easy to some of the spheres in which they move and have their being. Several recent issues of pictorial stamps are intended to familiarize us with the mountain, lake, and river scenery of far-off lands. Cascades and waterfalls, soaring peaks, bays and inlets, and the surf breaking upon the shore, are all brought under our review. Palms of many kinds

CHOICE USED STAMPS.

Cat. No.	Netherlands.	My Price For 1st.	2nd.
32	1872-75, 2g roc rose and blue	\$0.50	\$0.35
51	1891-94, 2g soc rose and blue .....	.40	.25
68	1899, 1 gld brown and olive .....	.18	.07
69	1899, 5 gld bronze green and brown	1.25	.90
70	1898, 1 gld dark green .....	.15	.10
86	1899, 5 gld claret	1.25	.90
Congo.			
18	1894, 1 fr lilac and black .....	.75	.10
19	1894, 5 fr carmine and black .....	.50	.40
Germany.			
62 to 64	1900, 1, 2 and 5m, the 3 for....	.30	.15
U. S. Revenue 1899 Issue.			
3044	\$500.00 lake and black, \$49.25.		
3045	\$1000.00 green and black, \$67.75.		
The Pair \$115.00.			

Porto Rico, Unused, O. G.
88 1890, 40c orange..... 7.00 5.00
1st are the very best in stock.
2nd are in fine condition but not as lightly canceled and as well centered as 1st.

The Porto Rico have never had a hinge on back. The 1st are the best centered and are fairly well centered and are much finer than many which have been sold as firsts by dealers who claim that they have no seconds.

One of our most prominent collectors who only collects perfect stamps, writes in his letter of May 22, 1901, in answer to my letter enclosing a 1st which he had ordered:

"The 40c Porto Rico, 1890, which I have just received is certainly a beauty and in fine condition."

Will you have a \$5.00 or \$7.00 beauty?
Terms: Cash with order.
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rise up before us: the date, the oil, the cocoa-nut, the bread-fruit, and others, may be distinguished. The orange-tree of South Africa, the pine-apple of the West Indies, branching coral and tempting fruits from the Pacific, and fir-trees of the North, next lay claim to our attention; while the thistle and rose depicted on various issues of our American Colonies no doubt served to keep fresh in the thoughts of many a settler distant memories of home.

In taking leave of the readers of this *Journal* it may be well for the writer of these articles to recall the object which he has had in view, viz. to vindicate the claims of philately to a recognized place among the fine arts and sciences. Remembering this, the true philatelist, in the pursuit of his favourite pastime, will place before all other considerations the acquisition of useful knowledge, the enlargement of his ideas, and the cultivation of his mind. In his Albums he will find stored up for those who know how to read it a most valuable record of contemporary history, manners, customs, and commercial pursuits. They will tell us of international relations; acquaint us with the features of many of those who rule over the peoples, or who shape the destinies of the world; and they will furnish us with pleasant object-lessons in the beauties and wonders of Nature, as well as in the ingenuity, the progress, and the art of Man.—EDWARD BELL, M.A., in *Morley's Philatelic Journal*.

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Fine rifle, powder horn, reels for fish line, bullet moulds, etc., also stamps to exchange for stamps not in my collection. Mrs. L. G. B., 166 Washington St., Lynn, Mass.

\$25.00 and \$50.00 Second Issue Revenue Proofs on Cardboard also \$3.50 on Cardboard or India paper to exchange for other Revenue Proofs not in my collection. What have you? Albert E. Chase, Box 1173, Brunswick, Maine. [18d]

Pedigreed Belgian Hares to exchange for \$1.50 (face value Pan-American Plate Numbers) per pair. Will also take 1894-95 issue Plate Nos. H. N. McKusick, 308 N. 3rd St., Stillwater, Minnesota. [19]

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.

Collection wanted, one that cat. from \$1000 to \$5000 preferred. H. K. MOYER, Easton, Pa. [21]

U. S. Doc., cut cancellation. Good copies. 1900, \$1.00 red, 25c per 10; \$2.00 per 100. 1900, \$1.00 olive-gray, 12c per 10; \$1.00 per 100. 1900, \$2.00 olive-gray, 17c per 10; \$1.40 per 100. \$10.00 black, 35c each; \$10.00 olive-gray 35c each. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [22]

Stamp and Coin Bargains. Send list for Bargain List, a rare old coin 100 years old and 5 choice stamps. Coins on approval against good references. Lock Box 313, Peacedale, R. I.

Wanted: Pan-American Buffalo Exposition stamps, used. For 90 days will pay 10c a set for them: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10c. Any quantity. Send on what you have for immediate cash. LEWIS ROBIE, 4 Ludgate Square, London, E. C., England. [16f]

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, May 22nd.

The 106th regular meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held last evening at Elks' Hall. Twenty-nine members were present. Ten applicants were elected to membership, and three applications were received to be acted upon at the next meeting. The entertainment was an exhibition of United States Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square. This is the third in the series of competitive exhibits to be held during the year. Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, former secretary of the Society, was awarded the first prize, a silver medal, and Mr. W. R. Butler, whose collection was, in the estimation of the judges, so nearly on a par with Mr. Toppan's that the donor of these medals, the New England Stamp Co., offered an extra prize, a bronze medal, to be awarded Mr. Butler as a second prize.

The Society has made a contract with the WEEKLY ERA to act as the official organ of the Society for another year.

As warm weather draws near there is no perceptible decrease in the interest of the members; several each month come from a considerable distance to attend, and among those I noticed at this meeting a member from Portland and one from New Bedford.

At the next meeting the competitive exhibition will be of United States Revenues, Documentary Revenues and Proprietary Revenues.

It is not too early to call special attention to the exhibit to be held at the September meeting, which will be of Hawaii. Boston holds within her precincts many of the most rare and valuable of these stamps, and it is positively assured that at this meeting will be shown the most valuable collection of these stamps that has ever been exhibited at one time in any place, without exception, in the world.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown me the new set of South Nigeria 1/2 d to 10sh. The design is a full face of Victoria in black in oval centre with borders of various colors. The values so far received are 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6d, 1, 5, 10sh.

PAN-AMERICAN.

A collection of the Postal Cards of the Western Hemisphere can be built up at a comparatively small outlay. Have you ever made an attempt to start one? Send 20c for 10 artistic specimens and booklet.

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Ceylon	1868, No. 6a, 3p rose, unused	\$1.25
	1885, No. 119, 10c on 24, unused	.40
	" No. 104, 25c on 25, "	.50
	1890, No. 144, 15c on 28, "	.50
	1885, No. 94, 5c on 36, "	1.75
	" No. 93, 5c on 32, " no gum	1.00
Wholesale	1888, No. 136, per 10	.18
	1883, No. 87, per 10	.18
	1892, No. 149, per 10	.18
	1886, No. 128, per 1000	.60

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NEW ISSUES.

Ceylon	1901, 4c	\$0.03
"	" 15c	.10
"	" 1900, 11 50c	.80
"	" 2r 25c	1.15
Uruguay	1900, 20c light blue	.35
"	1900-1901, 1, 2 and 5c	.15
"	" 7 and 10	.28
"	" 50c	.85
"	" 1 peso	1.70
Paraguay	" 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 24	.20
"	Official, 1900-01, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 & 20, used	.22
Finland Mourning Stamp,	1 penny	.03

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Mr. Flagg, proprietor of the Liberty Stamp Co., intends to close his office during the summer from June 17th to September 1st.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Correspondence.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20, 1901.

Editor PHILATELIC ERA:
 I notice in your "Chicago Notes" of May 4th that the writer states that the P. O. D. has been placing new cards on mail boxes throughout Illinois' metropolis.

It may, perhaps, be of interest to your readers to know that in San Francisco this automatic regulating device which indicates the time of last collection, and which, also, throws open a card showing the exact time to the minute when next one will be made, has been in vogue here for over a year, and I understand was first introduced in this city, and has been patented by a Californian. These boxes, with automatic regulating time devices, are being as rapidly introduced in the larger cities as time will permit to manufacture them by the patentee.

Yours respectfully,
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REVENUES.

Those revenues which we advertised did go like the proverbial "hot cakes." We regret that we could not fill all orders received, but have placed the unfilled ones on file and they will have the first chance at the next "job lot." It will be well to watch this corner as we are liable at any time to give you a benefit. Will have the higher values of present issue Revenues later at right prices. Do you think they are liable to go higher while still current? We don't! Our mailing list for new issues is "de ting."

HAWAIIAN STAMPS, Per Five.

* Unused. No orders under 50c received.			
*Hawaii 1c purple, No. 30	Per 5	\$0.50	
" 2c vermilion, " 31	Per 5	.85	
" 5c blue, " 32	Per 5	1.75	
" 6c green, " 33	Per 5	1.50	
" 6c brown, " 35	Per 5	.95	
" 5c ultramar., " 39	Per 5	.35	
" 2c rose " 43	Per 5	.07	
" 10c vermilion, " 45	Per 5	1.10	
" 2c violet, " 52	Per 5	.08	
" 2c purple, " 53	Per 5	.50	
" 1c blue, " 54	Per 5	.50	
" 1c green, " 55	Per 5	.10	
" 2c violet, " 57	Per 5	.80	
" 5c blk. blue, " 58	Per 5	1.40	
" 10c black, " 62	Per 5	1.25	
" 12c black, " 63	Per 5	1.40	
" 1c yellow, " 74	Per 5	.08	
" 2c brown, " 75	Per 5	.06	
" 2c purple, " 76	Per 5	.09	
" 10c green, " 77	Per 5	.37	
" 5c blue, " 79	Per 5	1.00	
" 1c green, " 80	Per 5	.07	
" 2c rose, " 81	Per 5	.07	

E. F. GAMBS, P. O. Box 2631, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

total is as follows: A Brooklyn man bought ten stamps at the post office and took them to his place of business. He immediately used three of the stamps in private correspondence and in affixing them to the letter noticed the error. He at once sat down and wrote to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing making complaint. This was the first knowledge Washington had of the error; the receipt by the Bureau of this letter. The Director gave the Brooklyn man to understand that the inverted sheet got out by mistake, but that the stamps were good for postage. From the report it appears that the Brooklyn man soon learned that the stamps were good for something besides postage, he finally selling the six he had at a pretty good price. If no more than the one sheet of inverts ever materializes, he sold them cheaply enough, even if the entire sheet as a whole—save the ten he had—should now be in the possession of parties in an unused condition. The fact that this man got only ten from the sheet would indicate, however, that the sheet was retailed out a few at a time. Of course this is all a matter of speculation. If only a few comparatively are in existence the price will be high. If more are sent to postmasters, the price will be low. That the inverts will be in demand scarcely admits of a doubt.

I had a chat with the Assistant Director of the Bureau and he said he regretted exceedingly that this error escaped the scrutiny of the examiners and got into the Brooklyn post office. It had been his sincere hope and desire that the entire requisition might be filled without a single error getting out of the Bureau. However, a sheet had slipped out and nothing could be

done about it. He gave me to understand that orders had been given to counters and examiners and all parties through whose hands the stamps pass, to especially be on guard to prevent future errors of this sort. He said that while errors might get out in future, he very much doubted if any would. He certainly would do all in his power to prevent a recurrence.

He also remarked that he had heard that parties in another part of the country had found inverted stamps, but subsequently understood that it was a case of pasting the picture upside down on the stamps. He had no authentic information that other than the single sheet of two cents stamps with picture inverted got out.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

List of 150 lots to be sold to highest mail bidder has been issued by Isaiah Rudy of Pittsburg, Pa. Closes June 7th.

The 71st sale of B. L. Drew & Co. occurs on Wednesday evening, June 12th, in Elks' Hall, Boston. The catalogue lists 518 lots.

We acknowledge receipt of a neat illustrated Priced Catalogue of Australian Stamps etc. from Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle, publishers of the *Australian Journal of Philately*, 14 Hunter St., Sydney, N. S. W

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The forty-first auction sale to be held by Geo. R. Tuttle will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 4th and 5th at the Collectors Club. The sale comprises 1373 lots, and in point of variety is one of the largest sales this season. Lot 105a reads "1901 Pan-American issue 2c rose and black, unused, *inverted* Empire State Express, a stamp that may be as scarce as those of the inverted 1869." The price this stamp will bring will be awaited with much interest.

The boom in Samoan stamps does not appear to be among the dealers alone. Mr. Alexander Holland is willing to pay ninety per cent. of catalogue for the first issue, 1877 to 1881. Of course he only wants the originals.

Mr. W. F. Gregory's next sale, to occur in June, will contain many rarities, including a 10c St. Louis, a double Geneva and a 6c crazie Tuscany.

Mr. C. H. Stone of Cambridge, Mass., was a recent visitor.

The *American Journal of Philately* finds much trouble in listing the new Bermuda provisional correctly. At first it was said that 1/2d green was the stamp sur-

BARGAIN HUNTERS' DELIGHT.

In the Dr. Potts auction sale to be held June 15th, there will be many of those Combination Lots, and lots by countries containing a large number of the cheap grade of stamps, so much sought after by the average collector.

There will also be many of the better grade and some fine U. S. and Revenues. The catalogue of this sale has been mailed, look it over carefully and send in your bids early.

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changed. Now, according to the May issue of the paper the 5 shilling stamp is the one surcharged. Perhaps this is a typographical error on part of the P. F. of A.'s printer, as I have only seen the one shilling stamp surcharged.

VOLUNTEER.

Newspaper Clippings.

MAIL MEN IN AUTOS SPIN OVER PAVEMENTS.

Postmaster Coyne, after giving automobiles a practical test in the carrying of mails, has pronounced them a valuable adjunct to the service. The experiments were made in the busy down-town streets, with a view to testing the usefulness of such machines in attaining quicker service and in lightening the burdens of the carriers.

With Superintendent McArthur in charge, the first automobile was dispatched from the Central Station at 6.30 o'clock in the morning. Six carriers, with 500 pounds of mail, were dropped at different points along South Water street, and the automobile returned to the starting place in twelve minutes.

Promptly at 7 o'clock two machines left for the Van Buren district. They returned in thirteen minutes, one of the automobiles having gone as far south as Harrison and Dearborn streets. These vehicles were in charge of Mr. O'Brien and Guy Gould of the Central Station.

Postmaster Coyne is satisfied at the success of the experiment. He says:

"On the first trip to South Water street the carriers were enabled to return to the office in from seven to eighteen minutes earlier than usual, according to length of route. The people got their mail on this delivery five to twelve minutes earlier than usual. The carriers on the second trip, with both automobiles working, saved from twelve to eighteen minutes on their routes.

"The experiment was an unqualified success. It lightened the loads of the carriers and by bringing them back to the office from ten to twenty minutes earlier than usual gave them more time to stack and prepare mail for return trips."—*Chicago American*.

WHERE THE DOGS ACT AS MAIL CARRIERS.

Of all the faithful mail carriers in Uncle Sam's service, a little force out on the coast range of mountains in California is among the most interesting. These carriers are dogs, and their work is on the stage route which leads from San Jose to the cloud-hidden peak on which is located Lick Observatory. This is one of the wildest and most romantic stage routes in the state, although in places there is considerable evidence of settlement by people who love to live in the mountains. An unusual feature is that the mountain sides from valley to crest are under cultivation, so gentle are some of the slopes. Away off from a ledge on which the stage rumbles along one may see little farms, on which cattle browse, some of them on the very top of the range. Smoke is seen curling from human habitations, and now and then there is a little red-roofed schoolhouse.

The people who live in these houses sight the stage, which is moving along the green slope hundreds of feet below. Their custom

is to send down the mountain for the package of mail which the stage driver throws off. The messenger in nearly every case is a dog. In the twenty-six miles of mountain road over which the stage passes there are a number of packages to throw off. In some instances one of these dutiful messengers may be seen making his start. No sooner does he espy the big, many-seated vehicle than he emits a series of sharp barks and makes off down the slope toward the road. He comes like a white or black streak, according to his color. Suddenly he is lost to view, only to bob up by the roadside, his jaws open and his red tongue distended from the exercise of his trip. As soon as the leaders of the six-in-hand are abreast of him he prepares to take up the burden which he knows is intended for him. Often he catches it in his teeth as the driver fires it off the stage, and then he trots off on a steady jog to his mountain home. The daily newspapers are, in several instances, delivered in this way, and thus by the faithful service of these four-footed members of the postal service the mountaineers keep track of what the world is doing.—*Chicago Record-Herald*.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications.

W. T. CLEMENT, Haddonfield, New Jersey; age 25; Clerk. References: Fred Doughty, Dr. Joseph H. Crowell.

ALFRED MICHAEL, 810 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.; age 44; Pawnbroker. References: Fred Michael, P. M. Wolsieffer.

Resignation Received.

Peter J. Kranz, Gardner Building, Toledo, Ohio.

Resignation Accepted.

James H. Fountain, 1027 Overton St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Changes of Address.

W. D. Arnold, 21 East Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

R. P. Mayer, 1587 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Renewal List, No. 2.

12, 13, 17, 20, 28, 31, 36, 43, 45, 55.

Collections.

I have collected for dues since my last report \$12.00, making with the \$2.00 on hand \$14.00. Of this amount I have remitted to the Treasurer \$13.00, the remaining \$1.00 having been received since I made my remittance to Mr. Morse.

Received.

Mr. Herbert Clark, P. C. S. of A. member No. 21, of Angmering, Worthing, England, has sent me the new card, just

issued by the British government on March 3rd last: half-penny green on white, size 89x113m.

To Delinquents.

If you have not yet received your 1901 Membership Certificate and a copy of the Official Souvenir, it is because you have not sent in your dues.

Please attend to it at once. Members in arrears please give this your prompt attention.

Bills have been sent to every member who has not already remitted, but there are still a dozen or more who have not yet been heard from on this subject. Only one more chance to settle before the list of "Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues" will be prepared. Better take warning, as Article VIII of the Constitution says, "Any member in arrears for over three months shall be notified of the fact by the Secretary and requested to pay. If not paid within a month after such notification his name shall be stricken from the roll and the fact published in the next report."

Delayed.

We were unavoidably delayed two weeks in sending in this month's report, but we will endeavor not to let this occur again. Our next report will be published on July 6th, D. V.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. GAFFORD,

Secretary.

CHURCH HILL, MD., May 20, 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance March 30th,	\$125.67
Received from Secretary,	13.00
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	\$138.67
Paid Va. Phil. Pub. Co.,	\$5.00
" Sec'y's expense bill Mar	
1, 1900 to May 1, 1901,	25.00
" ERA 6 mos. in advance,	11.60
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Balance on hand,	\$97.07
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.	
BOSTON, May 16, 1901.	

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

On hand April 14, 1900,	\$97.32
Received from Secretary,	66.35
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	\$163.67
Paid Va. Phil. Pub. Co.,	\$30.00
" (See April report)	36.60
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Balance on hand,	\$97.07
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.	
BOSTON, May 16, 1901.	

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals since my last report: Rudolph Neeser, \$4.57; H. E. Deats, \$5.00.

New issues have come to hand from the following countries, which will be distributed shortly with others yet to arrive: Siam, 1½ and 4 atts; Sweden, 5x5 ore; Netherlands, 5x5c; Transvaal, 1 penny, "V. R. I."; Malta, ½ and ½x½d.; Roumania, 10 bani, Letter Card; Corea, 1 cheun.

I desire to direct the attention of my fellow members to my Annual Report, which appears on page 266 of the ERA, and to invite all, who are not receiving the new issues, to avail themselves of the advantages offered by this department. There is room for all, and it is my earnest desire that all our members should reap the benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

Purchasing Agent,

922 North Gilmor St.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 1, 1901.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending May 25th.

New Stockholders.

1670. BROWN, CLARK W., 332 South Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.
1671. HILLS, FRANK K., 9 East Main St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Reinstated.

351. GREANY, W. F., 838 Guerrero St., San Francisco, Cal.
1343. MARTIN, EBEN S., 641-642 Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
659. RAE, ALBERT, Procureur Generals' Chambers, Port Louis, Mauritius.

Changes of Address.

1629. DE NEMOURS, J. G., from 2615 Fifth Ave. to 2829 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill.
285. HERZOG, ALBERT, from 593 Hancock St. to Hotel St. George, 51 Clark St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
371. MAYER, R. P., from 568 Woodland Ave. to 1587 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
1646. MENDEL, EDWARD, from 4838 Prairie Ave. to Hotel Del Prado, Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill.

423. POLLOCK, EDWIN T., LIEUT. U. S. N., from U. S. S. Buffalo, Cavite, Philippines, to U. S. S. Oregon, Cavite, Philippines.

1531. YOUNGER, CHAS. S., from 50 St. between 14th and 15th Aves., Brooklyn, to 34 Barker St., West Brighton, S. I., N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership May 18th.....	514
New Stockholders	2
Reinstated	3
Total Membership May 25th.....	519

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

A regular meeting of Branch No. 1, Chicago, of the American Philatelic Association, was held May 8th, in Room 1603 Marquette Building, at 8 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Oesch. The members present were: Messrs. Merell, Wolsieffer, Smack, Boehm, Lefever, Stebbins, Doncyson, Gurley and Flanders.

Visitors present were Messrs. Massoth and Moisant.

The minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

It was moved and seconded that next meeting should be in the form of an informal banquet, and should be held on the next regular meeting night.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and the members went in a body to the Great Northern Building and called on Mr. Colson, the representative of the New England Stamp Co., who was stopping there for a couple of days.

Yours respectfully,
P. J. FLANDERS, Secretary.

5114 Wentworth Ave.

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The 346th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, May 16th, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by President Merell with the following members present: Messrs. Baldwin, Birr, Boehm, Dodd, Doncyson, Dahl, Flanders, Fowler, Gurley, Krippachne, Lefever, Massoth, Merell, Moisant, Oesch, Schlieckert, Severn, Smack, Wolsley, Wolsieffer, Westphal, Arndt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman of the Collection Committee reports total value per catalogue of Society's collection to date \$106.80.

Report of Governing Board.

The Governing Board ordered the following application posted:

MR. A. C. BROOKS, 31 Grove Ave., Norwich, N. Y., Passive membership; proposed by F. N. Massoth.

His application will be acted upon June 21st.

Mr. H. W. Wolsley received the highest award in class "B" in the exhibition of Japan.

Changes of Address:

Mr. J. G. DeNemour, 2829 5th Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Ralph S. Hawkins, 1443 Leland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Treasurer reports balance on hand \$138.55.

After which the meeting adjourned.
C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be held Thursday evening, June 7th, 1901. Exhibition of Netherland and Colonies.

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Send me your want lists with good reference and I will send on approval to responsible parties. There are no \$50 or \$100 stamps in this collection, but very many medium priced stamps, used and unused.

Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines, Ceylon, Transvaal and others nearly complete.

MAX C. ETTINGER,

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Chicago Notes.

Dr. Welcher, one of our members and German Vice Council at Chicago, has gone East to spend the summer.

Messrs. C. H. Mekeel and Scott F. Redfield were visitors this last week in our city.

We note with much surprise of the discontinuation of Redfield's *Weekly Philatelic Post*. We however presume Mr. R. had good reasons for doing as he has done. He announces it will involve no loss on part of subscribers.

The regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society met as usual on Thursday night, about 25 being present. The Secretary reported not as yet having received any decision from Washington on the Buchanan affair.

Mr. Oesch advised us that the committee were at work on the schedule of countries to be exhibited the last half of the year and he hoped to be able to give the Society some outline at the next meeting.

The Chicago Philatelic Society's 12th sale will be given in June. Mr. Massoth has not decided upon the date although busy writing it up.

That philately is receiving more consideration by newspapers is a fact. On the morning that the news was received here that the 2c Pan-American had been issued with inverted centre, every daily paper in the city contained a note upon the subject.

One of the plays soon to be given in this city has for a title "The Village Postmaster" and we wonder whether our "hobby" is involved.

"OMEGA."

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Members of the Boston Philatelic Society: The following letter was received since our last meeting, and I publish it in order to bring the matter to your notice.

Yours truly,
M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 21, 1901.
MR. M. H. LOMBARD,
Secretary Boston Philatelic Society,
Winchester, Mass.

Dear Sir: There will be held by the Collectors Club, on the evening of June 13th next, an exhibition of the stamps of Samoa. A prize of a silver medal has been offered by the American Collectors Co. for the best display of stamps of that country. The exhibition will be under the auspices of the Collectors Club and the award made by a jury selected by the Entertainment Committee.

The competition is not to be confined to members of the Club, but is open to all philatelists. We would be happy to have any Boston collectors participate in the exhibition. The collections will be shown in albums, and will not need to be framed or arranged in any way differently from that in which they are usually kept.

I would be obliged if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the B. P. S., and remain,

Very truly yours,
JOHN N. LUFF,
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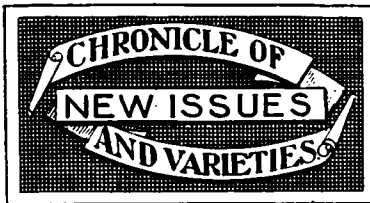
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The *London Philatelist* announces that the "ONE PENNY" on 3 shillings has been found with the error "ONE PENNY."

CUBA.—The *American Journal of Philately* states that "Mr. J. M. Andreini, in exhibiting his collection of Puerto Principe stamps at a recent meeting of the Philatelic Society, showed a variety entirely new to us, but which there can be no reason to doubt. The specimen in question is a 3 cents on 2 milesimas orange brown, in the type of the first series of surcharges measuring 17½ mm. The existence of the variety may easily be explained by the use of a sheet of 2 milesimas stamps instead of 3 milesimas, when printing the 3c surcharge.

"Of course, the corresponding surcharge with small numeral must also exist, as all Puerto Principe stamps were printed in strips of five, four showing the larger numeral and one the smaller one."

The publishers states that these will be added to the catalogue in the following form:

Adhesives (Provisional):

179b 3c on 2m orange brown, type e, black surch.
179c 3c on 2m orange brown, type f, " "

FRENCH COLONIES.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the whole force of French colonies, nineteen in number, is to be provided with envelopes and postal cards in keeping with the following chronicle:

Envelopes (Regular):

15c gray and carmine on green.
25c blue " " on rose.

Postal Cards (Regular):

10c carmine and blue on green.
10x10c " " " "

GIBRALTAR, Morocco Agencies.—The *Monthly Journal* observes that in each sheet of the stamps with the London overprint there is one stamp which shows an

abnormal "M" in Morocco." The letter is slightly shorter than the rest and has an unduly long serif projecting to the left at top. The editor states that he has seen all the values with this variety of letter.

INDIA, Travancore.—A new stamp has been issued, value ¾ of a chuckram. It is thus described by the *Philatelic Journal of India*:

"Although very like the other current stamps, it differs from them in that the bottom of the inner circle has the word 'stamp' instead of the value in English. The outer circle, instead of having a vernacular inscription at the top, has the words (in English) 'Three Quarter Chuckram.' The paper is thick wove, perf. and watermark like the rest of the current series."

It was issued April 1, 1901.

Adhesive (Local):

¾ chuckram, black.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* very briefly chronicles the following recent provisionals:

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c on 2c brown on buff.
15c on 75c violet on orange.
15c on 1 fr bronze green on straw.

PORTUGAL.—The *London Philatelist* announces the 5 and 25 reis of the current issue without numerals, these varieties having been used in pairs with specimens in the normal condition. These varieties were sold at the office in Oporto in the regular order of business.

TUNIS.—It is reported that the 10, 15 and 25c chronicled in number 412 as appearing in new colors have been converted into Unpaid Letter stamps by perforating them with a "T." This evidently was a temporary expedient as certain values of a new set are being chronicled. This new set is described as being similar to that of France but has "CHIFFRE-TAXE" at top and "REGENCE DE TUNIS" at bottom, color black. I will list the set when the values are at hand.

URUGUAY.—The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. has received a pair of the 5c steel blue of 1899, railroad type, imperforate horizontally between.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

It is said that the 4c Pan-American inverts have been found. It is probably only

a question of time when all the values will come in this shape.

The following from Wolsieffer's Auction Catalogue may be of interest: "Now is the time to arrange for your vacation in August, and see the Pan-American Exposition at its best, and attend the convention of the American Philatelic Association at the same time. You all know what a fine time we had in Milwaukee last August, and it is a good dose to repeat at Buffalo. Chicago collectors are talking about making up a party to go via one of those magnificent lake steamers, the Northland or Northwest. It is a pleasant subject to anticipate and think about." What say ye New York; shall we charter the Empire State Express?

A friend sends me the following clipping:
MISUSE OF THE MAILS.

On an indictment by the Grand Jury charging fraudulent usage of the mails, Henry Flachskamm, 4 Nicholson-pl., former Secretary of the Standard Stamp Co., has been arrested and arraigned in the U. S. District Court. Flachskamm was released on bond, and his case will probably be set for the November term of court.

Mr. Bartels remarks in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* anent the decision by the post office authorities relative to the Guam surcharges will probably be interesting reading to the speculators who hold any quantity of these surcharged stamps. But to collectors who must face the inevitable of paying from three to twenty times face value, the outlook is not very inviting. Of course, Mr. Bartels being a large dealer in United States "Colonial" stamps, probably speaks from a dealers' standpoint.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, May 29th.

I learn that recently thousands of valuable stamps were thrown away as rubbish in Barbadoes. It seems that the records in the Official Assignee's office in the shape of bankrupt ledgers, day books, account books, etc., had accumulated to such an extent in fifty years as to necessitate their removal to a room in the court house. This removal took place about ten years ago. Recently this room also became filled up and the Official Assignee ordered the old books removed to the reef and buried. Besides the old account books there was a vast amount of correspondence in relation to the bankrupts, and a large number of envelopes on which the stamps still remained. As in the days in which these letters were received the stamp collecting mania had not arisen accounts for these old and valuable stamps still being undiscovered as it were. The order for the removal of the old books was understood to mean to clear out the contents of the room, and accordingly about twenty cart loads were taken to the reef and buried in deep trenches. The matter would probably have ended here but for the fact that a few street gamins picked up some of the envelopes that had been blown away, and seeing stamps upon them began to search for more. Whenever an envelope with a block of four or six was found a scimmage ensued with the result that usually the block was reduced to a few singles and the rest damaged beyond recognition. The government officials hearing of this matter ordered the books and correspondence dug up and burnt. Still many stamps were bought by collectors at prices far below their real value.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

The Editor's Spears.

FOREIGN POST OFFICES IN THE ORIENT.

A very interesting article on these post offices is given by Mons. Maury in the March number of his paper as follows:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY possesses the following post offices:—Adrianople, Beyrout, Canea, Candia, Caifa, Cavalla, Chios, Dardanelles, Dedeagh, Durazzo, Gallipoli, Jaffa, Janina, Jerusalem, Ineboli, Keresun, Lagos, Mytilene, Prevesa, Retimo, Rhodes, Salonica, Samsoun, Santi Ouarouta, Smyrna, Trebizond, Valona, Vathy and Constantinople (Galata—Pera—Stamboul).

Formerly also at Sofia, Philippople, Burgas, Varna, Rustschuk and Tirnoova.

This service began in 1867 and distributes all letters from Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Bosnia, Roumania, and partly of Servia and Malta.

FRANCE is second in importance. Through the French offices the following letters, &c., are distributed: those from France and Colonies, Spain, Portugal, Greece, South America, China and Japan.

GERMANY possesses the following post offices: Constantinople (Pera—Galata—Stamboul), Smyrna, Salonica, Beyrout, Jaffa and Jerusalem. This service began in 1880 and handles the correspondence from the following countries: Germany and Colonies, Belgium, Holland, Sweden and Norway, Denmark and sometimes the North American mail.

ENGLAND also established her service in 1880 and has post offices in Constantinople (Galata—Stamboul), Smyrna, Salonica and Beyrout.

The correspondence distributed from this office is from England and Colonies, Central America, Central and South Africa.

RUSSIA established her offices as early as 1864 at the following places: Beyrout, Chios, Constantinople (Moum—Hone), Dardanelles, Ineboli, Jaffa, Mount Athos, Mytilene, Mersina, Ordou, Keresun, Rizeh, Salonica, Samsoun, Smyrna, Sinope, Trebizond, Tripoli (Barbary), and Teheran (Persia).

Of late years this service is quite small, and only letters arriving from Russia and Persia are dealt with.

ITALY founded her first offices in the Orient in 1873, but has actually only those in Canea and Tripoli as distributing centres. Those at Constantinople, Smyrna and Beyrout were suppressed in 1883.

We have a few copies of the \$30.00 Revenues 1898 Issue, For Sale. They are Uncut.

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ROUMANIA tried in the beginning of 1896 to open a post office in Constantinople, but permission was refused. Special surcharged Roumanian stamps were, however, sold on board the two mail steamers for the franking of single letters to Roumania. Officially, this office has never been recognized.

It is said that the Ottoman postal service loses annually about £8,000 through these foreign offices.—*Philatelic Record*.

NEW RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

WHAT GOVERNMENT IS DOING FOR FARMERS.

The growth of the rural free delivery system in this country has been amazing. In 1897 there were only forty-four routes in operation, but by July 1 of the present year about four thousand such routes will have been established, providing for the daily delivery of mails at the scattered homes of 3,500,000 people in the farming districts. The whole of the United States is now laid out in four divisions of this kind of postal service.

The idea of it is to deliver mail regularly to farmers who live from two to twelve miles from any post office, and who have been obliged hitherto to waste the best part of a day whenever they wished to post a letter or expected to receive one. A new route at Attica, Ind., was opened on May 12 of last year. It was the busiest season of the year, but all of these farmers came in, some of them ten to fifteen miles, to get "farm boxes" at \$2.60 apiece, so as to be ready for the carrier.

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sent to the Post Office Department. If the service is deemed practicable, a special agent of the department is then sent to lay out the route and make a map of it. His report and map must show that at least one hundred families will benefit by the delivery. A full route is twenty-five miles, but it may cover from seventeen to thirty-five miles. Carriers were paid at first only \$150 a year; they now receive \$500 a year. Some of the carriers are women.

Experience has shown that, as a result of the extension of free delivery of mails to farming communities, more letters are written and received, more newspapers and magazines are taken and roads are improved. The monotony of farm life is relieved by keeping the country folk in touch with events through the daily papers. Neighbors are brought more closely together, and gatherings of men at the country store and saloon, with incidental gossip and cardplaying, are exchanged for gatherings of families at homes for social festivities.—*New York Herald*, May 12, 1901.

SHIFTING THE BLAME.

The first information received at the Post Office Department relative to the discovery of the inverted one and four cents Pan-American stamps came through the *Metropolitan* correspondent. The officials of the stamp division said they had heard a rumor of the finding of the inverted one cent, but nothing authentic. The news of the four cents was not only fresh news but was entirely unexpected. There were some exclamations of regret and the hope was also expressed that no more errors might be found. The Post Office Department is entirely powerless in the matter. The stamps do not come into the Post Office building at all, except to be registered, after having been packed and addressed. The Post Office Department has an agent in the Bureau who oversees to the counting and checking, but the Post Office Department officials have nothing to do, in detail, with the stamps.—*Metropolitan Philatelist*.

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Chicago Notes.

The little booklet of stamps issued by the authorities at Washington, is to be adopted by the Austria-Hungarian government. When these stamp books were first issued, samples were sent to every country in the Postal Union, with the result that several other countries are about to adopt the use of them, notably Germany and England.

The new \$3.00 gray has commenced to be seen here. It having been sold at the Revenue office this last week for the first time. We think that when the law goes into effect next July that present prices will show great changes in some of the values.

A great many of our members are getting ready to take their vacation. Those who are obliged to take it now regret that they cannot go to Buffalo in August.

June will be quite a sale month for Chicago. On June 8th the Chicago Philatelic Society hold their twelfth, on June 15th Mr. Wolsieffer holds the Dr. Potts sale and on June 29th the C. P. S. hold their thirteenth sale. This will wind up the sales for the season, and the holders of the sales advise that they are well satisfied with the results.

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Spain 1901, New King's Head, mixed.....	.10	.50	
France 1901, New Issue, well mixed.....	.10	.50	
Servia 1894-96, 2d blue green, o. g., catalogued 50 cents	.15	1.00	7.50
Labuan 1901, 4c Monkey, o. g.	.05	.35	3.25
North Borneo 1901, 4c Monkey, o. g.....	.05	.35	3.25
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From that time onwards we can trace almost step by step in the pages of our Albums the family history of our late Sovereign. The earliest stamps of the colony of Victoria depict the fair young girl in possession of the orb and sceptre, or seated upon her ancestral throne. Her coronation portrait is reproduced by Nova Scotia, in the first type of Queensland, and in various emissions of the Bahamas, Grenada, Tasmania, New Zealand, and other countries. Her Majesty's alliance to the husband of her choice is commemorated by the 6d and 10 cent values of Canada.

The picture of a little boy in Highland dress upon stamps of New Brunswick and Newfoundland makes us acquainted with the birth of a son and heir. Then followed a period of happy married life, during which the Queen's head was presented to us under various guises, mostly conventional, but occasionally almost grotesque, as in the first issue of what was then called Van Diemen's land, and in some of the "native" Mauritius. Next came her great sorrow and bereavement, as indicated by the widow's weeds, first in the 1868 issue of Newfoundland, and afterwards by Canada and other colonies. Then years rolled on, and the loyalty and affection of her subjects were proved by the celebration of her Jubilee, when the Queen appeared in Westminster Abbey as she is represented on two handsome sets of the Niger Coast, and the large rupee series of India. The same sentiment rose to a still higher pitch of reverence and enthusiasm at the Diamond Jubilee in 1897, with which philately showed itself in touch by the portraits on the commemorative issues of Canada and Newfoundland, and by the 2d and 2½d stamps of New South Wales.

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A REVIEW

of the auction sale catalogue of the Dr. Potts sale to be held June 14th, and issued several days ago, shows that it contains many lots of stamps suitable for all classes of collectors. There are some desirable U. S. Revenues, particularly Lots 11, 15, 16, 17, 23, 34A etc. In blocks Lots 37A and 45 are not so bad. In unused U. S. Lots 68, 83, 84, etc., are in demand. Used U. S. shows Lots 118, 129, 137, 141, 142, etc. as popular stamps.

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the Cayman Islands, and the pretty farthing provisional of Bermuda—a range of more than sixty years!

A noteworthy halting-place in the history of philately has now been reached, and philatelists of the future will perhaps start their collections with stamps of Edward VII, and the new century; but even they will be unwilling to forego what information has been stored up for us concerning the previous history of the Prince of Wales. Hence an exception will be made in favour of the New Brunswick stamp already referred to; but it is Newfoundland which in this respect will undoubtedly bear off the palm. For in its stamps not merely are we shown His Royal Highness as a little boy, but he is also represented in officer's uniform both in youth and in full manhood. His consort, now Queen Alexandra, takes her place by his side, with their son—the heir apparent to the crown, and still another step onward in the genealogy. Thus this colony had, only a few short weeks ago, the unique distinction of having four generations in the line of succession to the Empire's throne depicted upon its postage stamps, viz.: the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and young Prince Edward. One of these—the honoured head of the family—now alas! has passed away, and only three remain. May many years elapse before the next in order be taken from us! God save—long live—the King! —EDWARD BELL, M. A., in *Morley's Philatelic Journal.*

Opportunities.*

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

BY WM. A. MCDONNELL.

Does one ever stop to consider the vast number of opportunities allowed to pass beyond your grasp, never more to appear again. What I allude to, are the innumerable chances to procure stamps at bargain prices, and which you failed to take advantage of. The state of the market the past two years, has been anything but cheerful, and dealers of course were compelled to suffer in consequence.

A reduction in the selling prices of the majority of stamps became apparent, and dealers in order to meet current expenses, were obliged to quote their stamps at the lowest figures, and in many instances such depreciation was below the original cost price.

Wideawake collectors who follow the vicissitudes of the market, were the only individuals to profit by this depression. They instantly conceived that the then present interruption of business would be only temporary, and the state of the markets would shortly be strengthened. At the present moment the market has not fully recovered, but in all probability at the issuance of the sixteenth edition of the Standard Catalogue, General Prosperity will visit us permanently.

As previously stated the wise collector is none the loser, but those collectors who have failed to take advantage of the prevailing low prices, is to whom this article is dedicated.

The reduction in prices did not include but one class or grade of stamps, but all classes and kinds have received their share at the hands of the cut rate dealer. In numerous occasions stamps were sold at prices that prevailed ten to twenty years ago, and a glance through any old catalogue or price list, will certainly indicate such to be the case. I have in the foregoing depicted the past, but now I will speak of the present and future.

United States stamps—the most popular with collectors in this country have withstood the decreasing prices, and although the discounts quoted, were in most cases exceedingly high, these stamps are more popular than ever with collectors in all parts of the world. The increased demand will naturally tend to decrease the supply and advance prices, and it is needless to say the current market quotations will soon

be "prices of the past;" no amount of be-walling on your part will help your limited foresight.

We see in the philatelic press occasionally articles on what stamps could be purchased for twenty or more years ago; it forms interesting reading and sharpens your appetite to possess some of the stamps at such ridiculous prices. It is useless speculation on your part to comprehend or entertain such ideas, but my dear readers please take into consideration that the ruling prices of today, will in twenty years hence, receive the same distinction; contributors to the philatelic press in 1920 will write with an unsteady hand (and their eyes full of tears) what the prevailing prices of many stamps was in 1899—the end of the nineteenth century.

It is estimated that the philatelic population in 1920 will be double that of today, and of course in consequence, prices will certainly not remain stationary in the meantime.

My advice is to purchase *today*, and not wait until *tomorrow*, it may then be too late. From personal experience this has been my watch word for years, and not in one instance have I any cause to regret the path I followed. Dealers invariably advertise any special bargain in philatelic press giving all collectors an undeniable chance to take advantage of their offerings. I may truthfully say that ninety-nine per cent. of the stamps I purchased were procured through an advertisement, or a dealer's price list, therefore my readers who subscribe to a few well circulated stamp papers, had the same opportunities as I did; none can claim that they were at a disadvantage, representing that I received "confidential" quotations. I read the notice as thousands of others did, and I may add without fear of contradiction that not one-tenth of them had the perceptive powers to take advantage of the liberal offers.

I could cite hundreds of occurrences where my inability to discern a bargain has cost me dearly; I merely mention this so that my readers will understand that I am not infallible, and liable to overlook just as many bargains to my unexpressed sorrow.

A summary: Today a casual through the stamp magazines you will instantly perceive the countless bargains in stamps from almost every civilized (and uncivilized) portion of the world. At this point your foresight is most essential; select what stamps you desire, and patronize only reliable dealers who are willing to refund your money if your purchase does not meet with your approval, and it is needless to add that all established dealers will readily acquiesce to such reasonable demands. A study of the market and a perceptiveness to distinguish a bargain is not easily acquired, but almost any United States stamps priced at one dollar and upward, that is selling at from sixty-six to seventy-five per cent. discount I would con-

sider a good thing to buy. In many instances stamps advertised at fifty per cent. discount are extraordinary bargains, but collectors allow such opportunities to pass unobserved for the simple reason that the discount quoted was no higher.

Postage due and Unpaid Letter stamps are said to have been declared obsolete, and it would not be at all surprising if the thirty and fifty-cent denominations of the present issue in cancelled condition, would be quoted at very high figures in a year or two. Today the fifty-cent value can be purchased as low as thirty-five cents and the thirty-cent value sells for twenty cents.

Today United States Revenues sell at prices that would be undoubtedly very low two years ago, but the steadily increasing demand will surely place these stamps on their true level in a few years, and those unthoughtful collectors who fail to purchase *now* will have cause to complain and denounce themselves for their want of intellectual discernment.

Today, the stamps of our northernly neighbor—Canada, are finding a warm spot in the hearts of American collectors. It is certain that these interesting stamps will be "fashionable" in the near future. *Now* is the time to obtain these stamps for your collection at current low prices; next year it may be too late. Take Time by the forelock, etc., then no tears of sorrow will be shed and there will be no occasion to wish that God had given you a third leg to kick yourself unmercifully.

The thoughtful and attentive collector who does not permit himself to dwell in idle speculations, and who is a thorough student of values, keeping his eyes and ears open to catch any stray information, fully able to counterbalance the opinions of different authorities on subjects appertaining to stamps, and to grasp an opportunity when it presents itself, is the fin de siècle collector. Today we find such specimens of sturdy collectors on every hand, hailing from every point of the compass. Low prices and large discounts have no terrors for them, for they feel them not; it is just such occasions that they reap the harvest, while the thoughtless collectors are bemoaning the decadence of philately and similar imaginary notions. The quicker collectors become aware that philately has a bright future, and that the stability of the market is much improved, then shall these howlers be conspicuous by their absence.

What future opportunities are in store for us are your own individual conjecturing; we have been taught several times to purchase what are termed "unfashionable" stamps, we have lost many a dollar for not having followed this advice.

South American stamps are great favorites with many collectors, but they are not fashionable, the future outlook for these stamps is exceedingly bright, and an unusual opportunity presents itself for your acceptance.

* This article was set up as a space-filler before it was discovered to be out of date. It was found at the last moment necessary to use it or delay the appearance of this number, and the former alternative was chosen. The article, while not up-to-date, is certainly interesting reading, and contains many bits of good advice and the space is by no means entirely wasted.—THE EDITOR.

Medium priced stamps of the earlier issues of European countries, are exciting much attention from our continental brethren; the approaching fever has not yet reached these rocky and unconquerable shores, but in all probability will be here shortly; today is the proper time to take precautions, and be ever on the alert to add any desirable specimens to your collection, that you may lack. In a few months these stamps will probably be unprocurable at current market quotations.

Unmistakable signs point to a revival in Australian stamps. Dame Rumor hath it that the Australian Confederation is rapidly approaching a permanent settlement; this important change in the World's history, finds a responsive chord from the philatelic fraternity; it is a warning to collectors of today to purchase the stamps of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia. The stamps of these countries are within the reach of all, those of limited means, and with the exception of a few early issues, the stamps do not command high prices. The best time to fill those unsightly blank spaces in your album, is to attend to it today. When the fact is announced that all these colonies will cease to issue stamps independently; no amount of hustling on your part will enable you to procure these much desired stamps, at anything like former prices (of today). Remember Lewis Robie's motto:

"Hustle while you have the legs
There are no birds in last year's eggs."

What he wishes to infer is: the past opportunities are of yesterday; the present are today, and the future, are of tomorrow.

Other rumors of more or less authenticity are in circulation that collectors should follow up, and thoroughly investigate; learn the exact state of affairs and proceed accordingly.

In concluding this rather lengthy article, I wish to add a few words of explanation. I believe I have, to the best of my ability, pointed out the probable course that collectors of today should undoubtedly follow. My only object in writing these lines is to call their attention to the many opportunities allowed to pass unnoticed, which pale into insignificance prices that reigned twenty years ago.

The tone of the market, as previously stated, is good, and reports from various centers are encouraging. Does not this speak well for the future of philately?

Before closing, I desire to call attention to the advice laid down in that old and proverbial saying: "Don't put off until tomorrow what can be done today." Don't lament over the *past*, take care of the *present*, and the *futura* will take care of itself.—*Philatelic Bulletin*.

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And it is well. Speculation breeds hoarding, and thus reinforced creates a feeling of exhilaration or depressing doubt, according to the temperament of the individual, the degree of confidence he has in the future, and his knowledge, real or assumed, of existing conditions.

The natural results of excessive speculation are false or fluctuating valuations, which are injurious alike to the collector and to the dealer. Legitimate business thrives where confidence is, because confidence is a business tonic, and because, in a greater or less degree, it is an essential feature of every business transaction.

When excessive speculation is rife, the conservative collector lacks confidence and is a timid buyer, and the stamp trade becomes, for the time being, a miniature board of trade—a game of wits and methods—with profit for some and disappointment for others.

Nevertheless, we do not unqualifiedly condemn all speculation, for it is sometimes a valuable aid in determining real values, and causes a beneficial readjustment of prices. The logic of this lies partly in the fact that a rising market may bring out reserve stocks from unexpected sources. As examples of this theory, we cite the \$1 and \$2 Columbians and the 90-cent Justice.

In the case of the \$2 Columbian the speculation was a flat failure financially, but it demonstrated the fact that this stamp was priced too high at that time. The two other stamps were picked with better judgment, and the speculators realized a handsome profit on their early sales, and to this day can sell at a good profit. This permanent advance shows that the price of each of these stamps was too low at the time they attracted the attention of the speculators.

The outcome in each of the three cases cited was natural enough. The explanation is that general attention became focused on the stamps, and the conditions which should determine their real value were studied.

This leads to the final conclusion that while excessive speculation by collectors and dealers in general has a demoralizing effect on stamp-collecting, the efforts of one man or of a set of men to boom the price of any specified stamp will result eventually in the price seeking its level.—*American Philatelic Magazine.*

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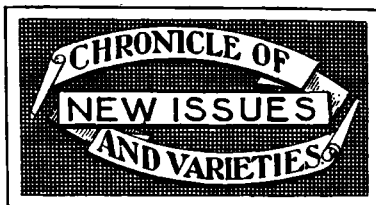
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BULGARIA—I have received from England two commemorative stamps but I find it difficult telling what they commemorate. The central design is a cannon mounted on wheels with the rising sun in the background. There are two values, 5 and 15 stotinka.

Adhesives (Commemorative):
5 stotinka, carmine.
15 " green.

GREECE.—*Meekel's News* reports an issue of newspaper wrappers: "The types of the impressed stamps are similar to the recent postal cards showing figure of Mercury."

Wrappers (Regular):
1 lepton, brown on grayish.
2 lepta, gray on grayish.
5 lepta, green on grayish.

HUNGARY.—The 3 kronen stamp has been withdrawn from circulation after having been in use about a year. It is evident that the 2 kronen value is to fill the demand that may exist for the higher value. It would be well for collectors to locate a 3 kr at as early a date as possible.

INDIA, Alwar.—The *Monthly Journal* states that it has seen a sheet of the new ¼ anna chronicled in number 411, in which one row of vertical perforations has been omitted, giving horizontal pairs imperforate between.

JAPAN.—The *Ill. Briefmarken Journal* chronicles a new envelope in violet brown of the value 3 sen. It exists in two sizes, 135x92mm. and 210x78mm., and both are printed on thin yellowish paper.

Envelopes (Regular):
3 sen, violet-brown on yellowish.

LIVONIA.—A German paper states that a 2 kopeks stamp, in an entirely new design,

has been issued to replace the stamp that has been used since 1880.

Adhesive (Regular):
2 kop, green and brown.

NEW SOUTH WALES—The following from the *Australian Journal of Philately* will no doubt be read with interest:

"Commonwealth matters, so far as stamps are concerned, are *in statu quo*. The provisional Ministry has obtained a majority at the elections, and it is expected that within the next month or two something definite will be done *re* the Postal Department.

"It does not seem to be generally known yet when the Commemoration (½d) stamp is to be issued, if ever. From what we have heard of the design it will not be at all imposing or worthy of the occasion, and shall not be surprised to learn that the project has been abandoned. Several of the Parliamentary souvenir sets have reached Sydney, but the N. S. W. set has not been issued. The latter have been obliterated in the usual postmarked to order style. *i. e.*, the cancelling stamper has been impressed on each block of four, so that every stamp will show an obliteration of concentric circles in one corner. Unlike those of the other States to hand, there is no date on the N. S. W. stamps. Some of the recipients are already seeking offers."

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, Perak.—The industry of this state in keeping abreast of postal needs has been remarked before. I have received this past week no fewer than five provisionals: "One Cent" on 2c, 4c and 5c, and "Three Cent" on 8c and 50c. It is to be hoped that the "Federated Malay States" issue will put a quietus on this sort of thing at once.

TUNIS.—The set of unpaid letter stamps referred to last week has now been listed by several journals and I feel that the following will prove a reliable chronicle of the set.

Adhesives (Unpaid):
1 centime, black.
2 centimes, orange.
5 " blue.
10 " brown.
20 " blue-green.
30 " carmine.
50 " red-brown.

UNITED STATES.—Readers of the ERA have been made familiar with the events in connection with the appearance of the 1c and 2c inverts of the Pan-American series. I learn that a 4c invert has now made its appearance, and we may expect other values from time to time.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—According to *Meekel's News* in the early part of April certain envelopes and post cards were issued with

stamps impressed like the new adhesives. There are two envelopes, 1d and 2½d, and the same number of cards of the values ½d and 1d.

Envelopes (Regular):
1d red on white.
2½d blue on white.

Post Cards (Regular):
½d green on buff.
1d red on buff.

The Honored Mexicans.

BY E. R. ALDRICH.

While the United States series of adhesives present quite a National portrait gallery, only three heroes have been thus honored by our neighbors across the Rio Grande.

Just as Washington's semblance has graced the greatest number of Columbia's issues, so has that of the Mexican Liberator—Hidalgo—been the features most employed by our southern neighbors, gracing all the portrait issues save those of "The Empire" (Scott's type A5) and the 1879 issue (Scott's type A15). The features depicted vary from a full face view in the first issue to a profile in the last, the most faithful representation being said to grace the American Bank Note issue of 1864.

The "Great Deliverer," as the Mexicans delight in calling Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, was born on May 8, 1753, and was educated for the priesthood, and received the little village of Dolores (which in 1824 assumed the name Villa de Dolores Hidalgo in his honor), where besides his priestly duties he busied himself with agricultural improvements, devoting especial attention to grape culture, as well as interesting himself in public affairs. In 1810 Jourer de Venegas, the Spanish vice regent, by attempting to more strictly enforce certain laws drew upon himself the odium of the populace and an extensive conspiracy was organized, of which Hidalgo soon made himself the head. On Sept. 16 the insurgents took possession at such points as they could and on Oct. 20, having concentrated their forces at Valladolid, Hidalgo was made commander-in-chief. A number of engagements occurred between his forces and those of the Spanish authorities, the success usually lying with the latter until July, 1811, when through treachery of his own men he was betrayed into the enemy's hands and by them shot at

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Oaxaca on the 27th. The seed of freedom planted by "The First Hero of Our Independence" was fostered by Guerrero and later by Iturbide who established the first Mexican Empire in 1822.

To the existence of the second empire Mexico owes the second addition to its national stamp gallery, the profile bust of the unfortunate Emperor gracing the issue of 1866.

Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph, the younger brother of the Emperor of Austria, was born May 7, 1832. He was governor of the Austrian provinces of Italy when the Napoleonic influences caused the clerical party of Mexico to offer the throne of that faction rent country to him. With the pledge of French protection, urged thereto by the ambitions of his wife, the unfortunate Charlotta, he accepted, and in June, 1864, was cordially received at the Capitol by the clergy and the army, although the adherents of Juarez still held Chihuahua and other portions of the northern part of the country, from which, however, he fled across the boundary the next year. The next year, however, found the republicans again active and under pressure from the United States, the French troops supporting Maximilian were withdrawn and the Empire began to totter. By singular coincidence, treachery, as with Hidalgo, brought about his death, and being betrayed by his own officers he was executed on July 19, 1867. In 1879, as a tribute to his memory, President Diaz ordered the design on the current stamps to consist of a likeness of Juarez.

If Hidalgo is termed the creator of Mexican liberty well may Carlos Benita Juarez be termed its preserver. Born on May 21, 1806, he was but a lad of five when "The Father of Liberty" died, but he seemed to absorb the spirit of freedom from the very air, even in boyhood, and the love of liberty seems to have been a portion of his Indian heritage. Though born in poverty, through the assistance of a well-to-do benefactor he was enabled to go to the Capitol and study law and became a notary at Oaxaca and soon became the leader of the Liberalists of that state, and was elected in 1864 as deputy to congress. In 1848 he became governor of the state, which he held until Santa Ana became dictator of Mexico, when he was banished. At the restoration of the republic he returned and was appointed by President Alvarez as Minister of Justice. Upon the election of Comonfort the next year he became Chief Justice and Vice-President of the republic. Upon Comonfort's overthrow by Zuloaga and the clerical party he retired to Vera

Cruz where he was practically head of a liberal government, styling himself "Constitutional President." Civil war continued during the ascendancy of Miramon, Zuloaga's successor, until he was defeated by Ortega at San Meguilla when he fled to Europe and became the Mexican leader in the French intrigues, Juarez meanwhile (Jan, 1861,) re-entering the capital. In June he was elected president for four years, and proceeded to enforce the reform inaugurated by Alvarez, but the continual plottings of the Clericals, together with the French invasion, again drove him forth. But never, even when defeat seems so imminent, that penned in with his few followers in the extreme north of Pass del Norte, he sent his family to New Orleans, did he despair of final victory. The downfall of Maximilian brought about his final entry into the capital by force of arms, in July 1867, and he was again elected president and re-elected in 1871 by a narrow margin over Porfirio Diaz (by some error Moes describes the portrait on this issue as his). This triumph however, he did not enjoy long being stricken by apoplexy and dying on June 18, 1872.

Maximilian after the European custom, placed his own likeness on his adhesives, so only two—the Founder and the Preserver of Liberty—have been honored by the Mexicans, and it is likely to so remain until the day comes when after his death they can similarly honor the memory of their great Pacifier, the present president.—*National Philatelic News.*

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The one hundred and seventh regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, June 18th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

The exhibition of U. S. Documentary and Proprietary Revenues will take place at this meeting. This will be the fourth of the series of competitive exhibits to be held

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The May Meeting.

The one hundred and sixth regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, May 21st, at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and 29 members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President stated that our contract with the WEEKLY ERA had been renewed for a year.

The Library Committee reported they realized \$40.59 from the auction, and they asked for an appropriation of \$10 for a special purpose, which was granted.

The following applications for membership were presented:

MR. CLARENCE H. EAGLE, New York City; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. JOHN W. SCOTT, New York City; proposed by W. H. Colson.

MR. JOSEPH T. HUNT, Weymouth; proposed by F. P. Brown.

The following were elected members:

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Mr. Wm. Talbot, Brockton.

The name of Mr. Sherman Follansbee was withdrawn.

The third exhibition of the series, U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square, was held.

Two exhibits were entered for competition. The judges were: Messrs. L. L. Green, F. P. Brown and C. H. Stone.

They awarded the silver medal to Geo. L. Toppan.

The two exhibits were so nearly equal, the first being given 87 points and the second 82 points, the New England Stamp Co. stated they would give a bronze medal to the other collection belonging to W. R. Butler.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9:20 o'clock.

M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

Special Notice.

There will be no meeting during July or August, so it is hoped all will make a special effort to attend the June meeting. The exhibits will probably be of exceptional merit.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The two-cent Pan-American invert in Geo. R. Tuttle's sale on June 3rd and 4th fetched \$30.00. All the daily papers gave an account of it, and it was a well deserved adv. for Tuttle's popular auctions.

Dr. Wm. Evans of Westtown, New York, was a recent visitor.

I note that the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* contains six finely executed half-tones of the Pan-American stamps. From the same paper I quote the following:

"*French Congo*.—It is now proved that the recent new set of panoramic and zoological stamps has never been issued in the colony whose name they bear, and further, they are not to be sent there. So there seems no reason why they should trouble collectors any more."

I presume they will be placed on the market as remainders in the course of time.

The New York Central and Hudson R. R. say in their advertisement in the daily papers; that the government selected the Empire State Express as the central design of the two-cent Pan-American stamp.

A dealer who handles quantities of used Pan-Americans, claims that the ten cent denomination is scarcer than any of the others. He says users like to place all sorts of combinations of values on their letters and packages—especially on registered letters. Two four-cent or a single eight-cent and two one-cent stamps are the most common varieties met with.

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The *Australian Journal of Philately* reprints the following from the Melbourne *Argus*:

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A unique interest attaches to two new stamps, designs for which were adopted by Senator Drake, Postmaster-General, on Tuesday, 16th April. They are the first to bear the King's head issued in Victoria.

The general colour scheme of the £2 stamp will be carmine, with the lettering and figures in black, and the prevailing background of the £1 stamp will be brown. The figures "2" and the letters "E. R." will be brown on pink, while the line "two pounds" will be printed white on a pink background. The designs cannot be very highly commended as works of art. A comparison with the existing issues will show that for the first time a practically full head instead of a profile of the sovereign is given, while simplicity itself has been sacrificed for ornamentation, which is, for the most part, not symbolical of anything whatever. The gap which separates the new designs from previous issues is no doubt due to the author having failed to grasp the importance of somewhat idealising his subject.

The permanent head of the Postal Department, Mr. F. L. Outtrim, thus explains why the new issues are to be made: "We take in at certain offices bulk correspondence, on which the postage amounts to £1 or more, and instead of stamping the letters separately a docket for the total postage is presented, and a duty stamp affixed. At the present time we have only duty stamps of these denominations, and revenue derived from them goes to the State, the postage revenue coming to the Commonwealth. We have arranged with the Treasury that the amount of duty stamps used for postage purposes shall be refunded to us, but after the 1st of June a distinction must be made, hence the new stamps, which the Government Printer will be asked to prepare for us as quickly as possible."

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On turning our eyes across the silver streak, and taking note of the political ups and downs of our nearest neighbours during the last fifty years, it is instructive to find how faithfully these events are recorded in the pages of our albums. Starting soon after the revolution which drove Louis Philippe as a refugee to seek the shelter of ever-hospitable Albion, we have a fine series of stamps inscribed "Repub. Franc." and showing the profile of Liberty. In the next issue the superscription is the same, but the image is that of Napoleon. Ere long we have another set displaying the same features, but a momentous change has occurred in the inscription which now reads "Empire Franc." Then after the famous plebiscite was taken and the prospects of a settled dynasty appeared to be assured, a new emission of stamps took place, with laureated head and the fuller legend "Empire Francais." But such hopes were destined to remain unfulfilled, as we can perceive from the succeeding

issue, made hurriedly at Bordeaux, without perforations, roughly lithographed, and with many variations of colour. What a reminder we have here of Sedan, and Metz, and Paris in the hands of the Commune! The engraved series which follow tell of settled government once more; and their varying designs may be regarded as emblematical of as many phases in the constitution of the Republic.

But at the present crisis in the history of the British Empire, the student will turn with alacrity to the tale so graphically disclosed by the stamps of the South African Republic, better known to us as the Transvaal. From 1870 till 1877 we are confronted with the familiar square stamps, displaying the arms of the republic, more or less coarsely executed. Then came the British occupation, indicated for a time by overprinting these stamps with V. R., and the altered designation "Transvaal." In 1878 we have a new issue bearing the well-known profile of her most gracious Majesty, and with the value expressed in English currency. A sphere of British influence thus became a British possession; not destined however to remain as such for long; since the memories of Majuba hill still rankle in our minds; followed by "the great betrayal" and the ignominious "scuttle out," though some were found who called it "magnanimity"! The depth of degradation to which British prestige and power had sunk in this portion of the globe is well typified by a pair of succeeding stamps, one overprinted with the Dutch value Een Penny, and the other having the Queen's head defaced by the surcharge—

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a disgrace which is happily without parallel in British philately, but which at last bids fair to be blotted out, now that our victorious flag floats once more above the government buildings of Pretoria. And before these lines appear in print, the current stamps of the South African Republic will be arriving in this country overprinted V. R. I.; to be followed in due course by a new and permanent issue, recording on the philatelic page the latest extension of the Empire.

More gratifying is it to the average Briton to turn by way of contrast to the story of another race for supremacy, as revealed to him by the stamps of Fiji. First he will notice C. R. (Cacumbau Rex), surmounted by a crown, and the value expressed in pence. The next issue with the value surcharged in cents is suggestive of American influence prevailing for a time. Then C. R., appears overprinted V. R., and the cents give place to pence once more. Finally C. R., and cents alike entirely disappear; while V. R., is engraved as part of the permanent design on the stamps of the lower values, and a bold profile of the Queen on those of 1sh and 5sh. Rivalry being at an end, a peaceful sunset scene fitly closes an interesting historical chapter.—EDWARD BELL, M. A., in *Morley's Philatelic Journal*.

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The Double Green of Geneva.

Three men sat at dessert in a notably comfortable dining room in Harley street. They had been close friends at college, and, though they were all nearing 40, the friendship was cordial still. Hubert Denison, the successful artist, had made an awful matrimonial mistake that had resulted in a cause celebre and freedom. Stanley Hesseltine, the rising barrister, had been badly jilted in early youth, and had very reasonably concluded that he had had enough of women for the rest of his days.

As to Frank Sebastian, first of living surgeons, according to his many friends, who proclaimed the fact loudly, and his few enemies, who allowed it with reservations, he was a bachelor. He told meddling outsiders he was not a marrying man, but he had admitted to this special conclave that the true reason was that he had never succeeded in falling in love. He was handsome—tall, active, with keen blue eyes, and a trim beard just touched with gray; but he was much quieter than usual on this foggy Feb. 14.

"What's the matter, Frank?" asked Denison, filling his glass, with the satisfactory certainty that the port was thoroughly good. "Are we to drink the health of 'Valentine,' as on so many anniversaries made memorable by this divine '38?"

"No," said Frank Sebastian, shortly; "for 'Valentine' is dead."

Denison put down his full glass with an amazed exclamation.

"Plumbed the mystery after fourteen years! Impossible!" said Hesseltine, whose legal mind disliked mysteries, and who had always been especially anxious to get to the bottom of the case.

"I expect you both remember Valentine's day fourteen years ago," began Sebastian, with a certain hesitation. "Hesseltine was briefless then, and was sitting to you, Denison, for Alcibiades."

"Before he grew fat," parenthesized the artist, with a laugh.

"How I tore into the studio with bank notes for £400 crackling in my pockets—money sent anonymously, money that let me go to Germany and make my fortune by three years' study under old Von Gleich—'From Valentine, so that you may work and attain.'"

"And, by Jove, you've done both, old man," said the friends simultaneously.

"Yes, I have found out a few things, helped a few unfortunates. But for 'Valentine' I must have drugged away in some out-of-the-way hole in the country. I was no good till I had leisure to work and think without bothering about the bread and cheese."

"Cherchez la femme was always my advice, only you never took it," said Denison.

"You were right, for it was a woman; and now she is dead, and I can never even

thank her for letting me rise to the very height of my ambition."

"They say only women do those Quixotic things. But to hold her tongue for fourteen years—that's the bit of the story I can't credit."

"First story I've heard with a woman in it who didn't want a quid pro quo."

"You two are misogynists. You've also got a right to be. So perhaps I won't read you this, as, somehow, I half intended."

Denison had loved his wife well, despite her utter heartlessness, and he rejoined:

"Read it. Let us have something sentimental, something prettily tender and ideal, just to put away the flavor of London. I'm not a sham cynic tonight. It looks like a very human document."

Sebastian moved his chair out of the radius of the red-shaded candles, and with a deepening shadow on his grave face, began to read:

THE VICARAGE,
CHERRINGTON-ON-TARN.

DEAR SIR: By request of my deceased sister I send you the enclosed. She has been for many years companion to Lady Ida Fitzroy, and died at her house from the effects of influenza.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY BRADENHAM.

The enclosure was in a delicate neat writing, upon several yellowed sheets of paper, and Sebastian's firm hand shook a little as he held-up the first of them. It had no formal introduction, and Sebastian began to read abruptly, thus:

"This will not reach you till I am dead. Perhaps never, if you should die first. So I may say that I love you with my whole soul, and have followed every footstep in your career—the career of which I have been so proud, because I helped to make it. I dare say you will be disappointed to hear that 'Valentine' was no one interesting. Just a plain, homely girl, to whom you have forgotten you were kind once.

"Do you remember fourteen years ago a certain Mary Bradenham at the hotel at Newquay, companion to a harsh old aunt, who was handsome and clever, and hard on her niece because she was neither? She was middle-aged, and yet all the men liked to talk to Miss Sinclair, because she had seen everything and been everywhere. She was the last woman in the world to have been accredited with a romance, but we all have one—even I. Hers had ended very badly. Her lover had gone abroad, married some one else, and corresponded with her, even borrowed money of her, all the time. Till she found out. After that she lost all faith in men

"She chose me to be her companion—the family hoped her heiress. She even promised to provide for me 'if I never made a fool of myself by falling in love.' I thought I was quite safe. I was so very ordinary that no one ever seemed to know even that I was present. And not clever—not a bit. Nothing.

"I did not mind so much till the day in August I first saw you. You were playing

bowls and laughing with a lot of ladies. There was a girl in white, with a blue band. I can remember even that. I watched. Afterward you came and talked to my aunt, and you always spoke to me. Once you joined me when I was walking out to the Headland. I have only to shut my eyes and see the great curling, green breakers. I heard them booming on the rocks and I was happy.

"You never guessed all the mischief you did because you pitied the dull companion who looked on when they danced in the hall, and stayed behind when the picnic parties drove merrily away. I loved you, and with love came the bitter, dreadful longing to be as these others. Once you were smoking on the veranda and talking to a friend. I listened, and I heard you say how poor you were, and how 'just a few hundreds, and you could do something.'

"I thought I had kept my secret all my own—my only treasure. I used sometimes to let myself think of you; and the thought of the wild water, the wet sea breeze, the blue Cornish sky, would bring tears to my eyes that were not unhappy. I loved. I was a woman indeed now, and even the utter hopelessness did not take all the glamour, all the glory away. My aunt found out. She had eyes like a hawk, and a tongue that could hurt cruelly. 'You in love; you harboring stupid dreams!' she said, with a scornful laugh. 'I was an heiress, a beauty, a wit; yet I could not hold a man to his allegiance. What can you use to win a man's heart, much less to keep it?'

"My aunt's fearful temper made life with her purgatory. I had not much longer to bear it, for within a year of our meeting she died. There was no mention of me in the will, but in the codicil it said, 'And to my niece, Mary Bradenham, I give and bequeath the Japanese box, and all it contains, she having disobeyed my injunction, and forfeited all other claim.' There were no jewels in the shabby box; nothing but an immense bundle of dingy old letters; and my brother and sisters, who had all married into the Church unprosperously, were angry with me for playing my cards so badly. I had to get another situation. But I utterly refused to tell why my aunt had broken her promise. I had been companion long enough to have learned to be silent.

"I had glanced at the letters, the false, lying letters written from Geneva to my aunt by her lover, in 1843, when she had been staying at some village near. I did not burn them, though I scarcely knew why. Then I went to Paris with Lady Ida, and one day, when I was idly looking in at a shop window, I saw two small foreign stamps put up for sale—"Double vert de Geneve, tres rare, mille francs." Something made me look again, and as I did so my heart beat hard. For I was sure that this queer stamp, like two joined together,

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For the Week Ending June 8th.

Application for Membership.

JONES, JOHN W., 61 Cheapside, London, England; age, 42; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: M. H. Lombard, A. W. Batchelder.

Changes of Address.

1633. BARR, H. C., from 607 East Locust St. to Care of Von Schaezler & Co., Stamp Dealers, Room 7 Masonic Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

1622. SCHAEZLER, OTTO VON, from 705 Perry St. to Care of Von Schaezler & Co., Stamp Dealers, Room 7 Masonic Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 1st 519
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

was on those many letters that lay unregarded, faintly scented with Japanese camphor wood. I was right. I took no one into my confidence, and there was such a rage for collecting that I sold twenty for £400.

"You see, I had always meant to send some money to you, if aunt ever left me any. Only it would have been difficult, because the family would have wanted me to account for every penny. But to get it all like this was so much more enchanting. All my own; actually willed to me! Providence was very kind to frustrate her cruel device and to make me rich enough, after all, to have my bright minute of romance to make sunshine for all my gray life.

"It was only by chance that I remembered it to be Feb. 13, when I was in London, and had, after, oh! such trouble, found out your address, I sat in my little dull room, the happiest woman in England, when I wrote 'From Valentine, so that you may work and attain.' I kissed the letter

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before I posted it. How lucky it would be, taken into your hands, meeting your eyes! "I only once saw you. You passed me in the street. But I heard of you, and always, as I knew I should, heard of your growing fame and brilliant ability. And when it got into the papers first that an English surgeon had been summoned to an illustrious imperial patient, and then that there had been a wonderful operation performed with the utmost success, I guessed first that it was Frank Sebastian, and I was glad to think I had helped the man whose discoveries have saved so many precious lives.

"Forgive me for telling you. When you marry—for surely you will—give her this to read. She will understand it better than you do, because only women know what love really is. You had other things, but, believe me, love is still the best of all."

Sebastian's voice faltered slightly. He was full of an immense compassion, a baffling sense of wonder as to what was

this strong motor that influenced hearts to be so brave and so selfish.

Back to Denison came the haunting memory of the faithless wife, and he was silent.

Hesseltine hated sentiment, or, rather, hated showing that there was such a thing in his organization. "Women are not all Violet Trehernes," he said to himself; but aloud he only remarked, "As a very enthusiastic stamp collector, perhaps you will forgive my writing to the reverend brother at Cherrington to see if by any sort of chance his poor sister had kept just one double vert de Geneve, 1843. I am ready with my thousand francs if she did."—*London Truth.*

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THE DAMAGED SPECIMEN.

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Although we frequently laugh at extreme examples of the class, we are all of us more or less condition cranks, and we have been getting worse, or better, which you will, in this respect right along. Some ten or fifteen years ago we did not discard a stamp because it had a slight tear, a heavy cancellation, a perforation or two missing, or possessed a crease, besides other virtues, but now——! Fashions change and the standard of condition in philatelic goods has certainly been elevated several hundred per cent.

We demand perfect copies, or as near perfect as they are made. A tear puts a specimen under the ban at once and its presence will not be tolerated. For the *fin de siecle* collector half a stamp is not better than no stamp at all, unless it is a split provisional. That old theory of putting a piece of a stamp in an album to fill a space until a good copy is secured has long ago gone to the happy hunting grounds of defunct philatelic ideas. If we cannot get something worth having, we will do without.

From this fastidiousness it will be seen that the torn copy has become a nuisance and an abuse in the stamp world, and that the appreciation of the kindness of the well-meaning Philistines who present us with trophies from their mail which have seen very much better days, is more apparent than real.

Of course, there is a lot of damaged stuff floating around. The irrepressible small boy, who is quite a factor in philatelic life, dotes on it and accumulates a rare lot of it. Cheap variety packets are not always free from it unfortunately, a fact to which purchasers of that class of selections can testify.

Stamps are mutilated in various ways. Consideration has been given above only to those which are actually torn, creased or obliterated so as to render them undesirable for collections. Some specimens have holes punched in them, some Spanish issues being found in that state. While a clean-cut hole is possibly not the worst of

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faults, this frequently indicates that the copy has been used as a telegraph stamp, which rendered it worthless from a philatelic standpoint, unless the collector has advanced very far in his idea of philatelic expansion.

The method on cancelling the current higher values United States revenues is one which will cause philatelists to heave many a sigh. It is a nice question as to what collectors who do not collect unused are going to do for good copies hereafter. Their position bears a marked resemblance to that of the Gold Democrats in 1896. Will the three incisions, which must grace the used Documentary and which would naturally render it *hors de combat* for collections under ordinary circumstances, prove repugnant enough to cause it to be rejected and the immaculate copy only collected, or will the theory that a stamp is not a stamp until it has done postal or fiscal duty, dear to the hearts of some riders of our hobby, prove strong enough to include the U. S. triply lacerated surplus producers in some collections?—VERITAS, in *New York Philatelist*.

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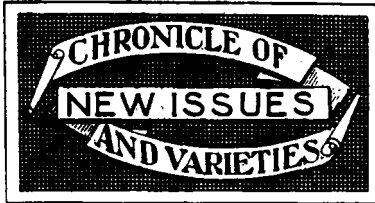
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WHOLE No. 422.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BULGARIA.—A new provisional has appeared supplementing the 10 on 50 stotinka chronicled in number 415. This stamp is the 3 stotinka brown surcharged with the figure 5, the original value being obliterated by a short horizontal bar. It seems difficult to find any reason for the appearance of these provisionals, but I presume the information needed will be shortly forthcoming.

Adhesive (Provisional):
5 on 3 stotinka, brown.

FRENCH COLONIES.—I have just received the following note from C. C. Lewis supplementary to my chronicle in number 420 of the new stationery for these colonies:

"I have just received the ERA and have read your note on French Colonies. I do not collect cards but I received a full set of the envelopes fully six weeks ago. I would have sent you word at the time had I thought of it. The list includes French Soudan in spite of all that was said at the time that the new colors in stamps were issued. This can hardly be called an error. Of course the dealers have bought the entire stock of Soudan and ask 100% advance."

GERMANY, Offices in China.—In some incomprehensible manner these offices have had a second issue in which the surcharge on the ship type issue is printed diagonally from left to right instead of horizontally. I have seen the surcharged stamps illustrated, but no information is at hand concerning the issue. No doubt a shipment of stamps without the overprint had this shortcoming met as above described:

Adhesives (Provisional):
3p brown, surch. China in black.
5p green, " " " "
10p carmine, " " " "
10p blue, " " " "
30p black and red, surch. China in black.
80p " " carmine, " " " "

GUATEMALA.—*Mekeel's News* reports a new provisional "UN—1—CENTAVO—1901" surcharged in four lines in black on the 25c red-orange, engraved. The surcharge exists inverted. We are also informed:

"While the surcharge runs comparatively uniform, yet the following minor varieties have been noticed: In the second row on the ninth stamp the 'u' of 'un' is battered so as to look like a 'v'. On the eighth row of the fifth stamp shows half of the 'o' missing. In some of the 'n's' of centavos the cross bar is missing. Instead of issuing the rest of the current set in new colors, the Guatemalan authorities have come to the conclusion to issue the whole set 1 to 200c (or higher) with entirely new designs similar to those of the new Costa Rican stamps. Of the old values, 50 to 200c, there is only a small lot left and there will probably be no remainders of these.

Adhesive (Provisional):
1 centavo on 25c red orange, sur. h. in black.

INDIA.—The *Monthly Journal* states that among the varieties of overprint found in the "C. E. F." surcharges one particularly is worthy of mention. In the one anna sheets, one stamp is over-printed "O. E. F." Several varieties of broken letters are also reported but I do not deem them worthy of any attention.

NATAL.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me a new letter card with a stamp. type of adhesive "A8" in upper right corner. Inscription in upper centre in two lines "LETTER CARD" "NATAL" with coat of arms above, usual instructions for opening below the perforation line, and on the reverse, in small capitals "IF USED FOR TRANSMISSION ABROAD THE ADDITIONAL POSTAGE SHOULD BE SUPPLIED BY MEANS OF ADHESIVE STAMPS"

Letter Card (Regular):
1d carmine on pale blue, 14029, perf. II.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me one of the new Commemorative Postal Cards, issued in 1900, to celebrate the departure of the New Zealand contingent for South Africa. Formula of the 1899 issue, but printed in brown on buff card, with various illustrations of soldier-and-camp-life in the lower left hand corner. I listed this in number 354. Also letter cards of 1898, 1½d violet on pale green, instructions on reverse now read: "If used for transmission beyond New Zealand or the Australian Colonies" etc., in place of

"ABROAD" etc. as heretofore, together with the same Letter Card with new instructions, as above, surcharged

"ONE
PENNY"

in red over stamp.

There are two varieties of each of these Letter Cards, the difference being in the line of instructions for opening, which is either 5mm. below the frame and inside the perforation line or 11mm. below and outside the line of perforations.

Letter Cards (Regular and Provisional):
1½d violet on pale green, new instructions, perf. IV., two varieties.
ONE PENNY red on 1½d violet on pale green, perf. IV., two varieties.

PARAGUAY.—Upon the authority of a German exchange *Mekeel's News* reports a new 1c green. It is no doubt of the type of which I have already chronicled several values:

Adhesive (Regular):
1 centavo, green.

SO. NIGERIA.—In my list of the new Southern Nigeria I neglected to chronicle (406) the new card. Of this set all the values have the portrait of the Queen in black except the 1 shilling which is printed in dark green. This set in its entirety is one of the most beautiful that ever appeared and will prove very popular with collectors: *Post Card (Regular):*
1d carmine on cream.

VICTORIA.—This colony is to have two new stamps the values to be £1 and £2 and bearing the portrait of the King. For this fact they will bear the unique distinction of being the first King's head issue of the new reign. The philatelic press of Australia does not take very kindly to the new issue and I quote the *Australian Journal of Philately*:

"Victoria has again aimed at notoriety. As announced elsewhere, designs for new £1 and £2 stamps have been approved. They are promised for the second week in May, strange to say, co-incident with the Melbourne festivities. A very plausible reason has been given for their issue, but is that the real reason? It seems to us that the heading of the *Argus*, 'A Record for Australia' is the motive. We fail to see how these stamps can in any sense be considered the 'First Commonwealth Issue' also claimed by the same paper. They are only issued by Victoria for use in that State. A desire to be 'first and foremost in everything' is Melbourne's 'strong weakness.' If this country is a Commonwealth why such individual and spasmodic action? The existing £1 and £2 stamps could easily have been surcharged 'Postage,' same as

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the N. S. W. 10sh duty, which has rendered service for the past 16 years, and a considerable saving would be effected thereby. Perhaps it is that there has been such a demand for the postmarked-to-order sets that they have decided to extend the business and hope to rake in a few more dollars."

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

I have it from good authority that one man in this city connected with the Post Office Department possesses seventeen hundred Pan-American inverts. My informant neglected to state what value they were but presume they were either the one cent or two cent stamp.

Mr. Chas. H. Stone of Massachusetts has been in town for a few days. Mr. Mitchell of Philadelphia was also a visitor among the dealers.

Mr. Fred Wetherington of Paducah, Ky., who some years ago was exploited as an approval sheet fraud, appears to be on deck again. He recently wrote for advertising rates to a contemporary. Whether he intends to do business in a manner that does not savor of dishonesty I am unable to say.

The convention dates of the Empire State Philatelic Society (at Syracuse, N.Y.) is as follows: August 15th, 16th, 17th, (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). Committee on Arrangements: C. B. Salisbury, J. F. Seybold, H. A. Jeffery and C. W. Brown.

The Philatelic Sons of America will meet at Buffalo on August 19th, 20th, 21st (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)—just preceding the American Philatelic Association date convention. No arrangements made as yet for the S. of P. convention.

VOLUNTEER.

The S. C. F. favours its readers with some specimen inanities of the period, such as

"When was Whitfield King? and Why did the Panther Peckitt?" but we fancy the following may take the cake (if there is any)—

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The 347th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, June 6th, at 104 East Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by President Merrell with the following members present: Messrs. Allin, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Dickinson, Dodd, Doncyson, Edmunds, Flanders, Fowler, Geldert, Kline, Lefever, Lucken, MacGuffin, Massoth, Merrell, F. Michael, Nixon, Oesch, Rosenthal, Severn, Strauss, Smack, Schlieckert, Stebbens, Sutherland, Wolseley, Wolsieffer, Arndt. There were also present as visitors Messrs. J. L. Sutherland and Wm. Felts. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Oesch appointed the following as judges of collections of Netherland and Colonies: Messrs. Severn, Smack and Boehm.

The Secretary read report from Postmaster General on Buchanan affair.

The Governing Board ordered the following applications posted:

MR. ROSCOE L. WICKES, Evanston, Ill., Active membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

MR. CHAS. K. DAVIS, 861 Lexington Ave., Station I, Cincinnati, O., Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

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MR. J. M. T. PARTELLO, Bangued Abra, Philippine Islands, Passive membership; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

DR. HENRY C. POPE, Port Gibson, Miss., Passive membership; proposed by F. N. Massoth.

MR. AB. LEVE, 207 E. Jefferson, Syracuse, N. Y., Passive membership; proposed by Jno J. Oesch.

MR. C. O. CRESSY, 380 Broadway, Providence, R. I., Passive membership; proposed by R. F. Chambers.

In the exhibition of Class "A" Mr. C. B. Geldert received highest award; Mr. Chas. Schlieckert received second award, with honorable mention for Mr. F. L. Sutherland.

In Class "B" Mr. M. H. Lombard received highest award; Mr. H. W. Wolseley received second award.

The Treasurer reports balance \$166.80. After which the meeting adjourned.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

Market Values.

BY A CYNIC.

The question of market values is continually agitating the public mind, and there seems to be no solution of the problem.

At present a sort of paper warfare over values is going on amongst the English and Continental journals. An eminent English philatelist stated recently in evidence, in a law case, that he valued a certain stamp at £100, which was priced in a German catalogue at £50. A London dealer announced in one journal that he is prepared to pay £217 10s for a certain number of stamps priced in the same catalogue at £21 15s. Shortly afterwards the publisher of the catalogue, in a letter to another journal defends his prices, on the ground that there is a limited demand for the stamps referred to, and so the war goes on.

At other times one sees stamps quoted so low that, to use a vulgarism, "You couldn't steal them at the price," and wonder how many the lucky possessor has in stock. It is frequently hinted that some stamps are priced low, as a catch, and that the publisher of the list or catalogue has no intention of selling them, but that it induces orders for a number which can be supplied. Great weight, therefore, should be given to those catalogues, the proprietors of which are firms of good repute, and likely to have the stamps asked for. The mere statement of the value of a stamp by an irresponsible person should be accepted with great caution.

In the ordinary course of business stocks are bound to fluctuate, and some lines run out. It must be borne in mind that obsolete issues cannot be ordered the same as a fresh stock of groceries or woollen goods, and that as time rolls on the supply grows more spasmodic and uncertain.

But I am getting away from the object of my article. The question I wish to discuss is how is it catalogues vary so much in prices? The prices of the commoner kinds of stamps do not differ very much, but when those above 40s are compared some startling gaps occur. The words "condition affects the value materially" are the crux of the whole matter. A man can buy a suit of clothes for 50s, £5, or £7 7s, but no one would expect all to be of the same quality. Then, again, one man's estimate of the value of a stamp may differ from another's and he prices it accordingly, if he has the courage to do so, but unfortunately, most dealers and collectors are guided by a few catalogues and value those stamps in their possession proportionately. Let them

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send the same stamps to a catalogue publisher, and they will find the selling and buying prices are two very different things. Now, where are we? It simply resolves itself into this, that the selling prices quoted in all catalogues must only be considered on the same basis as those quoted by an ironmonger, draper, grocer, or jeweller. There can be no such thing as a definite market value of rare stamps. If one sends an order to a stamp dealer he may get in return a fair average copy, but no stamp dealer would or could undertake to supply extra fine specimens of some stamps at the same prices, if he did he would have a run on his stock and could not replenish it.

Dealers must make a profit. One class of dealers have a certain kind of customers who are keen to purchase choice copies, consequently they can give and ask a higher price. Another class of dealers cater for

collectors who are not particular as to condition, and they buy and sell a poorer quality of stamps at a lower price, which, on comparison, make both dealers and collectors who have not seen both stamps ask the question, "What is the meaning of market value?"

I notice in your new Australian catalogue just published that many of your prices are considerably below those quoted in Foreign catalogues, while a few are higher; but this is not to be wondered at. Being "on the spot," as you say in the preface, and therefore in a position to purchase on better terms, it is only natural that you should be able to sell cheaper, and I presume that in fixing your prices you took into consideration that collectors here, like yourselves, have also better facilities for procuring the stamps of this country; but then would one not expect a keener demand for Australian stamps in this country, which ought to be a set-off against the obstacles encountered by Foreign Dealers in obtaining supplies. Of course I know that in the early days many of the letters written went "home." Now, what I want to know is—Is your price or the average Foreign price the correct market value?

Leaving "condition" out of the question this subject is still perplexing, although the number of stamps issued is supposed to regulate the general price the market values or catalogue prices are seldom in proportion. Take for instance Sydney Views—the 1d, 2d, and 3d are priced nearly the same in many catalogues, yet there were more of the 2d issued than the 1d and less of the 3d than either. Basing prices on the relative numbers of the three values which come on the Australian market the prices should be in the following ratios, 1d, 27sh 6d; 2d, 17sh 6d, and 3d, 37sh 6d.

Then again the 6d Laureated is very much under-priced in relative proportion to the Views, for the simple reason that for one of the latter 20 of the former come on the market, and, although it may seem strange, I have seen during many years experience many more 3d Laur. than 6d yet the price of the latter is double the former in most catalogues. Probably one reason why Sydney Views are priced higher in proportion than other Aus. stamps of greater rarity is that being the premier stamps of "Oceania" and of a distinctive character they are more in request, and we must, therefore, conclude that prices are universally fixed by the inflexible law of supply and demand.

But another disturbing element in the study of market values is the erratic manner in which "varieties" are priced, in fact there are so many bewildering inconsistencies in present day catalogues that I feel compelled like Mark Twain, who in one of his stories got his characters so mixed up that he couldn't unravel them, and dropped it, to do likewise, and leave it to your readers to solve the mystery themselves.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

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The one hundred and seventh regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, June 18th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

There is another rumor afloat in regard to further changes in the dollar values of the current documentary stamps. It has been brought to the attention of the department that in spite of all the precautions taken there are yet a number of the revenue stamps in gray color which are being used a second time. Many firms are said to cancel their stamps merely with a rubber stamp, the ink of which contains glycerine. This can easily be dissolved in water without affecting the fugitive color of the stamp, which acid alone will destroy. After the stamp cancellation has once been removed it is easy enough to trace the cut lines on the new document.

The course under consideration is to print the large numerals with which the stamps are surcharged in an ink containing glycerine, which will also dissolve when placed in water. This will doubtless be of a different color from the dark ink now used, which means to the stamp collector a new set to collect. The gray color now in use is to remain the same. Experiments in the new ink to be used for the numerals are now being made at the bureau.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*



That Pan-American Stamp with the

RAILWAY ACCIDENT

seems to be worrying that "large" Brooklyn concern this week. While it would be the merest guess-work to place a value on that stamp at the present time we will say that based on the law of probable relative scarcity, if his price of 20c for the \$1.00 Grey was right—this stamp should be worth at least a million dollars per copy. He is greatly in error when he says that we consider all dealers rascals—in fact we never intimated that any dealer was—we simply called the attention of collectors to a few facts and they decided for themselves whether or not there was an attempt to swindle. We judge by the letters we have since received that quite a respectable number considered that there was.

We notice since this little episode he has not indulged in any sky-rocket prices but has started a scheme where the purchaser makes the price and pays for the bill in any old thing he wishes to. Don't see how any one can find any fault with that.

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Visitors in town the past week were: John E. Handshaw of Smithtown Branch, N. Y., and John A. Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Co., New York City.

Stamps in great demand in Boston at the present time are Hawaiian numerals. Have known some to have been sold the past week at about three times catalogue prices.

Hardly a day goes by but what the Pan-American inverts are offered to dealers here. In some instances the prices are high. It is said there is a large holding of the 1c and 4c by a party in New York.

We are all looking forward to the next regular meeting of the Boston Society; on that occasion we are to see two or three very fine collections of U. S. Revenues.

The New England Philatelic Society, under the new organization, is moving along with a good deal of life; new members are being added to the roll at every meeting.

Plate numbers of the Pan-Americans are being sought after by a number of our collectors. They have given new life to plate number collecting.

I saw a unique cover the other day, a 12c 1851, cut in such a way that it was used for 10c, with beautiful cancellation "San Francisco."

Would you know the 4c Die B of the present issue of envelopes if you saw one? It is the same die as "A" only the neck is clothed. It seems to me that there must be some of these envelopes somewhere. It will pay you to hunt for them.

CHAS. H. STONE.

NOTE.—The above interesting letter was kindly sent the ERA by Mr. Stone, in lieu of one from our regular correspondent, who was away on his vacation. It arrived just too late for last week's issue, which went to press early and was being mailed at time the copy arrived.—ED.

It is Said That

Mr. P. Parish will shortly revive the *Philatelic Monthly and World—America's* oldest stamp magazine.

"Optimist" is already beginning to take "back water."

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BOSTON, MASS., June 4, 1901.

The second regular monthly meeting of the Association was held this evening, Vice-President Waldron in the chair and several members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. No report was received from the Treasurer. It was moved, seconded and carried that the application for membership of Mr. S. Willson Bailey be withdrawn.

A motion was made to hold the annual meeting on July 6th, at Bass Point, Nahant, and that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to make all arrangements and notify the Secretary not later than June 18th, so that the members may be notified in time. Seconded and carried. On this committee chair appointed Messrs. Frame, Kennedy and Capron.

New members elected are as follows:
 Mr. J. P. Vasquez, Roxbury, Mass.
 Mr. T. L. Stoddard, West Newton, Mass.
 Mr. E. E. Low, Somerville, Mass.
 Meeting was declared adjourned at 9 o'clock.

J. J. CONE, JR., Secretary.

NOTICE!

At an early date the members will receive full notice of our annual meeting to be held on July 6th at Nahant, Mass. Kindly make all arrangements to attend, as we are going to have a jolly good time. You will be sorry if you do not come.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.—Two sheets of stamps, obsolete and current, O. S. and postage due, in all 71 varieties, all surcharged *Reprint* or *Specimen*. Though not yet presented, we understand that all current and obsolete issues of N. S. W. of which the Government possess plates, are to be printed, lightly postmarked and included.

VICTORIA.—Obsolete issues, *lightly postmarked*—2d, 1870; 1d, 1888; 1d on pink paper; 6d blue, 1865; 8d 1885; 9d green; 2sh green on green, 1885; 2sh apple green, 1897; 1d Fiscal; 1sh blue on blue Fiscal, current and recent issues ½d to £100. Postage dues, ½d to 5sh obsolete; ½d to 5sh current, and 9 varieties of stationery. Obsolete issues surcharged, *Reprint*—2d, Queen on Throne; 1sh, 1854; 1sh, 1865; ½d, 1873; 5sh, 1868; £5 large square and 1d green Fiscal. The new issues, ½d to 5sh were not included in the set.

QUEENSLAND.—Full face Queen, surcharged *Reprint*, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, lilac; 5sh pink, and the Registration also ½d to 20sh current issue, *lightly cancelled*.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Unused, without gum, 4d octagonal, 1854; 2d blue, wmk. swan, 1861; 6d and 1sh, CC 12½; unused with gum, 1d, 2d and 4d, CA 14, 1882; 1d, 2d and 4d, 1889; "Halfpenny" surcharged on 3d; "Halfpenny" surcharged on 3d in red and green; "One Penny" on 3d; 1d on 3d; 1d, telegraph and the current set of 1d to 1sh, all unused.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Obsolete and current issues, 51 varieties, all surcharged, *specimen* or *reprint*, and the set of high values, 2sh 6d to £20, surcharged *specimen*.

NEW ZEALAND.—All unused, with original gum. Full face issue, 1863-72, 1d brown; 2d vermilion; 4d orange; 6d blue; 1sh green and 3d mauve. We were unable to examine these closely, but believe that they are on star paper, with the exception of the 4d, which is on unwatermarked paper. 1873, ½d, 1d, 2d and 3d on bleute; 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh and 5sh, unused, with gum and usual watermarks; 1882-97, ½d to 1sh. Pictorial series, local printing, ½d to 5sh; P. dues, ½d to 2sh, all unused.

TASMANIA.—Surcharged, *reprint*, 7 varieties of the V. D. L. issue and two St. George and Dragon. Lightly postmarked, current set, ½d to 20sh. 3d and 1sh platypus, 2sh 6d and 10sh Dragon, Surcharged *specimen*, ½d orange; 2½d surch.; 4d blue; 1d and 6d platypus and Half-penny, surcharged. This last is a curiosity, the one penny has been locally printed in red-brown on thick white card, imperforate, and then surcharged "Half penny" and specimen.—*Australian Philatelist*.

Correspondence.

To the Readers of the ERA:

Will one of the readers be so kind as to send in a full list of all U. S. Documentaries that have been issued after the \$1.00 carmine, 1900.

TERRACE CITY COLLECTOR.

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The 67th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, June 10, 1901.

Present: Messrs. Bruner, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

Meeting called to order at 8.40 P. M. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary, who also reported having mailed on June 1 a copy of the year book to each one of the members.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$362.19 exclusive of \$1000 bond was read and approved.

Report of House Committee was received. The Committee on New Club House reported that favorable replies continued to be received in answer to their circular.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.15 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

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Imperforate Revenues do not interest me, but if you have any Proofs of U. S. Revenues I would like to see them. What have you in Proofs? Albert E. Chase (A. P. A. 1171), Brunswick, Maine. [ast*]

Your stamps taken at ½ catalogue in exchange for mine at catalogue. Some exceptions. I can use single stamps or wholesale lots. Write. Calvin C. Brackett, Lewiston, Maine. [ast*]

I would like to hear from anyone who wants a lot of philatelic literature, such as "Boston Stamp Book," early issues of "American Journal," THE ERA, "Mekeel's," etc., in exchange for Foreign Stamps for my collection. D. H. Bacon, Desby, Conn.

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Doc. \$5.00 red, cut, 8c each; 45c per 10. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [ast]

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PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

RACINE, Wis., June 7, 1901.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of this Association, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be convened in the City of Buffalo, State of New York, upon Tuesday, the twentieth day of August, 1901, and upon the succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as the Committee upon Credentials: W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., (Chairman); A. G. Burgoyne, of Verona, Pa.; W. F. Gregory, of New York, N. Y.; D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Iowa; and E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen as the Committee of Arrangements: Raynor Hubbell, (Chairman); A. E. Becker; and E. E. Ellster, all residents of Buffalo, N. Y.

Due notice will be given as to the location of the Convention hall and of the hour of the assembling of the Convention.

GEO. L. TOPPAN, President.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending June 15th.

Applications for Membership.

LONGFELDER, DAVID, Wabash, Indiana; age, 30; occupation, Bookkeeper, Pioneers Hat Works. References: A. F. Merrell, John J. Oesch, S. T. S. Doncyson.
SMITH, WM. T., JR., Chapman, Ala.; age, 25; occupation, Lumber Manufacturer, (W. T. Smith Lumber Co.). References: S. T. S. Doncyson, Jno. J. Oesch, A. F. Merrell.

New Stockholders.

1672. **CHAMBERS, ROBERT F.**, 89 Courtland St., Providence, R. I.

1673. **THEOBALD, GEO. R.**, Richmond, Maine.

1674. **QUACKENBUSH, LOUIS G.**, Oneida, N. Y.

Changes of Address.

1572. **BUTLER, BASIL G.**, from 506 W. Cary St. to 21 S. Beech St., Richmond, Va.

869. **BELDEN, F. S.**, from 64th St. and Lexington Ave. to Corner 56th St. and Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 1st.....	519
New Stockholders	3
Total Membership June 8th.....	522

The applications of Mr. Chambers and Mr. Theobald should have been published last week but were overlooked.

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 1901.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 5, 1901.

General Fund.

Cash on hand May 1,	\$130 46
Dues received in May,	5 80
Bal. on hand June 1,	\$136.26

Stock Fund.

Amt. on hand May 1,	\$1,657.00
Subscriptions rec'd in May,	8.00
Balance on hand June 1,	1,665.00
Entertainment Fund,	125.89

Total amt. in funds June 1, 1901, \$1,927.15

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

373 Main Street,

WINONA, MINN., May 31, 1901.

399 books on hand according to my last report, value.....	\$13,690.93
14 books received since my last report, value.....	406.11

Total No. books in circulation 413, valued at..... \$14,097 04
H. G. SMITH, Supt.

REPORT OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

At a meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, held June 8th, the Board of Vice-Presidents unanimously voted that R. R. Thiele, Manchester, Wisconsin, be suspended from the American Philatelic Association, pending the settlement of charges against him, received by the Board of Vice-Presidents. This suspension will be followed by expulsion if suitable adjustment is not made.

The Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department has tendered a report through its chairman, but as certain matters involved in the report were not detailed in the comprehensive manner desired by the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Board has not yet seen its way clear to accept the report. The matters referred to are in process of settlement.

The Board of Vice-Presidents has approved the forms for proxy, ballot, etc., to be used at the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association in August, 1901. The Board takes this opportunity to call attention to the following paragraph from the By-Laws, Article III, Section 6: "No Director of this Association shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Association."

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PORTO RICO 1898, 99, 1c to 2 pesos, 20 varieties.....	5.00
SALVADOR 1897 Registration stamps, 6 varieties.....	.50
" 18, 8, 1c to 1p, 12 varieties.....	.50
" 189S Unpaid, 1c to 50c, 8 varieties.....	.50
" 1921, Official, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, seven varieties.....	.80
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2000 different foreign postage stamps, over 200 different places.....	\$15.00
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It is not unusual for the Board of Vice-Presidents to receive cases, which, if pressed, would usurp the functions of the Collecting Agent: Vide Article VII, Section 11 of the By-Laws: The Collecting Agent shall organize a department for the collection and settlement of any claims that may be sent him by members of this Association against any persons, whatsoever, or the recovery of any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. Etc.

At first, it was the intention of the Board of Vice-Presidents to publish the

minutes of each meeting in the official journal but after three meetings had been held by the Board, it was decided that as the work was of a secret or confidential character, details of routine business only could be presented and a repetition of these, it was felt would be of no interest to members.

C. E. SEVERN,
 Secretary Board of Vice-Presidents American Philatelic Association,
 711 Journal Building.
 CHICAGO, June 11th, 1901.

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The general collector takes a delight in completing his collection of Liberia. The stamps are not high-priced and they exhibit so wide a range in designs as to attract and interest all who see them. I make a specialty of these stamps and invite your want list of such as are not herein priced. Lovers of the artistic will find much to admire in these issues, and no pages of your album can be made to look more beautiful than those assigned to Liberia. ALL UNUSED.



REGULAR ADHESIVES.

1867 6c light red, cat. \$3.50.....	\$1.75
1869 6c light red, cat. \$1.00.....	.65
1880 3c lake.....	.07
1881 2c rose.....	.03
1882 3c black.....	.03
1883 10c red, cat. \$1.25.....	.80
1885 1c carmine.....	.03
1c carmine, imperforate.....	.03
2c green.....	.04
2c green, imperforate.....	.04
3c violet.....	.06
3c violet, imperforate.....	.06
8c blue, number 32, cat. 22c.....	.15
1892 1c vermilion.....	.02
2c blue.....	.12
4c green and black.....	.06
6c blue green.....	.09
8c brown and black.....	.12
12c rose-red.....	.17
1893 5 on 6c blue-green.....	.07
1894 5c carmine and black, imperf.....	.08
5c carmine and black, rouletted.....	.08
1c magenta.....	.02
1896 2c olive bistre and black.....	.03
5c carmine and black.....	.07
10c yellow and blue.....	.15
15c slate.....	.22
20c vermilion-red.....	.28
25c yellow-green.....	.35
30c steel-blue.....	.42
50c red-brown and black.....	.70
3c red and green.....	.05
1897 1c green.....	.02
1903 2c orange-red and black.....	.03
5c gray blue and black.....	.07

UNPAID LETTER.

1892 3c violet.....	.10
3c violet, surcharge inverted.....	1.00
6c gray.....	.15
6c gray, surcharge inverted.....	2.00
1893 2c orange on yellow.....	.03
4c rose on rose.....	.06
6c brown on buff.....	.09
8c blue on blue.....	.12
10c green on lilac rose.....	.15
20c mauve on gray.....	.28
40c olive-brown on greenish.....	.55

REGISTRATION.

1893 10c blue, Buchanan, on rose.....	.15
10c green, Harper, on buff.....	.15
10c red, Mourovia, on yellow.....	.15
10c rose, Robertsport, on blue.....	.15

OFFICIAL.

1892 Regular Issues, Surcharged "Official."	
1c vermilion.....	.02
2c dark blue.....	.03
4c green and black.....	.07
6c blue green.....	.09
8c brown and black.....	.12
12c rose-red.....	.17
16c red-lilac.....	.23
24c olive-green.....	.35
32c greenish blue.....	.45
1893 5 on 6c blue green.....	.08
1894 Regular Issues, Surcharged "O. S."	
1c vermilion.....	.02
2c light blue.....	.03
4c green and black.....	.06
8c brown and black.....	.12
12c rose red.....	.17
16c lilac.....	.23
24c olive-green.....	.35
32c greenish blue.....	.45
5c violet and green, imperf.....	.10
5c violet and green, rouletted.....	.08
1898 1c magenta.....	.02
2c olive bistre and black.....	.03
5c carmine and black.....	.07
10c yellow and blue.....	.15
15c slate.....	.22
20c vermilion-red.....	.28
25c yellow-green.....	.35
30c steel-blue.....	.42
50c red-brown and black.....	.70
1900 1c green.....	.02
2c orange-red and black.....	.03
5c gray-blue and black.....	.07

REGULAR ENVELOPE.

1893 2c brown-orange, entire.....	.04
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WRAPPERS.

1892 1c brown on white, entire.....	.02
1c brown on buff, entire.....	.02

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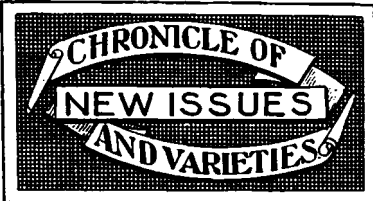
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WHOLE No. 423.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BOLIVIA.—Not content with the issue given us a year or so ago, we are to be favored with a complete new set described by several exchanges and listed as follows:

Adhesives (Regular):
 1 centavo, green (Camacho).
 5 centavos, red (Campero).
 10 " blue (Ballivian).
 25 " violet (Santa Cruz).
 2 bol. brown (Arms of the Republic).

CEYLON.—The new 1r 50c stamp has had the "On Service" surcharge applied to it, I presume in black.

Adhesive (Official):
 1r 50c surcharged "On Service."

CRETE.—I am compelled to refer once more to the unpaid letter set, so-called, issued in olive-yellow and to which extended reference was made recently. It now appears, according to the *American Journal of Philately*, that this set was issued for revenue purposes, so a postmaster of this country claims.

Dissatisfied with the uncertainty connected with the issue, the proprietors of the above mentioned magazine "have written for further particulars and expect later on to furnish definite information on this subject."

GREAT BRITAIN.—I have listed the new ½d green adhesive, both regular and with the "Army Official" surcharge, the envelope and post card of the same type, and now I add a wrapper belonging to this group.

Wrapper (Regular):
 ½d green on buff.

INDIA, Kishengarh.—The *Monthly Journal* lists two new high values for this state, 2 and 5 rupees as follows

Adhesives (Regular):
 2 rupees, red-brown.
 5 rupees, mauve.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* announces the Official Treasury envelope as having appeared with a deep black border in memory of Queen Victoria.

TRANSVAAL.—A parting reminder of Boer existence was the issue in March and April of this year of a set of provisionals of some six values ranging from ½d to 1sh, both perforate and imperforate. I am indebted to the *American Journal of Philately* for the facts in connection with this issue and I can do no better than to quote Mr. E. Tamsen, who is well and favorably known as a philatelist of many years standing:

"The Boer government issued only one set of stamps throughout the whole war, and now, the English troops having cleared them out of their last towns, they have no longer any printing materials or paper. The comptroller of the State Printing Office at Pietersburg, who watched the printing of the government paper currency, had also to superintend the printing of stamps and then to initial every one of them. He received no salary and, in fact, had received none for nine months, and so you can fancy he blessed the stamp business. It is his fault that these stamps did not appear in February 1901, as was ordered. The 1p came out first in March and the others in the first days of April, the total issue being valued at about £500, less about one-third destroyed. Before the arrival of troops the blocks were broken up, and since then the printing office has been burnt, with the type and all other paraphernalia, so that no reprints can be made. I am collecting official notices and am interviewing officials and the public of Pietersburg, who are all here now, and I expect to be able to publish an interesting article on the last stamps issued by the Boers.

"The stamps were printed in four rows of six stamps each, then cut in half and issued in sheets of twelve.

"The first two rows (twelve stamps) have 'POSTZEGEL' and '1901' in large type, third row has 'POSTZEGEL' large and '1901' small and the fourth and last row has both 'POSTZEGEL' and '1901' in small type. The officers are buying largely and everybody seems to be a collector. The idea was to perforate all, but the printer never got so far, having to wait too long for the Comptroller; thus all values exist imperforate and perforated on three sides. Any stamp not initialed is a proof and of no postal value, except three sheets of ½d green, which stuck to initialed sheets and were issued by mistake.

"The issue consists approximately of the following quantities:

½p	4,000
1p	15,000
2p	4,000
4p	1,000
6p	1,000
1sh	1,000

but not all were issued, a part having been burnt.

"There are a number of errors, such as letter 's' for 'r', 'j' for 'l', no stop between 'AFR.' and 'REP.'"

Adhesives (Provisional):

½d green, perf. and imperf.	
1d rose, " " "	
2d orange, " " "	
4d blue, " " "	
6d green, " " "	
1sh yellow, " " "	

UNITED STATES.—Speculation is rife as to the disposition of the remainders of private proprietary stamps when July 1st their use passes into history. There is no doubt but what attempts will be made by dealers to control some of these issues as already evidenced by remarks of Mr. Hopkins in *Mekel's News*. I quote him:

"As confirming the reports from the Washington correspondents of additional supplies of the Marchand private proprietary stamps and the probability of their being intended for collectors, Mr. A. E. Barlow of Worcester, Mass., writes that an agent of the company with which he is connected called at the office of the Marchand people to buy some of their stamps. He was told that they could not sell him any, but that if he would leave his name they would let him know where he could get some after July 1st. This would appear to mean a sale (probably to some stamp dealer) of the 'remainders' on hand when the stamps go out of use. Of course the supply now being manufactured will be included, or perhaps it will constitute the entire offering. If this last printing can be distinguished from the stamps used, collectors of these labels will be justified in excluding them as reprints."

From an Occasional Correspondent.

True Story of Fifty Inverted Centre Pan-American Twos.

So many garbled and improbable accounts of the discovery and sales of the two-cent Pan-Americans with inverted centre have appeared in the press throughout the country, that it may be interesting to learn the facts. The lucky finder, who signs himself F. W., has written the full story. It occupies two and a half columns in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* and space will not permit us to give it in full. Doubtless many readers will discover the dealers whose names are rather faintly disguised although perhaps they might have difficulty in guessing that "Mallard" meant Capen.

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[P] J. L. Morrison, Smethport, Pa.

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F. W. states that he has been a collector for a long time and wanting a set of Pan-Americans as well as some twos for office use asked the carrier to procure them. When the carrier brought the stamps (on May 6), the typewriter, examining the sheet of 50 twos, exclaimed, "Why the lobsters, they have printed these stamps upside down!"

After accommodating the typewriter with five, the carrier with one (and later with a second), and a business associate with five at cost price, he put the balance aside and apparently gave them no further thought until May 8th, when, being told a gentleman wanted to see him, "I went out to find a bearded, somewhat cadaverous [Guess he got hold of the wrong word there.—Ed.] individual awaiting me" whom he designates as Mr. C. Mallard. Mr. Mallard asked him how many of the stamps he had and his price and being told that he had twenty secured them for \$1.00 each, afterwards advising him to try and get hold of some more, which F. W. diplomatically hinted it might be possible to secure, and to pay as high as \$2.00 each and hinting at a profitable joint speculation. Then he bought back the five from the typewriter for 20 cents each and wrote ten postal cards to as many New York dealers stating what he had and requesting them to communicate by telephone.

During the day he visited some of the dealers on Nassau St. and was offered \$2.00 each as a top price but sold none. (He omits to state however that he offered them to at least one dealer for \$2.50 each). In the afternoon "L. Mergenthaler & Co." called him up on the 'phone and offered him \$5.00 each for ten promising to mail a check at once, the stamps to be sent by special delivery on receipt of same. A few minutes later Mr. "Green" of Ann St. asked him (also over the 'phone) his price and, on being told \$10.00 each, offered to take all he had. This excited him somewhat and he decided to interview Mr "Mallard," but on reaching his office found him gone for the day and seeking his home address was referred to Mr. "Cuttle" of the Morton building.

"I showed him four. Mr. Cuttle said, 'What will you take for these four?'"

"I said, 'They are worth \$15 apiece now.'"

He sold the four for \$50.00 and felt considerably elated, so much so that he went back down Nassau street to one of the dealers where he had offered some at \$2.50 each previously and announced his good luck with the four; there he showed the writer, who happened to be present, a vertical strip of five. [He doesn't mention this call in his letter, and, to be frank, we rather doubted that he had obtained any such price—thought it was just to induce a higher bid.]

He got his check for \$50.00 the next morning from "Mergenthaler" for five and received several communications from other dealers—also a call from Mr. Mallard who was indignant.

"Mr. Willis," he said, 'you have spoiled everything by going to the different dealers and offering those stamps for sale.'

The result of the interview does not seem to have been very satisfactory on either side, one thinking that he ought, by virtue of being the first customer to have had the handling of the whole lot, and the other suspecting that he had been rather done in only getting \$1.00 apiece for twenty.

He sold six more to Mr. "Cuttle" for \$50.00, stood off a fake reporter who wanted to write him up and wanted one of the stamps "to be used in illustrating the article, we want to photograph it" by asking for a \$10.00 deposit; and sold two of his last three for \$5.00 each to Gregory "for a customer," keeping one for a possible future valuation of \$1000—or his collection.

He neglects to account, however, for the five bought back from the typewriter—perhaps Mr. "Green" got those, since F. W.'s total sales as given in his letter foot up only \$180.00 and he states that he deposited \$100.00 each in two banks.

Altogether it was such a clumsily managed deal that one is apt to suspect either that he was a novice in philately, or that his good fortune turned his head—meanwhile Mr. "Mallard" can console himself for being called "cadaverous" by the blissful consciousness that he struck it pretty rich, since Mr. Cuttle—I mean Mr. Tuttle—sold one at auction for \$30.00! The story also indicates a timidity or conservativeness on the part of some New York dealers which will make Western hustlers weep. I wonder how long Bro. Robie—or some others—would have let the lot be hawked about?

NEMOPRES.

Pigeon Post Stamps.

Of all the many local postage stamps that have been issued for various purposes from time to time none perhaps have attracted such general attention as those issued in connection with the "Pigeon Post" established between Great Barrier Island and the mainland of New Zealand. In an article in the *Stamp Collector*, Mr. W. Kuhn deals in an interesting manner with the subject and from his remarks we glean the information given here.

The Great Barrier Island is situated about 65 miles north east of Auckland, N. Z., and at present has a population of some 700 souls. Once a week a small steamer travels between Auckland and the Island carrying the mails and general cargo, and as the steamer only waits long enough to land the goods it is by no means an easy matter to reply to correspondence by the same boat. As, besides, there is no cable communication between the Island and the mainland it will be admitted that the ordinary means of intercourse are not all that can be desired. It, therefore, a few years ago behoved the inhabitants to devise some means of sending messages more regularly when necessity arose, and as a result of several experiments the Pigeon Post originated. It appears that the initial idea of the Pigeon Post was due to the fact that when the s.s. Wairarapa was wrecked on the Great Barrier, news of the disaster was sent to Auckland by pigeons and it was thought that if the birds could be taught to fly the distance regularly it would prove of benefit to the inhabitants. Mr. Walter Fricker, of Auckland, made many experiments and at the end of 1897 as a result of his labours the Great Barrier Pigeon Post service became an accomplished fact.

Not much difficulty was encountered in training the birds to fly from the Island to the mainland but almost insurmountable obstacles presented themselves in training them from Auckland to the island. This was due to the fact that the island was low-lying and often enveloped in haze, but after much arduous labour the difficulties were overcome and now several birds travel the journey daily.

The pigeons are, of course, carried over by the weekly steamers, and each bird can carry five messages at a time. Messages have to be written on small slips of very thin paper, and these are securely attached to the pigeons leg and protected by a waterproof legging from wet in case the bird should encounter bad weather.

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Bordeaux Issue of France.

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Niger Territories.
More S. A. R. "Besieged" Stamps.
Neapolitan Provinces.

American Philatelist, Vol. I No. 1, May:

Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXIX No. 329,
May:
Catalogue—Philippines-Portugal.

Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica de Chile,
Vol. VII No. 1, Jan.-Feb.:
Peruvian Studies.

Australian Journal of Philately, Vol. I No.
9, May:
Market Values.

Bay State Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 6 (34),
June:
Side Lines and the General Collector.

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May:
Foreign Post Offices in Turkey.
Arms and Flag of Crete.

Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XV No.
202, May 31:
Canada 12 Pence.
New Re-impressions.

London Philatelist, Vol. X No. 113, May:
Grenada Penny and Six Penny, 1861-83.

Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XV No. 10,
June 8:
Washington Notes.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV
No. 24, June 13:
Neapolitan Provinces.
Two Printings of Current French Stamp.

Morley's Philatelic Journal, Vol. II No. 5,
May:
Stamps of Sarawak.
Seychelles Types.

New York Philatelist, Vol. X No. 2, May:
Some Scarce Stamps.
Pre-cancelled Stamps.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. X No. 6 (58),
June:
Outskirts of Philately.

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXIV No. 9:
Philately as an Aid to Geography.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. IV No. 1, May:
Belgium and Thurn and Taxis.
Re Argentina.

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XI No. 125, May:
Notes on Greek Stamps.
Denmark.

Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. V No. 4,
April:
Exit Faridkot.
Bundi.
Johor.
V. R. I. on Orange Free State.

Philatelic Literature, Vol. I No. 2, April:
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Literature Notes.

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No. 6:
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Counterfeits and Their Detection.
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Notes on the Stamps of the Argentine.

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Jan.-Feb.:
Italian Philatelic Notes.

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No. 162, May 25:
Boer "Commando Brief" Stamps.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Vol.
XI No. 131, May:
Stamps of the Cook Islands.
Hyderabad.
Corrientes.
Shades.

Stamps, Vol. V No. 5 (53), May:
Colour Names.
Stamps of the United States.

Timbrophile Belge, Vol. IV No. 42, June:
List of Doubtful Post Cards.

I owe an apology to the readers of the ERA for having deprived them for so many weeks of the pleasure (?) of perusing my reviews. Numerous things have combined to prevent my grinding out copy each week, but I trust I can keep up in the future.

There are many collectors who are interested in the printed cancellations found on our proprietary stamps, although they are not generally recognized as collectable varieties. Still there are those who do collect them. For the civil war series we have lists in both Sterling's and Adenau's catalogues, although neither of these is commonly met with among the general run of collectors.

For the Spanish war series we have had no list as yet, and the attempts made by C. E. Jenney in the *Adhesive* for the past two months will surely meet with a hearty reception from these interested. His address is Fresno, California, and he will be glad to know of any surcharges not on his list.

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philatelists are manifesting considerable interest in the past issues of the post office there. By far the best article that I have yet seen, is that in the *American Journal of Philately* for May by Joseph B. Leavy. Full details are given concerning the various types of the first design and enlarged cuts are given of each, so that it is a comparatively easy matter to distinguish the varieties.

The June number of the same journal contains an account of some stamps issued by the Boer government in March and April of this year. They are undoubtedly authentic and will probably be quite scarce as there were only 15,000 of the 1 penny, 4,000 each of the 1/2 and 2 penny, and 1,000 each of the 4 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling.

They are type-set and were issued at Pietersburg. The blocks from which they

were printed were broken up and the office has since been burned so that reprints will not be made. All values exist both perforate and imperforate.

A very poorly gotten up paper has appeared from Minden, Neb., called the *American Philatelist*. The publisher is probably not aware that our national society has a prior claim to that title, its Annual being still called by that name.

The May number of *L'Ami des Timbres* contains the pages of M. Roussin's catalogue dealing with Puerto Rico and the Philippines, and are of especial interest as they contain the best list of the fiscals of those countries that I have yet seen. Many collectors have added the fiscals of our colonies to their collections but have been at a loss to know just what composed the various issues. I may prevail on Mr. Jewett to reprint the list as a guide to those interested.

The *Australian Journal of Philately* says that the 1/2 penny commemoration stamps, with the head of the Duke of Cornwall and York, proofs of which have been submitted, will not be issued. Why not?

The *Bay State Philatelist* is a candidate for the official journalship of the Dominion Philatelic Association and is full of campaign news this month. A supplement gives portraits of its candidates with biographical sketches.

The collection of the late Edouard Linck was sold in Paris last month and the sale occupied nine evenings. The sum of 70,000 francs was realized, and there remained two more days of the sale when *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, from which I get my news, went to press. There were no less than eight specimens of the first issue Reunions, four of each value, and they brought the sum of 5,945 francs, the highest prices for single specimens being 1,275 and 1,400 francs respectively.

Some very pretty fiscals for Newfoundland are illustrated in *Morley's Philatelic Journal*. The 1 cent is blue and has a picture of a man on horseback; the 2 cent, rose, a steamship, and the 5 cent brown, a railway train. A 10 cent value was listed a couple of months ago. The only inscriptions that they bear is the name of the country and the value.

A very full list of pre-cancelled stamps appears in the *New York Philatelist* for May. It is from the pen of A. Lloyd Jones and will be welcomed by many who still collect these "side issues," notwithstanding all that has been written against them.

Denmark has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the issue of postage stamps by that country and a volume entitled "Danske Postfrimærker 1851-1901" has been issued under official sanction if not entirely official. The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* gives the list of the various stamps with the dates of issue and withdrawal, and the number of sheets of each printed. There being 100 stamps to a sheet it is easy to see what values are liable to become scarce. Iceland and the West Indies are included. Of the 2 r. b. s. 4,793 sheets were issued, the stamp being in use from April 29, 1851, to May 1853. Iceland presents some interesting figures and I quote a few:

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One thousand sheets were printed of the 14 cents Danish West Indies. Where have they all gone to?

Philatelic Literature is a new paper from England devoted to our literature. Number two is at hand and I should be glad to receive a copy of the first also.

Mr. Nankivell is never happy unless he is digging away at Transvaals and he always finds something interesting. The June number of the *Philatelic Record* has some interesting diagrams by him showing the make up of the sheets of stamps of the first republic with the V. R. surcharge.

Friend Aldrich in the *Philatelic West* wants Bro. Stone to tell him about Indian philatelic papers. All right E. R. A., just wait for my next literature article (now preparing, as the publishers say) and I will tell you all about them.

Postal Cards and Covers contains considerable information concerning those articles, but if the picture card department was omitted and the space used for something else it would be much improved.

The *Monthly Journal* contains another chapter on the stamps of the Cook Islands dealing with the "Makea" series. Many official letters are given and interesting facts developed.

New editions of the Gibbons catalogues are promised about September for Part I, and November for Part II. A new handbook on one of the West Indian colonies is promised in the fall and new editions of the well-known albums issued by the firm.

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London Philatelist, II. 21-24.
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, I. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11. II. 6. III. 7, 8. IV. 12. V. 12. VI. 6. VII. 10, 11. IX. 1, 2, 8, 12.
Philatelic Quarterly, 6.
Philatelic Record, XXI. 11.
Philatelist (1866-76), 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 59, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, 71-85, 120.
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MR. BELL'S SENTIMENTS RE. THE BOERS NOT THE EDITOR'S.

CHICAGO, June 11, 1901.

Editor PHILATELIC ERA:

One might reasonably expect *Morley's Philatelic Journal* to willingly fill its columns with rant and abuse directed at the struggling and unfortunate South African Republics, but what call is there, Mr. Editor, for a paper supposed to be American, and which is dependent upon Americans for its support, to copy, even under the

INVERT PAN-AMERICAN.

I WISH TO BUY SOME 2 AND 4c INVERTS.

I notice all the people who have had no 1c to sell know where there are lots of all values—but alas they have none to sell. I have sold 55 copies of the 1c, I have 2 more. The price is **\$20.00 EACH**. After four weeks of notices in daily papers, with every P. O. clerk in the U. S. looking for them, just two sheets have been found; of these, local estimates fix the number used at 57. This leaves 143 only unused, the probabilities of more, grows less daily. Does it not seem to be a good purchase at \$20.00?

FRANK P. BROWN,

333 WASHINGTON ST., - - - BOSTON, MASS.

misnomer of "Philately as an Aid to Culture," such an article as that which appeared in a recent number of the ERA, over the signature of Edward Bell, M. A.? We hear enough, through the daily press and the magazines, of the so-called British prestige and power, without having it hurled at us through the columns of our philatelic papers, and I beg to be allowed to enter a protest.

"The depth of degradation to which British prestige and-power had sunk," says Mr. Edward Bell, M. A., "is well typified by a pair of succeeding stamps, one overprinted with the Dutch value Een Penny, and the other having the Queen's head defaced by the surcharge

TWEE PENCE

Z. A. R.

a disgrace which is happily without parallel in British philately."

In my humble opinion, this self same stamp, having the queen's head "defaced" by the surcharge

TWEE PENCE

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is the most interesting and the rarest of the multitude of stamps bearing the queen's head. It is the only case on record in which the queen's head has disgraced a stamp emanating from a freedom and liberty-living government.

And with the arrogance and spirit of braggadocio so typical of all true Britons, Mr. Edward Bell, M. A., goes on to say "but which at last bids fair to be blotted out, now that our victorious flag floats once more above the government buildings of Pretoria." Yes, great is British prestige and great is British power! Three hundred thousand Britons have been endeavoring for over two years to subdue less than forty thousand men who love liberty and freedom, and who are fighting today for what this country fought in 1776, and (thank God,) the job is a long way from being completed even yet. Blow, ye braggarts, blow! Ten bold and valiant Britons to every Boer! Great is British prestige and great is British power!
 C. L. O. LUCKEN.

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Imperfurate Revenues do not interest me, but if you have any Proofs of U. S. Revenues I would like to see them. What have you in Proof? Albert E. Chase (A. P. A. 1171), Brunswick, Maine. [211]*

Your stamps taken at 1/2 catalogue in exchange for mine at catalogue. Some exceptions. I can use single stamps or wholesale lots. Write. Calvin C. Brackett, Lewiston, Maine. [212]*

Will give a 6c Navy Dept. for every seven 8c or 10c used Pan-American stamps sent us. Or the above stamp for twelve 4c or 5c used Pan-Americans. Cumberland Stamp Co., 383 Spring St., Portland, Me. [23

I will exchange good U. S. and Foreign for foreign stamps not in my collection. I will allow as much as 50 to 100 per cent. over catalogue for such as I need. Copy my want list. F. N. Massoth, 1603 Marquette Bldg., Chicago. [201]*

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Newfoundland (unused) 1806, 1c yel. gr'n; 1897, 1c and 2c Jubilee, (cat. 31c), 18c per set, 10 sets \$1.25. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [23

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Robie's Around-the-World Letters.

I.—FROM LONDON.

{ 4 Ludgate Square,
LONDON, E. C., June 8, 1901.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,
PORTLAND, MAINE.

My Dear Sir: I have now been in London two weeks and can get through the day without asking a policeman more than seven times where I am at.

I arrived the day of the Shamrock disaster, and King Edward being on the ill-fated boat was, consequently, unable to meet me at the depot, which was, of course, disappointing, but otherwise everything so far is quite satisfactory.

The trip over on the "Majestic" was, altogether, very delightful. Our friend Osgood stated there would be times I would be able to hold nothing on my stomach but my hand, whereas, for a while, I held two hands on my stomach. However, I passed up but two meals, which is pretty good for me, judging from my Boston harbor experience. You understand, by "passing up two meals," I mean I only missed two at the table. In the other sense the passing up process seemed to me for a time like separating myself from all the meals I had partaken of since leaving Chicago. But the eruption, and the feelings incidental to it, entirely disappeared after the third day, and by the time we reached Queenstown, I was strongly inclined with a number of others, who were likewise affected, to petition the commander to cruise around for a few days longer, as there was plenty of room in any direction. Still we were all glad to reach dry land once more.

London is an empire with six million people within a radius of twelve square miles—congested, contracted, warped, twisted, tunneled and cramped. I expected to find my office branch of the Lee Co., Ludgate Square, to front on a broad square or avenue, with everything modern and up-to-date. I was three hours finding it—a little narrow, crooked place, not so big as a Chicago alley, and part of the "Square" is a tunnel under other buildings. The employees were hauling up goods by means of a crane, a system dating back in my mind to years before the civil war.

But elevators or "lifts" as they call them are an expensive luxury here, even for the highest priced hotels, and well can you understand it, when you consider land being worth in some sections, like it is in "Cheapside", at £10 (\$50) a cubic inch. But the city is extremely interesting and unique and that I will have to expatiate on in some future letter. There are many things we can pattern after to our advantage. One particular is in service, or attendance as they call it, in the hotels. In all my travels over the United States I have never, even at such hotels as The Planters in St. Louis, The West in Minneapolis, or Auditorium in Chicago, known a chambermaid to pay any attention to a room after it is first made up in the morning. Here, the servant is in constant attendance, and no matter how many times you disturb the linen or anything during the day, the room is immediately put in order again after you go out. But they are slow in many things that seem to me ridiculous. I know of no second-class hotel in the States where you cannot have your laundry done in a day, ready at night. At the Euston, here—not the very best hotel, but still of high class, six shillings a day for cheapest room—I wanted some laundry done, and they had to send it into the country and wait three days for it, and then brought it back loose in a big basket, with the collars and cuffs unstarched. "Wouldn't that jar you!" Especially if you only have one night shirt?

The only thing that is real *swiff* in London to me, as I have yet found, is the barber shops. Here they set you down in a plain, ordinary cane seated chair, and go over your face as if the house was on fire, but as they only charge 2d (4 cents), the universal price in the best shops, you can't reasonably kick very hard, for they are skilful and neat and thorough.

The words and expressions, "Yeah," "Yep," "Nit," "Nixey," "Saver," "Dead open and shut," "Fake," "Truck," "Graft," "Outfit," "Bum," "Shooting match," "Dead one," "That fellow is a humming bird," "Cheap screw," "Skate," &c., &c., are unknown and new to these people, and "Blawsted vulgar, you know," and it is, therefore, not necessary for me to walk the streets placarded, "I am an American," for the public to know it.

I have been too busy with other business to give much attention to stamps and the stamp people since my arrival, though

I took occasion to visit many of the dealers in the Strand. Business the past season has been exceptionally good. Mr. Phillips, executive manager of Stanley Gibbons Co., whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Chicago, very courteously showed me all through their big establishment. I knew of course from experience and seeing an inkling of what Mr. Phillips had in America, what to expect as to their stock, but had no intimation of the extent of their business, and especially the number and variety of their publications. They sell nothing of other publishers, and on entering you feel you were in a modern up-to-date book store. The extent of this part of their business can best be judged from the fact that they sold 60,000 albums during the last year.

The perfect system of keeping, stocking and pricing their stamps, is one that could be emulated by American dealers to their advantage. The question, "What is it catalogued?" is never asked the purchaser here. If you want a certain stamp, if in stock, in an instant it is before you, with the net price marked over it, and if not satisfactory it goes back. Just so with all the better class of dealers in London. They know what they have. If not, they can tell you in an instant, if they have it, and the price. The matter of discounts, 33 1/3%, 50%, etc., does not enter into their way of doing business as a rule. In approval business the price is advertised, like 8d to the shilling discount. To the class of dealers who deal almost exclusively in unused stamps, the condition problem is even more serious than it is with us. I took some fairly good unused stamps, catalogued from \$3.00 to \$5.00 each, into a leading dealer, with the condition, as I thought fine, but the "brightness of color was lacking," and "the perforations were slightly soiled." Moreover, he wouldn't take them at any price, or give me an offer for them, as he had no customers, he said, for anything but absolutely perfect stamps. On the other hand, I had some truck with me that New York dealers would hardly buy for o'd paper, that I took to another dealer in another part of the city, and when he asked me what I wanted for the lot, as a bluff I stated a price twice what I would gladly sell them for, and to my surprise, he turned to his safe, handed out the coin in full, and hoped I could bring in another lot.

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nine weeks or so, traveling on the Continent most of the time. My next letter will be from Paris, where I go for a week or ten days soon. I then tour the large cities of Great Britain and the latter part of July expect to sail for Christiania in Norway, and "The Land of the Midnight Sun," thence to Stockholm in Sweden, St. Petersburg in Russia, and the capitals all over Europe. I remain,

Very truly yours,

LEWIS ROBIE.

P. S. No six cent Proprietaries have blown my way as yet. but the wind has been off shore since my arrival.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Three or four of the inverted Pan-American 1 cent stamps are owned here, Messrs. Hyde, Horne and Gaffney being the lucky men. There is no danger of any errors getting through our office now, as all the clerks are on the lookout. Some manufactured inverts created quite a sensation a short time ago but were soon found out.

The ladies of our Club all want to have the senior partner of the New England Stamp Co. come again and see us.

The Home City Stamp Co. is now controlled by J. W. Witty, the other partners having withdrawn from the firm. He will continue at the same address.

A very successful meeting of our Club was held a few weeks ago with Mr. C. C. Lewis, at his Northampton residence. Some fifteen members took the twenty-mile railway ride on one of the most rainy nights of the month. Mr. Lewis possesses one of the finest collections of pre-cancelled stamps I have seen.

Local collectors who have been picking up used Pan-Americans find the 5 cent stamp the scarcest value. Very few are to be found on letters or packages and the presumption is that they are mostly used for foreign letters. So, if you wish to confer a favor on collectors residing here

you will use that value in place of the 10 cent.

The Stamp Club has grown so large that a re-organization has taken place. The old organization has been dissolved and some fifteen or eighteen of the older members have formed a new club. It is understood that the younger members will soon form an organization among themselves.

Mr. Kelly continues to amass stamps on self-addressed covers, and is getting quite a nice list of correspondents in out-of-the-way places. Some interesting bits of news etc. are picked up in the letters he receives.

A letter from a bank official in Peshawar, on the Afghan frontier, says, "No Afghan stamp ever finds its way out of Afghanistan. The people at Cabul have their letters sent to Peshawar in an envelope supplied by the local office and on arrival here the envelope is removed, the original envelope has an ordinary Indian stamp affixed by the Ameer's own postmaster, and it is handed over to the Indian post office."

A correspondent in one of the French colonies writes concerning a cover which Mr. Kelly had prepared with some of the colonial stamps in the new colors, as follows:

"We have the blessing of negro officials in this land and that accounts for many things which happen here. Despite all my endeavors the "Coon" in charge positively and peremptorily refused to accept your letter because he has not yet been officially informed that there are new colonial stamps. Now he knows perfectly well that these stamps are all right but it was too good an opportunity of showing his 'tority' to let it pass."

At present it looks as though the writer would be the only representative at the Buffalo convention. Several others were in hopes of attending but are not certain of being able to do so now.

W. C. S.

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15c Justice, \$1.75; 15c Navy, \$1.00; 90c Post Office, 70c; New Foundland 3c vermilion, 1867, \$1.00. Your money cheerfully refunded if not satisfied. Fine Br. Col., U. S. and good For. on app. at 6-8c dis. Ref. req'd. Wm. G. Kirchenbower, 6744 Simen Av., Pittsburg, Pa.

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Wanted, Pan-American Plate Nos. in strips of four, showing border and centre No. H. N. MCKUSICK, 308 North 3rd St., Stillwater, Minn.

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Timbre, Le, (1883), 57, 59 and later.
Please quote prices.

WILLIAM C. STONE,

City Library, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, June 26th.

Among the recent visitors to the Hub I noticed Mr. Wilton of Honolulu, W. J. Gardner of San Francisco and Mr. Pardee of Syracuse, N. Y., all ardent devotees of philately.

Mr. C. H. Stone has secured the collection of United States entire envelopes of the late Joseph W. Rechert, which is the finest collection of its kind in the country. Mr. Stone is now travelling with this superb stock which, on account of the rarities it contains, will no doubt be rapidly absorbed by collectors of this branch of philately.

The well known Washington firm, the J. M. Bartels Co., have taken an office in Boston at 230 Washington St., which hereafter will be the headquarters of this enterprising firm. They will take possession of their new office about July 1st. The removal from Washington to Boston of this firm speaks volumes for Boston as a philatelic headquarters, and confirms our previous idea that Boston is second to none in this respect.

The New England Stamp Co. will remove on August 1st to new offices at 27 Bromfield St. They will have a store on the street floor, where they will cater to the wants of the cheaper class of trade in stamps, also philatelic supplies of all kinds, while on the floors above will be located the main and private offices with elevator service to the street. Here will be found improved facilities for the exhibition and sale of the better class of stamps and rarities. Their show window on the ground floor will be one of the finest on the street. Bromfield street is becoming quite a stamp centre, and with the occupancy of the New England Stamp Co. four concerns will handle stamps. The removal of this firm is noteworthy for the fact that it is the first stamp company in Boston to occupy a store on the street floor.

Rumors of a consolidation of several large stamp companies are afloat. At this writing nothing definite can be learned, except that the consolidation will probably be a rival to the well-known Stanley Gibbons Co. in size. It is thought that the new company will have offices in several cities and perhaps one in Boston. It seems to be an assured fact that philately will benefit from this consolidation, collectors and dealers as well, as the consolidation is not in the nature of a trust and is not intended to be a monopoly in any sense of the word of any branch or branches of philately. As soon as further details are obtainable I will give the ERA readers the facts.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Written for the ERA.

The True History of the One Cent Inverts.

Much has been written in the daily as well as the philatelic press, both pro and con, regarding the Pan-American Inverts, and the truth is anxiously awaited by all philatelists.

By the courtesy of Mr. Frank P. Brown I am enabled to supply the ERA readers with an exact statement of the number of the one cent Pan-American Inverts so far found. The original find was made in East Hampton, Conn., by Mr. Ralph C. Waite of 219 Spring St., New Haven, a railway mail clerk running between Springfield and New York. He was visiting in East Hampton over Sunday and there learned that a number of these Inverts were being sold at this post office. Before he reached the post office some nine of the stamps had been sold and used and mostly lost. Of the 91 unused J. W. Scott had 50 and Mr. Waite 41, and of these 41 Frank P. Brown bought 34, (and later Frank P. Brown bought 8 of J. W. Scott, so each had 42), Mr. H. K. Sanderson secured one, and J. R. Viets of Lynn one, and Mr. Waite gave away one,

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Gold Coast, No. 19, 15h purple.....	.12	.07
" " No. 20, 2sh brown.....	.50	.30
" " No. 22, 10sh lilac & car.	1.10	.70
Niger Coast, No. 11, 2 1/2p carmine..	.50	.30

Middlesex Stamp Co., P.O. Box 68, Medford, Mass.

also kept one for himself. Ten days later another sheet was found in Bradford, but of these 46 had been used. Of this second lot Frank P. Brown had 18, and 20 are held for a higher price by the party who held the 18; a private party in New Haven has 7, and 4 by J. R. Viets of Lynn, and 5 are held by collectors in Connecticut. Recapitulation of the two lots shows:

Used,	55
Frank P. Brown,	61
J. W. Scott,	42
J. R. Viets, Lynn,	5
H. K. Sanderson,	1
Held for higher price,	20
Held by collectors locally,	8
Others,	8

200

Of the above 55 used Inverts not over 10 or 15 have been found. In the above recapitulation I make no account of the Syracuse lot as advertised by C. W. Brown & Co., and we find that every one was used and only some three or four have been found. No stamp has been so well advertised in the daily press as the inverted Pan-Americans, and every postal clerk in the country knows that the errors exist and are eagerly looking for them, but no more have been found. Many rumors of finds of Inverts have reached the ears of enterprising dealers, who have energetically followed up the clues offered but without result, except expense, with the exception of the cases noted in the above summary.

Nor do I make any account of the various stories of a large holding of 13 sheets or 17 sheets in N. Y., as I fail to find anybody who has seen the stamps or have seen any person who has seen them! Moreover as the stories all come from dealers, it would seem as if, if they knew all about them, they would have some for sale. J. W. Scott, too, in his last *Metroplitan*, brands the stories as "untruths."

Of the 61 Inverts Frank P. Brown has handled but two are unsold.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

Wrappers (Regular):
 3c brick red (design of envelope).
 3c brown

Post-Cards (Provisional):
 6c blue, surcharged 5c.
 6x6c blue, " 5x5c.

PARAGUAY.—One by one the new Paraguayan set is making its appearance, but the latest arrival is a surprise, a 5c value in brown. I have received this stamp from Mr. G. B. Calman and Mr. Hopkins thus writes about it in *Mekeel's News*: "As this stamp was green, and is the proper value for that color according to Postal Union arrangements and Paraguayan currency, we must conclude that some one has made a mistake." I list the stamp submitted.

Adhesive (Regular):
 5c brown.

PERU.—I listed in number 408 the new stamps commemorating the opening of the 20th century. The set has been received and with its bi-colored effects is very pleasing to the eye. A wrapper belonging to this set has made its appearance and no doubt envelopes will be soon noted.

Wrapper (Commemorative):
 1 centavo, green and black.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The current 3d stamp has appeared in a much darker shade and the *Australian Philatelist* designates it as an olive green.

SPAIN.—An entirely new set of stamps is to be issued by this country. The change is due to the change in the monetary system, the franc taking the place of the peseta. I am not informed as to whether a change in design is contemplated. Probably not.

TONGA.—Specialists in these islands will be interested in the following variety noted by the *American Journal of Philately*:

"Mr. Meissner has called our attention to a variety in the issue of 1892, surcharged with star, which appears, up to the present, to have escaped the attention of all cataloguers. All the stamps perforated $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ are surcharged with a star-shaped floreate ornament, all the lines of which are clear and distinct, whereas the stamps perforated $1\frac{1}{2}$ are surcharged with a star only the points of which are clear and distinct."

UNITED STATES.—The only inverts of the Pan-American series that have found their way into the market are the 1, 2 and 4c values. I have heard of finds of other values having been made but I have no reliable information at hand upon which to base a chronicle.

ZANZIBAR.—The *Fortnightly* notes some varieties of interest:

"A strip of three of the 1 rupee India, surcharged "Zanzibar", in which the middle stamp is without surcharge; also a 2 annas blue with double surcharge "Zanzibar" and a 5 rupees with double surcharge, one inverted."

The *A. J. of P.* calls attention to the omission of statement of fact as to whether the 1 rupee referred to is in gray or green and carmine.

Stamps and Stamp Duties of India.

BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

In accordance with an intimation in last month's Notes, I am to deal this time with the stamps and stamp duties of the great Indian peninsula—a division of the earth's surface which possesses peculiar charms for a great many dwellers in the Occident, and which holds amongst untold other mysteries no small store of philatelic secrets for the delectation of Western fiscalists. Some three years ago I wrote an article for the *Exchange and Mart*, entitled "Under the Wrong Flag," which ran through three or four numbers of the *Philatelists' Supplement*. It dealt with and illustrated a good many Indian fiscals which might possibly be mistaken for postal issues, and I have been reminded of it by some of the criticisms levelled against certain leading postage stamp catalogues by the Editor of the *P. J. of India*.

Most of us purchase "Scott" for the sake of the list of U. S. revenues, but it will probably be news to many of us that four of the six stamps listed under Bhor are "fiscals pure and simple," a statement that adds a new State to our page of introductions, as I do not think that these have ever been listed as revenues before. Better known as fiscals are the Afghans illustrated by types A22-24 in "Scott," list numbers 191-195.

In the August, 1898, number of *Stamps*, an illustration appeared of a very distinctive native Indian stamp bearing a sailing ship as the central design, but I have only just found out from whence it hails. Mr. Peerbhoy calls it an issue of the Khumbat State, and a Hindoo gentleman has afforded confirmation by translating a part of the inscription as Kahmbazath State. The former rendering will probably be preferred.

I think it was in 1897 that a change of colour from green to vermilion was announced for the set of Baroda, but I am now informed by a relative of the Gaekwar that both sets are or were in use at the same time, the difference being that "those printed in green are for use inside the State, and those in red for use outside the State" I notice that the inscription at the top of the two 1-anna stamps differ.

It is time now to turn to the list of stamp duties in force in British India which reached me last month—a bulky list, too, of some sixty large and closely printed pages, nearly everyone of which contains something of interest to us. Looking up the list of adhesive stamps I find that, excluding the various kinds of Court Fees which are dealt with separately, there are four kinds of fiscals ordered by Statute.

The instruction reads:—

"The following instruments when stamped with adhesive stamps shall be stamped as follows:—

(a) Bills of exchange, cheques, and promissory notes drawn or made out of British India, and chargeable with a duty of more than one anna,

with adhesive stamps bearing the words "Foreign Bill."

(b) Transfers of shares of Public Companies and Associations, with adhesive stamps bearing the words "Share Transfer."

(c) An entry as an Advocate, Vakil, or Attorney on the roll of any High Court, with an adhesive stamp bearing the word "Advocate," "Vakil," or "Attorney."

(d) Notarial Acts, with adhesive Foreign Bill stamps bearing the word "Notarial" printed over them."

(a) and (b) need no comment; (d) is interesting as showing that the established overprint was definitely ordered; but (c) makes an entirely new revelation. We must deduce from this that at least three stamps exist of which we have no knowledge other than that given this month. A note to clause (c) provides that "such stamp shall be affixed under the superintendence and responsibility of a gazetted officer of the High Court, who shall obtain the stamp from the Superintendent of Stamps and shall account to him for it."

A glance through the list of ordinary commercial stamp duties yields some items of interest, including the values of the stamp provided by clause (c) above.

From the scale printed under the heading of "Bill of exchange or Promissory note" it appears that those payable *ou demand* pay one anna only if above 20 rupees, and that there are two *ad-valorem* scales according as to whether the bill or note be payable at more or at not more than one year after date or sight. In the latter and more usual case the rate begins at two annas for 200 rupees or less, and rises to six rupees for every 10,000 rupees or part thereof in excess of 30,000 rupees. The curiously scarce one rupee value is required for a single bill ranging from 1,200 to 1,600 rupees, and one would fancy that 1,500 rupees would be an amount frequently drawn.

Cheques are only called upon to pay the duty of one anna when the amount exceeds twenty rupees, a concession that, writing as a banker, I should be sorry to see introduced into this country, for I know a few people who would rather make out half-a-dozen cheques to the same payee for 19s 11d each than use a stamped form to remit £5 19s 6d.

The entry as an Advocate, Vakil, or Attorney on the roll of any High Court, is assessed as follows:

In the case of an Advocate or Vakil, 500rs.
 In the case of an Attorney, 250rs.

It appears from another part of the book that this duty was repealed by Act XII of 1891, but the wording is not at all clear, and, as we have seen, the stamps are described amongst the adhesives provided.

Pace the law costs, divorce is cheap in India, the duty on "any instrument by which any person effects the dissolution of his marriage" being one rupee, from which also it may be inferred divorce is frequent, as otherwise it would not have been worth while to impose such a duty. In curious contradistinction to this last item appears the provision of a duty of ten rupees on any instrument (other than a will) conferring or purporting to confer an authority to adopt.

Notarial Acts of all kinds are assessed at one rupee each.

Share Transfer.—From the present scale it appears that there is no longer any use for the one-anna and three-anna stamps, and of this I have had official confirmation. Philatelic confirmation is supplied by the fact that these values are not known perf. 14, the standard perforation for a good many years.

Under the heading of "Exemptions" it appears that no duty is to be charged on bills of exchange or cheques drawn in Mysore, the civil and military station of Bangalore, the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, the Hyderabad Residency Bazaars or the Cantonment of Sikandarabad on which the full rate of stamp duty has been paid there, when the same are negotiated in British India. Collectors will remember the Indian revenues overprinted Mysore, Hyd. R.B., and Secunderabad, and will wonder if the other two districts named have likewise received localised supplies.

The "Petition" overprints on mutilated foreign bill stamps form a very interesting series, and one of which but little is known (see January Chronicle for list). The schedule of "Fixed Fees" contains a considerable number of entries prescribing the amounts to be paid in connection with various applications or petitions, and it appears therefrom that, in addition to the four values already known to us, it is probable that three higher ones likewise exist—5, 10 and 20 rupees. These higher values seem to be principally required for sundry matrimonial proceedings, for the only two intelligible fees of 5 rupees are levied on (a) Petition in a suit under the Native Convert's Marriage Dissolution Act, and (b) Plaintiff or Memorandum of Appeal in a suit to obtain possession of a wife; and the 20 rupees fee is only required on petitions under the Indian Divorce Act, and on plaints or memorandums of appeal under the Paris Marriage and Divorce Act. Court Fees amounting to or exceeding 10 rupees have been denoted by impressed stamps ever since June 1st, 1883, and another regulation of the same date made it compulsory on each vendor to insert the name of the purchaser, the date of the sale, and his own signature on every stamp of this class sold whether adhesive or not.

I recently noticed the following endorsement on the back of a 1,000 rupees non-adhesive shown by Mr. Wm. Fish, M. A.

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p. Collector of Stamp Revenue Calcutta.

Several pages of "Remissions or Reductions of Stamp Duties" contain many items that I should like to reproduce but have not room for; one, however must be included as showing that the Indian Stamp Duties are in force in Further India, for an entry under date 1878, exempts from duty the Security Bond executed by a Thoooyee in British Burmah for the due performance of the duties of his office.—*Stamps.*

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POTTER, EDWIN L., 413 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa.; age, 39; occupation, Vice-President Mercantile Trust Company. References: Geo. W. Rode, H. E. Wilson; Resident Vice-President, E. Doeblin.

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1672. CHAMBERS, R. F., from 89 Courtland St. to 50 Fort Avenue, Elmwood Station, Providence, R. I.

1300. HASSELL, J. J., from Crocker Bldg. to 123 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

1311. KRENTZLIN, J. A., from 6th Auditor's Office to 132 E. St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

1608. Laurie, F. J., from 4 Rue d'Orenburg to 15 Palais du Midi, Bruxelles, Belgium.

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- American Philatelic Magazine, Vol. V No. 8 (56), May:
 From a Dealer's Standpoint.
 The Cloven Hoof. (Guam.)
 Three-Cornered Capes.
- Briefmarken Sammler, Vol. XI No. 6, June:
 Post and Telegraph in the German Protectorates.
- Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy, Vol II No. 10, June:
 Searching for Stamps.
- Filatelia, Vol. I No. 2, February:
 Varieties in Argentine Stamps.
- Little Advertiser, Vol. I No. 1, March:
 Notes.
- Madrid Filatelico, Vol. I No. 53, May:
 Thurn and Taxis.
 Reprints.—Austria and Lombardy.
- Mekeel's Drummer, Vol. II No. 4 (10), June:
 Notes and Advertisements.
- Mekeel's Weekly, Vol. XV No. 26 (547), June 27:
 Chicago, New York, Boston Notes.
 What a Stamp's Jubilee Taught.
 Philately.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XV No. 12, June 22:
 Washington Notes.
 English Letter.
- Montreal Philatelist, Vol. III No. 12 (36), June:
 South African Notes.
 Truth About the "Commando Brief" Stamp.
 Russian Locals.
- New York Philatelist, Vol. X No. 3, June:
 Plea for Better Philatelic Literature.
 Pre-cancelled Stamps.
 Chinese Postal System.
 Finnish Mourning Stamp.
- Philatelic Journal of India, Vol. V No. 5, May:
 The Late Bussahir.
 Hyderabad.
 Values of Indian Stamps.
 Pence Issues of Ceylon.
 Perforations of Current Swiss.
- Stamp Exchange, Vol. II No. 6, June:
 Notes.
- Stampman, Vol. VI No. 1 (29), June:
 Cleveland Correspondence.

The native states of the Indian Empire are gradually giving up their local postal systems, and naturally, their special stamps. In the *Philatelic Journal of India* which gathers together all that it can find concerning the stamps of that country, appears a long list of the stamps of "The Late Bussahir" which originally appeared in the *Monthly Journal*. Considering the number of varieties issued by the state during its brief existence as a stamp issuing state, we ought to be sincerely thankful that it has retired from the field.

G. H. Anderson gives a table showing the various perforations found on the current Swiss stamps. No less than six varieties of perforations are found, some of them, however, being found only on a few values. Numerous shades are given in the list of the different values.

The leading article in the *New York Philatelist* is by "The Veteran" and is "A Plea for Better Philatelic Literature." The article is well written and worthy the attention of all. I regret not having the space

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Mekeel's Drummer has been off on the road I guess, for it has been a long time since he called on us. Number ten is of the same character as the previous issues and contains many interesting and instructive items mingled with the publishers' advertisements.

Madrid Filatelico contains a valuable list of Austrian reprints, including as well those of Lombardy etc. I commend the list to those who read Spanish.

The second number of *Filatelia*, the new Buenos Aires paper, has been sent me by Mr. Dickinson of Worcester. It is rather better gotten up than the majority of South American papers and contains one or two interesting articles.

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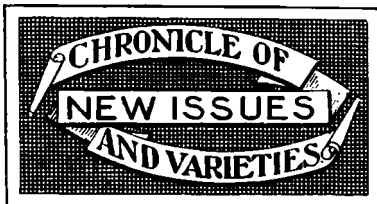
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Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BULGARIA.—The *Monthly Journal* states that the stamps now current here are printed on paper slightly more transparent than before and variations in color are also recorded. The 1 stot is to be found in two shades of pale lilac on this paper, the 5 stot is in an olive green and the 15 stot is in yellow. Scott lists a set, 1 to 25s on thin grayish paper with date of issue, 1900. Can the *News* tell us wherein the new set differs from that chronicled last year?

CANADA.—An English correspondent, an enthusiast evidently in shades, calls attention to the Canada Special Delivery with the statement that this stamp appears in a pale green and a dark bluish green.

GERMANY, Offices in the Levant.—*Mekeel's News* lists a new wrapper 10 paras on 5 pfennig, prefacing the chronicle with these words: "In our last volume we chronicled a special wrapper of 5 pfennig prepared solely for use (with proper surcharge, as 10 paras value in the Levant. There was considerable discussion in regard to this, but it was finally accepted. Rev. K. Wiegmann now reports a similar issue in the current or Germania type. He has just received one of them addressed to himself from Jerusalem."

Wrapper (Provisional):
10 paras on 5pf green on buff.

GREAT BRITAIN, Offices in the Levant.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* gives meagre information concerning a new 40 paras on 2½d Great Britain. The item states that the overprint is "in an entirely new type, besides this the surcharge is double, each impression being very distinct." More anon.

The large Inland cards have now been changed to blue-green, to correspond with

the recent change made in the court-shape cards.

Post Cards (Inland):

½d blue-green on buff, 89x140.
½d x ½d blue-green on buff, 89x140, T 3.

HUNGARY.—The Inland cards for Croatia now have the inscription in four lines instead of two, as first issued in 1900.

Post Cards (Inland):

4 filler, brown on buff, 90x140.
4-4 " " " " " T 3.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—I have received a new 1d reply card, differing materially from the issue of 1897, No. 823 in the catalogue of 1898. The stamp, color of impression and the card-board remain unchanged. The inscriptions on the first half now read: "POST CARD with Reply Paid" in one line, under this are the Royal Arms, occupying a space of 24 mm. as against 12½ mm. on the former issue. The third line "The Address only to be written on this side "measures 3 mm. more than on the 1897 card. The inscriptions on the reply half now read "REPLY POST CARD"—(large arms)—(The Address only &c.).

I also have a new Letter Card, the stamp, inscriptions and arms being the same as on the 1897 issue. The paper is now a light slate color, inside dark rose, while the color of the impression has been changed to orange.

Post Card (Regular):

1x1d vermilion on cream, 82x127, T 3.

Letter Card (Regular):

1½d orange on slate, inside dark rose, perf. 1V.

UNITED STATES.—Indications point very strongly to the buying up of private proprietary remainders by speculators. A correspondent writes me that he was unable to purchase sets of Marchand from the office of this firm and it was suggested that after July 1st information would be given him as to a source of supply. A correspondent of *Mekeel's News* writes: "I have in my possession a number of the Pan-American stamps surcharged I. R. in small blue letters. They were surcharged at the post office here, and are being used by the Western Union Telegraph Co. I wonder if this would mean another variety of revenue?"

The editor replies that this evidently is another variety of unauthorized revenue, which coming so late in the life of the war revenue measure will escape department attention.

From this same journal I quote Mr. Bartels on the Porto Rico revenues:

The Bureau has finally received instructions to proceed with the new designs for Porto Rico revenue stamps. There is still a supply of the surcharged stamps on hand which will last a few months, by which time it is hoped that the new stamps will be ready for delivery.

They are to bear the seal of Porto Rico, which will be rather an innovation. The instructions read: "The vignette to be the same on all denominations, derived from or bearing some relation to the seal of Porto Rico." The inscriptions are to read "The People of Porto Rico," "Excise Tax." The cent denominations are to be of the same size as was the U. S. battleship design and the dollar values will likewise correspond to the current U. S. There is to be a distinct numeral of value on each side of the stamp. All are to be different in color, the cent values "pale shades" and the dollar values "bright shades."

The denominations will be: 1c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1, \$3, \$5, \$10 and \$50. The number to be printed is an even million of each denomination; rather striking, when we consider the relative number of postage stamps generally ordered.

URUGUAY.—The *Ill. Briefmarken Journal* states that all values of the new set have had the surcharge "OFICIAL" applied, reading obliquely upward. I therefore list

Adhesives (Official):

1c green.
2c red.
5c blue.
7c orange.
10c violet.
20c blue.
25c brown.
50c carmine.
1 peso, dark green.

VICTORIA.—I have quite an array of new issues from this colony, or rather State of the Australian Commonwealth.

The stamp on the Inland card of 1899, type A42, has been replaced by type A26. The instructions under the arms: "This card may pass through the Post without additional postage to any of the following Colonies, namely: &c.," now read instead: "the following States: New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, and Western Australia, and the Colonies of New Zealand and Fiji."

A corresponding Reply Card, without the above instructions has been issued with the inscriptions "POST (arms) CARD.—VICTORIA.—THE ADDRESS &c.," and in the lower left corner "THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED—FOR THE ANSWER" in two lines. On the reply half the word "REPLY" is added under "VICTORIA". The folding line is perforated 6.

Also a Reply Card, corresponding to the single Postal Union Card, issued early in 1900, bearing stamp of type A45, the fold-

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Notes on Stamp Collecting.

BY A GENERAL COLLECTOR.

Of late years there has been a general tendency amongst experienced collectors to discard from their albums the postage issues of foreign countries and to specialize instead those of British Colonies alone. In fact, the general collector of the old school has become almost extinct, his successor of the present day being almost as intent on "bloating" as the specialist. Now-a-days there are but few general collectors who can say that they do not admit varieties of perforation or watermark into their albums. This is greatly to be regretted, as although one is continually hearing of the spread of Philately, little is said of the numerous collectors who are every year worried out of all interest in the hobby by tiresome variations that require a magnifying glass or a millimetre scale to detect. Every album maker appears to cater for millionaires only, and spaces for rare stamps in all varieties of shades, perms. and watermarks, are allotted with a free hand, with the result that nine out of ten beginners give up the idea of ever making a representative collection, and eventually turn their attention to picture post cards, or something else, which can be collected with a maximum of pleasure and a minimum of hard work.

I have recently been interested in making up a strictly general collection wherein varieties of surcharge, watermark, perforation and shade find no place (all issues of Afghanistan and the Colombian Departments, except Panama, being also ignored). The total number of entirely different adhesive postage stamps issued throughout the world is thus reduced to about 6700, an approach to which number is, with diligence, within the reach of most collectors. In my case there are still 1200 or 1300 blanks to fill, but fully half these are only waiting for common stamps, which will probably be added with comparatively little trouble. A complete collection of the world's postage stamps is thus brought within the bounds of possibility.

These 6700 stamps may be termed the standard varieties, a good proportion of which—at least half—every collector would find it of advantage to secure before attempting to specialize. With such a collection for foundation, specialism becomes moreover twice as interesting, as one can choose any particular stamp or issue

throughout the album and start specializing it there and then on interleaved pages. To specialise a whole country, taking the uninteresting stamps along with the attractive, is no doubt a meritorious proceeding and may even culminate in the reading of a lengthy report of one's researches before (three or four) members of a philatelic society. But the generally accepted motto of the stamp collector is "pleasure with profit" and I fancy most collectors, too, are a bit fickle in their affections and would find specializing doubly interesting if varied. It is just as well not to arrange one's programme too far ahead on the fashion of the moment, as the favourite stamps of today may be superseded in popularity tomorrow by the issues of another country which has been suddenly rendered politically prominent or which has been brought into philatelic notice, perhaps, by an interesting discovery of unchronicled varieties.

It is only by specializing that one can understand the true pleasure and fascination of philately, but at the same time it is a mistake to discard one's general collection, and the object of these notes is mainly to urge every specialist to retain such as a foundation for his more scientific efforts.

A collector should not attempt to specialize until he has a good foundation consisting of a general collection of at least 3000 or 4000 distinct stamps, and such a framework would be free from even a suspicion of specialism. If it is built up on more ambitious lines, it will negative to a great extent the object with which it was put together. In other words it will absorb too much of the collector's attention and leave him little time or money to devote to specializing. Critics may say that every collector should choose his methods for himself, collecting as pleases him most, but the beginner is seldom if ever in a position to judge what method will prove most attractive and is therefore in need of advice.

I have said that there are some 6700 distinct varieties of adhesive postage stamps in existence. In this total are included no postage due, express letter, or official stamps; nothing, in fact, but the ordinary postage stamps sold for the use of the general public throughout a whole country. The collector who owns only 2000 of such varieties is still practically a beginner, whilst 3000 varieties represent a fair collection. When the album contains 4000, the owner may begin to specialize it here and there,

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but he should not relax his attentions to the general portion, or framework, till at least another 2000 are added. After a total of 6000 has been passed, it will be difficult to make additions, and the rate of increase must necessarily decrease. If the collection is to be a good investment, as well as a source of pleasure, only the finest possible copies should be taken, preferably unused. I prefer a fine used copy, however, to an unused one that is a little off centre or otherwise defective, even if in the latter condition the unused specimen is more valuable.

An important point not to be lost sight of in arranging a collection is that unused stamps look much better on an unprinted page, or one on which all descriptions are in manuscript, if neatly written. Unused and used stamps seldom look well together in the same set, and it is better that a row should be uniform. Uniformity in other respects, too, improves the appearance of a page. Although perforations are to be ignored from the point of view of the specialist, they may nevertheless be studied by the general collector with advantage, when selecting his specimens. The fourth issue of Austria (Arms), for instance, looks neater, if all five values are shown with perforation of uniform gauge. It does not matter whether it is 10 or 15, so long as it is uniform. The row of thirteen line-engraved Ceylon stamps will be greatly improved if all are perforated. One imperforate copy may increase the value of the set, but will tend to spoil the appearance of that particular page in the album.

In selecting specimens for a general collection, care should be taken not only to reject specimens which are "off centre," but also those which, though well-centred, are above the normal size. A row of stamps, well centered but of assorted sizes, does not look as well as one might wish. If the reader will arrange his Mexicans of the 1884-98 issues he will probably discover this for himself. Of course, nearly all "imperfes." give trouble in this respect. Do not take large margin copies unless you are prepared to get all the rest of the set with a similar wealth of surrounding.

This advice as to condition is only recommended to those collectors who have a liberal supply of energy and enthusiasm and who are not in too great a hurry to fill up their spaces. An antidote for this latter complaint (which is I believe very general

with beginners) may be found by buying "space-fillers" when they can be got for a tenth or twentieth of catalogue price. I refer to more or less badly damaged stamps. This practice may often save in the long run. I have myself paid 5sh for a moderate copy of a stamp, when a few weeks later a brilliant copy could have been had for the same amount. Had 4d or 6d been invested in the meantime in a damaged copy, I should probably have waited till the brilliant and permanent occupant of the space turned up. If a collector possesses a large amount of patience, he can consider himself exempt from the necessity for such expedients; but then, collecting pure and simple is so exciting that very few collectors possess such a virtue as patience, when there is a blank space in their albums waiting to be filled.

Of course it is a great mistake, as any experienced collector will tell you, to put a damaged or heavily cancelled stamp permanently into your album. It will spoil the appearance of the page on which it is mounted. I only recommend the acquisition of such specimens as a temporary expedient, in special cases.

Turning over the pages of a general collection, one can form so much better an idea of what countries it would interest one most to specialize. South America offers many fine examples. I need only mention Brazil (numeral types), Chile (first and second issues), Nicaragua (first issue), Peru (1858 to 1870), and Salvador (first issue). Finer stamps than these could hardly be found.

There is a very strong prejudice against the issues of certain South and Central American Republics and of such countries as Borneo and Labuan, but I am almost inclined to think it is an injustice. Such issues are in reality a blessing in disguise. There can be no doubt that they have attracted more recruits to the ranks of philately, than all the so-called *bona-fide* postage stamps put together, and that is a service which should not be lightly esteemed. Most of the handsome pictorial designs are expensive to produce, and it would be impossible for big countries like Great Britain or the United States to adopt them for their regular issues. A small country like the Tonga Islands or the Congo Free State, where few stamps are required, can, however, easily afford them, as the profit on the sale of the stamps sold to collectors is not swamped by the loss caused by the increased cost of those used by a large and unappreciative business population. It is to small countries where the legitimate postal demand is small, that we must look for the hand-somest stamps.

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give his support to those countries which take special trouble to make their stamps interesting, and not withdraw it, as I am afraid, often the case.

Beginners are often confused between the 5 centavos of the fourth (1867) and fifth (1884) issues of the Argentine Republic, yet the difference, once noted is easily remembered. The fourth issue is through-out inscribed, *Republica Argentina* whilst the fifth has *Correos Argentinos*. The small "envelope" type, of which three values were issued about 1882-84, bear both inscriptions *Correos—Republica Argentina*. The sixth issue (1889) is also distinct, the inscription having *Correos y Telegrafos* instead of *Correos*, whilst in the seventh (1892) and eighth (current) issue, it returns to plain *Republica Argentina*.

The 4c Pan-American just issued is, I believe, the first stamp to have a motor car represented in its design, but there are quite a number of stamps showing a railway locomotive. Besides the 2c Pan-American, I recall at the moment the 3c U. S. A. of 1864; 5c Uruguay (1895-7-9); Salvador 3c (1896); Peru 5c (1871); Nicaragua 3rd issue (1890); and Honduras, 9th issue (1898). Perhaps the list may be added to. In fact there is at least one other case I have not mentioned.

—Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.



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Philatelic Press Review.

By Wm. C. Stone.

- * Means with plates and portraits.
- Anales Sociedad Filatelica de Chile, Vol. VII No. 2, March-April: Peruvian Notes.
- Echo de la Timbrologie, Vol. XV No. 203, June 15: Vathy. The Lynck Sale. Forgeries.
- Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. VI No. 89, June 8: Pigeon Post Stamps.
- Filatelico Facts and Fallacies, Vol. IX No. 3, May: Concerning Some Samoan Stamps. Notes by the Way.
- Filatelico Espanol, Vol. II No. 9, June: Stamps of Samoa. Cuba Y.Y. Stamps of the Argentine.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. XV No. 27, July 4: Chicago, Boston, Washington, New York Notes. Repeat of War Taxes. Reprints of Stamps of Hawaii.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, Vol. XV No. 13, June 29: Washington Notes. English Letter.
- Mitteleutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vol. X No. 6, June: Neapolitan Forgeries. Thurn and Taxis Postmarks. Wurtemberg Postmarks.
- Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. IV No. 2, June: Belgium and Her Stamps. Watermark Varieties of Pan-Americans. Stanton's Philatelic Index.
- Philatelic Literature, Vol. I No. 23, May: Literature Notes. Literature Market. Literature Chronicle.
- Philatelic Times, Vol. I No. 2, April: Philatelic Journals. Post Card Collector.
- Philatelist, Vol. XXII No. 6, June: In the Philatelic World. Literature Chronicle.

Philatelite Francais, Vol. X No. 86, May:

- Some Interesting Stamps.
- Sale of the Linck Collection.
- Stamps of Roumania.
- Stamps of the United States.
- Belgian Postal Obliterations.

Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Vol. VII No. 78, April:

- Origin of the Stamps of Corrientes.
- Forged Bolivian Surcharges.
- Notes on the Stamps of the Argentine.

Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung, Vol. XIV No. 5, May:

- Choice of a Design for Postage Stamps.
- Stamps of the Argentine.
- Re-engraved 25c Swiss Jubilee Stamp.
- Foreign Post Offices in the Levant.

Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, Vol. VII No. 163, June 8:

- Another British Forgery.
- Buffalo Stamps With Inverted Centers.
- Petersburg Provisionals.

The Chilean *Anales* contains another installment of the very valuable essay devoted to the Chilean issues in Peru during the war between those countries. I regret that my unfamiliarity with Castilian prevents my giving it a more extended review. I have dug out some of it, and it is very interesting. Why can't it be translated?

The American portion of the Linck collection brought 7,217 francs at the recent sale in Paris. The highest prices the U. S. were as follows:

New York 5 cents,	39 fr.
1857, 90 cents,	75
1869, 24c reprint,	38
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1895 set,	41
Omaha set,	21
Agriculture set,	87
State, 1 to 90c,	155
\$2.00,	62
Executive "Specimen,"	32
War set,	16
Interior set,	17
Justice, 1 to 15c,	42
24c,	47
30c,	50
90c,	92
Navy set,	100
Post Office set,	20
Treasury set,	51
Newspaper 5c, blue border,	45

I am indebted to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* for the above quotations.

The Washington correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly* announces that one million each of the 1 and 2c stamps have been ordered for the Philippines, and in addition, 500,000 four cents, 250,000 each of the six and eight cents, 1,000 each of the \$1.00 and \$2.00 and 500 of the \$5.00. In addition to this 50,000 2c stamps in books and some postage dues. Special designs are to be prepared for Puerto Rico revenues. They will bear the seal of the island.

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Stanton's Index continues to be as valuable and interesting as ever. If it could be made cumulative it would be practically perfect.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

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Mr. Stone has been awarded the contract to furnish the label for the Old Home Week in New Hampshire, which event will be held in August.

The consolidation of stamp companies referred to in my last week's notes are the New England Stamp Co., the Scott Co. and the American Collectors Co. of New York.

Mr. Henry Calman and Mr. Crawford Capen were a committee of the American Collectors Co. to look over the affairs of the New England Stamp Co. and in that capacity were in Boston last week. The combine is now an assured fact, and the new company will be known as the American Collectors Company, still the old companies will retain their original names and do business under it as heretofore, and will be practically branch offices, under the same management with the exception that Mr. Henry Calman will retire actively but will still be a director in the American Collectors Co. Mr. Capen, President of the American Collectors Co., will be the active manager, and Mr. Calman, Mr. Rich of the Scott Co. and Messrs. Carpenter and Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. are now Directors in the American Collectors Co. It is probable that there will be no change in the staff of these companies.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has left the city for the week on a vacation. During his absence his business is well cared for by his assistant.

A familiar figure to all Boston philatelists who has been missed for some weeks has returned and is seen a short time daily at his place of business. I refer to Mr. J. H. Lyons, manager of the Colonial Stamp Co., who has been quite ill for some time but is now sufficiently recovered to attend to his business.

WM. D. ELDRIDGE.

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.

July 3, 1901.

SIR:

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PENN YAN, N. Y., June 25.

Editor ERA,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Possibly it may be of interest to those who are interested in the so-called "pre-cancelled" stamps to know that a set of them has been issued at Chicago, Ill. Just how many in it, I do not know, but they are in use by the Sears, Roebuck & Co. people. I have seen the 1c and 8c, and am told there are others. The cancellation is in three lines, "Chicago" in the first, 5-1 or whatever the date may be in the second and "Illinois" in the third.

Do you know that I think the majority of people, collectors and others, feel about as your correspondent does in regard to the braggadocio of England over the "overcoming" (?) of the 40,000 Boers by the 300,000 English, Irish and Indian troops, to say nothing of the importations from all the colonies.

Very respectfully,

R. H. GRAHAM.

FROM AWAY DOWN SOUTH.

Editor ERA:

For a long time I have been a subscriber to your paper, and have read views of your correspondents, wise and otherwise, and take it all, "year in and year out," I have found the journal both interesting and instructive.

In this communication I desire to speak of a class of advertisers who patronize perhaps the best stamp papers, it is that class who advertise ever and anon to buy or exchange stamps, and wind up their ad. by what should strike every initiatory collector as disgusting—"No trash wanted." Now, Mr. Editor, what does that mean? Is it not a slap in the face of the science of philately? Where is the stamp collection that is complete without this trash: cheap stamps, for that is what it generally means? How will the boy collector ever be the man and advanced collector, if he is not to start on the cheap stamps of all countries? And when he reads such advertisements as

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Illustrierte Briefmarken Journal, XVII. 20, 21, 22. XXI. 23. XXII. 7. XXIII. 8-24. XXIV. 1, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14. XXVII. and later.
Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung, I. 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13. II. 3. IV. 21. VII. 11, 14, 24-26. VIII. 13. IX. 3, 7, 19. X. 10, 14, 23.
Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, Vols. I-VII. VIII. 5.
Der Philatelist, Vols. I-VII.
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that, from older collectors, who should give him every encouragement and not allude to his "young collection" as trash, does it not at the start have a tendency to make him lose respect for the hobby he is about to carry on? I am satisfied that some dealers and some collectors do this because they think it sounds "big" to have arrived at that period when they only want to collect or deal in the better grade of stamps; but to my mind it is only the monkey advertising—"the old rule, that is never known to fail, the higher up the monkey climbs, the more he shows his tail." There are a great many boy collectors in this country, and it is only natural that they should want to sell, exchange and buy, as the older collector or dealer, only on a cheaper scale, and it is to the interest of the advanced collector, if he only knew it, or dealer to encourage him, and never sneer at his common stamps, "trash" as these "bluff advertisers," call them.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am neither a boy or a collector, but a general dealer in stamps, relics and curios, and I have just as much respect for the boy collector who buys a few cents worth of stamps as I have for the dealer who pays me dollars for a single stamp, or relic of any kind.

Thanking you for your space, I am,
Respectfully,
SUNNY SOUTH.

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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 348th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, June 20th, at 104 E. Randolph Street. President Merell called the meeting to order at 8.25 P. M. and the following members answered the roll call: Messrs. Boehm, Dahl, Dodd, Doncyson, Flanders, Fowler, Edmunds, Geldert, Kline, Harrison, Lefever, Massoth, Merell, MacGuffin, F. Michael, Nixon, Oesch, Severn, Schlieckert, Smack, Stebbins, Strauss, Wolsieffer.

Mr. C. E. N. Howard, formerly of St. Paul and just returned from a two year's campaign in the Philippines was a welcome visitor. He related a few instances of army life with Uncle Sam's volunteers and about the stamps of our far away colony.

The minutes of the June 6th meeting were approved as read.

Messrs. Severn, Smack and Massoth were appointed judges for the evening's exhibition.

The Governing Board elected to membership Mr. A. C. Brooks, Norwich, N. Y., and ordered posted the application for active membership of F. P. Morehons, 5835 Drexel Ave., Chicago; proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer.

The resignation of C. S. Brignardello of San Francisco, Cal., was also accepted.

The Treasurer reported L. E. Joseph and E. G. Rennesch dropped by limitation for non-payment of dues. The Treasurer also reported that the balance cash on hand was \$171.55.

Chairman Flanders of the Collection Committee reported that the total catalogue value of the Society's collection now amounted to \$108.88 and that there was plenty of room left in the Album to accommodate many more contributions from members.

The result of the evening's exhibition was as follows:

Class A—Mr. C. B. Geldert, highest award; Mr. C. Schlieckert, second award.

Class B—Mr. H. W. Wolsley, highest award.

Chairman Oesch of the Exhibition Committee then announced that this was the last exhibition of the series and that Mr. H. W. Wolsley was the winner of the "Holland Medal," having scored the highest number of points. The detailed report of the Committee for the series of exhibitions just closed will be published in the Official Journal, as will the prospectus for the next series.

Meeting adjourned 9.40.

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JONES, ALBERT LLOYD, Monroeville, Indiana; age, 19; occupation, School teacher. References: Frank K. Hills, P. M. Wolsieffer.

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ESPINOSA, E. LUIS, 19 Cocheras St., Mexico City.

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Total Membership July 1st..... 524

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Look awfully natty.

Plain blue, without any frills. Cut letterette with buttons on the front—and button holes. Whole thing has a delightful bulge. That's to carry extra mail. The blue and the gray, quite a combination. But his rural brothers will look plain green—with envy, you know.

Looks pretty swift to commoners. He is. Setting the pace, you know, for local dandies.—*Detroit Today*, June 6, 1901.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Our Exchange Superintendent, Mr. Fred Doughty, having declared his intention to withdraw from the management of that department as soon as the four circuits now out have completed their routes, the Official Board have taken steps to fill the vacancy and will be in a position to announce their new appointment with our next reports.

Members having cards for circulation will please hold them until the new appointment is published, as Mr. Doughty will not send out any new circuits.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, President.

BALTIMORE, MD., June 26, 1901.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Members.

- 63. **W. T. Clement**, Haddonfield, New Jersey.
- 64. **Alfred Michael**, 810 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Resignation Accepted.

Peter J. Kranz, Gardner Building, Toledo, Ohio.

Renewal List No. 3.

16, 30, 63*, 64*.
*These dues have been previously remitted.

Collections.

I have collected for dues since my last report \$2.00, making with the \$1.00 on hand \$3.00. I have also received from Mr. Fred Doughty, Exchange Supt., for covers sold by him \$2.56, making total amount of collections \$5.56, which I have remitted to the Treasurer.

Deo Volente.

I will be at Buffalo during the Philatelic Conventions and would sincerely appreciate the pleasure of meeting as many members of the Postal Card Society of America as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. GAFFORD, Secretary.
CHURCH HILL, MD., June 28, 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand last report, \$97.07
Rec'd from Sec'y for dues, \$3.00
Rec'd from Sec'y for covers from Exch. Supt., 2.56 5.56

On hand, \$102.63
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.
BOSTON, June 25, 1901.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals since my last report:
Siegfried Schachne, \$5.00; **Edward H. Buehler**, \$4.18; **Nicholas Adler**, \$4.18; **N. Haskell Wither**, \$5.90; **J. Oakley Hobby**, \$4.18; **A. Hoesbach**, \$4.18; **B. V. Jenkins**, \$5.00; **Walter Dormitzer**, \$4.18; **W. Alexander Smith, Jr.**, \$4.18.

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. 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.

50c in fine U. S. and Foreign, your selection, from sheets, for 10 Pan-American 4, 5, 8 or 10c stamps. Satisfaction guaranteed. Any number taken. Must be in good condition. **Dr. Warren L. Babcock**, Ogdensburg, N. Y. C. P. S. 659. [20]

Imperforate Revenues do not interest me, but if you have any Proofs of U. S. Revenues I would like to see them. What have you in Proofs? **Albert E. Chase** (A. P. A. 1171), Brunswick, Maine. [221*]

Your stamps taken at 2/3 catalogue in exchange for mine at catalogue. Some exceptions. I can use single stamps or wholesale lots. Write. **Calvin C. Brackett**, Lewiston, Maine. [221*]

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.

When you come to Buffalo don't forget to bring an additional V or X with you for bargain purchases at my counter. If you do not want to wait for the following, order same at once. U. S. 1845, Scott's No. 17b, \$3.00; No. 20, \$1.40; No. 53, \$2.50; No. 83, \$2.50; 1869 10c, 30c; '69 15c, 55 cts.; 24c, \$2.60; 30c, \$1.25; 24c Justice, \$5.50; 30c Justice, \$5.25; 24c Navy, \$2.00; 15c State, \$1.75; 24c State, \$3.25; 24c Treasury, \$1.60; 7c War, \$1.20; Scott 1046, Cat. \$13.50, \$5.50, a beauty, used. I think you will be pleased with any or all of these, but of course money back if desired. Send me your want lists. **WENDELL WEBER**, 809 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y. *

Beautiful lightly cancelled 1c Buffalo Invert, \$23.00. **MRS. F. P. HOLT**, Hartford, Conn.

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800 Different stamps for sale at 1/2 cent each. 1200 others at 1 cent each. Lists Free. Wholesale List for Dealers. [221*]
CALVIN C. BRACKETT, Lewiston, Maine.

I must remind members of this Department of the importance, for their own benefit, to send in their renewals promptly after receipt of a statement, so as to enable me to send out remittances to foreign countries as soon as I hear of a new issue.

Distribution No. 55 was sent out May 15, containing the following new cards: Siam, 1 1/2 and 4 atts; Sweden, 5x5 ore; Holland, 5x5c; Transvaal, 1d "V. R. I."; Korea, 1 cheun; Sirmoor, 3 pies; Finland, 10, 10x10 penni; Roumania, Letter Card, 10 bani; Malta, 1/2 and 1/2 x 1/2 d.

The next distribution will be made during the first week in July, and will contain a large number of new cards from Australia and other countries.

Respectfully submitted,
ADOLPH LOHMEYER, Purchasing Agent.
BALTIMORE, MD., June 26, 1901.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

{ Office of the Superintendent,
{ SAGINAW, MICH., May 27, 1901.

T. H. GAFFORD Sec'y,
CHURCH HILL, MD.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find Money Order for \$2.56 in full for Covers sold since report.

Covers on hand April 1st, 1900, 937
Sold, 102

On hand May 1st, 1901, 835
Yours truly,
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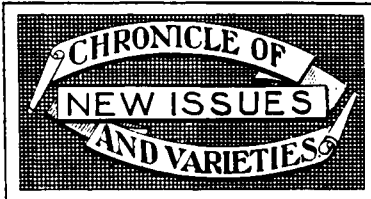
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1901.

WHOLE No. 426.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA—In number 402 I noted three values in new colors, the design being that of the 1897 issue. Mr. Burt has shown me the 4d and 6d therein chronicled and I find the 4d is in mauve and olive instead of black and olive.

BOSNIA.—The *Revue Philatelique Belge* states that a 5 kr value has been added to the current set of the same type as the 1 and 2 kr listed in number 400.

Adhesive (Regular):
5 kr greenish blue.

CANADA.—Information is at hand stating that a new issue will soon make its appearance with design appropriate to the new administration.

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC, Tumaco—A label is reported as emanating from the province of Cauca. It is oblong, type set and contains the inscription in black in three lines. First line value, second "El Agenti Postal" and third "Manuel E. Jimenez." The *Monthly Journal* says of these provisionals:

"We have received some more of the Tumaco labels, which our correspondent tells us were issued in the Province of Cauca, and it appears are still in use until such time as the Colombian stamps can be obtained (or the demand for these provisionals ceases). The values range from 1c up to \$1.00, all printed from the same setting, with the value alone altered, and on white paper. They are in small sheets of twelve, four horizontal rows of three, and, with the exception of a few copies of the 20c, all those now received are perf. 12, with three horizontal and two vertical lines of perforations in the sheet, leaving the two outside lines imperf. The setting has been done fairly carefully, there being only two varieties—No. 2 on the sheet having no stop after the "E" in *Manuel E. Jimenez*, and No. 8 having "Jimenez" with a grave accent. In all the perforated stamps there

are short horizontal dashes between the rows, four between the first and second, and the second and third rows, and three between the third and fourth rows; also a vertical dash at each side of the second stamp in the top and bottom rows. The horizontal dashes are absent in the imperf. 20c."

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c	black on white, imperf.		
10c	"	"	"
20c	"	"	"
1c	"	"	perf. 12.
2c	"	"	"
2½c	"	"	"
5c	"	"	"
10c	"	"	"
20c	"	"	"
50c	"	"	"
\$1.00	"	"	"

CRETE.—In number 416 I listed the unpaid letter set and announced a 2 lepta. In the sets received from G. B. Calman none of this value were received and the European press states that none have been issued.

DUTCH INDIES.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* says that a specimen of the 1c (numeral type) has been found in the red-brown color of the 2 cents and surmises that a sheet of this value was printed in the wrong color. The copy in question is dated Batavia, 16th September, 1882.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The public mind is considerably exercised over the new issue, and pen and ink are much employed in communications to the public press, members of Parliament and the Postmaster General. The latest is a statement in the *Daily Telegraph* that certain members of Parliament, headed by Sir Harry Bullard, have been taking action in the hope of getting the portrait of her Majesty the Queen placed on one or more of the new postage stamps. The Postmaster General, however, has sent a communication to Sir Harry, thanking him for the interesting suggestion, but stating that, as the designs for the new stamps have already been approved, and instructions given for their execution, it is not now possible to make any alteration.

Ewen's News states that the new 1 shilling green and carmine stamp has received the "GOVT PARCELS" surcharge, but that as only a dozen per day are used it will prove a scarce stamp.

Adhesive (Official):
1sh green and carmine, surcharged "GOVT PARCELS."

HONG KONG.—I have received from G. B. Calman the new 5c yellow referred to in numbers 415 and 418.

Adhesive (Regular):
5c yellow.

PARAGUAY.—*Mekeel's News* states that the 2c gray now appears in rose.

Adhesive (Regular):
2c rose.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—I have listed the complete set of adhesives (406) also the 1d post card (422) but I now have to add the 1d envelope and 2d registration envelope. This set will be very short lived owing to the nearness of the King's head issue:

Envelope (Regular):
1d carmine on white.

Envelope (Registration):
2d blue on white.

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

Tuesday, July 9th.

The following interesting statement relating to the manufacture of stamp paper, engraving and printing the stamps, and the receipt, custody and issue of all Internal Revenue stamps of the government during the fiscal year ended June 30th, has just been made public.

The statement shows stamps were issued to the number of 2,851,479,258 representing a value of \$316,936,129.27.

After advertising in the public press and by Department circular for proposals to furnish stamp paper, the contract is awarded the lowest and best bidder, whose proposal conforms to the terms of the specifications as set forth in the circular of the Department.

All of the stamps of this branch of the government are engraved and printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, with the exception of stamps for tobacco imprinted on foil papers, which are printed and furnished under contract without cost to the government, and Documentary stamps of the denominations of 1 and 2 cents imprinted on checks, drafts and other instruments by twenty-four contractors situated in business centers convenient for public distribution. The Documentary stamps being imprinted under contracts without cost to the government, the contractors re-imbursing the government for the salaries of agents and other employees necessary to the careful supervision of the work of imprinting the stamps.

The stock of stamps stated to be now in the vaults of this Bureau of various classes and denominations is 303,553,627, the value of the same being estimated at \$78,434,401.65.

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NEW ENGLAND STAMP COMPANY.

The Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has just prepared a statement showing the postage stamps delivered for the Department of Posts of Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippine Islands and Guam for the fiscal year just ended. The statement follows:

Cuban ordinary series of 1899,	1,56,000 sheets
Special Delivery,	2,000 "
Cuban imprinted on Postage Due series 1894,	4,300 "
Porto Rico imprinted on ordinary postage series 1894,	15,550 "
Porto Rico on Postage Due series of 1894,	1,500 "
Philippine imprinted on ordinary postage series 1894,	52,010 "
Guam imprinted on ordinary postage series 1894,	1,470 "
Special Delivery series 1894,	100 "

The Director says the average gross cost to produce stamps of 1,000 sheets is \$16.80 as against \$16.89 for the preceding year. The net average cost per 1,000 sheets for the year 1899 was \$16.41, showing an increase in the cost of the work of 5 cents per 1,000 sheets. This increase is explained by reason of the employment in certain classes of work of hand presses, Congress having specifically authorized that they should not be done upon power presses.

Never before in the history of the Bureau have the necessities for large and prompt deliveries of stamps been so great. Notwithstanding this, the Bureau demonstrated its ability to meet the requirements of the government in the most extreme emergencies to the satisfaction of the various branches of business life which require its product in the execution of the business of the country.

It was stated by an official of the Internal Revenue Bureau today, that the Commissioner would in a few days announce certain new rulings and regulations to be observed in the matter of offering for redemption stamps and check books which was authorized by the war revenue reduction Act, passed at the last session of Congress.

The Postmaster-General has ordered that the several thousand surcharged United States envelopes ordered by C. F. Neely, when he was chief of the finance division in Cuba, and which were listed by Scott Stamp & Coin Company, be destroyed.

Stamps in the Government Exhibit at Buffalo Stolen.

{ PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION,
BUFFALO, N. Y., July 5, 1901.

WEEKLY ERA,
Portland, Me.

The U. S. postal exhibit in the Government Building was robbed, probably the night of July 3rd, of four (4) sheets of stamps valued in the neighborhood of \$4,000.00! The frames are swung on a pillar, being securely locked to it. Each pillar supports 9 frames 19x24 inches in size. The thief evidently took his time about it as instead of cutting the glass he wrenched the frames from the fastenings, broke into the back of the frame and then carefully removed the stamps from the cards on which they were mounted. The broken frames were found in the vicinity. Immediately on learning of the theft I went to Col. Brownlow and Mr. Slack to see if I could help them any and from them found out just what the frames contained. The thief evidently knew his business as he selected the two most valuable frames. They contained all the general issues from 1847-'88, also two full sets of Departments, one set being "Specimen." Among the rarer stamps contained in the stolen frames may be mentioned 3c scarlet, unused; 5c grill all over, unused; 15, 24 and 90c inverts of '69, and the Navy errors both in green and black. As I remember it, they lacked the 30c '69 invert and also some of the 1870 grills. The department has certainly run into hard luck. One may see the frames which were broken into at Paris. They recovered most of the stamps which were stolen, however, although they were not able to fit them all together, where the thief had severed the sheets and they still show a few gaps. If the thief has not already disposed of the stamps he will certainly have great trouble in doing so as it will take but a short time to advise all dealers and collectors of the theft. Any information about these stamps which anyone may send me I shall be glad to turn over immediately to Mr. Slack who will certainly appreciate it as he feels the loss very badly although not in the least responsible for it.

W. H. COLSON,
Local Mgr. New England Stamp Co.

Mr. Colson sends us under date of the 6th inst. a list of the stolen stamps from the government and we print it below. To this list should be added the '69 inverts

LIST OF UNITED STATES STAMPS STOLEN FROM THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT AT THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION, BUFFALO, N. Y., NIGHT OF JULY 3-4, 1901.

Date of Issue	
1845	Original and Reprint.
1851	Type 2 and 3, Denomination, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c.
1855	Types 1, 2 and 3, Denomination, 3c type 1, 3c type 2, 5c type 1, 5c type 3, 10c, 12c, 24c, 30c, 90c.
1861	1c (type a and b), 2c, 3c, 3c lake, 5c yellow brown, 5c brown, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 24c, 30c, 90c. 3c pink, 3c scarlet, 5c red brown, 2c and 3c chemical paper.
1867	3c (grilled 13x16), a pair of 3c imperforate, 3c, 5c, a pair of 3c imperforate and grilled all over, 3c, points down and grilled 9x13, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c.
1861	August issue, 3c pink and scarlet, 10c.
1869	Full set.
1851	Reprints, Franklin Carrier.
1851	Three perforate and imperforate Eagle Carrier and original.
1867	11x13, 2c, 3c, 12c, 15c.
1867	Pair 3c imperforate, 9x13.
1861	Pair 3c imperforate.
1869	Soft paper, reprint.
1870	1c, 3c, 7c, 15c, 24c, 30c, 90c.
1871	Full set.
1850	Reprints, full set.
1861	" "
1869	Full set.
1893	Full set, blocks of four, Columbian issue.
1894	Full set, blocks of four, four varieties of two cent. No watermark.
1894	Full set, blocks of four.
1898	Full set, blocks of four, Trans-Mississippi.
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1873	Hard paper 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90-cent.
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EDW. H. BUEHLER, 134 Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates and portraits.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. VI No. 91, June 22:

Stamps of Schleswig Holstein.
Notes on Stamp Collecting.

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. XXIV No. 10, June:

Saving Made Easy.
Reprints of 1857-60.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Vol. VII No. 164, June 22:

Work of the Skilled Forger.
Talk of the Stamp Trade.

The readers of the ERA must excuse the small dose I give them this week. I am away from home and have only the above papers which I obtained from Mr. Jewett while passing through Portland.

A few brief notes on Schleswig Holstein in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* call attention to the fact that the 1850 issue of that country is on a par with the Carlist issues of Spain, having been issued by the insurgents in the unsuccessful revolt against Denmark. The leading article is that entitled "Notes on Stamp Collecting," which was reprinted in the ERA last week.

B. A. Cottlow has a good article in the *Philatelic Bulletin* on the government reprints of the 1857-60 issue of our own country. The fact that they are reprints, pure and simple, and not re-issues like similar printings of the following issues which are still good for postage has led to their exclusion from the standard catalogues, and consequently they are but little known by most collectors. The article will well repay perusal. Subscriptions to the *Bulletin* during July and August cost only 6c per year. Those who subscribe will surely get their money's worth.

The new Victoria stamps with head of King Edward are illustrated in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. The stamps are large rectangular size and have the portrait three-quarters to left in a circle inscribed "Victoria" above, "One Pound" below and "Postage" in a label at the bottom. In the two pound value the last two inscriptions exchange places.

Some illustrations are given of an Italian forger's work in the shape of tete beche pairs of the 1849 issue of France.

The following excerpt is taken from an article on "The Stamps of the United States," contributed to *Stamps* by Grant R. Francis, and follows the list of denominations of the series of what he terms the "notorious" Columbian issue.

"These stamps were announced to be issued for twelve months only and an enormous demand for them was expected from all parts of the world. This undoubtedly took place but the numbers printed were so very great that they were not anything like disposed of by the end of the twelve months and the stamps were kept on sale for a much longer period. A great deal of very unremunerative speculation took place; one solicitor, it is said, having purchased no less than 62,500 specimens of the \$2 value, no doubt in the expectation of cornering this stamp and making a huge profit. After his death this enormous purchase was unloaded on the market in practically one lot and the result was to utterly discredit the whole issue which may now be frequently purchased unused for £3 5s od (face value £3 8s od) or thereabouts, and the \$2 is difficult to dispose of at 6s 6d or more."

A somewhat peculiar case that will be of interest to stamp collectors and dealers has recently been brought before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the result that a new ruling, so far as philatelists are concerned, has been rendered. It is a well known fact that foreign stamps are not subject to duty. Not long since a collection of stamps was forwarded from Italy to a party in the United States, but was detained at New York by the United States custom officers, who, upon examination of the parcel, decided it to be dutiable in the amount of nearly \$200. The matter coming to the attention of your correspondent, I made inquiry at the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to ascertain by what process of reasoning these stamps were held for duty, and to learn if a new ruling had been made, as heretofore foreign stamps may enter free, but the Commissioner rules that stamps mounted in an album become dutiable, and it would appear that the duty is rather high.

From the standpoint of the philatelist, it is exceedingly difficult to understand how the custom officers arrive at such a conclusion. It would seem to be the very essence of hair splitting. The position of the Commissioner seems to be that mounted in an album, stamps cease to become stamps in a sense, and instead become a work of art. It seems to your correspon-

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dent, however, that there can be no justification for this position. The fact that a duty of nearly \$200 was imposed upon the album and contents, is evidence on its face that the stamps in the album are being taxed. If foreign stamps are admitted free, then by any ordinary process of reasoning it would seem that the form of the parcel ought not to be a matter of any consequence whatever. However, the substance of the new ruling appears to be this. If stamps are mounted upon sheets, in approval books, or loose, they are not subject to duty. If mounted on sheets bound between two board covers, the same stamps immediately become subject to a heavy tax.

In this connection it may be interesting to note that the Government has a unique method of exacting an extra payment on packages of stamps forwarded from abroad under the postal packet rate of postage. While the postage rate itself is very moderate, the Government claims the right upon the arrival of the parcel to open it for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the contents is subject to duty. Then, finding the contents to be foreign stamps, not dutiable, a charge of twenty-five cents on each packet is made to cover the cost, so the officials say, of examination. Therefore, while the postage on the packet itself may only amount to fifteen or twenty cents, the recipient is compelled to pay the additional twenty-five cents. There seems to be no way of circumventing this ruling. The officials say they must have the privilege of examining all packages, and the rule enables them in every instance to collect the twenty-five cents where this is done. —Washington Correspondent of *Metropolitan Philatelist*.



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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Burger Bros. have sold an Annapolis (Md.) entire envelope, Provisional issue of the United States, Scott's No. 2, for \$1800. We believe this to be the highest price ever obtained for an envelope of this kind. The Burger brothers say that only two of these envelopes are known to exist and notwithstanding the foot-note in Scott's Catalogue that the authenticity of this envelope has not yet been fully established, "they know the envelope to be a genuine provisional issue without a shadow of doubt."

Bogert & Durbin Co. will hold their 165th auction sale on July 20th. The 166th sale will occur about the same time in August.

All sorts of rumors are going the rounds concerning a "trust" that will buy up all the weekly stamp papers (if there is such a possibility). The story that has been given your correspondent reads very plausible and is given on very good authority. To begin with the publication known as *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* which is now owned by Messrs. I. A. Mekeel, Scott F. Redfield and C. E. Severn will in the near future be published from this city. The publishers claim that it will be much easier to secure advertising in the East than in the West. The paper will be printed by the Redfield printery at Smethport, Pa., so the story goes. When the paper is firmly established in the metropolis it proposes to purchase the remaining weekly stamp papers. It is further stated that the publishers of the *Stamp News* also intend to issue a daily stamp paper. This story is partly substantiated by *Mekeel's Weekly* for July 11, which announces that *Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post* was purchased by the *Stamp News* and gives the names of the owners of the new company which has also been incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. A party who knows the workings of the *Post* says that it was a wise move on the part of the *Stamp News* to purchase the *Post*. The latter was gaining in popularity and was becoming a great favorite both with its advertisers and subscribers. It is believed that had the *Post* continued publication it would in time have taken the place of the *Western weekly*.

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The Editor's Bears.

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Harry Rosenbaum, Frankford and Huntingdon Sts., a stamp agent, who, it is alleged, has been victimizing stamp dealers all over the United States, was arrested this morning by Deputy Marshal Myers upon information received by Post Office Inspector Mehary. Rosenbaum, it is asserted, not contented with one has no less than seven aliases under which he conducted a flourishing business.

His names as given at the hearing before United States Commissioner Craig later in the day were Henry Rosenbaum, also known as Henry Rosemont, Frank Duff, John Donnelly, Thomas Rich, H. M. Rosey, George Dengenman and the Quaker City Stamp Company.

It was testified that Rosenbaum is a stamp dealer and conducted a business on a somewhat extensive scale.

His operations have been very extensive, it was said, his victims being large stamp firms located in Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, New York city, Omaha, Easton, Great Barrington, Mass.; Winston, N. C., and Wenonah, Minn. The total value of the stamps turned into money by Rosenbaum is said to have been nearly \$5,000.

Rosenbaum's policy, since going into the stamp business in March last, has been to write to large stamp firms to send him several valuable sheets of stamps on approval. Common stamps were not wanted. From the complaints which Post Office Inspector Mehary has received, for some time past, Rosenbaum always failed to either return the stamps or to return any money for the same.

Instead of returning the money to the stamp firms, it was testified that Rosenbaum appropriated it to his own use.

Commissioner Craig held Rosenbaum in \$800 bail for court, charged with a violation of the postal laws in using the mails for a scheme to cheat and defraud. Rosenbaum says his arrest is all a mistake.—From a Philadelphia Daily.

PHILATELIKOKTOPODY.

LATEST MONSTER DEALS IN POSTAGE STAMPS WITH VICTIMS OF THE STAMP HABIT.

Local dealers in rare postage stamps are talking about the "stamp trust"—the latest thing in the combination line. The dealers say, however, that they do not form any monopoly or that they will not be able to conduct their business with philatelic cranks as swimmingly as before.

The "trust" is the American Collectors' Company, which was organized some years ago with a capital stock of \$100,000, but which has increased this capitalization to \$450,000 in order to take over the business of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company of this city, and the New England Stamp Company of Boston. Henry L. Calman, who conducted the Scott company, is understood to have received a check for \$50,000 on Monday last, and in addition a large block of the stock of the American Collectors' Company. A local trust company financed the operation.

The American Collectors' Company bought some time ago a valuable stock of rare stamps which had belonged to R. F. Albrecht, and it bought later a quantity of stamps from William Brown of this city. But its last deal has set philatelic circles buzzing, for it means the acquirement of a tremendous stock of stamps, stamp supplies, albums and stamp catalogues. The other dealers in this city are wondering whether the "trust" is really going to be a trust and whether it will try to buy them out also.—New York Daily.

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Imperforate Revenues do not interest me, but if you have any Proofs of U. S. Revenues I would like to see them. What have you in Proofs? Albert E. Chase (A. P. A. 1171), Brunswick, Maine. [221]*

Your stamps taken at 1/2 catalogue in exchange for mine at catalogue. Some exceptions. I can use single stamps or wholesale lots. Write. Calvin C. Brackett, Lewiston, Maine. [221]*

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending July 13th.

Application for Membership.

DREW, BERTRAND L., 122 Oxford St., Cambridge, Mass.; age, 32; occupation, Lawyer, B. L. Drew & Co. References: E. M. Carpenter, Wm. D. Eldredge. Resident Vice-President, J. F. Johnson.

New Stockholder.

1677. **JONES, JOHN W.**, 61 Cheap-side, London, England.

The number of the share of stock issued to Mr. E. Luis Espinosa last week was omitted. It is No. 1676.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership July 6th..... 524
New Stockholder..... 1

Total Membership July 13th..... 525

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

NOTE.

In the report of meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents that appeared in the official organ dated June 15th, the paragraph, as follows, appeared: "The Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department has tendered a report through its chairman, but as certain matters involved in the report were not detailed in the comprehensive manner desired by the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Board has not yet seen its way clear to accept the report. The matters referred to are in process of settlement."

Members from a cursory reading might misapprehend the intent of the statement; and the explanation is now made that the report in question concerned the department only under the previous administra-

tion and did not refer to the department under the present superintendent, H. G. Smith.

C. E. SEVERN,

Secretary Board of Vice-Presidents.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

A regular meeting of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association was held at the Monroe Restaurant at an informal banquet on the evening of June 13th, 1901.

The following members were present: Mr. Oesch, President, and Messrs. Wolsieffer, Severn, Doncyson, Gurley, Lefever, Zajicek, Michaels, Boehm, Dickinson, Merrell, Rosenthal and Flanders.

Visitors present were Messrs. Toppan, Moisant and Massoth.

After the banquet was over the meeting was called to order by President Oesch.

All members and visitors tendered a few remarks on various topics. A number of communications were read.

The next order of business being nominations Mr. George L. Toppan was nominated for President of American Philatelic Association by Mr. Gurley seconded by Mr. Doncyson.

Nominations for Board of Vice-Presidents were Mr. S. Leland, Mr. C. E. Severn and Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, by Mr. Doncyson seconded by Mr. Rosenthal.

Nominations for Secretary, Mr. H. E. Deats by Mr. Gurley seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer.

Mr. E. Doeblin was nominated for International Secretary by Mr. Gurley, seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer.

Mr. C. L. Annan was nominated for Treasurer by Mr. Severn, seconded by Mr. Lefever.

Nominations for Directors: Mr. H. B. Phillips, by Mr. Merrell seconded by Mr. Gurley, and Mr. M. H. Lombard by Mr.

Gurley seconded by Mr. Severn. All the above nominations were adopted unanimously. The following were then elected Proxy holders: Messrs. A. F. Merrell, F. Michaels and P. J. Flanders.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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The 349th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Wednesday evening, July 3, 1901, at 1603 Marquette Building. The meeting was called to order by President Merrell with the following members present: Messrs. Birr, Boehm, Dodd, Doncyson, Flanders, Fowler, Lefever, MacGuffin, Massoth, Merrell,

Oesch, Smack, Straus, Stebbins, Severn, Schlieckert, Sunderland, Wolsieffer, Arndt. There were also present Messrs. E. B. Sterling and S. B. Bradt, Honorary members No. 27 and No. 1.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Oesch made a report on the coming exhibitions.

Report of the Governing Board.
The Governing Board elected to membership:

Mr. Roscoe L. Wickes, Evanston, Ill.; Active, No. 689.

Mr. Chas. K. Davis, Station "I", Cincinnati, Ohio; Passive, No. 690.

Mr. W. W. Dewing, Kingsbridge, New York City, N. Y.; Passive, No. 691.

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Mr. C. O. Cressy, 380 Broadway, Providence, R. I.; Passive, No. 697.

Mr. E. R. Gissler has been dropped by limitation for non-payment of dues.

The Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$161.80.

The President called upon Messrs. Sterling and Bradt for remarks and they gave us some very enjoyable reminiscences. After which the meeting adjourned.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Mr. F. E. Ellis, 1003 Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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REPORT OF THE EXHIBITION COMMITTEE OF THE C. P. S.

The series of exhibitions for the "Holland" medal have now come to a close and the Committee herewith renders its report.

Twenty members have at times entered their collections for competition in the various exhibits with the following result.

H. W. Wolsley scored 75 points in 11 exhibitions and thereby wins the "Holland" medal.

M. H. Lombard, 40 points in 5 exhibitions.

C. B. Gelder, 40 " " 5 " "

Chas Schlieckert, 25 " " 7 " "

Chas. S. Smack, 20 " " 2 " "

Alex. Holland, 20 " " 3 " "

P. J. Flanders, 10 " " 6 " "

I. Dickinson, 10 " " 1 " "

R. E. Baldwin, 10 " " 2 " "

S. T. S. Doncyson, 5 " " 1 " "

J. J. Oesch, 5 " " 1 " "

W. H. Bauer, 5 " " 1 " "

J. A. Schmidt, 5 " " 3 " "

W. F. E. Gurley, 5 " " 1 " "

There were a number of others who failed to score and several received honorable mention.

The next series of exhibitions will begin in August and will distribute 11 medals for 5 exhibitions. A circular giving details will be sent out by the Committee shortly and will also be printed in the ERA. Passive members can participate by changing their membership to active. Any collector can participate by joining the C. P. S. as an active member.

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Items from the Club.

Wednesday, July 10th.

The fifth annual convention of the New England Philatelic Association was held at Bass Point, July 5th. About twenty members were in attendance, many accompanied by ladies, but on account of the threatening weather a larger attendance was no doubt prevented.

Dinner was served at two o'clock to which the members did ample justice. At four o'clock the business of the Society was taken up during which much enthusiasm was manifested.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Cone, Mr. J. Favill Capron was chosen Secretary pro tem. It was voted that a list of members and the revised by-laws of the Society be printed, to be ready early in the fall.

The following officers were elected:

President—Geo. F. Waldron.
Vice President—Chas. H. Smith.

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Attorney—F. C. Livingstone.
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The next meeting of the Society will be held at the office of Mr. J. Favill Capron, 22 Bromfield St., Sept. 3rd, and monthly meetings will be held thereafter during the winter on the first Tuesdays.

A recent visitor to Boston was Mr. L. M. Homberger of New York City.

J. M. Bartels Co. are now well established in their Boston quarters. With their large and well lighted office in the heart of the business district they will no doubt receive a goodly share of patronage.

Mr. Bartels has shown me the new 10c Danish West Indies perforated 13x12½. I have not yet seen this stamp chronicled.

The New England Stamp Co. have secured the services of Mr. J. H. Lyons as manager of their street floor department in their new location on Bromfield street, which they will occupy the latter part of this month.

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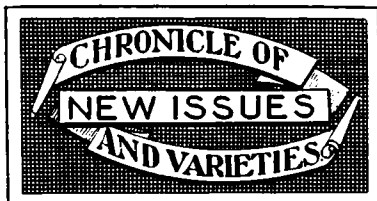
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WHOLE No. 427.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

CHILE.—A German paper describes a novelty in the form of a "Memorandum Postal" issued April 19th. Value 2c, color red-brown on white paper with 20 blue dotted lines on the inside. Mr. C. A. Howes to whom I am indebted for this information states that its circulation is limited to the Valparaiso postal district.

Letter Sheet (Regular):
2c red-brown on white.

COREA.—A re-engraved 2ch has made its appearance, differing mainly from the one listed in 417 by the appearance of circles in the corners in place of squares. I know of no recently issued sets that have been chronicled so irregularly and spasmodically as this and I hope that we shall be spared running the gamut of re-engraved issues.

Adhesive (Regular):
2ch blue (re-engraved).

CRETE.—The black surcharge "1 DRACHMA" has been applied to the 1dr red of the unpaid letter set in order to distinguish it from the 1 lipton. This action has been anticipated and I have to list

Unpaid Letter (Regular):
1dr red, surch. "1 DRACHMA" in black.

FRANCE.—From Mr. C. A. Howes I learn that the first entire of the new set comes in the form of a postal card, 10 centimes rose on greenish. The design is the same as that previously in use, with the exception of the stamp impressed in the upper right corner.

The *Ill. Briefmarken Journal* states that the question about the soldiers' stamp has been decided. The plan to issue one in three colors has been abandoned (for economy's sake) and the 15c regular is to be given the surcharge "F. M." signifying "Franchise Militaire." Each soldier will

be entitled to two per month and an army official affixes them to the letters, keeping a strict account. The cost of these stamps must amount yearly to \$200,000.

From the same authority I glean the information that a 15c orange envelope has appeared, the paper having a bluish tint.

Envelope (Regular):

15c orange on bluish.

Post Card (Regular):

10c rose on greenish.

A locomotive is pictured on some "Postal Packet" stamps already in use and which I have not previously noticed.

Adhesives (Postal Packet):

5 centimes, gray.
10 centimes, yellow green.
20 centimes, rose.
30 centimes, blue.
1 franc, brown.
2 francs, brown-red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. A. W. Dunning sends me a stamp on a piece of original cover that is worthy of mention. It is the current 1d but mailed from Cape Town and bearing the cancellation "G. P. O. Cape Town, 30 May, '01 9 30 A. M. Cape Colony," in circular form.

ITALY.—Mr. C. de Grave Sells favors me with a view of the new stamps with the statement that they were put into use on July 1st. The values at hand are the 1, 2, 5 and 10c, but 20 and 25c values have also appeared in design very similar to the 10c. The 1c is in brown, 2c terra cotta, 5c green and 10c crimson. The 10c has a portrait of the King, full face. The 1, 2 and 5c picture the arms of Savoy as the central design, though all three vary considerably in general execution.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c brown.
2c terra cotta.
5c green.
10c crimson.
20c.
25c.

NEW ZEALAND.—In a recent issue (416) I noted the "smallest postal card in the world." Mr. A. W. Dunning sends me this word regarding the same: "There were only 10,000 ever issued of which over half were returned to the originators and 3000 (it is estimated) were destroyed."

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The standing of the "Commando" stamp issued by the Boers is at this late day receiving considerable attention and the arguments as to its authenticity are waxing warmer and warmer. A military correspondent stationed here writes the *Fortnightly* as follows:

In my last *Fortnightly* I notice a paragraph about the Orange Free State Commando Stamps. Your Johannesburg correspondent asserts that they were issued by an official of the O. V. S. on duty at the Field Post Office. I write to say that this is incorrect. I have in my possession many specimens, among which are the following postmarks, all used in October and November, 1899: Bloemfontein and Jacobsdal, Civil Offices, Spyfontein C. G. H., Bartely West C. G. H., Colesberg C. G. H., all bearing civil post office cancellations. Judging from this, the issue must have been a general one, and quite *bona fide*. If this would have been a speculation, we should have heard frequently about the stamps in the auction catalogues, where the Mafekings so frequently appear. Instead of that, they are surprisingly scarce, used, and seldom on offer. I write this for your own information, and do not wish my name to be drawn into a controversy about the matter.

UNITED STATES.—As indicated in my chronicle two weeks ago Marchand has disposed of his private Proprietaries to a Chicago philatelist and they are now on the market as the columns of the ERA have evidenced.

Mr. J. M. Bartels gives in *Mekeel's News* these particulars concerning a new experiment in a reply postal card:

There has been a demand made by business men for a reply card which is sent with the communication but on which the postage will be paid by the original sender when he receives the reply from the addressee. Many reply cards have been wasted in the past by people who would not take the trouble to answer inquiries. Under the new system, postage will be collected on each reply received. Doubtless the new system will be much patronized.

Mr. R. F. Chambers, Providence, R. I., submitted a strip of 4 2c Proprietaries that appeared to be printed on the so-called ribbed paper. I submitted it to Mr. John N. Luff and his reply will prove of great interest:

I have your favor of the 15th, enclosing strip of U. S. Revenue stamps. These are certainly on what is known as "ribbed paper."

The only trouble is that friends of mine, who know all about paper making and printing, insist that there is no such thing as ribbed paper and I have about concluded to agree with them. They say that this paper never was made with ribs and that before it went into the printing press it had none, but that the lines we find on the stamps are caused by a worn blanket on the press. After the blanket becomes worn the threads of the warp stand out prominently and are pressed into the wet paper, at the time of printing, and form these ribbed lines.

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One of my patrons who bought some of my 2nd quality Interior, Justice, Navy, Post Office, Treasury and War Department stamps, writes as follows: "I am more than pleased with the stamps in quality and the price" and "Please find \$— for stamps ordered on other side." I do not have to send stamps on approval, as my customers know that they will receive just what they order. I do not sell or offer all stamps as 1st but only send the pick of my stock as 1st.

If a stamp is in good condition, but not well centered or a little heavily cancelled, I sell it as 2nd. Some of my seconds are equal and in better condition than many 1sts sold by dealers who say they have no 2nds.

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Used, 7c blue	10.00	7.50	4.00	1.00	
Used, 10c blue	8.00	1.25	.75	.40	
Used, 12c blue	1.50	.75	.50	.20	
Used, 15c blue	3.00	1.75	.75	.50	
Used, 24c blue	4.00	2.75	1.75	.75	
Used, 30c blue	3.00	2.00	1.00	.50	
Used, 90c blue	10.00	7.50	4.00	1.50	
Unused, 2c ultramarine ..	.50	.40	.30	.25	
Unused, 3c dull blue	1.00	.75	.50	.40	
Unused, 6c ultramarine ..	.50	.40	.30	.25	
Unused, 6c dull blue	1.00	.75	.50	.40	
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I have found ribbed paper in nearly every issue since 1873, including those of recent date, as well as Department stamps, Newspaper stamps and Postage Due stamps. I would not be surprised if the same thing could be found in stamps of issues earlier than 1873; and probably they are all due to the same cause.

Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

- Adhesive, Vol. II No. 7, July:
Sray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
*Officers Postal Card Society.
Short History Canadian Stamps.
- Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular,
No. 319, July:
Stamps of the United States.
- American Philatelist, Vol. I No. 3, July-August:
A Rare Find.
A. Lloyd Jones.
- Ami des Timbres, Vol. XXIX No. 330,
June:
Catalogue—Portugal-Prussia.
- Australian Journal of Philately, Vol. I No. 10, June:
Royal Visit.
Federal Prospects.
New Zealand Perforations.
- Bay State Philatelist, Vol. IV No. 7, July:
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Redemption of Misdirected Stamped Envelopes.
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Stamps of the Niger Territories.
- Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina,
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Concerning the Forgery of Stamps.
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Revenue Department.
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Dishonesty in Philatelists.

Mr. Thiele continues his valuable articles on "Sheets of Stamps" in the *Adhesive*, taking up Shanghai, Heligoland, Bulgaria, Belgium, Italy and the Virgin Islands. It is to be regretted that more journals do not publish articles of as much real value as these have been. I am fairly well read in our literature, myself, but I cannot recall any one place where I could get the information which Mr. Thiele has so carefully gleaned for us.

The *American Philatelist* publishes a "Philatelic Press Directory", which is decidedly "off" in many particulars. Such well known papers as the *Adhesive*, *American Journal of Philately*, and the *Philatelic Advocate* are marked with the sign which signifies that "no recent copy has been received and that it may have ceased publication altogether." If the circulations of the rest of the journals is given as incorrectly as that of the ERA the value of that feature of the list will not amount to much.

A "Ducal" number forms the June issue of the *Australian Journal of Philately*. As may be judged by its name it is almost entirely given up to the Royal visit, though there are some good articles besides. Specialists in New Zealand perforations can revel in the list compiled by Arthur T. Bate of Wellington. There are no less than seventeen different combinations used on the one penny pictorial stamp, and almost as many on some of the other values.

Two good articles in the *Bay State Philatelist* are those by Miss Swift and Chas. M. Johnson. The first gives information concerning "Some Little Known Rules of the Postal Service" dealing mostly with the

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special delivery service. Mr. Johnson's article deals with the redemption of stamped envelopes and wrappers by the government.

Ewen's Weekly has been asking its readers some questions about stamps and in the current number gives the results of the contest. I summarize the questions and answers:

1. *What is the largest adhesive postage stamp ever issued?*
 U. S. Periodical stamps of 1865. Area 530 cm.
2. *Which do you consider the two handsomest stamps yet issued?*
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3. *What adhesive postage stamp has been in use the longest time? Is the record broken by any stamp now obsolete?*
 New South Wales 5p green. Dec. 1, 1855, still current. The 24 cent Newfoundland was in use 34 years.
4. *Which six stamps do you consider to have the least value in a used condition?*
 Great Britain 1 penny, lilac.
 Germany 10 pf red, obsolete type.
 Great Britain 1/2 penny, orange.
 France 5 cent., green, obsolete.
 France 15 cent., blue, obsolete.
 United States 2 cents, rose, current.
5. *How many different face values over 1 sh and under 5 sh are to be found on postage stamps using British currency only?*
 12 1/2 pence.
 1 shilling 6 pence.
 1 " 8 "
 1 " 9 "
 2 " 6 "
 3 " "
 4 " "
6. *The Post Office Mauritius are estimated to be worth from \$10,000 to \$12,500 the pair at present. What do you think they will be worth in ten years?*
 Twenty-two answers average about \$15,000.
7. *Which stamp now current in Great Britain or Colonies do you consider will be the most valuable in ten years time?*
 As this question was not perfectly understood the answers did not give the information wished.

(Continued next week.)

Bridgeport Philatelic Club.

The Bridgeport Philatelic Club held their regular meeting on the evening of June 28th; this meeting was looked for by many as the most important one, the election of officers taking place, and the selection of an arrangement committee for the annual shore dinner.

The members elected officers as follows for the coming year:

- President—Wm. T. Hartwell.
- 1st Vice-President—Walter S. Wilmot.
- 2nd Vice-President—James A. Loveland.
- 3rd Vice-President—Henry Kempe.
- Sec'y and Treasurer—H. M. Wichmann.

The Arrangement Committee consisted of O. Howard Hall as chairman, Wallace A. Smith and H. M. Wichmann, July 10th being selected as the date for the shore dinner.

We wish to express our thanks through the columns of the ERA to our retiring President Dr. Wm. C. Rowers and Secretary and Treasurer Wallace A. Smith for the faithful performance of their duty during the past two years.

The following reprinted from a Bridgeport daily of July 11th explains itself:
PHILATELIC BANQUET.
STAMP COLLECTORS ENJOY A FEAST AT PLEASURE BEACH.

The second annual shore dinner of the Bridgeport Philatelic club was held at Pleasure Beach last evening. Sixteen members of the club digressed sufficiently from the discussion of engravers' marks, dates of issue, rarity, etc. of stamps to partake of an excellent menu, as follows:

- Little Necks.
- Clam Chowder. Steamed Clams.
- Broiled Bluefish.
- Split Eels.
- Tomatoes. French Fried Potatoes.
- Cucumbers.
- Soft Shell Crabs. Broiled Lobster.
- Watermelon. Coffee.

Following the satisfaction of the inner man, came the consideration of things philatelic. Dr. Bowers told one of his usual good jokes, and John A. Klemann of New York, the guest of the club, exhibited two \$1,000 mortgage transfer stamps. Matters of interest to the members were talked over, after which they adjourned to their homes. Those present were: William T. Hartwell, President; Walter S. Wilmot, First Vice-President; James A. Loveland, Second Vice-President; Henry Kempe, Third Vice-President; H. M. Wichmann, Secretary and Treasurer; William C. Bowers, M. D., Wallace A. Smith, Lewis T. Hurd, P. S. Chapman, William H. Ortlepp, J. Frank Stanton, Fred A. Berry, O. Howard Hall, Oliver C. Cole, B. J. Smith and John A. Klemann of New York.

VISITORS TO THE Pan-American Exposition.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Wm. H. Seabury and son of Albany, N. Y., were recent visitors.

Mr. A. Herbst is on a pleasure and business trip through the western part of New York State.

All particulars regarding the recent combination of stamp capital has been made public. I have received the list of officers and directors and other information from Mr. Crawford Capen, synopsis of which appears as follows:

American Collectors Co., Board of Officers: Crawford Capen, Pres.; Sam. R. Simmons, Jr., Secy.; A. W. Batchelder, Vice-Pres.; Joseph H. Rich, Treas.; Edw. H. Fallows, Atty. Board of Directors are as follows: A. W. Batchelder, E. M. Carpenter, Webster Knight, Henry L. Calman, Edw. H. Fallows, Jos. S. Rich, A. C. Wall, Geo. C. Capen [presumably Crawford Capen], Alex. Holland, Sam. R. Simmons, Jr.; Registrar of Stock, New York Security and Trust Co.

Regarding the future plans of the "trust" Mr. Capen says:

"The plan of this consolidation provides that the American Collectors Co. shall cease the sale of stamps. This part of the business will be carried on in future by the Companies which we own. All inquiries in relation to stamps and all purchases of them should be made from the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, or the New England Stamp Company who will do all the business of this nature that is transacted.

"Inquiries in relation to capital stock should be addressed to the American Collectors Company.

"The President of the American Collectors Co. will also be the President of the controlled companies, but his headquarters will be in New York with the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, while the affairs of the New England Stamp Company will be under the immediate supervision of Mr. A. W. Batchelder, the Vice-President of the New England Stamp Company."

From a circular addressed "To the Dealers in Stamps," Mr. Capen says in part:

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We understand that you can invest most of the money that you put into your business more profitably in that way than in the ownership of our stock, but we wish to call your attention, particularly if you are a man with a family, to the fact that it is your personal ability in attention to your business which makes it of great value to you. Many a dealer's investment in stamps has been found poor property when for one reason or another he has lost ability to attend to it.

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New Stockholders..... 2
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H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

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July 15, 1901.

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47 books received since my last
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Total No. books in circulation
496, valued at..... \$18,254.42

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(from which has been sold
\$455.50) value..... 1,605.61

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H. G. SMITH, Supt.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Vols. 1-7 of the *London Philatelist*
have been presented by the Philatelic So-
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fund.

Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have pre-
sented Vols. 3-10 of the *Monthly Journal*,
bound.

We have also received Vol. 12 of the
"Year Book" of the Brooklyn Institute and
Vol. 9 of the *Post Office*, bound; all of
the above have been deposited with the rest of
the Library in the Carnegie Library at
Pittsburgh.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian.
July 20, 1901.

PITTSBURG BRANCH No. 5.

The regular quarterly meeting of the
Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, was held Friday,
July 12th.

It was unanimously resolved to endorse
the ticket nominated by the Chicago
Branch Mr. A. Platz was appointed to
secure the proxies of our members.

It was resolved to defer the election of
officers and delegates to the Convention
to an adjourned meeting to be held on
August 9th. All unattached Association
members are requested to be present at this
meeting. The meeting will be held Third
Floor No. 535 Smithfield Street, Pittsburg.

After the transaction of some routine
business, the meeting adjourned.

GEO. W. RODE, Secretary pro tem.

TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

Considerable satisfaction is often ob-
tained by persons going to the annual
convention to know in advance whom they
may expect to meet there. Accordingly it
is earnestly desired that all members in-
tending to attend the Buffalo convention
will mail the ERA a postal to that effect
that their names may be added to the fol-
lowing.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, July 17th.

Among the recent visitors to Boston, I notice Mr. H. D. Wilson, U.S.N., and Mr. Crowell of Helena, Montana. Boston is well located for transient stamp trade in summer, as many philatelists en route to the mountains or sea-shore pass through our city, and in consequence, our dealers receive considerable additional patronage which would otherwise be lost.

The J. M. Bartels Co.'s new gold and white signs are surely quite attractive and will, no doubt, attract much trade to their counters.

This firm reports the demand for Hawaiian numerals to be on the increase and far in excess of the supply. That the Bartels Co. intend to cater to the wants of the beginner as well as the advanced collector is shown by a glance at their show-case, which runs nearly the entire length of their office. This case is entirely filled with sets, both used and unused, suitable for the beginner as well as the medium collector. Over 300 sets are thus displayed.

The new officers of the American Collectors Co., which is now the sole owner of the entire stock in trade and business of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and the New England Stamp Co., are as follows:

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I understand Mr. John N. Luff is to be added to the Board of Directors.

Look out for forged pairs of the first issue of France, including the scarce 20c blue error. This is the latest handiwork of the forger and emanate from "sunny Italy," where a philatelist has no protection and a forger can conduct his business openly, without restraint.

Mr. E. D. Z. Kelly, Mr. W. C. Stone and Mr. Horn, all of Springfield, and Mr. Townsend of Great Falls, N. H., were visitors to the Hub this week.

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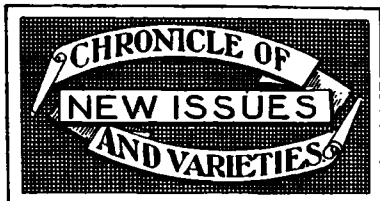
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By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

AMAZONIA.—The *Monthly Journal* has the following concerning an issue of what appears to be a set of locals:

We have been shown a series of labels about which we should be glad to obtain a little information, though we do not believe that they were ever put to any postal use. A correspondent in British Guiana sends them to us and states that he believes that they were manufactured to the order of a merchant at Carswene(?), who used to take charge of postal matters there, but this private post has been given up and the issue of stamps stopped. They seem to have been private locals at best. There are four values—25c, *vermilion*, 50c, *orange*, 1fr, *blue*, and 5fr, *mauve*; printed on tinted paper like the stamps of France and perf. 11½.

BELGIUM.—It is current that this country is to have a new stamp with an up-to-date portrait of King Leopold. Such will be executed in a very simple manner. The value is not given.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Certain high values have been issued that I have not listed. Two are in the market, the 5sh orange brown and the 1£ dull lilac. Both are of the type of the current 1 shil., though the 1£ is a much larger stamp. The other two stamps are of the values 5£ and 10£ but the demand for these among philatelists will not be very extensive.

Adhesives (Regular):

3 sh orange brown.
1£ dull lilac.
5£.
10£.

CEYLON.—A correspondent writes the *Monthly Journal* that the 4c and 12c surcharged "On Service" are not known to exist in Ceylon and that the surcharge must be bogus. As it frequently happens that specimen copies see the light of day long before supplies reach the colonies I will delay correcting my chronicle.

CHILI.—The *Monthly Circular* states "that the 1, 2 and 5 centavos stamps of the new issue have been retouched. The lines of the background above the cap O. Columbus has been deepened so that the shading under the label bearing the word 'CHILI' has almost disappeared."

GERMANY, Offices in the Levant.—Le *Collectionneur de Timbre Poste* states that the 5 and 5x5 pf cards have been surcharged 10 and 10x10 paras in black. As I pointed out in number 404 this provisional seems illegitimate owing to the fact that there is no German local post in Constantinople and a postal card for foreign use costs 20 paras the equivalent of 10 pfennig.

GUATEMALA.—In *Mekeel's News*, Mr. Hopkins adds a new 1c provisional to the one recently listed. This time the 20c green engraved of 1891 is surcharged "1901—1—centavo" in three lines, the old value being obliterated by ten short bars arranged in pairs.

Adhesive (Provisional):
1c on 20 centavos, green.

INDIA.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* predicts a greatly increased demand for six annas stamps owing to the revision of the Indian parcel post rates and thinks it likely that the first of the new King Edward stamps that will make its appearance will be the 6 anna denomination. New values of 10 and 14 annas are very probable.

Travancore.—The *Monthly Journal* reports the 1 and 4 ch in new shades, the former in a violet-blue and the latter in yellow-green. It also reports "the ½ ch in a fresh shade of mauve, but not one to be catalogued; the new ¾ ch varies from black to grey-black."

Adhesives (Regular):
1 ch violet-blue.
4 ch yellow-green.

NO. BORNEO.—The 2c brown, 1886, has been seen imperforate vertically between the two stamps.

SARAWAK.—The new 1c listed recently comes in shades that will prove of interest to specialists of this country. The first printing was in slate-blue and carmine and this stamp now appears in a bright blue and carmine.

The ERA will be found on file at the booth of the New England Stamp Co., main corridor of the Bazaar Building, near the Post Office. Collectors at the Exposition desirous of perusing the current number are invited to call, read the ERA and register.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates or portraits.

(Continued from page 375.)

The *London Philatelist* is mostly taken up with the annual reports of the London Society. The membership is now four less than at this time last year. Some of the more important papers that have been read are as follows:

German China Provisionals.
Regulations for Use of Unpaid Letter Stamps in France.
Pence Issues of Ceylon.
New Varieties of Griqualand.
Stamps of the Orange River Colony.
Registered Envelopes of British Central Africa.
Status of Unpaid Letter, Registration etc. Stamps.
Mafeking Besieged Stamps.

Richard H. Geoghegan contributes two very valuable papers to the last two issues of *Mekeel's Weekly*. They deal with the inscriptions on the Korean and Chinese treaty port stamps, full translations being given. Mr. Geoghegan is thoroughly up in oriental languages and his contributions are always valuable.

The *Weekly* has been purchased by the Mekeel-Severn-Redfield Co., a new corporation. Rumor says that before long the paper will be transferred from St. Louis to the east. It can rest assured of a warm welcome.

Montenegro is a country of which but little is known except by philatelists. Wm. B. Hale has been paying a visit to Cetinje, the capital, and tells us all about it in his usual happy way, in the *New York Philatelist*.

Clark W. Brown is going to run against J. F. Dodge for secretary of the S. of P.

The *Perforator* contains the news that Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse has about decided to give up collecting and dispose of his magnificent collections. Let us hope it will prove untrue.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* quotes from the *Australian Philatelist* and gives a list of the presentation sets of stamps given to members of the new Commonwealth parliament. I am glad to notice

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that the *Chronicle* is beginning to give credit for its reprinted articles. It has been quite a sinner in that respect in the past.

The *Philatelic Record* devotes quite a little space to the forthcoming stamps with portrait of King Edward. The main article, however, is on the serrated perforations found on certain Queensland stamps. Mr. Nankivell goes into the subject with his usual thoroughness and the classification he makes of them is simple and logical.

Briefmarken Sammler, XI: 7, July:
The Post in Brunswick.

Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy, II: 11, July:

Why They Were Issued.
Thrown Away.
New Use for Postage Stamps.

Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, 248, June:
The Collection of the Prince.
Due Stamps of Abyssinia.

Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, XII: 7, July:
Stamps of the Netherlands.
Thurn and Taxis, Prussian and North German
Stamps in the Grand Duchy of Hesse.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, VII: 93, 94,
July 6, 13:
Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
Portraits on the Stamps of Mexico.

Madrid Filatelico, V: 54, June:
Stamps of Mauritius.
Reprints—Azores—Baden.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, XV: 30,
July 25:
Stamps of Samoa.
Bridgeport Club Dinner.
Rosenbaum Arrested.

Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, X: 7,
July:
Modena.
Wurtemberg Cancellations.
Foreign Offices in the Levant.

Montreal Philatelist, IV: 1, July:
Convention League of Canadian Philatelists.
South African Stamp Notes.

Postal Cards and Covers, II: 7, July:
Association Project.
Postal Cards of Hawaii.
Album Difficulty.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, VII: 165,
July 6:
The New Postage Stamps.
Reminiscences of a Philatelist.

Timbrophile Belge, IV: 43, July:
Notes on Certain Cretan Stamps.

Vertrauliches Correspondenz Blatt, XI: 7,
July:
Society News, Frauds, Forgeries, Etc.

M. Narconnet, the well known French collector, in a recent communication in one of the continental journals, alleged that the postage due stamps of Abyssinia were not known in that country and gave as his proof a letter received from a correspondent of his containing a statement from the Director of Posts of the Negus to the effect that such stamps were not, and had not ever been issued. Arthur Maury, who was one of the first, if not the very first, to chronicle these stamps, has taken up his cudgel in their defence and the battle is waging hot and heavy. M. Maury has a

letter from a French diplomatic official stating that the Due stamps were in use at the date of the letter (1896) so that there is evidently some mistake somewhere. The low price at which the stamps are offered seems to be pretty good evidence that the stamps are not in use now whether they have been or not.

The stamps of the Netherlands offer a good field for the specialist and appeal particularly to those who have light purses. With but few exceptions the stamps are very inexpensive and can be picked up easily. The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* is giving a German version of the exhaustive history published in the *Timbre Poste* a few years since and of which an English translation appeared in the *Monthly Journal* I think. We can not have too many of such articles.

Among the many short notes is one giving cuts showing the three types of the 2½d surcharge used in Samoa. I do not recall seeing this before although it may have appeared.

Ewen's Weekly says that the London machine cancellations bear the letters E. R. in place of V. R. The postmark column in the *Weekly* is of exceeding interest and I wish some of our own papers would start one.

Madrid Filatelico commences what promises to be a very full and interesting history of the stamps of Mauritius. The articles on Reprints are continued, taking up Azores and Baden.

Crawford Capen, the head of the great stamp combine, continues his article in *Mekeel's Weekly*, taking up the stamps of Samoa from 1887 to the present time. It suffices to say that it is full, clear and convincing. Samoa is a favorite just now, and we cannot have too much in the papers about the stamps. Tell all you know about them, if it has not been already published, for by so doing you will help some brother (or sister) collector.

Our German contemporaries frequently publish some very apt cartoons bearing on stamps and stamp collecting and the *Philatelist Humorstica* supplement to the *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung* is full of fun and pleasing cartoons.

The *Montreal Philatelist* is just entering upon its fourth year and celebrates that

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fact by doffing its green dress and putting on a white one instead. It is a big improvement Brother Wurtele, as well as the typographical changes in the reading matter.

There was not a large attendance at the recent convention in Montreal of the League of Canadian Philatelists, only one member outside of the local contingent being present. W. Kelsey Hall was elected President and C. H. Fowle of Medford, Mass., Secretary and Treasurer.

Postal Cards and Covers only shows up once in three months but is none the less welcome. Even if Stanley Gibbons, Limited, has sent forth the fiat that "the entire must go" there still remains a goodly number who propose to stick by what some scoffers call stationery collecting. Count me in with the rest.

Le Timbrophile Belge illustrates an interesting cancellation used in Montevideo January 1, to celebrate the commencement of the new century. It was used on all mail matter deposited that day and was about as large as a silver dollar with appropriate inscriptions.

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The fifth annual convention of the Association was held at the Relay House, Bass Point, Nahant, Mass., on Saturday, July 6th. The Association was called to order by President Willis D. King.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Treasurer was: receipts, \$40.29; disbursements, \$4.85; balance, \$35.44. Accepted.

Mr. S. Willson Bailey, 22 Inman St., Cambridgeport, Mass., was unanimously elected to membership; proposed by Mr. J. Favill Capron.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee on By-Laws report at the next regular meeting (Sept. 3rd).

Messrs. Pinkham, Cone and Low were appointed a committee to consider the printing of new list of members and report at the next meeting. It was voted that the Secretary be given power to contract for THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA for the ensuing year. It was moved, seconded and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to the officers of the past year.

The newly elected officers are as follows: President, Geo. F. Waldron; Vice-President, Chas. H. Smith; Secretary and Treasurer, John J. Cone, Jr.; Exchange Manager, Geo. M. Frame; Information Bureau, Mrs. W. D. Smith; Counterfeit Detector, L. A. Judkins; Attorney, F. C. Livingstone; Board of Trustees, W. D. King, chairman, E. E. Low, W. F. Marquardt.

The next regular meeting will be held on Sept. 3rd, at 22 Bromfield St., Boston.

Meeting adjourned at 5 P. M.
 J. FAVILL CAPRON, Sec'y pro tem.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As I was unable to attend the convention perhaps some word is expected at this time.

It was my intention to decline the Secretaryship for another year, but as I have been elected my motto will be to serve the Association faithfully and do all that is possible toward increasing its membership.

The Association is in excellent condition and we shall have a flourishing society next winter. In early Fall plans will be made to instruct new collectors (young and old) that join us, in fact the Association intends to make this one of the great inducements for collectors to become members. Tell your friends about it and ask them to join.

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Very respectfully,
 J. J. CONE, JR., Sec'y and Treas.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Hub.

Wednesday, July 24th.

Mr. H. S. Fleek of Newark, Ohio, and Mr. E. W. Heusinger of San Antonio, Texas, were recent visitors to the Hub stamp shops.

On Saturday afternoon, July 20th, the New England Stamp Company removed from its offices on Washington Street to its new quarters on Bromfield Street, where they may now be found with improved facilities for handling their large and increasing trade. The street floor department for the sale of albums, packets and miscellaneous philatelic accessories, as well as the cheaper stamps is in charge of Mr. J. H. Lyons, the well-known stamp auctioneer. The approval sheet department is located on a floor above where several clerks are busy under the direction of Mr. Putney, attending to this class of trade. In an adjoining room is located the offices occupied by the firm, where may be seen rarities and the better class of stamps. These rooms above are easy of access, being connected with the street by elevator.

A well-known suburban dealer who has dealt in the better grade of stamps has disposed of a large portion of his stock to a Boston dealer. Full particulars next week.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 72nd auction sale of rare and desirable United States and foreign stamps was held Saturday afternoon, July 20th, at Elks' Hall, when 522 lots were sold and nearly \$1000 realized. For a hot weather sale the prices received were very good. The following are a few of the prices obtained:

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Cuba, 1870, 40c,	2.00	1.05
" 1874, 1p, unused,	1.50	.75
" 1877, 10c, "	6.00	3.60
" 1878, 10c, "	2.00	1.05
" 1879, 10c, "	5.00	2.50
Hawaii.		
1893, Prov. Gov't 2c vermilion, P. O. state,	2.50	1.60
1893, Prov. Gov't, 12c mauve, black surcharge, unused,	10.00	9.25
1893, Prov. Gov't, 12c mauve, red surcharge, o. g.,	5.00	4.00
1893 Prov. Gov't, \$1.00 rose, o. g.,	3.50	2.25
Trinidad.		
1851, 1p, No. 1, used,	1.50	1.10
1851, 4p, No. 15, used,	4.50	2.50
Virgin Islands.		
1879, 1d, used, CC,	3.50	2.40

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From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Washington Notes.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General has recited in his annual report for many years the abuses of the second class mail matter. The Postmaster General has impressed upon Congress the necessity of correcting this abuse by proper legislation to relieve the service of this unjustifiable burden which it is made to bear through the operations of the present law, enacted for public benefit, is turned to private advantage. However, during the past year one of these evils has been removed and another has been almost extinguished. The first is the sample copy abuse.

Limiting the number of sample copies sent of publications to an amount equal to the subscription list has been very effectual, and it may be that further restriction on this line may be required. Another abuse is that of bulk subscriptions which has been almost extinguished, which the Postmaster General characterizes in his report as a most insidious scheme to evade the requirements of the law, which is that the publications to be sent as second class rate of postage must have a legitimate list of subscribers.

The next abuse which flourishes is the "Book serials, premiums for subscriptions and the return of unsold matter to News agents." Legislation on these is a great necessity and Congress will be earnestly urged to correct these abuses.

There has been an increased demand for private mailing cards during the past year but this demand has not diminished the issue of the Government postal cards. There were issued during the fiscal year 1900 3,958,143,660 ordinary postage stamps, an increase of 7.29 per cent. over the issue of ordinary and trans-Mississippi stamps during the preceding year.

The issue of the new Pan-American stamps ending 1902, will amount to 160,000,000. The cost to manufacture these stamps by the Government will be 20 cents per thousand as against 5 cents for the ordinary stamps. Special Delivery stamps for 1900 were 6,940,650. Postage Due stamps issued 20,969,410. Books of stamps 20,000 books per day, for the year 6,120,000 stamped envelopes and newspapers for the same period was 707,555,000 which cost \$506,875.12, an increase of 12.58 per cent. over the issue of the previous year. Registered package, tag, official and dead-letter envelopes 91,539,000, an increase of 4.74 per cent. over the number issued during the preceding year.

The amount estimated for postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal card agencies for the next fiscal year will be about the same as the present year. For ship, steamboat and way letters will remain the same as under the present appropriation for the indemnity for lost registered matter is placed at \$6,000.

1 Cent Dalley's "Error"

- not listed in 60th Cat. Should be No. 3350A. I have one on Old Paper for sale at \$40.00; it is a rarity.
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Blocks can be furnished at prices in proportion. I have a few sets of plate numbers, single stamps and blocks of four. Prices will be furnished on application. Sets without the 3/4, 4 1/4 and 7 1/4 may be had at special prices.

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EDW. H. BUEHLER, 134 Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

WHOLESALE EXCHANGE.

What can you offer for the following, not less than 10 of each?

- Jamaica 7 1/2, 1, 2; '83 CA, 2; '85, 1, s. Mexico '64, 1; '72, 25; '84, 10; '86, 4, 10; '88, 3, official brown, Newfoundland '80, 3; '87, 1, 2; '90, 3; '97, 3; '99, 1, 3. Nicaragua '82, 5; '05, 1, 2, 5; '06, 2; '97, 2, 5; '00, 5. Paraguay '99, 5. Peru '81, Lima 1 green; '04, 10; '95, Surinam 75, 3/4. Trinidad '83, 2 1/2, 4. Uruguay '77, 1; '94, 5; '95, 5; '99, 5m violet. Venezuela '83, 5, 25; '93, 50, Ecuador 70, 1; '80, 5.

All stamps must be in good condition.

F. NOYES, Alice, Texas.

Mr. H. F. Colman left the city last Thursday for a business and pleasure trip combined and will visit the following cities: New York, Albany, Troy, Utica, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara and Toronto and then will visit the Thousand Islands. During his absence there will be no interruption in business, as competent hands have been left in charge.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending July 22nd.

The attention of all officers and standing committees is called to the fact that the first session of the Convention will be held Tuesday morning, August 20th, and that the reports of those who do not expect to be present in person at the Convention should be sent to the Secretary to reach him on or before Monday, August 12th. A personal letter to each officer, making the same request, has also been sent.

Applications for Membership.

BLACKWELL, EDWARD S., 210 Grant Ave., San Francisco, Cal.; age, 47; occupation, Clerk. References: A. H. Greenbaum, H. B. Phillips; Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

GIFFORD, T. MERRITT, New Bedford, Mass.; age, 59; occupation, Stamp Dealer. References: Nathan Cobe, J. Favill Capron.

LINCK, AUGUST, 118 Stockton St., San Francisco, Cal.; age, 36; occupation, Stamp Dealer, W. Sellschopp & Co. References: H. B. Phillips, A. H. Greenbaum; Resident Vice-President, Wm. E. Loy.

MCCRAY, H., Box 144, Kendallville, Indiana; age, 40; occupation, Manufacturer, Vice-President McCray Refrigerator Co. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch.

WILLEY, THEO. P., Weymouth, Mass.; age, 36. References: A. W. Batchelder, E. M. Carpenter; Resident Vice-President, J. F. Johnson.

New Stockholders.

1680. LEVE, AB., Syracuse, N. Y.
1681. WHITE, WM. MOORE, San Antonio, Texas.

Change of Address.

8. LEVICK, J. N. T., from 54 William St. to 76 William St., New York, N. Y.

Summer Changes of Address.

1595. HOYT, Mrs. F. A., from 69 Pineapple St., Brooklyn, N. Y., to Linwood Hotel, Bay Shore, L. I.

444. VOETTER, T. W., from Santa Fe, N. M., to R. D. No. 3, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership July 20th.....	527
New Stockholders.....	2
Total Membership July 27th.....	529

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The Committee of Arrangements appointed to prepare for the annual convention of the American Philatelic Association, to be held at Buffalo beginning August 20th, respectfully submits the following report:

Owing to the Pan-American Exposition it is this year highly important that members who intend to be present at the convention engage their rooms or hotel accommodations in advance. The latter part of August will probably see the greatest crowds visiting the exposition, and as a result the visitors who come to the city without having engaged accommodations are likely to find it a troublesome and difficult task to obtain them.

In order to enable members of the American Philatelic Association to avoid such disagreeable difficulties this committee has thought it best to prepare a list of the better class of hotels in the city, and of a select number of boarding places where rooms can be had at a more reasonable rate than at the hotels. Many of these

boarding houses are the rooms of private families, which have been temporarily given over to the use of Pan-American visitors. This list will be found appended to this report. We need only add that the comfort and convenience will generally be in direct proportion to the price paid.

As headquarters for the convention and place where sessions can be held, the committee has decided to recommend the Niagara Hotel. This hotel is out of the most crowded part of the city, but at the same time is within easy reach of the downtown districts. It has the added advantage of being located on a bluff overlooking Niagara River and Lake Erie, where there is always a cool breeze even on the hottest days.

The rates at this hotel are from Three to Ten Dollars per day for the room only. There are, however, a number of large houses in the immediate vicinity of the hotel which are used as annexes, and the hotel management can accommodate a large number of guests in this way at a somewhat lower rate. We advise correspondence immediately and directly with Mr. Ingold of the Niagara Hotel Co. who promises to do all that he possibly can for the members of our organization.

Your committee further recommends that the business and entertainment of the convention be apportioned somewhat as follows:

Tuesday, August 20th.

A. M., Business session at Niagara Hotel.
P. M., Open for a visit to the Exposition, etc.

Wednesday, August 21st.

A. M., Business session.
P. M., Trolley trip to Niagara Falls; Banquet at the Falls; trip through what is known as the "Gorge Route" in the evening, and rather late return to Buffalo.

Thursday, August 22nd.

Final business session.

Regarding the proposed trip to Niagara Falls we would say that the trip is a delightful one, and no one coming to our city should miss it. If enough delegates of the convention and their friends can immediately notify this committee arrangements will be made for some special private trolley cars, which would take us over the entire Route in a very comfortable and comparatively inexpensive way. It is suggested that start should be made early in the afternoon. The trip to the Falls will occupy about one hour and twenty minutes, and the rest of the afternoon will give ample time to get a general idea of the Falls, etc. In the evening a banquet can be arranged for at one of the hotels at Niagara Falls. The special cars will be waiting to take the party from Niagara Falls through the famous Gorge Route along the bank of the River, past the Whirlpool Rapids, and the Whirlpool to Lewiston, and back to the Falls again.

This trip is made at night with a search

light on the front of the car, which is used with great effect on the scenery and moving water.

After getting back to the Falls the party would be brought directly on to Buffalo. For a party of 100 or more persons this entire trip can be made at 75 cents per head by a special arrangement which is offered to your committee by the ticket agents of the route, and we would like expression of opinion as to whether it would be advisable for us to go ahead and secure the special cars for the day mentioned.

RAYNOR HUBBELL, Chairman.

List of Hotels and Boarding Places.

Members desiring to engage rooms should address the proprietors stating the price they are willing to pay, when and how long they intend to make their visit, and what accommodations they desire. Some proprietors require a deposit with reservation of rooms.

All hotels are on the European Plan. Rates at boarding houses usually include breakfast. It is the universal experience of Pan-American visitors that it is more convenient to obtain other meals on the Exposition grounds.

Hotels and Boarding Places within half a mile of the Niagara, indicated by an asterisk.

\$2.00 and up per day:
Headquarters, The Niagara, Porter, Front Aves. and 7th St.

\$3.00 and up per day:
*Iroquois, Main and Eagle Sts.
*Lenox, North near Delaware Ave.
*New Tiff House, 465 Main St.

\$2.00 to \$3.00 per day, two in a room:
Buckingham, Allen and Mariner Sts.
*Lincoln, 14th and Rhode Island Sts.

\$2.00 and up per day:
Genesee, Main and Genesee Sts.
Roanoke, 156 West Chippewa St.
Statler's, Elmwood Ave., near Exposition.

\$2.00 per day:
*Woodbine, Johnson's Park.
*Albemarle, Jersey St. and West Ave.
*Aberdeen, Jersey St. and West Ave.
*Castle Inn, Niagara Square.

\$1.50 and up per day:
*Victoria, Niagara, Eagle and Franklin Sts.

Mansion House, Main and Exchange Sts.
Allen, 225 Allen St.
Raleigh, 352 Franklin St.

\$1.00 and up per day:
Kenilworth, Elmwood Ave. and Anderson Place.

Columbia, Seneca and Wells Sts.
Gibbs, 1005 Elmwood Ave., near Exposition.

Park, Amherst St. and Delaware Ave.
*Zenobia, 16 Prospect Ave.
*Pierpont, 59 Whitney Pl.
*Russell, 42 Niagara St.
*Riverside, 866 Prospect Ave.
*Paul Voorhees, 934 West Ferry St.

Smaller Hotels and Boarding Houses, charging from \$1.00 up:

C. H. Robinson, 744 Auburn Ave.
C. H. Robinson, 38 Woodlawn Ave.
Mr. Robinson is a stamp collector.
*Mrs. F. G. Ward, 676 Seventh St.
*Mrs. F. G. Ward, 629 Prospect Ave.
Wm. H. Young, 547 Front Ave.

TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

This week a goodly number of names are added to the list of members expecting to attend the Buffalo convention. If you intend going please so inform the ERA, that your name may be added to the list.

Geo. L. Toppan, Racine, Wis.
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H. G. Smith and wife, Winona, Minn.

REGISTER OF PHILATELISTS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 23, 1901.

Editor PHILATELIC ERA,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir: Please state in your columns that a register of Philatelic visitors and their friends will be conducted at the office of the Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co. during the coming convention so that Philatelists coming to Buffalo at that time can keep track of each other. It is highly important that something of this kind be

done, as it looks as though the crowds will be pretty well scattered.

Yours very truly,
RAYNOR HUBBELL,
Chairman Com. Arrangements.

Chicago Philatelic Society,

1603 Marquette Building.



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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 350th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday evening, July 18, 1901.

The meeting was called to order by President Merell with the following members present: Messrs. Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Doncyson, Dickinson, Edmunds, Flanders, Fowler, Kline, Lefever, Massoth, Merell, F. Michael, Moisant, Oesch, Smack, Severn, Schlieckert, Strauss, Stebbins, Wolsieffer, Arndt.

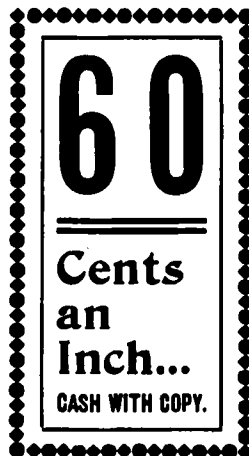
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman of the Collection reports total value Society's collection to date is \$109.03.

The Treasurer reports balance on hand \$160.05.

After which the meeting adjourned.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.



Results Prove

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MCGREELY'S EXPRESS STAMPS.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6, 1901.
 Editor of WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,
 Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: My attention has just been called to an article in your valued paper of March 2d re McGreely's Alaska Express stamps.

As I was in Dyea, Alaska, at the time these stamps were in use, I think I am in a position to know a little more about them than Mr. W. Howard Zimmer whom I never heard of and I lived in Dyea for a

year after McGreely's Express went out of business. As Alaska's population is mostly a floating one, it is not strange that Mr. Zimmer should not now be able to find anyone who had never heard of McGreely's Express. Because he cannot find anyone who never heard of this Express he has no right to say that it never existed. I have no object in disputing his word, except that I am also a philatelist and only want the truth published. There is no use in having these false reports published and not correcting them, so I will give you the true history of McGreely's Express.

I arrived in Dyea, Alaska, in January, 1898, at the time Miss Richards was Postmistress. Among the first people whom I became acquainted with was this man McGreely, who had his office at the Palace Hotel. He used to make daily trips to Skagway carrying letters and packages and attending to any other commissions. At that time there was no regular mail service between Dyea and Skagway; the steamers only stopping at Skagway and leaving the Dyea mail there. Sometimes it would stay there for as long as a week until some one would wake up and bring or send it over to Dyea, and any letters dropped in the Dyea Post Office would lay there until some one felt like sending them to Skagway; so I never mailed my letters at Dyea. I gave them to McGreely to mail in Skagway, for which he charged 25c. He used to carry a great many letters to the Skagway Post Office for the Dyea people.

After I saw the way things were running I had all my mail addressed to Skagway and McGreely used to call for it for me. At that time he had no stamps. I asked him about it and he said he never thought of it, but would use them if he had them; so I made an agreement with him that I would furnish him the stamps and in return he to attend my mail without charge. The stamps arrived in Dyea sometime in March, 1898, and were used only until April 1st, when Mr. Clum, United States Post Office Inspector, arrived there and established a daily mail service from Dyea to Skagway and return. Of course this settled McGreely's Express. There was no further use for it, so McGreely went into some other business and later I met him on the way to Dawson City. If necessary I could furnish a number of names of people who lived in Dyea at that time and who patronized McGreely's Express.

I had 2000 of these stamps printed. There were about 1000 used. I have about 500 and McGreely has or did have the other 500.

Of the thousand stamps used, it is surprising that none of them fell into the hands of collectors. I would like to hear from any collector who has an original envelope with one of these stamps on. If any of the readers of this paper would like to have one of these stamps, I will be pleased to send it on receipt of self-addressed envelope.

Trusting I have not occupied too much of your valuable space and thanking you in advance, I am,

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1492	1883, Nov., 3c red on fawn.....	.25	.10
1504	1884, June, 3c red on fawn.....	.75	.25
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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To Members of the Sons of Philatelia,
Fellow Members: On July 18th I mailed to each member in good standing the official ballot, form of which was designated by President Miller and approved by the Board of Trustees. It has just come to my attention that President Miller is mailing to some of the members a paper called "Official Ballot" on which appears only the nominees named by the Pittsburg members, and consequently irregular. You will therefore be careful to send in your ballot received from the proper source with the names of all the nominees, as the one named above is not official and cannot be counted. Regretting that the highest officer of our society should pursue such a course and trusting that the majority of the members are with me in the honest and economical management of the society, and against the proposed salary for the Secretary with the society nearly \$50 in debt, and other proposed changes in the constitution that would, I believe, be injurious to our welfare, I am,
 Yours for the old society since 1895,
 J. F. DODGE, Sec'y.
 Abbottstown, Pa., July 23rd, 1901.
 P. S. I shall be at the convention and shall be pleased to have the proxies of all those who are for honest management, with favors to none.

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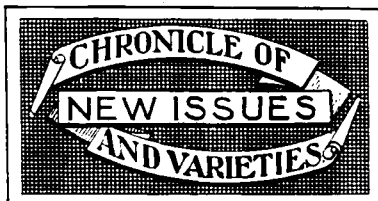
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WHOLE No. 429.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Wylie a copy of each issue to foregoing address, and an extra copy of ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Waldemar Hoffman sends me a specimen of a new commemorative card issued June 20, in honor of the 80th birthday of General Mitre. The portrait on the face of the card is no doubt that of the General, for underneath are the dates 1821 and 1901. Colors, green and brown, value, 2 centavos. On the reverse side is a picture of the "Statue of General San Martin" and Mr. Hoffman writes that there are three other views of a similar character.

Post Card (Commemorative):
2c green and brown, four different views.

BAVARIA.—The *Ill. Briefmarken Zeitung* states that the 2 and 5pf post cards now have the words "Strasse und Hausnummer" printed in two lines. A thick gray line runs beneath the third address line on the 2pf and a green line on the 5pf. Both cards have the control number 01.

DENMARK.—The *American Journal of Philately* states that the 4 and 8 ore envelopes have been issued in a new design, the old types being withdrawn from circulation. On white paper.

Envelopes (Regular):
4 ore, ultramarine.
8 " red.

FRANCE.—I have a letter card to add to my recent chronicle of stationery. It is a 15 centimes orange, in the new design stamp, on grey paper.

Letter Card (Regular):
15 centimes, orange on grey.

GERMANY.—Mr. Howes gives me the following item of news from the *Ill. Briefmarken Zeitung*: "We received recently a letter on the paper of H. M. S. Vineta

which stated that the 3 pf stamps had given out on board the ship and the 5 pf stamps had been cut vertically in two and each half surcharged in violet 3 pf. The writer sent some printed matter at the same time, franked with one of the provisionals, but the Leipzig P. O. held it as they wished to look up the case of the new provisional. That the provisional was really used postally is proved by a post card franked with one, delivered in Furstenwalde near Berlin, May 12, of this year."

HAWAII.—Collectors of Hawaiians will be interested in the discoveries of Mr. Joseph H. Makins while on a recent trip to Honolulu. No doubt the news columns of the ERA will exploit the same but I cannot refrain from noticing in this chronicle two varieties hitherto unrecorded. The Scott Stamp & Coin Co in its *Journal* says:

Makins & Co. have shown us the 6c green, with the "Provisional Government" surcharge of 1893 in black; also the 10c red brown with the same surcharge in red. Makins & Co. write us that there was only one sheet of each of these varieties, and that they have affidavits from the Postmaster General and chief clerk of the post office as to their genuineness.

We have no information as to whether these are trial sheets or errors of color, but they would no doubt have paid postage at the time the issue was current.

Adhesives (Provisional):
6c green, black surcharge.
10c red brown, red surcharge.

MONACO.—Mr. Hopkins lists in *Mekeel's News* a change in color of the 10 centimes postal card. It now appears in the Postal Union color, carmine, and is on greenish paper.

Post Card (Regular):
10 centimes, carmine on greenish.

SERVIA.—Mr. C. A. Howes gives me the information from a continental journal that three pieces of stationery have been issued, a post card of 5 paras green on cream; a card to accompany postal packets, 10 paras, carmine on white, and a stamped cover for money orders 25 paras blue on rose paper. The cards are very much like the old ones but the design is that of the 3 and 5 dinars described in number 410. The envelope has a stamp of the 1894 issue.

Post Card (Regular):
5 paras, green on cream.
Post Card (Packet):
10 paras, carmine on white.
Envelope:
25 paras, blue on rose.

TUNIS.—The *London Philatelist* states that three letter cards have been issued in Postal Union colors.

Letter Cards (Regular):

10 centimes, carmine on gray.
15 " gray on green.
25 " blue on rose.

VICTORIA.—I have received from Whitfield King & Co. a new 1 penny olive of the 1887 type. It will be available for postal purposes up to June 30, when it will become a revenue stamp only.

Adhesive (Regular):
1 penny, olive.

Written for the ERA.

Robie's Around-the-World Letters.

II.—FROM PARIS.

PARIS, FRANCE, July 12, 1901.

MR. W. W. JEWETT,

My dear Sir: The journey from London to Paris requires no more time than the trip from Chicago to St. Louis, but is far different in character. Illinois prairies and cornfields are not very picturesque and very unproductive for scenery. The Newhaven and Dieppe Route to Paris affords as interesting and diversified ride as can be found anywhere. From London to Newhaven, over the South Coast Railroad, then 74 miles across the English Channel to Dieppe, a favorite French watering place, and then by French rail through lovely Normandy and quaint old towns hundreds of years old to Rouen, a historical city, rich in Medieval architecture. The river Seine divides this ancient city in two parts, which is bounded by an almost complete amphitheatre of verdant forests. From here to Paris you cross and recross the Seine, dotted with numerous islands.

Paris is a wonderful city, a perplexing, bewildering problem to strangers. At every turn you are impressed with the architectural beauty of the buildings, the immense squares, gardens, boulevards, etc. Many streets in London are not half so wide as the sidewalks on the leading thoroughfares, and the congested condition of London traffic is not noticed here, for Paris with less than one-half London's inhabitants covers an area of 30 square miles, 5 times larger than London proper. But if England's capital is slow, Paris is swift enough even for a Chicagoan. All Paris seems to live out doors. At no time, night or day, are the cafes and sidewalk tables on the boulevards deserted, and nearly all the time filled with men and women, and even

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children, of all characters, drinking, smoking and playing cards and dominoes.

They are not home loving people like the English but more fond of the gay, the drink, the opera and the dance. They are also fond of extracting all the money one has, and he is lucky, indeed, who returns to his Hotel, after seeing the night side of Paris, with enough left to pay the cab man.

Not knowing the French language at all, to conduct my business expeditiously, it was necessary to hire an interpreter at 10 francs per day. The third day I came across a female linguist for 8 francs and I concluded to change, thinking a pretty young woman would do much more towards impressing customers and also saving 40c per diem—Vell—I got my hat back. You can hardly expecorate on the sidewalk here without coughing up money. I dropped my umbrella on the street and before I could pick it up some fellow handed it to me and I had to pay him a couple of sous or have a fight on my hands. If you have any money left when you return to your hotel—the cabman will get it. They have two inflexible rules. One is to run down as many people as possible and the other is to never give back any change (especially to Americans who don't know anything). I tendered one of these cabmen a 5 franc piece, when his fare including tip was only 2 francs, and with a "Bonjour Monsieur" he was away before I could holler. In London the cabman are more honest. If the fare is 2 shillings and you give him a 5 shilling piece, he will divide with you, and give you a shilling back. But the cabmen in Paris are not the only people there who keep all you hand to them. There are others. I had less trouble, however, getting around than I did keeping my money. I happened one day to get on a bus with locked gates and couldn't get off till the end of the trip was made, 8 squares further than I wanted to go. This special company is only licensed to carry passengers to the Lazare Depot and cannot let on or off passengers between. I happened to board it at the starting point not knowing the rules, and there wasn't a person who could speak English on board. They wouldn't let me off and I came near having a scrap but only got the "ha ha." English is spoken at all the hotels here, but I staggered the

clerk at my house by telephoning down for the Time, my watch having stopped. In a few minutes a boy came up with the *London Times*. But this is not so bad, even, as my second day in London. I asked the clerk for my mail and he thought I wanted my valet. In the first place I should have asked "What o'clock is it?" and in the second "Are there any letters?" to be correct.

Paris is simply alive with stamp collectors. Every "Tobac" shop has its window full of stamps and almost every other person I meet collects, and of all the markets in the world for the barter, sale and purchase of stamps Paris leads. I had heard of the Thursday and Sunday afternoon meets of the stamp cranks, in the gardens of the Champs Elysee, and thought I would take it in. No sooner than I had opened my stock book than I was surrounded. I had between three and four hundred used sets of the Buffalo stamps with me, a lot of J. & J. and Piso Private Proprietaries, a few damaged Newspaper sets and a lot of Canadian Revenue truck. In twenty minutes I was cleaned out, and others howling for more. Not one in the crowd of over 150 could speak English except one fellow "a leetle." I could only make signs and grunts and gestures, but I soon made them understand I wanted 75 centimes a set for the Buffalo stamps (15 cents), and as fast as I could get them out in lots of 5 to 20 sets each, they all went. J. & J. and Piso stamps went at four times face, and the Canadian Revenues at twice London offers and the Newspaper stamps damaged and without gum, that in New York no one would pay \$3.00 a set for, sold at once for 20 to 23 francs, average \$4.50 a set. I was simply overwhelmed, and realized afterwards that I should have asked 10 to 25% more, for on reaching my hotel, and after weeding out the lead centime pieces, the called in coins and Swiss (Helvetia seated) francs that won't pass for sour apples (together with what they stole), I found I didn't come out so much ahead after all. But this trip was planned primarily for the experience and I am getting it here in Paris—plenty.

It is a good thing, though, I run into this stamp crowd, and picked up some money, anyway, for I can now get back to London without swimming the channel, and need not sleep in the field and live on mule cutlets and the like. By the way, if you like horse meat you needn't ask for it here: call for beefsteak in the minor cafes and you will get it anyhow.

Very truly yours,

LEWIS ROBIE.

P. S. When you visit Paris beware of female interpreters with goo goo eyes.

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COMMITTEE ON EXHIBITIONS.

Second Series.

The success of the first series of exhibits held at the meetings of the Chicago Philatelic Society by members has prompted the Committee on Exhibitions to arrange a "Second Series" to be conducted on improved and more liberal lines. The exhibits, which will be five in number, will be held monthly and awards will be made as follows: One silver and one bronze medal donated by the Chicago Philatelic Society at each exhibition; and one special silver medal tendered by a member of the Society to the contestant entering each exhibit and making the best cumulative showing.

The Committee on Exhibitions names the following dates for the exhibits in the countries that have been chosen:

August 15th—Brazil.

September 19th—Philippines.

October 17th—German Empire and Colonies.

November 21st—Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

December 19th—Russia, Finland and Poland.

The rewards for successful exhibitors are substantial and the aggregate number, eleven, is a large one. The competitor whose display is judged the best, a silver medal will be awarded; and a bronze medal will be given to the one whose exhibit is next in the order of merit. To the member who enters each of the five exhibits and scores the highest number of points in the aggregate, a special silver medal will be awarded.

Under the rulings of the Committee on Exhibitions, adhesives, dues and official stamps only will be considered by the judges in estimating the number of points that each exhibitor receives. The maximum number of points that may be received by an entry in one exhibit is 100; that number stands for absolute perfectibility.

There will be no class distinctions, as in the previous series of exhibitions as each exhibitor will receive some number of points that will apply to his credit in the contest for the special silver medal if he enters each exhibit.

Any active member is eligible to participation in the contests; passive members may have their membership changed to active upon application. Please notify the chairman of your intention to exhibit.

JOHN J. OESCH, Chairman,

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AUGUST 1901 PRICE LIST OF PORTO RICO STAMPS.

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No.	Description	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
17	1873 50c brown, used	\$.30	\$.20	\$.10
19	1878 10c red brown	12.00		.05
20	55c green, used	.04	.02	.01
23	1879 5c lake, used	.40	.25	.10
24	10c dark brown, used		.75	
25	15c dark olive, used	1.25	.75	
26	25c blue, used	.03	.02	.01
37	1880 15c yellow brown	.75		
38	25c gray blue, used	.03	.02	.01
38	"0" in "1880" defective			
45	1881 4m bright green	.06	.04	
46	01m brown lilac	.12	.08	
51	5c gray blue, used	.05	.03	.01
55	1882 1/2m pale rose	.02		
56	1m lake	.02		
56	1m lake, used	.10	.06	
57	2m violet	.02	.02	.01
57	2m violet, used	.03	.02	.01
58	4m brown lilac	.03	.02	.01
58	4m brown lilac, used	.03	.02	.01
59	6m chocolate	.04	.03	
59	6m chocolate, used	.03	.02	.01
60	8m yellow green	.05	.03	
60	8m yellow green, used	.05	.02	.01
61	1c gray green, used	.03	.02	.01
62	2c rose, used	.04	.03	.02
63	3c orange, used	.05	.03	.02
64	5c gray blue, used	.06	.03	.02
65	8c brown, used	.03	.02	.01
66	10c dark green, used	.03	.02	.01
67	20c gray lilac, used	.03	.02	.01
70	1884 1/2m lake	.04		
70	1/2m lake, used	.03	.02	.01
71	1m bright rose	.02		
71	1m bright rose, used	.03	.02	.01
72	3c brown, used	.04	.02	.01
73	5c gray blue, used	.04	.02	.01
74	1886 5c gray blue, used	.04	.02	.01
76	1800 1/2m black	.06	.03	
76	1m emerald green	.10		
77	2m lilac rose	.03	.02	
79	6m dark brown	3.00		
80	8m olive bistre	6.75		
81	1c yellow brown	.04	.02	
84	5c brown violet, used	.03	.02	.01
88	1890 40c orange	7.00	5.00	
90	1891 93 1/2m olive gray	.01	.01	
91	1m dark violet	.03	.02	
92	2m violet brown	.02		
93	4m ultramarine	.03	.02	
94	6m rose	.03	.02	
95	8m yellow green	.03	.02	
96	1c blue green	.06	.04	
98	2c red brown	.03	.02	
98	3c orange	.10	.07	
100	5c blue green	.06	.04	
100	5c blue green, used	.03	.02	.01
101	6c orange	.03	.02	
102	8c brown	.06	.04	
103	10c lilac rose	.08	.05	
104	2c lilac	.20	.12	
105	40c dark blue	.50	.35	
106	80c orange	1.25	.90	
109	1894 1/2m red brown	.01	.01	
110	1m blue	.02		
111	2m salmon	.02		
112	4m yellow brown	.04		
115	3c olive	.05	.04	
116	4c slate blue	.04	.03	
117	8c violet	.12	.10	
118	20c carmine rose	.10	.08	
119	40c claret	.30	.25	
120	1896 1/2m dull violet	.01	.01	
121	1m violet brown	.02		
122	1m yellow green	.02		
123	4m blue green	.05	.03	
124	1c claret	.03	.02	
125	3c orange brown	.03	.02	
127	4c dark brown	.04		
128	5c blue	.05	.03	
129	6c violet	.04	.03	
130	8c carmine rose	.08	.06	
131	20c olive gray	.10	.08	
132	40c salmon	.40	.30	
133	1897 3c claret brown	.04	.03	
135	1898 1m orange brown	.02		
136	2m "	.02		
137	3m "	.02		
138	4m "	.03	.02	
139	5m "	.03	.02	
141	2c dark blue green	.03	.02	
142	3c dark brown	.03	.02	
144	5c bright rose	.05	.03	
145	6c dark blue	.05	.03	
145	15c slate green	.10	.07	
150	40c violet	.35	.25	
151	6c black	.40	.30	

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

The latest thing in new issues comes from Italy. The new stamps might be artistic to the native eye, but from an American point of view the design appears to be jumbled up. The one, two, five and ten centimes are illustrated in the *A. J. of P.* for July. In the same number Mr. Crawford Capen writes regarding the future of the Standard Catalogue as follows (in part):

A prime necessity in the collecting world is stability in values.

It may be a very fine thing for the collector to buy stamps at large discounts from catalogue prices, but when his collection is offered for sale, or a value is put upon it, the possibility of these discounts gives it a correspondingly low value.

Strong and well-maintained prices are altogether the best for the collecting fraternity.

We recognize the existence of discounts, and know that many good stamps are sold at comparatively low prices, but we do not believe that anything excessive in this direction is for the real advantage of collectors.

Our first efforts will therefore be directed toward the strengthening of prices, and in order to do this effectively, we ask the co-operation of all interested in philately whether as collectors or dealers.

The general impression that exists as to standard catalogue prices is that they are for fair average specimens of a stamp whether used or unused. Therefore it has been possible to say "this stamp or this lot of stamps catalogues fifty dollars we will sell at half catalogue, twenty-five dollars." We propose to meet this state of affairs and change it, by making the catalogue price in future the value of a perfect specimen, or as perfect as can be found, of the stamp that is priced. This rule will, of course, be subject to some exceptions as in the cases of fine early prints or varieties.

The unused price will be for a stamp bright, clean, well-centered with original gum, (if the stamp comes in this way,) no tear or other injury. The used price will be for a whole, well centered, lightly and properly cancelled, clean and fresh appearing copy.

This being the significance of catalogue prices, it will not be possible to advertise that large discounts are given from catalogue prices when the stamps for sale are only of average quality or, as has been done in some instances, when stamps are of inferior grade.

The price of the inferior stamp will be only a proportion of the Standard Catalogue price, varying according to the degree of inferiority.

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We do not propose to note insignificant changes of prices, but when, for instance, a deluge of stamps, such as has just occurred in the case of Abyssinia, is poured upon the market, it is not right that collectors should think that they are buying for one dollar that which is catalogued at over six

Also many stamps become obsolete soon after they are priced in the catalogue. This in the cases of all small countries and some large ones means advances in values.

It is necessary to add a word as to the prices of current stamps and new issues. It is in the sale of these stamps that the greatest competition has arisen in the last few years. The sale at a small percentage over face does not pay. There is too much loss in injured or off-center copies and other ways to allow of profit.

In regard to the future of the *A. J. of P.* he writes:

It is our intention to develop this *Journal*. We intend to maintain its high standard in relation to scientific articles, but purpose also to introduce material of such a nature as will make it widely popular and, therefore, valuable to all classes of collectors. Those who are acquainted with the able work which has been done in Philately's cause by our new editor, Mr. J. N. Luff will realize that our promises to do good work in this field is not a rash one, so long as we are under his guidance.

W. P. Brown, the veteran stamp dealer, has had two cases of robbery on hand within a few days of each other. The first culprit was a boy, and the second a man who ought to know better.

A party who signs himself Ott and writes from Aetna, Pa., is offering 1c Pan-American inverts at \$2.00 each for cash. From all appearances it may be right but perhaps if you sent your dollar you may think different.

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P. O. Box 2631, - SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

The color line causes almost as much commotion in the philatelic world as it does in the political and social life of the country. The question of shades and their names is an old one and does not seem to down. Several color charts have been gotten out but they do not seem to meet with much approval. The custom of indicating in chronicles the shade according to the color chart issued in this country was followed for some time in the papers but I do not recall any that now use it. Frank Brown, editor of the *American Philatelic Magazine*, has a very good editorial on the shade question in this month's issue. He advocates the eliminating from the catalogues of all shades of which a series can be found, grading from light to dark. This would leave only the pronounced shades of which there are no intermediate varieties.

According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* a philatelic press association has been formed in France. I trust it will have a more successful career than those which have been organized in this country in times past. There is room for an organization of the kind but somehow it does not seem to flourish.

The postage due stamps of Abyssinia are defended by Arthur Maury in a communication which gives practically the same facts which he presented in his own journal, to which I called attention last week.

I notice in the chronicle an announcement of a pictorial issue for Nyassa. Let us hope they are not a la Congo française.

Mr. Severn in the Chicago notes in *Mekel's Weekly* quotes a brief note concerning the philatelic exhibit at the Philadelphia exposition in 1876. I remember very distinctly the exhibits of which he speaks and also of numerous others scattered around among the different countries. Japan had a very complete line, mostly in full sheets with some of the original copper plates from which they were printed. Hawaii had sets of her stamps mounted on cards for sale for one dollar per set. This included about a dozen varieties including the 1853 (Specimen) 5 and 13 cents.

Portugal had a very fine line of fiscals which I only discovered on the last day of my visit late in the afternoon and was not able to examine carefully. The exhibit of the various bank note companies in the art building was particularly rich in proofs in fancy colors.

The *Perforator* is full of P. S. of A. official matter, a two page supplement being added for late matter.

We have all seen the ads of the Toledo Stamp Co. and it is a pleasure to find a fine likeness of the proprietor in this journal. Albert C. Stewart is an up-to-date philatelist and I am glad that I shall be able to renew at Buffalo my acquaintance with him and his wife.

Dr. Emilio Diena had a very interesting article in the *Philatelic Record* a short time since dealing with the $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese and 2 grana black errors of the Neapolitan provinces. The article is reprinted in full in the *Philatelic Bulletin* and will well repay perusal even if you have no specimens of the stamps. Many collectors make it a point never to read up on those countries which they do not collect, or concerning exceedingly rare stamps, because "I never expect to get hold of those." This is a mistake, for a true philatelist should be always prepared for the unexpected. I read full as carefully, articles about the Post Office Mauritius, and rare British Guianas, as I do those about the more common varieties. One never knows when we may have an old album or hair trunk thrown in our way. "In time of peace prepare for war."

Contrary to its usual custom the *Philatelic Journal of India* contains but little on Indian stamps this month, as a glance at the above table of contents will show. Aside from the short notes which are always valuable, A. H. Smith contributes the only article on those stamps. He thinks that there are many errors of surcharge in the various States that should be ignored as being of only minor interest, most of them being caused by raised leads, broken type, faulty alignment, etc.

Fiscal collectors will be interested in the illustrations of the new Poonch stamps. The values are 1 and 4 annas and they are printed in brilliant vermilion water color on thin white wove paper. The design consists entirely of native inscriptions with the name of the state in English in the lower part of the frame.

Your Ballot and Proxy

for the American Association should be delayed no longer if you are a member and have a right to vote. If not a member, drop a card to John J. Oesch, 124 Wabash Ave., Chicago, for the little "Booklet" telling you all about it.

Secretary Flanders of Branch No. 1 is this week sending out for the second time Ballot and Proxy blanks, so if you have not yet voted, please attend to it at once, as it is important that we have a full representation at the Convention, August 30th.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 38 Madison St., CHICAGO.

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These stamps are obsolete. Few were and no more will be printed. Don't you think it worth while to get them at the reasonable price I quote? [29]

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THE NEW STAMPS OF FRANCE.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., July 29, 1901.

MY DEAR JEWETT:

I am just in receipt of some French stamps of the new issue and find that in case of the 10c, 20c, 25c and 30c the numeral of value was printed by a second impression. In case of the 10c and 25c I have the numeral in a different shade from the rest of the stamp and in the case of the 20c and 30c the numeral is way out of register. This may not be fresh news although I do not remember of seeing it noted as yet. Chas. C. Lewis of this city called my attention to it and he says a French collector wrote him that a few sheets only were printed that way. Wishing you success I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

Knowing your journal to be the champion of right and the foe to the oppressor I beg the indulgence of your staff upon this intermission on what space rightfully belongs to them. I refrain from asking or seeking the pardon of your patient readers for I am quite sure that after I have expounded the facts they will agree that my subject demands an airing in the press and that an exposure is demanded. I am a collector of some years standing, a member of nearly all the societies and a true believer in the future of philately—partly

for the last mentioned I am about to enter this contest. In order to somewhat abbreviate this lengthy story I will endeavor to present the facts in as concise a form as possible. About ten days ago I received the official journal of the Sons of Philatelia and was not at all surprised to notice that a second attempt is being made to put an end to that popular organization, the Sons of Philatelia. Happily the first attempt failed last year, thanks to the efforts of Secretary Dodge. Now we see that a meeting was held in Pittsburgh by the same destroyers of harmony and for the purpose of again trying their hand at either gaining control of the S. of P. or putting the society out of business, to use a vulgar expression. At this meeting held in Pittsburgh a ticket was nominated and put "in the field." All this is of course well enough as far as "politics" go, for anybody has a right to run for office and attempt to beat his opponents, that is if everything is conducted in a fair and square manner, but alas! this band of so-called "reformers" is employing extraordinary methods to beat their foe who is merely *one man*—the man who has done more for the S. of P. than the entire Pittsburgh delegation put together. The man they are trying to "do" (in the words of a Pittsburgher) is the present Secretary, J. F. Dodge. Every man may have more or less enemies even in Philately, but I will venture to remark that considering the fact that Mr. Dodge has always expressed his own opinions in print he has more friends today among stampmen than the ticket that opposes him, and the Pittsburgh organization will discover this fact at the Convention in Buffalo.

But to resume. The Pittsburgh delegation is not satisfied with the ballots approved by the President and Trustees and mailed by the Secretary, although the names of their candidates appear thereon. No! they want their candidates to have sole possession of the ballot so that they might have members believe, when voting, that their ticket is the only one in the field, therefore in order to play what they consider a winning hand they have issued, at their expense, a separate ballot containing only the names of their candidates and printed "Official Ballot." Now for a piece of trickery which is anything but political this is certainly superb. It's a remarkable example of Smoky City politics and when one stops to consider that it's all done to defeat the man who brought the society out of debt, who loaned the society funds when it was on the verge of collapse, who always labored incessantly for the welfare of the organization and introduced the most members, we wonder where the votes will come from to defeat this man. Surely it can never be done in a fair contest! Now, if you are in favor of seeing this reform delegation secure entire control of the society vote their ticket. However if you wish to have the society continued on a harmonious and non-political basis you

should vote the ticket containing the name of J. F. Dodge for Secretary.

All those members in favor of Mr. Dodge's re-election will kindly mail their proxy to him at Abbottstown, Pa. If you have issued a previous proxy remember you can sign another, the last one counts. Write to Mr. Dodge for another blank. Trusting that I have not taken up too much of your valuable space, I remain,
 Yours for the future of the S. of P.,
 JUSTICE.

ERIE, PA., July 19, 1901.

Editor PHILATELIC ERA,

Dear Sir: I enclose you a clipping from the *Erie Evening News* of July 19th, relative to the issue of private postage stamps by the Hotel Rider, at Cambridge Springs, a health resort about 28 miles south of Erie on the trolley line of the newly completed Erie Transit Co. route. I do not know on what authority the statement is published, but send you the clipping for what it is worth. If you make any use of the same in your paper, kindly omit my name.

Very truly yours,

The clipping:

PRIVATE POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Hotel Rider at Cambridge Springs (Pa.) has been granted the right of using private postage stamps, which have been issued by the government. They are very neat in design, the shape of the Pan-American stamp, and bear a picture of the hotel.

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DORCHESTER, MASS., July 30.

Having received no response to the various calls for dues the following are declared suspended: Edward Gowing, Frank P. Brown, R. A. Holding.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 3rd.

At the coming Convention all members are requested to register in three places if they find it convenient to do so. Mr. Raynor Hubbell, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, will have a register at his office, the New England Stamp Co. have a register in their booth at the Exposition, and the Secretary will provide registry slips in the Convention Hall; on all of these your home address and also your temporary address in Buffalo should be given.

Application for Membership.

HERBST, A., 106 East 111th St., New York City; age, 24; occupation, "Ad" Writer and Journalist. References: W. W. Jewett, M. Tausig; Resident Vice-President, W. F. Gregory.

New Stockholders.

1682. **KNOTH, JOHN V.**, 332 Eighth Ave., Homestead, Pa.
1683. **POTTER, EDWIN L.**, 413 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Resignations Accepted.

1613. **DICKINSON, G. S.**, 7 Cedar St., Worcester, Mass.
1548. **HUYCK, CHAS.**, 3440 First St., San Francisco, Cal.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership July 27th.....	529
New Stockholders.....	2
Resignations accepted.....	531
Total Membership August 3rd.....	529

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

A regular meeting of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association was held at Room 1603 Marquette Building on the evening of July 11, 1901, the following members being present: Mr. Oesch, President, and Messrs. Michaels, Doncyson, Lefever, Merell, Wolsieffer, Severn, Rosenthal and Flanders.

Mr. Doncyson recommended and made motion that the ERA should be the official organ of the Association and the delegates to the convention be instructed to use the power given them to secure the same, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Carried.

Mr. Michaels moved that Mr. J. W. Scott be nominated Counterfeit Detector, seconded by Mr. Doncyson. Carried.

Mr. Wolsieffer moved that Mr. H. G. Smith be nominated for the office of Supt. of Exchange and Sales Dept., seconded by Mr. Merell. Carried.

Discussions on needed amendments to the constitution of the Association was then held by various members.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

P. J. FLANDERS, Secretary.

5114 Wentworth Ave.

TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

To the list published last week we have received the following additions to date:

Leo Kahn, Cincinnati, Ohio.
E. R. Aldrich and wife, Benson, Minn.
E. M. Carpenter, Boston, Mass.
B. L. Drew, Boston, Mass.
Nathan Cobe, Waltham, Mass.
C. W. Kissinger and wife, Reading, Pa.
Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.
C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ill.
Isaiah Rudy, Pittsburg, Pa.
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To anyone sending us 100 Pan-Americans, 1c and 2c, or 20 of any other value we will send a set of 4 high value Egypt, 250m, 500m, £1 and £2. Wholesale and Retail list free. H. ROSS-SHIELDS & CO., 16 Ludgate Hill, London, England. [29]

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Wholesale List for Dealers. [221f]
CALVIN C. BRACKETT, Lewiston, Maine.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Tub.

Wednesday, July 31st.

Mr. John N. Luff has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the American Collectors Company, as I intimated he would, in my notes recently.

Max Goldstein of San Juan, Porto Rico, has been in Boston this week offering for sale Porto Rico stamps. This is the party mentioned in *Mekeel's Weekly* recently.

A notable person has visited Boston this week, being the gentleman who as Postmaster issued the rare missionary stamps of Hawaii. I refer to Mr. Henry M. Whiting of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

The Canadian Post Office Department has issued a new regulation. Publishers of Newspaper and Periodicals have prepaid one-half cent per pound on such second class matter by affixing postage stamps to the required amount on a printed blank furnished by the department. The new regulation requires the prepayment of second class matter in cash and not in stamps as heretofore.

After ten years of successful business Mr. Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn, Mass., has sold his present stock, with some few exceptions, to B. L. Drew & Co. of Boston, who will merge it into their own. Mr. Sanderson has concluded to take this step from the fact that his official duties keep him so busily engaged that he has little time for his stamp trade. He has thought best, therefore, to drop business to a great extent for the present. He still retains the Morgan collection on sale and does not in any way give up the right and good will of his business. The transfer involves quite a large stock of desirable stamps, including a collection which lists about \$12,000.00. This stock together with their own will place them on a par with any dealer in the country.

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WHOLE No. 430.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates or portraits.

- Adhesive, II: 8, August:
Better Philatelic Literature Wanted.
Business Relations of Dealer and Collector.
Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
- Canadian Philatelic Magazine, VI: 5, July:
Side Light on Stamps.
Chinese Postal System.
Pigeon Post Stamps.
- Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, VII: 95, 96,
July 20, 27:
New Zealand Perforations.
Chinese Locals.
- London Philatelist, X: 115, July:
South African Stamp Exhibition.
Notes on the Stamps of Portugal.
- Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, XV: 32,
August 8:
Continental Bank Note Stamps With Grill.
Catalogue Under the New Regime.
New York, Boston, Etc. Notes.
- Metropolitan Philatelist, XV: 18, Aug. 3:
Washington Letter.
Colonial Plate Numbers.
- Morley's Philatelic Journal, II: 7, July:
Philately in Japan.
Postage Stamps of Tonga.
- Philatelic Advocate, XI: 2, August:
D. P. A. Election.
D. P. A. Convention.
- Philatelic Inter-Ocean, III: 12, July:
Ancient Philatelic Literature.
Building a Collection.
British Stamps Demonetized.
- Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, XI:
127, July:
*Baron Anthony de Worms.
Notes on Greek Stamps.
Presentation to the Duke of Cornwall at Sydney.
- Philatelic West, XVI: 2, August:
A Perfect Collection.
New Stamps of Victoria.
Origin of U. S. Locals.
Observations on Some Original Covers.

Editor Chapman ornaments the cover of his *Adhesive* with the portrait of Miss Gretchen P. Miller, the review editor of the *Buckeye Philatelist*.

Mr. Thiele takes up several African countries this month in his notes on sheets of stamps. Mr. Jenney continues his list of proprietary cancellations which is attracting considerable notice among fiscal collectors. Keep it up.

Ewen's Weekly has been giving a list lately in its "Postcard" column, of the various advertisements that are found on the backs of New Zealand stamps. The variations on Sunlight Soap, Beecham's Pills and Kaitangata Coal are very amusing, to say the least.

The *London Philatelist* announces that an exhibition will be held this fall of South

African stamps exclusively. This cannot but be sure to be popular and will attract a good deal of attention from outsiders.

M. P. Castle has a first installment of what he entitles "Notes on the Stamps of Portugal," but which is really a minute investigation into the stamps of that country. A full page plate shows the various types etc. of the early issues.

The next number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* will be issued from New York and a statement will be issued explaining the rationale of the departure. An apology is offered for the deterioration of the reading matter in the current number on account of its being moving day. We hadn't noticed it Charlie.

A very interesting account of a stamp auction in Japan is given in *Morley's Philatelic Journal*. All bids are written and the excitement of running up a stamp is done away with. The plan has its advantages but there are also serious disadvantages.

Tonga is written up by Mr. Morley himself in an article which is to be continued in future issues. To anyone interested in the varieties of perforation etc. this list will be invaluable.

The catalogue of Argentine fiscals completes the issues of the Federal government and commences those of the Provinces. When completed this catalogue will be of great help to fiscal collectors in arranging their collections. Can you not give us more at a time Brother Morley? An outline map of the Argentine shows the location of the different provinces and municipalities which have issued fiscals.

The *Philatelic Advocate* is almost entirely given up to the report of the D. P. A. convention which had so few members in attendance that no business could be transacted. One report says that only four members put in an appearance.

Baron Anthony de Worms is the "Well Known Philatelist" whose portrait and biography adorns the pages of the current *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. His collection of Ceylon is probably the finest in the world.

Mr. Pemberton continues his Greek notes and there are several shorter articles

of interest. A picture is given showing the condition of Messrs. Bright & Son's store after the recent fire which practically destroyed all their stock of publications and considerable of their wholesale stock.

Brodie has gotten out a big special this month of the *Philatelic West*, devoting it to Spanish America. It is like the past issues, full of good short articles but horribly put together. Why don't you reform old man?

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Bogert & Durbin Co. will hold their 166th Auction Sale on Saturday, August 17th, at 1.30 A. M. The sale comprises 897 lots of more or less value.

The Mekeel-Redfield Severn Co., publishers of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, have opened an office in the Park Row Building (Ann Street). The next issue of their paper will be dated New York City.

A friend tells me that Ph. Heinsburger, alias Fred. Phillips, alias Germania Stamp Society, is seriously ill with some mental ailment affecting his brain and is at the Saint Francis Hospital on East 5th Street.

An answer from Postmaster J. M. Henderson at Etna, Pa., regarding Ott reads: "Mr. P. J. Ott is an entire stranger. Don't know anything about him. Have not seen him for about two weeks." This refers to the party offering 1c Pan-American inverts at two dollars each.

The Columbian Philatelic Society will also hold their convention at Buffalo, thus making four philatelic societies to convene there.

It is expected that this city will be well represented at these meets.

W. F. Gregory will leave for Europe next week.

VOLUNTEER.

PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION, BUFFALO.

Every Stamp Collector should visit our booth, Bazaar Building, main corridor, near Post Office, register and get a copy of Mekeel's Weekly.

All prominent philatelic publications, including the ERA, will be kept on file.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP COMPANY.

Fiscal Notes.

An allusion to certain beautifully-coloured Swiss adhesives in a recent article by Mr. M. W. Jones, F. C. S., reproduced from the *Philatelic Record* by the S. C. F., has probably puzzled many readers by its want of directness.

The reference is as follows: "In recent years the manufacture of metallic bronze powders has been carried to a high state of perfection, and here alone the printing-ink manufacturer has at hand a series of absolutely permanent colours whose appearance upon any stamp is decidedly attractive, as anyone acquainted with certain of the adhesives of Switzerland will readily acknowledge." The stamps referred to are the charmingly-coloured high values of the current Lucerne fiscal set, which, so far as I know, present a unique appearance. Commencing with the 10 francs, each value exhibits the brilliant effect commonly associated with the play of light on "shot silk" fabrics, a lovely blue and brilliant green being the most striking, the other colours are copper bronze, silver, purple and gold. In one respect, however, the illustration is not an apt one, for although the manufacturer's art may be quite equal to the task of securing permanence for these bronze powder applications, the fact remains that their employment for the Swiss fiscals is entirely due to their lack of stability. Specimens of the stamps in various stages of manufacture up to and including the finished set, together with sundry rejected colour trials, reached me just after their issue, and I was then informed that the adoption of this pleasing variation in the methods of production was the result of extensive trials to find a surface that could not be cleansed and re-used.

As a matter of fact all the stamps that have reached me present more or less a patchy appearance due to the wearing off of portions of the bronzed surface.

Until quite recently Jamaica had not figured in our Chronicle for a very considerable period, but it is likely that we shall have more fiscal items to report in connection with this colony ere long. A cutting from a local newspaper, sent to me by Mr. Warhurst, contains the report of a Select Committee on a new Bill entitled "The Stamp Duty Laws Amendment Law 1901," from which it appears that the proposed alterations would result in an increase to the revenue from adhesive and impressed stamps of between three and four thousand pounds per annum. Unfor-

tunately one is left to guess as to which class any particular duty falls into, so we shall have to wait for the stamps to see "what is what." Apparently though, a new value will be required by the increase of the duty on receipts from 3d to 6d in all cases of sums above £50.—A. PRESTON PEARCE in *Stamps*.

Chicago Philatelic Society, 1603 Marquette Building.



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298 Madison St.
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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 351st regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, August 1st, at 104 East Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by President Merell with the following members present: Messrs. Birr, Baldwin, Doncyson, Flanders, Fowler, Geldert, Lefever, Massoth, Merell, F. Michael, Oesch, Stebbins, Smack, Schlieckert, Severn, Wolfseffer, Arndt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Governing Board:

The Governing Board elected to membership:

Mr. F. P. Morehouse, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 698.

The membership of Mr. E. Doebelin, Pittsburg, Penn., was ordered changed from Passive to Active.

The following were ordered posted for membership:

MR. REGINALD ROBINSON, 1226 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Active membership; proposed by F. J. Lefever.

MR. WM. J. STEVENS, Marquette, Mich.; Passive membership; proposed by Stan Zajicek.

MR. W. G. WINDHURST, Marion, Ohio; Passive membership; proposed by F. N. Massoth.

The Treasurer reports balance on hand \$160.30. After which the meeting adjourned.

Change of Address, Dr. J. A. Schmidt, 6225 So. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.

C. W. ARNDT, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATING SALES AND EXCHANGE DEPT.

Total books received 541, valued \$8153.29
Total books retired 329, valued 4884.04

Books on hand, 212, valued \$3269.25

Sales from 329 books, valued \$4884.04 were \$1193.70, or about 25% of gross value.

This low percentage is entirely due to the poor class of stamps that the majority of members have been sending in, and partially to the summer season.

I have also been taken to task by some members for using 2c stamps on circuits sent out which require 18c postage, those members saying, "why don't you use 'Buffalo' stamps, etc." Well, why don't those members send "Buffalos" when they remit for small amounts instead of 2c stamps?

I receive so many 2c stamps that even using them up on circuits does not consume them all, leaving an excess which I am obliged to dispose of at a discount from face value.

In conclusion I wish to state that at present I have on hand more books of ordinary stamps than I can readily circulate, whereas the good books are few and far between.

STAN ZAJICEK, Mgr.

The Editor's Shears.

At the last meeting of Pacific Philatelic Society, mention was made of the fact that the next regular meeting, which will occur on the 19th of August, will be the one hundred and fiftieth regular meeting. It was decided to commemorate the event by holding an exhibition for that evening, and a committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of all the past presidents of the society, with the present incumbent.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*.

During the last ten years a total of 6,635 types of postage stamps has been issued. Europe claimed 780, Asia 1,128, Africa 2,057, America 2,192, and Australia 478 types. The year 1898 holds the record with 896 types as the largest output; and 1899 issued the smallest number, 578 types.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

A newspaper clipping:

AN \$85,000,000 MORTGAGE.
VAN BUREN, ARK., Aug. 7.—The largest mortgage ever recorded in this county was that filed today for \$85,000,000. It was given by the St. Louis & San Francisco Ry. Co. in favor of a New York trust company. The mortgage is payable in gold in 1951, and bears interest not to exceed 4 per cent. War revenue stamps in the sum of \$43,000 were attached.

"WOUNDED BIRD."

This "Bird" tried to make itself conspicuous by perching on the "Gode of Philately" singing his song of praise to the tune of "I Am Honest." This "Bird" was a fine target. I being a mere mortal did not resist the temptation and let my arrow fly. The sad notes which this "Bird" has been singing since then convinces me that my arrow wounded it. His fluttering also convinces me that it is not on the danger list.

If this "Bird" will get off of his perch and examine the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA of March 16, 1901, column 3 of page 223 and columns 1 and 2 of page 224, he will read my answer to his song of praise. My previous remarks need no revision. They point out facts and also the absurdity of too much advice. Such remarks as "the best dealers do not offer damaged or repaired stamps except in the case of rarities," if sincere, is proof that he does not know it all. I can prove the contrary to be the fact. As to my stock, I can furnish from the commonest to the scarcest stamps in the finest possible condition as well as sad and 3rd grade and charge according to scarcity and condition.

About Advice: Who advises? Collectors care very little about your advice. They want stamps and they shall have them. I for one am prepared to do my share and set the ball rolling by offering collectors the following special

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33	U. S. 1851, 3c red, imperforate	\$1.50	\$0.60
86	" 1867, 1c blue, embossed	8.00	3.00
133	" 1863, 1c buff	1.50	1.00
218	" 1888, 9c purple	3.00	1.75
601	Interior, 10c vermilion	1.00	.35
1214	U. S. 1879, 50c brown	5.00	2.40
17	Cuba 1864, 1/2c buff	1.00	.60
254	Cyprus, 12 pia, brown orange	7.50	3.00
193	Philippine 1897, 5c, red surcharge	2.75	1.35
196	" 5c, black surcharge	none	2.75
50	St. Vincent 1883, 5sh lake	3.50	1.75
27	Johore 1894, 3c on 5c	.35	.15
28	" 3c on 6c	.35	.15
73	Trinidad 1895, 5sh claret	2.00	1.50
131	" 1885, 1/2d black	1.50	1.00

The next to unused stamps are in fine condition, well centered and bright colors. They are bargains on which you could not get stuck, because they are without gum.

133	U. S. 1869, 1c buff	\$1.50	\$0.50
153	" 1871, 1/4c purple	12.50	5.75
128	Interior, 10c vermilion	.50	.80
531	Justice, 24c purple	17.00	7.75
561	State, 10c green	3.00	1.25
1004	U. S. 6c "Specimen," scarce		10.00
6	Costa Rica 1863, 1p orange	1.25	.60
10	Labuan 1880, 16c blue	2.00	1.00
65	Natal 1881, 1/2d blue green	3.00	1.40
22	Surinam 1873, 3c green	2.50	1.00

2nds.
These 2nds are all in good condition but not as well centered as my 1sts.

53	U. S. 1860, 30c orange	10.00	5.00
200	U. S. 1881, 5c red, o. g.	1.50	.50
1002	U. S. 10c "Specimen," scarce		10.00
29	Bavaria 1870, 1zkr, fine, used	8.00	4.75
24	Canada 1857, 1/2d pink, fine	15.00	6.75
6	Costa Rica 1863, 1p orange	1.25	.35
5	Norway 1860, 8s lake, unused	8.50	1.50
1	Nova Scotia 1851, 1d red brown	8.00	3.50
14	Oldenburg 1860, 2g, cut close	7.00	1.75
196	Philippine 5c black surch., o. g.	2.75	1.35
24	Surinam 1873, 3c green	2.50	.50
83	Victoria 3d lilac, fine, used	4.00	2.00

3rds.
These are the popular stamps owing to their very low prices. All are slightly imperfect or repaired, but very satisfactory to collectors who are not so very hard to please. All are used.

544	Navy, 90c ultramarine	10.00	1.50
575	Treasury 7c brown	1.50	.50
579	" 24c "	4.00	1.00
581	" 90c "	.60	.10
595	War, 90c rose	1.00	.20
1214	U. S. 1879, 50c brown	1.25	.25
5	Canada 1859, 6d	5.00	1.00
143	Cuba 1891, 2c ultramarine	1.50	.40
1	New Brunswick 3d red	3.50	.75
2	" 6d yellow	20.00	4.50
4	Newfoundland 1d vermilion	30.00	10.00
4	Nova Scotia 6d green	10.00	1.50
56	Trinidad 1872, 5sh lake	6.00	1.00

Any stamp not entirely satisfactory can be returned and money will be promptly refunded, if stamp is returned within two days after receipt.

Please remit by Bills or Money Order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,
3118 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.

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.]

SONS OF PHILATELIA.

W. W. JEWETT,

Dear Sir: I am sorry to see the S. of P. political matters carried into outside magazines when the columns of the official paper are open and perfectly free for members to express their opinions, but as your paper has in the last two issues had expression of views on one side of the subject, I think it only fair that your readers should be made acquainted with the other side.

In the first place there is not one of the so called "reformers" who has the remotest desire to, as your correspondent terms it, "put the society out of business." On the contrary the present management has not been successful, there being continually a deficiency and the membership has fallen to a little above 300. The "reformers" desire to change the management in the hope of saving the grand old society. We give Mr. Dodge full credit for what he has done for the society but believe that there are others who could do at least equally well. We propose to reduce the amount paid the official organ from 15 to 12 cents per member, making quite a saving and I agree with Mr. Dodge that the Secretary should *not* receive a salary as long as the society is in arrears and the dues remain at 25 cents. We are decidedly in favor of allowing members to vote for official journal and not be compelled to accept any paper that for the time being may have the good will of the present Secretary. We also desire to change the constitution so that amendments can be made by a two-thirds vote of the members voting on such amendment providing such two-thirds shall constitute one third of all members in good standing; a perfectly just law that will permit amendments for the benefit of the society to be made.

These are practically all the changes proposed and there is nothing whatever to disrupt the society, but on the contrary by allowing the members a few more privileges they become more interested in the welfare of the society and better workers.

Yours faithfully,

CLARK W. BROWN.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE P. S. OF A.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1901.

To the Members of the P. S. of A.:
Having recently joined your society I have had occasion to become very well acquainted with its affairs in general and some of its affairs in particular. Therefore I beg to say briefly that the P. S. of A. has a great future before it; but my interest in it prompts me to say to you, fellow

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If you want to exchange let me hear from you.
31] **FRED S. MARTIN, Greene, N. Y.**

stamp men, that before greater success can be attained there must be perfect harmony in our ranks. I have read many pleasant and unpleasant things regarding the P. S. of A. and its officers. At our Buffalo convention all of these differences should be adjusted once and forever. As editor of the *Perforator* I have taken much interest in the society and believe in its future. There are scores of stamp collectors who keep out of stamp societies on account of all these petty quarrels. Elect your officers and get good men. Get a good official journal and you will see the applications come in quickly. The eyes of the other societies are fixed on the P. S. of A. trouble. I hope it will all be smoothed out at Buffalo and you will have to do it. Philatelically yours,
AB. LEVE,
Editor the *Perforator*.



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Gold Coast 1884, 6d orange.....	.04
Gold Coast 1884, 1sh violet.....	.05
*Guatemala 1901, 1c on 25c orange.....	.02
*Guatemala 1901, 1c on 20c green.....	.02
*Guatemala 1901, 2c on 20c green.....	.04
Guatemala 1901, 1c on 25c complete.....	.50
*Guatemala 1894, 1c on 5c error No. 56.....	1.00
*Guatemala 1894 and '95, 1c on 5c, a pair, being one of each and showing the rare error, price per pair.....	1.25
*Guatemala No. 94, 6 on 1 peso.....	.09
" " " 95, 6 on 1 peso.....	.19
" " " 95, 6 on 10 peso.....	.19
Luxemburg 1894, 37 1/2 green.....	.02
*San Marino 1894, 25, 50, 1l.....	.25

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Arrangement of Varieties.

BY A SPECIALIST.

A "NOTE" in Bright's Catalogue under the head of South Australia opens up a very wide and interesting question. The "note" says, "Many of the issues of this country being difficult and confusing an attempt has been made in this list to classify by types instead of adhering to the strict chronological order." Now although, like most specialists, I am a stickler for chronological order, I am bound to confess that there are occasions when it may with advantage be disregarded.

For instance, why should not variations of the same design in watermark and in the minor degrees of shade, perforation, and even of paper be placed side by side? The gain of such an arrangement may be rendered obvious. Take, for example, a series which varies in all three particulars noted. Personally, I break away from the orthodox methods and arrange such stamps in vertical columns. In the first column I put the stamps of the first perforation. Then in the next column I place such stamps of the series as were issued with a second variety of perforation. Then the third variety of perforation in the third column and so all through all varieties of perforation, taking care to keep each value in line across the page. The advantage of this arrangement is that it tells at a glance what stamps are, and what are not, to be found in each variety of perforation.

Another page may be given to varieties of shade and another page to varieties of paper, but, as a general rule, all may be kept on the one page, except in the case of what is irreverently termed a "Bloater's" collection, in which, of course, each minute variety is given a page to itself.

The chief objection to this plan of mine seems to me to arise in the case of the re-issue of old designs in new perforations after the lapse of years and after the intervention of another design.

I am doubtful whether watermarks are amenable to this kind of classification. Up to the present I have only tested it for perforations and, so far, I am delighted with its apparent utility in dealing with such varieties.

The more a particular design, or series of designs, can be so arranged as tell at a glance their own tale of variation the more perfect must be the classification which readily lends itself to such a valuable result. The dealer must set out all varieties separately for the purpose of pricing and the collector slavishly follows the dealer's catalogue. Hence we have varieties of perforation arranged separately as in the catalogue.—*Philatelic Record.*

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Scott's No. 17b used, 48, 218, 241, 1214 unused, o.g. and other good U. S. postage and revenues to exchange for M. & M. and private proprietaries. C. H. NAGLE, Birdsboro, Pa. 131

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800 Different stamps for sale at 1/2 cent each. 1200 others at 1 cent each. Lists Free. Wholesale List for Dealers. [2217] CALVIN C. BRACKETT, Lewiston, Maine.

Revenue Proofs are what I want, and I have several single copies and pairs to exchange for others that are missing in my collection. What have you to offer and what do you most desire? Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Maine. [2217]

Your stamps taken at 1/2 catalogue in exchange for mine at catalogue. Some exceptions. I can use single stamps or wholesale lots. Write. Calvin C. Brackett, Lewiston, Maine. [2217]

Scott's 60th Catalogue 48c postpaid. Wanted, good duplicates for cash or exchange. H. K. Moyer, Easton, Pa. 138

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

I have the pleasure to apprise our members of the appointment of Mr. A. Hosbach of Philadelphia to the office of Superintendent of our Exchange Department, he having received the unanimous endorsement of our Official Board.

Mr. Hosbach is an enthusiastic collector of Postal Cards, and, being a thorough business man, the affairs of the Department will be conducted strictly on business principles.

I hope, therefore, that he will receive the hearty support of his fellow members.

As soon as the books and blanks are turned over to him by Mr. Doughty he will be ready to begin operations, and will so notify the members.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, President.
 Baltimore, Md., July 31st, 1901.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Changes of Address.

Dr. George Dimmock, P. O. Box 1597, Springfield, Mass.

Waldemar Hoffmann, Casilla Correo 362, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, S. A.

Renewal List No. 4.
 18, 35.

Collections.

I have collected for dues since my last report \$2.00. I have remitted to the Treasurer \$1.00, the remaining \$1.00 having been received since I made my remittance to Mr. Morse.

Received.

Mr. Waldemar Hoffmann of Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, S. A., has sent me the new Inland Card, issued in commemoration of the 80th birthday of General Mitre, on June 26th; 2c brown and green on buff, size 108mm by 148mm. On the reverse side of each card in brown or green is one of the four following views:

Monument of General San Martin.
 Cruiser "San Martin"
 Monument of General Belgrano.
 Cruiser "General Belgrano."

To Delinquents.

By the time these reports are before our members those who are in arrears will have received their "Thirty Days Notice," as required by the Constitution; kindly save the Secretary the displeasure of dropping you from the roll for "Non-Payment of Dues," by sending in your remittance at once.

Deo Volente.

I will be at Buffalo during the Philatelic conventions and would sincerely appreciate the pleasure of meeting as many members of the Postal Card Society of America as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
 T. H. GAFFORD, Sec'y.
 Church Hill, Md., August 2nd, 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand last report,	\$102.63
Rec'd from Secretary,	1 00
Balance on hand,	\$103.63
No payments.	

J. N. MORSE, Treas.
 Boston, Aug. 2, 1901.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals since my last report:

Dr. Paul Rossberg, \$4.18; Walter S. Allen, \$4.18; W. Rasmus, \$3.44; Guy A. Bryant, \$6.00; W. Hoffmann, \$5.87; John N. Morse, \$5.00; W. P. Agee, \$5.00.

Distribution No. 56 was sent out July 8th, containing the following new issues: Bosnia, Letter Card, 6 heller; Great Britain, 1/2 and 1/2 x 1/2 d green on buff, large size; and 1/2 and 1/2 x 1/2 d green on white, court shape; Hungary-Croatia, 4 filler; Wurttemberg, 2 pfennig for printed matter, and 5 pfennig Service, used, (not on sale to the public at the Post Offices); New Zealand, Letter Cards ONE

(Provisional) and 1/2 d with altered instructions; New South Wales, 1x1d and Letter Card 1/2 d; Victoria, 1d, 1x1d, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 d, and Letter Cards 2d and 1d on 2d (Provisional); German Empire, Letter Card, 10 pfennig, and Natal, Letter Card, 1d.

The Department has been highly complimented on this Distribution, several members having expressed the opinion that many of the above Cards will be quite rare in the near future.

The next Distribution will contain new Cards from Bavaria, Belgium, Greece, Peru and others.

I would like to enroll every member of our Society as a participant in the benefits offered by this Department.

Respectfully submitted,
 ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
 Purchasing Agent.
 Baltimore, Md., July 31, 1901.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 10th.

Correction.

1683. **PORTER, EDWIN L.** was published last week as Potter.

Resignation Received.

1212. **MUHLENBERG, H. H.**, Reading, Pa.

Changes of Address.

1652. **DUCK, GEO. F.**, from Clearfield, Pa., to Berryburg, Barbour Co., West Virginia.

896. **WINTERHALTER, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER A. G.**, U. S. N., from U. S. S. Bennington, to U. S. S. Helena, care Consul-General, Shanghai, China.

New Stockholders.

1684. **FORD, ALLYN K.**, 1217 First Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.

1685. **JONES, ALBERT LLOYD**, Monroeville, Indiana.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership August 3rd 529
New Stockholders..... 2

Total Membership August 10th 531

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT.

WINONA, MINN., Aug. 1, 1901.

454 books in circulation according to my last report, valued \$16,648 81
18 books received since my last report, valued at..... 526 05

Total No. books in circulation 472, valued at..... \$17,174.86
1 book retired, not circulated 869.25

471 books valued at..... \$16,305.61
48 books retired since last report (from which has been sold \$387.06) valued at..... 1,535.23

423 books in circulation at present time, valued at..... \$14,770 38
H. G. SMITH, Sales Supt.

TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

The complete list to date of all notifying the ERA of their intention of attending the Convention at Buffalo is as follows:

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P. J. Flanders, Chicago, Ill.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.
W. S. Coe, wife and son, W. S. Coe, Jr., Pittsburg, Pa.

The Editor's Spears.

The Wurtemberg Chamber is said to have approved of a motion brought forward by one of its members, Herr Hausmann, that the postage stamps of that unit of the German Confederation shall be suppressed, and the ordinary German stamps adopted in their place. The Wurtemberg stamps are by no means things of beauty, but even on patriotic grounds they ought to remain a joy to the good people of that little kingdom. The Bavarians have shown far more patriotism, although their king is but a shadow in their midst. They have made it known to the whole world that they have decided absolutely to preserve their own Bavarian stamps, and not to give way on this point to the secret wishes of the German Emperor.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

I learn from M. Maury's journal that Austria has twenty-eight post offices in Turkey, and that it was the first outside power to establish them in the Turkish Empire. This may explain the fact that the Austrian Levant post, according to recent statistics, deals with the largest number of letters, as merchants use it in preference to all others. Thus, although Great Britain, Germany, France, and Russia maintain severally their own post offices in the Levant yet the Austro-Hungarian post is used by them for sending letters as follows: Russia posts 60 per cent of its letters in the Austrian offices; Great Britain 40 per cent; Germany 30 per cent; and France 25 per cent. These figures are by no means flattering to the British postal service in Turkey, where so much depends upon doing things for one's self, and the matter calls for explanation. There is something wrong evidently.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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The Editor's Bears.

Collectors of obliterations will be glad to hear that the Sultan of Turkey has ordered that henceforth the stamps on letters leaving shall be cancelled in Hebrew characters.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

It is probably well known that the stamps of the first *Giro* issue for the Philippines present marked variations in shade, a fact that probably led Moens to split them into two issues: 1880 yellow green, 1884 light green; for despite the different values I am inclined to think that those two are one. However, I mount a pair of each value to show the greatest extremes, and whilst comparing the shades of a few copies recently received with those in my album I made a rather curious discovery. One of the 75c peso stamps showed a range of 625p 5c, to 1250p, the other a full stop in place of the last 'o,' which closer investigation showed to be a portion of the missing figure. An examination of the few copies available showed various conditions of the cipher, and on one copy, though otherwise bright and perfect, there is not the slightest trace of it. A curious point is that this copy is almost of the same shade as the one with the fullest inscription, and the two most widely different shades show merely a large dot.—*Stamps*.

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ANDERSON, IND., July 13.—A. A. Small, who recently retired from the postoffice, and Minot Cleveland, a clerk, in an invoice of stamps, several weeks ago, noticed that one bunch of one hundred one-cent stamps had the ship in the center upside-down, and attracted by the novelty and not realizing that any particular value attached thereto, Cleveland took thirty-five of them and paid the Government what the face value called for. Mr. Small took the remaining sixty-five. Two weeks ago Mr. Small saw where these misprinted stamps were listed at \$30 each in New York, but before he could take advantage of the offer some of the misprints found their way East. A few days ago a St. Louis collector came here and offered \$10 each for the stamps. Mr. Small wanted \$12, which the St. Louis man refused to pay. Then Messrs. Small and Cleveland concluded to jump the price to \$75 each, at which figure the stamps are now held.—*Indianapolis News*, July 13th.

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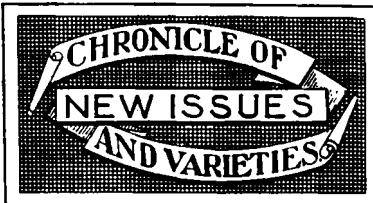
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Wylie a copy of each issue to foregoing address, and an extra copy of ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

NOTE.

I regret very much the loss of "Chronicle" Mss. sent last week at the usual time. It is more of a disappointment to its editor than the reader as it entails a great deal of extra labor, in fact the entire ground cannot be as thoroughly covered as in the original Mss.

AFGHANISTAN.—The *Monthly Journal* has received the 1 abasi, in the type of 1893, on deep scarlet tissue paper.

Adhesive (Regular):
1 abasi, black on scarlet.

BELGIUM.—I have received the Inland cards printed in yellow-green, and the International cards in carmine, both single and double. The latter were erroneously printed so as to fold at the bottom (B₃), but have since been corrected to fold at the top (T₃).

Post Cards (Regular):

5	centimes, yellow-green on yellow-buff.	
5x5	" " " " " "	B ₃
5x5	" " " " " "	T ₃
10	" " " " " "	
10x10	" " " " " "	B ₃
10x10	" " " " " "	T ₃

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—The *Am. Jour. of Phil.* has been shown two imperforate varieties by Mr. A. Calman, the 10c 1892 and the 10c red on salmon, 1900, type A61.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES—Single and reply cards and a registration envelope in modifications of the designs of the new set of adhesives are to be recorded.

Post Cards (Regular):

1c	green on buff.
1x1c	" " " "
3c	carmine on buff.
3x3c	" " " "

Envelope (Registration):
3c ultramarine on buff.

FRANCE, Office at Canton.—Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. exhibits a set of Indo-Chine stamps ranging from 5c to 5 fr surcharged horizontally "CANTON" with two Chinese characters evidently meaning the same. It seems difficult to ascribe any good reason why this set should be issued. It must be that a great demand for this issue has sprung up in the minds of the French residents of Canton or else the French treasury needs replenishing.

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c	green on greenish, surch. "CANTON."
10c	black on lavender, " " "
15c	blue, " " "
20c	red on green, " " "
25c	black on rose, " " "
30c	brown on bistre, " " "
40c	red on straw, " " "
50c	carmine on rose, " " "
75c	violet on orange, " " "
1fr	green on straw, " " "
5fr	lilac on lavender, " " "

On 1897-6 issue of Indo-Chine.

GERMANY.—The German Letter Sheets, issued in 1897, and of which, since, several varieties have made their appearance have recently been changed to the letter card shape, single fold, and, as such, have been issued with two styles of perforations: first, issue perf. "I", second issue "III".

Letter Cards (Regular):

10	pfennig, carmine on pale blue, perf. "I".
10	" " " " " " " " perf. "III".

GREECE.—It appears that the 10 lepta letter card, issued during the summer of 1900, was issued early this year with perforation "II", of which I have just received a few copies. The original perforation was "I", lines crossing each other at the corners.

On July 1st this letter card (perf. "II") was issued with instructions on the reverse in Greek, of which my correspondent in Athens sends me the following translation: "It is not allowed to introduce into the letter cards other papers, notes or subjects, because they will not be transmitted. Letter cards, containing sheets of paper, or other subjects, will not be sent to their destination."

I have received from Whitfield King & Co., a set of the new Grecian stamps. The design is practically the same on all the values, a representation of Mercury. The drachmae values are very peculiar in shape measuring 35x20 millimetres. The set is very artistic in design, execution of same, and colors but the perforating is poorly done.

Letter Cards (Regular):

10	lepta, red on blue, perf. "II."	instructions on
10	" " " " " " " "	reverse.

Adhesives (Regular):

1l	brown.
2l	gray.
3l	orange.
5l	green.
10l	rose.
20l	violet.
25l	blue.
30l	dark purple.
40l	brown violet.
50l	brown-red.
1dr	black.
2dr	bronze.
3dr	silver.
5dr	gold.

MOROCCO.—Mr. C. A. Howes gives me this news from a foreign paper: "The 5 centimos green postal card of Gibraltar with black surcharge 'Morocco Agency' local printing, turns out to be an error. The English Postmaster at Tangier writes that the surcharge 'Agency' was printed erroneously for 'Agencies.' Of the issue of 2000 approximately half were sold in the usual course, the balance being held by one party. A card before us was mailed in Tangier Nov. 22, 1900, reached Gibraltar the next day and was delivered in Dresden, Nov. 28."

MACAO—I find that I have failed to list a provisional card said to have been issued last year, the 2 avos, rose, with surcharge "PROVISORIO—1 AVO." The card used was one of the Vasco da Gama issue.

Post Card (Provisional):

2a rose, surcharged "PROVISORIO—1 AVO."

MONTENEGRO.—I have to chronicle two changes in the post cards of this principality. The 3 and 5n are now issued as follows:

Postal Cards (Regular):

3n	black on gray.
5n	carmine on gray.

NYASSA.—I have been shown by Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. a set of stamps in brilliant colors picturing a giraffe on the lower values and two camels on the higher. The set is bi-colored and is very handsome. This is without doubt the first time that a giraffe has been the subject of a postage stamp design:

Adhesives (Regular):

2½r	brown and black.
5r	violet " " "
10r	green " " "
15r	brown " " "
20r	vermilion and black.
25r	ochre " " "
30r	blue " " "
75r	carmine " " "
80r	lilac " " "
1c0r	yellow-brown and black.
150r	red-brown " " "
200r	blue-green " " "
300r	yellow-green " " "

PARAGUAY.—A 40c blue has appeared that I find I have not chronicled. It is of the type of the current set.

Adhesive (Regular):

40c blue.

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Cat. No.	1st In Good Condition.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
8	1861, 1sh green, used.....	\$12.50	\$7.50
9	1867, 1d red.....	2.50	1.50
10	" 4d orange, used.....	8.50	6.00
14	1879, 1d red.....	1.50	.75
14a	" 1d rose.....	2.00	1.00
15	" 4d orange, used.....	5.00	3.00
19	" 1d violet, CC, used.....	4.00	2.50
20	" 2½d red brown, used.....	12.50	6.00
22	1883, 1d violet, CA, used.....	3.00	2.00
22	" 1d violet, pen cancellation.....	.75	.35
24	" 4d blue, used.....	4.00	2.75
35	1882, 1d rose and black, pen cancel.....	1.00	1.00
37	" 1d violet and black, pen cancel.....	.50	.50
38	" 6d green and black, pen cancel.....	5.00	5.00

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These 2nd and 3rd quality stamps are just as good an investment if not better than 1st quality, providing of course you buy them at the prices which I ask for 2nd and 3rd. For instance if you buy a \$2.50 stamp for \$2.00 you have a \$2.00 stamp to fill your \$2.50 space in your album. When you sell your stamp do not forget that you have a \$2.00 and not a \$2.50 stamp and the chances are that you will receive more for your \$2.00 stamp which fills a \$2.50 space than you would for a fine copy of a \$2.00 stamp to fill a \$2.00 space.

5	1861, 1d lake rose, perf. cut off two sides...	1.00
6	" 4d dull rose, lightly cancelled, perfor. cut off. \$2.50 buys this \$15.00 stamp.	
7	1867, 6d lilac gray, lightly cancelled, perforations cut off three sides, otherwise very fine, price.....	3.00
12	1867, 1sh blue green, lightly cancelled, perforations cut off, price.....	2.00
14	1879, 1d red, perforations cut off, price.....	.50
19	" 1d violet, CC, heavily cancelled, otherwise perfect, price.....	1.00
20	" 2½d red brown, CC, heavily post-marked, also two small tears, but no part of stamp missing. \$2.00 for this \$12.50 stamp.	
22	1883, 1d violet, CA, heavily cancelled.....	1.00
24	1882, 4d blue, CA, cancelled about as heavily as those which are generally sold as 1st by those who say they have no 2nds. \$1.25 for this \$4.00 stamp.	

All of the above are stamps of Nevis.

Last but not least is the

VIRGIN ISLANDS

No. 7.—1867 1 sh rose and black, used postally, lightly cancelled, with perforations cut off on all sides, otherwise very fine.

I did not cut off these perforations, but I cut out \$21.00 off the price and offer this

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PERU.—I have received a rather crude looking Letter Card from this Republic. It is a domestic production modelled after the 1896 issue, which was from the press of the American Bank Note Company. The impression appears to be from a wood cut or from an electro, and is printed in two colors. The upper right hand corner is "adorned" with a vignette of the President in an oval, printed in blue-black. Above and below this, slightly curved towards the oval, appears "Correos del Peru" and "TRES CENTAVOS" in vermilion, and in the upper centre, in the same color, on an ornamental tablet "Carta Postal." The imprint under the right end of this tablet, almost unreadable, is "STOLTE—LIMA."

Letter Card (*Commemorative*):

Tres (3) centavos, vermilion and blue-black on white, perf. "1."

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. J. M. MacKenzie favors the ERA with a lengthy excerpt from a letter written him by a gentleman in the Transvaal relating to the Petersburg-Boer issue of stamps. Mr. MacKenzie also has a photograph of the proclamation authorizing the issue. Although I have described this set quite fully (423) the local flavor of this communication induces its publication: Today I enclose you some of the last South African Republic issue (so called Petersburg issue) because printed in that town the largest in Boer possession up to middle April, 1901, when it was captured by British troops.

The Boers rubbed along with the 1896 issue on hand till exhausted, then they tried a month to do without any and finding this unworkable caused this issue to be printed. Though ordered in February 1901, it only circulated from middle of March. Owing to Controller's other work he did initialling in spare time and did not overwork himself: We have always plenty of time out here and rather do tomorrow what we ought to do today.

I am doubtful if I can let you have blocks of higher values, as the issue of these is only 1200 each. This gives six hundred for type 1, three hundred each for types 2 and 3. Stamps were printed in sheets of 24, first 2 rows Type 1, third row type 2, and fourth row type 3, the 1p value being mostly used 15000 were issued, ½p and 2p only 2000 and 6000 respectively.

Used stamps are scarce as the higher values had but a limited time owing to British troops marching up so quickly; lower values are more plentiful and had a life of nearly a month.

After the war a full history will appear in London Society's philatelic paper. I cannot write now as I have no time and dare not touch politics which I cannot exclude from article. I am collecting dates, official notices and interviewing printer, controller and all who were connected with this issue; will be a nice article. Boers had up to 1st April 51 Post Offices, over 100 miles railway and about 500 miles telegraph full working. Since then nearly all these have been captured and Boers have nothing left so will not issue any more stamps.

Written for the ERA.

Robie's Around-the-World Letters.

No. III—FROM BRUXELLES.

BRUXELLES, BELGIUM, August 3, 1901.

MY DEAR JEWETT:

I was glad to get back to London into an English speaking community. It was like returning home.

I am obliged to change my plans somewhat and am at present touring Belgium, Germany, Holland and Denmark, returning to London in September. My first intention was to hurry through Europe and sail during the Winter for India, but the possibilities for business are so great, and there is so much to see, I'll probably stay in Europe, with London my headquarters, for a year, cutting my visit short in Australia and Japan, and possibly leaving out South America altogether. Besides, His Majesty King Edward The Seven Spot, may need me at the coronation to act as Prompter or Interpreter. He might forget his part and become rattled during the ceremony.

Belgium is a country filled with rare paintings, Gothic architecture and my highly esteemed friend, Mr. F. J. Laurie, formerly of Worcester, Mass., whose heart and capacity are so great that he fills up half the territory together with Monsieur Galhaut, likewise of the same calibre and capacity. The fact is, Belgium extends over so much of the earth's surface that it would require a first class Kansas cornfield to cover it and a bicycle rider would have to pedal pretty lively to skirt the Kingdom in a day. Within its borders however, six million people rest, more than the whole of Canada's population, the most densely inhabited country in the world. I say these people rest. During my stay here I have failed to find them do much of anything else, and their main occupation apparently is to drink, eat, take another drink, smoke, think of the next drink and sometimes—sleep.

Water is something almost entirely unknown to these peoples, although I met a number of gentlemen who said they sometimes bathed in it, and I actually saw one lonesome fellow drinking it in one of the sidewalk cafes. The sight was so unusual I made some enquiries about him and learned that the unfortunate man formerly lived in America, and contracted the habit in the State of Maine where he couldn't get anything else to drink. It is a very sad case.

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1869-70, 1/2, 1 and 1 1/2c.....	.09
1c black, very scarce.....	.30
1872-75, 5c to 50c, 7 varieties.....	.07
2 1/2 gulden.....	.45
1888, 7 1-2, 22 1-2, and 1 g1, complete..	.25
1891-94, Queen, 1st print, 3c to 50c, 10 var.....	.18
same, including 1 gulden, 11 varieties	.30
1894, Queen, 2nd print, 3c to 50c, complete12
1891-94, 2 1/2 gulden, a var., 1st and 2nd print..	.75
1896, 50c and 1 g1, bi-colored.....	.14
5 gulden, bi colored, obsolete & very rare	1.15
1898, 1 gulden, Coronation.....	.13
1899, 1/2 to 50c, 14 varieties.....	.82
2 1/2 gulden.....	.40
5 gulden.....	.60
Unpaid 1870, 5 and 20c, complete.....	.11
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1894, 1c to 25c, 9 varieties, complete	.82

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HENRY L. CALMAN,

18 E. 23d St., New York, N. Y.

Agent for the Syndicate.

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The Belgians have a wonderful cure for insomnia, new to me. You go to bed and if you don't go to sleep get up and take a drink of "Lambic," go back to bed, and if you are awake in fifteen minutes get up and take another drink. Repeat the dose if necessary every fifteen minutes till six drinks are taken. By that time if you are still awake, you wont care whether you go to sleep or not. I tried it with perfect success. I forget how many times I had to get up, but I went to sleep all right.

Brussels, the capital, where I am now writing this, is of great historic interest, and reminds one of Paris to a certain extent, though thanks to the fatherly guidance and care of Brother Laurie, I am taking in less bad money, and am seeing the sights at half the expenditure that was a marked characteristic of my Paris experience. In my short letters I cannot go into the details of the classic beauty and grandeur of the monuments, the cathedrals, the grand old palaces and the gay and brilliant spectacles that are so conspicuous and interesting here. Suffice it to say at this time that it is undeniably one of the finest and grandest capitals of all Europe. I do not know what is before me, but I cannot imagine anything more impressive and grander than the La Grand' Place, the scene of all the festivals, executions, revolts and rejoicing of the troublous times in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth centuries. The Hotel De Ville, in its centre, built 500 years ago, is an architectural gem, the like of which I never have seen nor ever expect to see, with a spire over 300 feet high, as delicate and intricate as fine lace.

The stamp business here at this time is suffering from the usual summer dullness but I was surprised to see so many dealers and such a traffic done in common stamps and what we would call truck or trash in the States. Condition is not anywhere near so much of a problem to contend with and like Paris, there is a market here for anything.

An unusual incident happened at my hotel yesterday. I was awakened at 6 A. M. by a loud knock at the door, and a few words in French, to which I could only reply, "Wee, Wee," about all I know of the French language to date. In a minute there was another knock and a voice in English, "Will the gentleman let me in please(?) I am an officer." I thought it would be indiscreet to protest, and wondering what was up, opened the door with great alacrity. Two big strapping policemen entered with the hotel register, politely asked my name, where I was going, what I was doing, and where I was from etc. and I was obliged to prove my identity by digging out my passports and comparing my signature to the one in the Register. They then politely withdrew but would make no explanation of their actions. On investigation I found they were after a certain English fugitive and it was customary to hunt the hotels in that manner.

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1dr blue.....	.05
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3 " green and brown.....	.16
5 " purple and blue.....	.30

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Jubilee 2c green, used.....	30c
1898, 8c, 10c, 15c, unused, each.....	5c

All Unused 2c Each:

1891, 5c yellow green, 6c orange.
1894, 2c claret, 6c purple.
1898, 2, 3, 5 mil, 3c brown, 6c blue,
1899, Habilitado 4 mil, green.
1899, Habilitado 1c claret.
1899, Impuesto 2c, No. 176.
1899, Impuesto 5c, No. 179.
1899, Impuesto 5c, No. 185.

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H. A. AMMANN,
ORRVILLE, OHIO.

Please mention ERA when answering ads.

This is twice I have been on the eve of arrest as an Anarchist or some criminal character. There is no use talking, these "pink whiskers" will have to come off.

LEWIS ROBIE.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The sixty-ninth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday evening, August 12, 1901.

Present: Messrs Andreini, Calman, Low, Scott and Perrin.

In the absence of the President the meeting was called to order at 8.10 P. M. by Vice-President Andreini.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a number of communications.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer the share of stock now appearing on the books in the name of Mr. F. H. Pitman to Mr. E. M. Carpenter.

The Treasurer's report for July was read showing a cash balance on hand of \$222.81, also the August report showing a cash balance on hand of \$86.71 exclusive of \$1000 bond.

Both reports were approved as read. Moved that the Treasurer be directed to send the usual notice to all members owing over \$5.

The House Committee report was received and read.

Adjourned at 9 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary



The last

WOUNDED BIRD

is the "lame duck" of the lot. The first one that we shot at cut his prices off and this one is now advertising "choice stamps" in place of damaged ones and on a variety out of fifty has got his price as low as ours. His statement that he can furnish from the commonest to the scarcest stamp, taken literally, is a broad one, as such small firms as Scott Stamp & Co. and Whitfield King & Co. distinctly say that they cannot. We have noticed that the class of dealers to which he belongs always have "large stocks." In regard to his remarks in ERA of March 10th, will say that we were tempted to refer to them in our ad of three weeks since but thought they were probably spoken without much consideration and so would take no unfair advantage.

All we can say to the fact that he takes as much pleasure in his damaged stamps as his fine ones is that tastes differ as the old lady said when she lived the cow. There is no doubt that old collections contain damaged stamps, also stamps pasted down solid in the album, also cut round envelopes and stamps with clipped perforations, but would be advise this method of collecting today? We know of many up to date collections that contain only stamps in good condition. Also that dealers in buying collections estimate damaged stamps as nothing. His remarks in this connection are very misleading, and although we admit that some of the best collections contain damaged stamps their owners are not buying any but the finest specimens today except in the case of rarities, and then they buy the best ones obtainable.

He says that a stamp listed at \$5.00 is not as good an investment at \$5.00 as a damaged copy at \$1.00. We are inclined to question even this, but certainly maintain that a stamp listed at \$5.00 is an infinitely better investment if bought at "Sterling Prices" (\$2.50 or less) than the damaged are at 10c. In this connection would like to ask his opinion as an investment of a stamp listed as good though in damaged condition at 25c.

Of course the damaged Brattleboro he mentions is a rarity and has no bearing on the question. I claim that if only good stamps were collected it would stop collecting is too absurd to notice. The idea of today in every line of business is to educate up to a higher standard and why not educate collectors that think they want to buy damaged stamps by offering good stamps at fair prices. What he seems to object to is advice from any one but himself. The trouble with his advice is that he has kept it about fifteen years too long. He is living in the stamp times of '85. If as he says collectors care nothing for our advice why does he take such a lively interest in it? The matter of prices is entirely in the hands of collectors. To make a profit the dealer must sell his stamps, he cannot eat them or use them to pay rent, and if collectors firmly refuse to pay absurd prices for stamps, Gum for instance, they will soon see the market "soften."

The trouble with many philatelic writers that are also dealers is that they unintentionally allow their business to bias their opinions to a great extent. And after all it is hardly to be expected that a dealer that has a stock of hob nailed brogans would advise people to wear stink slippers.

In further support of our position will call attention to the success of Sanderson with his motto "Fine Stamps in Fine Condition," also that *Ewen's Weekly* contains a long want list of stamps "that must be fine" to replace the inferior specimens." Also that the next Scott Catalogue will no longer list stamps even in good average condition, but that prices will apply only to perfect specimens.

With this array of talent on our side we certainly feel well satisfied that collectors will find in the future that our advice was not so bad after all. It still lives.

THE STERLING COMBINATION: FINE STAMPS! FAIR PRICES!

P. S. We claim a copyright on that "Wounded Bird." Any dealer wishing to use it must apply to us for terms—which will be unreasonable.

GUATEMALA.

San Francisco is the market in which to buy Guatemala. I will sell any of the following at 50% off the 60th.

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Australian Federal Prospects.

FROM A PHILATELIC STANDPOINT.

The Federal Postal and Telegraph Bill is still under discussion in the Senate.

"On Tuesday Senator Drake, in answer to Senator Neild, said he could not indicate at present when Federal postage stamps would be issued. The question of whether such (? State, Ed) stamps should bear some indication that Australia had federated would be considered when the book-keeping period prescribed in the Constitution had expired. The question of Inter-State penny postage was one of policy, and had not been determined."—*Sydney Daily Telegraph*.

The same paper in a subsequent issue, inserted the following: "The Postmaster-General says that Federal Stamps cannot be issued for five years, as the present method is the only one by which the States can receive their fair quota of the money due. He instances "Tattersall's" sweep, from which an amount of fully £15,000 goes back to Tasmania every year. This amount could not be determined without distinguishing stamps."

We have to thank Senator Lieut-Col. Neild for "No. 21, Journals of the Senate" for Wednesday, 3rd July, 1901 (received just as we go to press), which contains the following:—

FEDERAL POSTAGE STAMPS.—Senator Lieut-Colonel Neild, pursuant to notice, asked the Postmaster-General—

1. Can he indicate when Federal postage stamps will be issued.
2. Does he deem it desirable that postage stamps in use in the Commonwealth should bear some indication that Australia is federated.
3. Can he say whether it is intended to establish inter-State penny postage, and, if so, when?
4. Is it intended that the Commonwealth shall obtain the benefits of universal postage, and, if so, when?

The Postmaster-General replied—

1. Not at present. Federal postage stamps will probably not be issued until after the expiration of the book-keeping period prescribed by sections 89 and 93 of the Commonwealth Constitution Act.
2. It is not considered desirable to overprint the postage stamps of the several States, but when the issue of any new stamps is authorised such an indication will be considered.
- 3 and 4. These are matters of policy which have not yet been determined.

In order to complete the separation of the Victorian Postal and Revenue Departments the 1d stamp of the 1887 issue has been re-issued in olive-green with the words "Stamp duty" as before. This is intended for fiscal purposes only, but as the departments were not to be separated until the 30th June, it was available for postage for three weeks prior to that date. In order to make the postal series more definite the ½d small rectangular stamp recently issued has had the word "Postage" inserted at the bottom, and we have been

informed by Mr. Donne of Melbourne, that the following values, namely, 1½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1s and 2s have been similarly dealt with. These changes are *probably* necessary, but it is a pity they have come so often recently. Whether intentionally or not the Victorian Postal Authorities have lately provided plenty of food for philatelists. A few years ago Queensland began chopping her stamps to bits, then New Zealand had an innings, now Victoria comes along to assist in the progress of philately. By and bye the cry will be "save us from our friends."

We have not heard anything more about the £1 and £2 Victorian stamps announced in the press upwards of two months ago. Can it be that the order for issue has been cancelled?—*Australian Journal of Philately*.

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POSSIBLY A CHANGELING.

August 14, 1901.

W. W. JEWETT, Esq.,

Dear Sir: I have had in my collection for a number of years a 4c Proprietary red (not violet) of the first issue perforated of U. S. Revenue stamps. This stamp I have never seen catalogued and I should like some information regarding it if possible.

The color is the same as of all the 5c of that issue and it is plainly cancelled in Boston, April 10, 1872.

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LOCAL PHILATELIST THE VICTIM OF BOLD COLLECTOR—SAYS NAME IS J. H. WALKER—CLAIMS TO REPRESENT "THE PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY OF CHICAGO," WHICH DOES NOT EXIST.

Chief Carpenter's sleuths are on the lookout for one J. H. Walker, representing "The Portland Cement Co., of Chicago," who, during a recent visit to Montreal, disposed of a cheque of the face value of \$50, in exchange for a collection of postage stamps, to a St. James street dealer, securing \$20 in change. (The cheque, which was drawn against the account of "The Portland Cement Co., of Chicago" on the Hibernian Banking Association, of Chicago, has since turned out to be absolutely worthless.

Walker came to Montreal about a week ago, making his headquarters at the Winsor Hotel, and he represented himself to be connected with the company already named, but which in fact, has no existence. Soon after his arrival he visited a philatelist in St. James street, and by means of a letter of advice from the supposed Chicago concern, he soon established his identity with the stamp dealer. He also showed a collection of valuable stamps, and, of course, interested the dealer, from whom he subsequently purchased \$30 worth of rare stamps, tendering the cheque for \$50, which was accepted without question, the philatelist giving him \$20 in cash as change. The cheque was made out in regulation form, but it turned out subsequently that the acceptance of the bank was forged, but this was not discovered until the cheque was sent through the Bank of Montreal to the Chicago banking institution, from which it was returned with an endorsement, "No such concern known."

Walker, who has not been seen since this little transaction in St. James street, is described as being about 25 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height, fairly well built, and stylishly dressed. He wears a slight, black moustache, has a good appearance and is of pleasing address. He is remarkably well posted in philately, and it is believed that he is making a campaign of the Eastern States and Canada, and he will probably be heard from in other quarters before the police will be able to take him in tow.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 17th.

The President and Secretary expect to stop at the Hotel Niagara at Buffalo during the Convention.

I expect to be absent from home some two or three weeks. Correspondence received during that time will await my return. The weekly reports will be published as usual. Members are requested to bear in mind that my report is made up on Monday each week for the following Saturday's paper. Over half of the applications etc. during this year have been received a day or two late and had to lie over for a week.

In the application of Albert Lloyd Jones, published July 6, admitted August 10, I neglected to state that the guarantor is T. S. Jones, of Monroeville, Indiana.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Items from the Dub.

Wednesday, August 14th.

The outlook is promising for a large delegation from Boston and vicinity to attend the American Philatelic Association Convention at Buffalo. Already many have signified their intention to attend and many others will not know positively whether they can attend until close upon convention time. Mr. J. M. Bartels wishes his name added to the list of those who will attend.

A collection of stamps was stolen a few days ago from the residence of Mr. D. Webster Dow of Melrose. This collection belonged to his son, and was mounted in a two volume Scott's International Album and contained about three thousand varieties.

Last week I referred to a sheet of Danish West Indies with the right hand margin not perforated, etc. By error I omitted to state the stamp which was the three cent carmine of 1872.

J. M. Bartels Co. have recently sold a United States entire envelope No. 1560a, 1894 watermark, for \$100.00.

Philippine stamps, Nos. 160a and 161 exist with a counterfeit surcharge. The forgers have used Cuban stamps Nos. 2 and 3 and surcharged them similar to Nos. 160a and 161 Philippines. The genuine surcharge is much more blurred than the counterfeits, No. 161 are in blocks and No. 160a are in single copies. These dangerous forgeries emanate from Spain. Collectors be on your guard.

The New England Stamp Co. have shown me some new Guatemala stamps. One centavo on 20 centavo green, one centavo on 25 centavo orange, and two centavo on 20 centavo green.

Some new things shown by J. M. Bartels Co. is a Jonesboro local entire envelope, blue on orange, used but not cancelled, also two Glen Haven locals on cover, used in conjunction with a three cent 1857. The latter were both addressed to a party in Virginia.

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HELD AT BUFFALO, AUGUST 20TH, 21ST AND 22ND.

FIRST SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by President Geo. L. Toppan, who, after declaring the Sixteenth Annual Convention open, called Mr. Stone to the chair and addressed the members as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association,

Ladies and Gentlemen: Another year, the closing one of the nineteenth century, has become enrolled upon the archives of the past and it again becomes my pleasant duty to bid you a most cordial welcome to this, our Sixteenth Annual Convention.

Viewed from a philatelic standpoint the past year has been quite an eventful one and, as patriotic Americans, it is but natural for us to turn first to the events which have transpired at home; this being so, then, our thoughts turn involuntarily to the special series of postage stamps issued in commemoration of the great exposition which is now being held in this fair city of Buffalo.

You are all familiar with the designs of the stamps and will, I feel sure, agree with me that, in artistic conception, beauty, fineness and delicacy of execution, they are surpassed by but few, if any, which the world has ever known.

It is, of course, to be regretted that "mistakes will occur" and that "inverts" have escaped the vigilance of the many employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and gotten into circulation, but, and in this, too, I think that you will agree with me, such being the case I feel assured that those of us who possess examples of these errors have every reason to consider themselves extremely fortunate, while those who do not possess them look on with envy and almost despair of ever being able to obtain them.

Probably the greatest surprise which United States specialists have experienced for many years is the discovery that the stamps printed by the National Bank Note

Co. were not, as has been generally supposed, the only ones to receive the grille, but that the Continental Bank Note Co. also applied it to a limited number of each variety in circulation in the year 1876.

It is to that indefatigable philatelic student, Mr. John N. Luff, that we owe this discovery and his article upon the subject in the current number of *The American Journal of Philately* teems with interesting facts and statistics relative thereto.

Passing now to our colonial possessions we are confronted with two very different conditions: First, the abolition of surcharges for the Island of Guam, which was a step in the right direction and gave rise to the hope that the Government had seen the error of its ways and had decided to put a stop to the flood of surcharges, many of which were of a purely speculative character, as instanced by the higher values and special delivery stamps for Guam and many of the envelopes for Cuba. But, to turn to the second instance, hardly had the decision in the Guam case been rendered when our hopes were shattered by the announcement that a new lot, including all of the dollar values and a large number of the little used 3c unpaid letter stamp, had been ordered surcharged for use in the Philippines. We are, of course, all free to draw our own inference regarding these decisions but it seems to me that, allowing that certain conditions made it advisable for the stamps used in the Philippines to be surcharged for a while longer, as is claimed, there is nothing but speculation pure and simple in the surcharging of the values above alluded to.

We now come to the revenue stamps: The values from \$1.00 to \$50.00, including the new \$2.00 denomination, have, as you all know, been issued in a so-called "soluble ink" of a grayish tint which is overprinted with large outlined figures of value in black upon the face. This ink, however, has not proven sufficiently soluble to prevent the washing and re-use of the stamps and I understand that the Government officials

are again at work experimenting with other devices which, it is to be hoped, will prove to be more efficacious and will accomplish the end in view.

Regarding the partial abolition of the stamp taxes upon July 1st, it is a noteworthy fact that the method pursued in this instance is exactly the opposite of that followed in repealing the taxes of the civil war period.

In the present instance the masses of the people are the first to be relieved of the burden by the abolition of the tax upon bank-checks, proprietary medicines, etc., while, in the earlier one, these taxes were not repealed until nearly eleven years after all other stamp taxes had been removed. This action has, of course, rendered all of the proprietary stamps, both general and private with the exception of the 1c and 2c general, obsolete and will undoubtedly render several values of the Documentary series nearly so.

Doubtless the most important event of the year has been the death of Queen Victoria. It is a well-known fact that postage stamps were first generally adopted in England in the year 1840 and, since that time, the great majority of all of the stamps of the British Empire have portrayed the features of Her gracious and well-beloved Majesty. It may, then, well be said that her death closes the "Victorian Era" so far as philately is concerned.

As a natural consequence, the accession of Edward VII to the throne will cause a wholesale change in the stamps of the British Empire and, I think that I may be permitted to add, a wholesale exchange of change from the pockets of the many collectors of these fascinating stamps to those of the dealers.

I have seen it stated somewhere that the features of the late Queen were reproduced, in some form or other, upon no less than nine hundred and forty-four postage stamps, I presume that this is exclusive of stamped envelopes and wrappers, and I think that I am perfectly safe in stating that this number exceeds the sum total of the portraits of all of the other crowned heads, presidents, notable personages, etc. as depicted upon the stamps of the world.

France, which poses as the artistic centre of the world, has lately introduced us to a new set of stamps which reflect, in point of conception and execution, anything but the artistic spirit and keen sense of the

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beautiful with which her people are supposed to be imbued.

Switzerland seems to be even worse off; for, notwithstanding her offers of liberal cash prizes for the best and most appropriate designs, she seems to be unable to find anything at all acceptable.

The usual crop of South and Central Americans, including surcharges and errors(?) galore, has made its appearance and is closely followed by the surcharged colonials of both France and Germany, both of which seem to be making a hard run for a place.

In a society way the interest during the past year seems to have centered, in this country at least, at Boston and Chicago, the local societies of both cities having held frequent exhibitions of stamps and awarded numerous medals to the successful exhibitors. In both instances this has resulted in a material increase in their membership as well as in the attendance at their regular meetings and it is greatly to be regretted, that, being an National organization, we are unable to profit by the lesson which the public spiritedness of the members of these two societies has taught us.

And now a few words as to our own affairs: If I am not mistaken it will well repay you to consider most carefully the report of your Committee upon By-Laws and the changes which they will recommend. The experience of the past year has shown that, in many respects, they were woefully deficient or ambiguous and that reform, especially in the line of more clearly defining the correct interpretation of several of them, is much to be desired.

I desire, also, to bespeak your earnest attention to the report of your Board of Vice-Presidents for the year as, although I have not seen the report, I feel sure that it will instance several cases where the Board has been greatly handicapped by the ambiguity of some sections of the By-Laws.

I desire, furthermore, to call your attention to the good work of our Committee upon Membership and to thank them for the zeal and devotion which they have shown in the cause. If the results of their labors have not been quite as satisfactory as they could have wished them to have been, I can assure you from personal observation that it has been due to no lack of effort upon their part. It should, also, be remembered that their work has cost the Association nothing; that, with the aid of several members who have the interests of our Association at heart, they have paid all of their expenses out of their own pockets.

All of the various departments of the Association are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in the very best of condi-

tion and are working to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned.

In conclusion I desire to thank you all for the many courtesies which I have received at your hands; for the support which you have always extended to me in my official capacity; for the kindly attention with which you have favored me this morning and, last, but not least, to express the hope that the coming year may be replete with success and prosperity both to our Association as a whole and to each individual member thereof.

Geo. L. TOPPAN, President.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1901.

Mr. Stone, chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

BUFFALO, August 20, 1901.

The Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully counted the ballots received and that they are as follows:

Whole number of ballots,	253
Rejected,	9
Approved,	244
Geo. L. Toppan had	244
H. E. Deats,	243
P. M. Wolsieffer,	242
E. Doebelin,	241
S. Leland,	240
C. L. Annan,	240
H. B. Phillips,	239
M. H. Lombard,	238
C. E. Severn,	234
S. T. S. Doncyson,	5
D. T. Eaton,	4
W. F. Gregory,	4
Wm. C. Stone,	3
E. R. Aldrich,	2
H. G. Smith,	2
A. G. Burgoyne,	2

C. W. Kissinger, Geo. W. Rode, John N. Luff, John Kay, E. H. Anderson, J. W. Scott, A. W. Batchelder, E. M. Carpenter, A. Holland, each had 1.

Of the rejected ballots 1 was from a person not yet entitled to vote, 2 were not signed, 2 signed but not filled out, 1 entirely blank and 3 were duplicates.

PROXIES.

The following proxies have been approved:

A. F. Merell,	83
E. R. Aldrich,	40
D. T. Eaton,	20
Geo. W. Rode,	16
Wm. C. Stone,	14
E. M. Carpenter,	11
Nathan Cobe,	5
W. H. Barnum,	2

C. C. Johnson, 3
J. F. Johnson, Crawford Capen, Frank K. Hills, L. T. Brodstone, A. G. Burgoyne, Raynor Hubbell, F. J. Bescher, 1 each.

There were three proxies from persons not members and 4 were revoked by proxies of later date.

Wm. C. Stone, Chairman.

President Toppan then announced the appointment of the standing committees.

Reports from the various officers were then presented and the more important are as given herewith.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1901.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to present in person my second annual report as Secretary. While we have had a successful and uneventful year, we again have a decrease in membership, of thirty-three.

During the year we have gained fifty-one new stockholders and sixty-four members, previously dropped for non-payment of dues, have been re-instated. In December last, one hundred and thirty-nine were dropped for non-payment of dues, two have died, and seven have resigned, leaving a membership today of five hundred and thirty-two all of which is more clearly set forth in the following statement:

Membership at last Convention,	565
New Stockholders,	51
Re-instated,	64
	— 115
	680
Dropped for non-pay't of dues,	139
Died,	2
Resigned,	7
	— 148
	532

During the year it has been my duty to chronicle the death of three members as follows:

- 37. Chas. Bergholz.
- 199. F. Newell Chapin.
- 5. Joseph Rechert.

I have referred these to the Obituary Committee as required by the By-Laws. Mr. Bergholz was reported as dropped for non-payment of dues last December but I learned later he had died while in good standing.

The card catalogue which was transferred to my care by order of the last Convention, has been brought up to date and cards of many members who dropped out long ago have also been written up. To do this it was necessary to go back to 1892 and verify by the reports each week in the

Official Journal, all the entries made on the cards. This work consumed about twelve day's time. The expenditure of \$20.00 authorized by the Board of Directors, more than covered the expense of cabinet, new cards, etc.

All the officers of the Association have been exceedingly prompt in answering letters and the business of my office has been greatly facilitated thereby.

The plan I suggested in my last report of treating applications for re-instatement in the same manner as an application for admission to membership, has in my opinion proven itself to be just what was needed. It is unnecessary to enter into details, but one result alone will justify the increased labor on the part of the Secretary; members will be more careful hereafter in paying their dues promptly, because to be suspended certainly shows a carelessness that can easily be avoided.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Resident Vice-Presidents have attended to their duties as outlined in the By-Laws and have frequently been of service to me in furnishing information regarding matters within their territory. I have no suggestions to make, unless it be that Resident Vice-Presidents be also appointed for towns in which the membership is not at present very large with a view of increasing the membership of the Association.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The New York, Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Paul Branches are still in existence. I have received communications during the year only from the Chicago Branch. The minutes of their meetings have also been published in the Official Journal.

From August 1, 1900, to August 1, 1901, I have received cash as follows:

Stock,	\$58.00
Dues, new members,	30 20
Dues,	82.50
Year Books,	75
	<u>\$171.45</u>

I have remitted to the Treasurer as follows:

Sept. 15, '00, Cash to Treas.,	\$19.20
Oct. 8, " " " "	8.70
Nov. 5, " " " "	8.20
Dec. 5, " " " "	4.10
Dec. 21, " " " "	12.00
Jan. 2, 1901, " " " "	24.00
Feb. 4, " " " "	21.35
Mar. 7, " " " "	19.55
Apr. 2, " " " "	13.75
May 3, " " " "	13.80
July 29, " " " "	13.50
Aug. 2, " " " "	13.30
	<u>\$171.45</u>

The following is a statement of the expenses of my office for the year, amounting to \$143.30.

Vouchers for all items accompany the report.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

TO H. E. DEATS, SECRETARY.

1900	Dr.	
Aug. 1,	Postage for July,	\$2.46
Sept. 1,	" Aug.,	1.93
" 11,	Rubber stamp,	.15
" 25,	Box gold seals for stock,	.35
Oct. 1,	Postage for September,	1.42
" 13,	Express on Year Book copy to G. L. Toppan,	.36
Nov. 1,	Postage for October,	2.84
" 10,	Express on By-Laws,	.30
" 10,	Express on copy to printer,	.31
" 10,	Express on old records from Treasurer,	.25
" 10,	4 sets index cards and 300 plain cards,	1.50
Dec. 1,	Postage for Nov.,	2.16
" 6,	Express on Philatelic Literature report,	.40
" 6,	Express on Vice-President's records to C.E. Severn,	.81
" 9,	Index cards for cat.,	3.00
" 24,	Postage on 441 membership cards 2c,	8.82
	Additional postage on 24 foreign at 3c,	.72
" 24,	Postage on 441 Year Books to members 4c,	17.64
" 31,	Postage for Dec.,	6.18
1901		
Jan. 3,	Express to D. H. Bacon (envelopes for Year Book),	.76
" 3,	Express from C H. Fox (membership lists),	.25
Jan. 2,	Telegram to D.H. Bacon,	.41
" 31,	Postage for January,	2.29
" 31,	Stamped envelopes for mail vote,	16 20
Feb. 12,	Express to C.E. Severn,	.26
" 25,	" J. J. Oesch,	.43
" 28,	Postage for February,	1 16
Mar. 21,	Ptg. for mail vote,	9.25
" 30,	Postage for March,	1 87
April 2,	Telegram to W. W. Jewett,	.41
" 2,	Ad. Express package from J. A. Wainwright,	.25
" 2,	Cabinet for card cat.,	10 00
" 10,	Bill J. A. Wainwright, expenses,	.51
" 30,	Postage for April,	2.35
		<u>\$46 40</u>
May 31,	Postage for May,	1.98
June 15,	Envelopes (1c), for mailing ballots,	6 72
" 24,	A. Killgore, ptg.,	19.75
" 29,	Postage for June,	2.04
July 11,	Cards for catalog,	3.75
" 29,	A. Killgore, printing,	7.75
" 31,	Postage for July,	3.31
		<u>\$45.30</u>
		<u>\$143.30</u>

During the year I have drawn twenty-three orders on the Treasurer amounting to seven hundred and eighty-three dollars and sixty-six cents, as follows:

PAN-AMERICAN.

My advertisements in this and another leading "Weekly" for the past two months, calling attention to the POSTAL CARDS of the two Americas, appears to have awakened considerable interest among collectors. To meet the demand I am now compiling a priced list of the Postal Cards of

THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE which will be ready early in September. If interested send for a free copy.

A. LOHMEYER, 922 N. Gilmer St., Baltimore, Md.

Germany 1000, 5 mark, black & carmine, used	\$.75
Greece, Olympian, 10l purple	.06
" 10l blue	.06
India 1895, 2 rupees, brown and rose	.10
" 3 " green and brown	.16
" 5 " purple and blue	.30

Postage Extra. Don't forget The New York Philatelist, 25c a year—worth 10c.

C. W. BROWN & CO., 332 So. Salina St., SYRACUSE, N. Y.

HAWAII--UNUSED.

1864 2c rose, \$0.18	1886 10c, used, .18
" 5c, cat. \$1.50, .50	1893 10c black, red surch., .30
" 6c green, .30	1893 10c ver., black surch., .30
" 18c rose, .45	1893 10c red br., .30
1882 5c blue, .12	" 10c black, used, .65
" 10c black, used, .12	" 15c br., used, 1.25
" 15c br., used, 1.25	10c rose, " 1.20
1883 50c rose, 5.50	\$1.00 rose, " 3.00

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO., 1506 Farnam St., OMAHA, NEB.

OFFER OF

Preferred and Common

STOCK

OF THE

American Collectors Company

This company has recently acquired by purchase the assets and good-will of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., as well as of the New England Stamp Co., and today enjoys the distinction of having the largest amount of assets of any stamp corporation in the world. The purchases in question were made by means of capital stock of the American Collectors Co., of which a portion is now offered for sale to the public by a subscribing guarantee syndicate.

The earnings of the combined companies, for several years past, have been more than three times the amount required to pay the full preferential dividend of six per cent., to which the Preferred stock is entitled before the Common stock receives any share in the distribution of profits.

The syndicate offers the shares of the American Collectors Co. at the following rate: One share of Preferred stock of a par value of \$100, together with a bonus of twenty shares of Common stock of a par value of \$1.00, for \$35.

Stock subscribed for may be paid at once, or, if preferred, subscriptions may be accompanied by a payment of \$10 for each share of Preferred stock subscribed for, together with an agreement to pay the remaining \$75 per share at such times before January 1st, 1902, as may be convenient to the purchaser. Dividends on the Preferred stock will accrue from July 1st, 1901, and interest will therefore be charged on all subscriptions from July 1st, at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

A full circular will be forwarded on request.

HENRY L. CALMAN,

18 E. 23d St., New York, N. Y.

Agent for the Syndicate.

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VISITORS TO

The Pan-American Exposition.

The ERA will be found on file at the booth of the New England Stamp Co., main corridor of the Bazaar Building, near the Post Office. Collectors at the Exposition desirous of perusing the current number are invited to call, read the ERA and register.

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN, 1900-1901.			
Date.	No.	Name and Purpose.	Amt.
1900			
Sept. 10, 27,		Geo. A. Burton, Stenographer, Conven. report,	\$45.00
	28,	Kihn & Hall, Mem. cards,	12 00
	29,	H. E. Deats, Sec., Expen. to Convention,	73 61
Oct. 10, 30,		H. G. Smith, Treas., Exp.,	18.15
	31,	Jones & Kroeger, Treasurer's stationery,	21.50
" 15, 32,		A. Killgore, Sec. stationery,	18 00
Nov. 12, 33,		H. G. Smith, Treas. Dues E. H. Anderson, Lib'n,	1.20
	34,	E. Doebelin, Int. Sec'y, Subscription to <i>Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt</i> ,	5.65
" 26, 35,		H. E. Deats, Secy. return of W. H. Bodine's dues, (paid twice in error)	1.20
" 6, 36,		Geo. L. Toppan, President, Expenses,	6.49
	37,	D. H. Bacon Co., Philatelic Literature report,	12 05
" 26, 38,		P. F. Bruner, Expenses, Board Vice-Presidents,	6 38
Dec. 13, 39,		W. M. Carson, Treasurer's Bond,	20.00
" 7, 40,		W. W. Jewett, ac. Official Journal,	100.00
" 15, 41,		D. H. Bacon & Co. By-Laws and envelopes for Year Book,	20.00
" 26, 42,		D. H. Bacon & Co., Year Book,	204.68
1901			
Jan. 8, 43,		Geo. Gregory, Printing for Board Vice-Presidents,	6.25
" 2, 44,		H. N. Peters & Co., Treasurer's stationery,	4 50
	45,	H. E. Deats, Secretary's expenses to Dec. 31,	51.60
June 1, 46,		H. E. Deats, Secretary's expenses to May 31,	46 40
" 19, 47,		W. W. Jewett, Official Journal,	60.45
Aug. 1, 48,		H. E. Deats, Secretary's expenses to Aug. 1,	45.30
" 7, 49,		Arkansas Democrat Co., Treas. printing,	3 25
			<u>\$783.66</u>
All of which is respectfully submitted.			
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.			

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Aug. 13, 1901.
 To the President and Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association:
 I submit herewith Treasurer's Report for the year ending August 31st, 1901.
 Statement of H. G. Smith, Treasurer, from August 31st, 1900, to December 1st, 1900.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Aug. 31, '00,	\$111.55
September dues collected,	68.40
October dues collected,	342.90
November dues collected,	98.60
	<u>\$621.45</u>

1900 Disbursements.		
Sept. 17, Geo. A. Burton,		
Voucher No. 27,	\$45.00	
Sept. 17, Kiln & Hall,		
Voucher No. 28,	12.00	
Sept. 17, H. E. Deats, Sec.,		
Voucher No. 29,	73.61	
Oct. 18, H. G. Smith, Treas.,		
Voucher No. 30,	18.15	
Oct. 31, Jones & Kroeger,		
Voucher No. 31,	21.50	
Oct. 27, Anthony Kilgore,		
Voucher No. 32,	18.00	
Nov. 12, H. G. Smith,		
Voucher No. 33,	1.20	
Nov. 12, E. Doebelin, Voucher No. 34,	5.65	
Nov. 12, H. E. Deats, Sec.,		
Voucher No. 35,	1.20	
Nov. 12, Geo. L. Toppan,		
Pt., Voucher No. 36,	6.49	
Nov. 19, D. H. Bacon & Co.,		
Voucher No. 37,	12.05	
Nov. 30, P. F. Bruner, V. Pt.,		
Voucher No. 38,	6.38	
	<u>\$221.23</u>	
Balance on hand Dec. 1st, 1900,	\$400.22	
STOCK FUND.		
Amt. at credit Aug 31, '00,	\$1629.00	
Received during October,	9.00	
Received during November,	2.00	
	<u>\$1640.00</u>	
ENTERTAINMENT FUND.		
Amount on hand Aug. 31, 1900, last report,	\$125.89	
Total amt. cash on hand Dec. 1, '00,	\$2166.11	
From December 1st, 1900, to August 31st, 1901:		
GENERAL FUND.		
Receipts.		
From H. G. Smith, Treas.,	\$400.22	
December, dues collected,	33.30	
1901—January, dues collected,	28 80	
February, dues collected,	21.90	
March, dues collected,	18.10	
April, dues collected,	8.50	
May, dues collected,	5.80	
June, dues collected,	2.50	
July, dues collected,	2.30	
Int. on certificate of deposit,	40.92	
Year Books sold,	.75	
	<u>\$563.09</u>	
1900 Disbursements.		
Dec. 13, W. M. Carson, Vou.		
39, Treasurer's Bond,	\$20.00	
Dec. 15, W. W. Jewett, Vou.		
40, Official Journal,	100.00	
Dec. 15, D. H. Bacon & Co.,		
Vou. 41, Ptg. & Stationery,	20.00	
1901		
Jan. 5, D. H. Bacon & Co.,		
Vou. 41, Ptg. Year Book,	204.68	
Jan. 8, Geo. Gregory, Vou. 43,		
Stationery for Board of Vice-Presidents,	6.25	
Jan. 9, Herman N. Peters, Vou.		
44, Stationery for Treas.,	4.50	
Jan. 11, H. E. Deats, Vou.		

45, Secretary's Expenses to Dec. 31, 1900,	51.60
June 13, H. E. Deats, Vou.	
46, Secretary's Expenses to May 31, 1901,	46 40
July 29, W. W. Jewett, Vou.	
47, Official Journal,	60.45
Aug. 12, H. E. Deats, Vou.	
48, Sec'y's Expenses to Aug. 1, 1901,	45.30
	<u>\$559.18</u>
Cash on hand August 31st,	3.91
	<u>\$563.09</u>

STOCK FUND.

From H. G. Smith, Treas.,	\$1640.00
Rec'd during the year,	47.00
	<u>\$1687.00</u>

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

From H. G. Smith, Treas.,	\$125.89	\$125.89
Respectfully submitted,		
C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.		

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Board of Vice-Presidents, 1900-1901, perfected its organization upon the receipt of the effects of office of its predecessors. The Board's first meeting was held in November, 1900, and since then sessions were held usually weekly or bi-weekly; the frequency of the meetings was the result of the Board's wish to prevent the undue accumulation of business of a special nature and to transact routine business with despatch.

The Board came to the conclusion early in its career that the delicate character of much of its work would not allow of publicity in the official organ, as only fragmentary and incomplete information could be incorporated in these reports, in justice to those concerned. Merely the requirements of the By-Laws as to the number of reports were complied with in this regard.

The routine business of the Board needs no especial comment, but reference may be made to the following cases, important in themselves or by suggestion.

The amendment of Article VIII, Section 3, of the By-Laws carried through a mail vote, counted March 16th, as follows: By substituting the words "one-half of one per cent." for the words "one per cent." in the fourth line of said Section, and further by striking out the words "except those arising from substitutions" and inserting the words "including those arising from substitutions which may be proved to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of the Purchasing and Sales Department and the Board of Vice Presidents."

The Board agreed upon the wisdom of adopting these amendments through its experience derived from considering cases that under these amendments would have been affected.

The official reports submitted to the Board were carefully scrutinized. The quarterly statements sent by H. G. Smith,

Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, were accepted in turn. The report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department appointed at the 1900 convention was received on February 15, 1900. The Board asked that the report be amplified and the levies on the insurance fund be detailed in a more comprehensive manner. A correspondence covering the period of some months ensued, and finally the report of the Committee was accepted, and the balance of the insurance fund, \$639.97, turned over to the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department. The correspondence on the subject of the reports rendered by the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department in the accompanying port-folio will explain the points that were discussed. While this report was accepted, the Board felt strong reasons for objecting to the way in which the insurance fund was handled. Here the Board takes the opportunity to offer the following recommendations, having for their intent a stricter accounting for the insurance fund than the provisions of the By-Laws at present demand.

First: The insurance fund should be a special fund to remain in the hands of the Treasurer.

Second: All losses should be paid by the Treasurer from this fund on an order drawn by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, and approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents.

Third: As the last sentence of Section 4, Article VII of the By-Laws conflicts with Section 3, Article VIII, we advise that the first named be continued in force and that Section 3, Article VIII be amended. Losses chargeable to the insurance fund should not consist of bad debts due to the Department or losses with which members of the Association may reasonably be charged.

In the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents, published in the official journal dated June 15, 1901, the following paragraph appeared:

"At a meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, held June 8th, the Board of Vice-Presidents unanimously voted that R. R. Thiele, Manchester, Wisconsin, be suspended from the American Philatelic Association pending the settlement of charges against him received by the Board of Vice-Presidents. This suspension will be followed by expulsion if suitable adjustment is not made."

Since this report, Mr. Thiele has not convinced the Board that he has made due effort to settle the charges against him.

The Board proceeded in its investigation of the charges against Mr. Thiele with the delicacy that may be observed in the consideration of a case of this character, and with an appreciation of Mr. Thiele's past services in behalf of the Association. The correspondence that passed between Mr. Thiele and the Board will show that no peremptory action was taken by the Board in ordering his suspension. The Board as a body, and its members individually,

wrote Mr. Thiele with the view of urging him to clear his name. As Mr. Thiele did not keep promises made to the Board when his case was considered at first it did not attach sufficient weight to his subsequent promises to stay its proceedings. The specific charge of which the Board has taken cognizance is that of W. Sellschopp & Co., San Francisco, who accuse Mr. Thiele of making no returns for sheets of stamps sent him on approval, Mr. Thiele having admitted the receipt of the sheets. The Board is not unmindful of the other complaints made against Mr. Thiele nor of his expulsion from a number of societies. The Board of Vice-Presidents has been asked to present a demand for Mr. Thiele's expulsion at this convention.

SAMUEL LELAND,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
C. E. SEVERN,
Board of Vice-Presidents.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

During the year I have again gone over all the property of the Association in my hands, employing a young man to assist, who spent about four days on the work. The stock of back numbers of the *American Philatelist* has been carefully counted, wrapped, and tied, and a detailed list is submitted herewith.

The letters, copy books, etc., of the four years during which Mr. Walton was Secretary, as mentioned in my report last year, I have finally learned were destroyed by him by order of Mr. Tiffany.

Early in the year the New York Board of Vice-Presidents shipped to me all the property in their possession. I went over it carefully and forwarded such as I thought would be of use to the new Board of Vice-Presidents at Chicago. The balance has been filed.

Ten bound volumes have been donated to the Library during the year as reported in the official journal. Everything on hand, bound, has been forwarded to Pittsburg.

Statement of receipts and expenditures for the year is submitted herewith, accompanied by vouchers, showing a balance on hand of \$55.57 which is deposited to my credit as Assistant Librarian of the American Philatelic Association, in the Flemington National Bank.

H. E. Deats, Assistant Librarian,
Dr.

Aug. 28, 1900, Cash on hand,	\$59.92
Sept. 17, 1900, Three Year Books sold,	.75
Jan. 29, 1901, Four " " "	1.00
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	\$61.67

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Sept. 17, 1900, Expense on old records from W. C. Stone,	\$0 50
Nov. 24, 1900, Express on old records Bd. Vice-Pres. at N. Y.	1.80
Dec. 5, 1900, Binding,	1.20

GUATEMALA
 *1901, 1 on 25c orange..... \$0.02
 * " 1 on 20c green..... .02
 * " 1 on 20c green..... .03
 *1897 Jubilee, 18c, used or unused..... .40
 *1898 Provisional, 22 var., complete..... 1.75

DUTCH INDIES
 *1899-1900, 10 to 50c, 6 var..... .75
 * " " 2g 50c..... 1.35
 *1892-97, 2g 50c..... .25

COREA
 *1901, 2f, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6ch, 7 var .. .25
 * " 10, 15 and 20ch, 3 var..... .40

GREECE 1901, (just out)
 * 1, 2, 3 and 5l, 4 var..... .05

VENEZUELA
 *1896, Miranda, 5, 10 and 25c, 3 var..... .05
 * " " 5c to 1 bol, complete, 5 var..... .25

* Unused. Postage extra on orders under 25 cents. Many other good things on our Approval Sheets at 50% Commission. Send for a trial assortment. Sure to please. [32]

GOLDEN GATE STAMP CO.,
 632 Market St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL

July 27, 1901, Express on books to Pittsburg,	.60
Aug. 1, 1901, Paper and twine,	1.80
Aug. 20, 1901, Balance on hand,	55.77
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	\$61.67

Respectfully submitted,
 H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES.

WINONA, MINN., Aug. 1, 1901.
 To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association,
 Gentlemen: I herewith submit my first annual report.

Members were slow in sending in their books for the Department and on the first day of March, 1901, I only had books valued at \$8,580.59 net.

Since then, however, the members are responding liberally and I now have Books valued at \$14,770.38 net.

The sales during the time the Department has been in working order have amounted to \$3,000.54.

I have retired 145 books valued at \$4,970.93 net. The amount of the insurance fund turned over to me from the former Sales Supt was \$639.97, and the amount collected during the past year is \$151.12. Making a total of \$791.09, which amount is herewith attached in checks.

In this connection I would recommend that the Sales Supt. should at time of retiring from his office turn over all moneys belonging to their fund to the Association Treasurer, and that all claims on the Department of whatsoever nature should be paid by the Treasurer on voucher.

The changes made in the By-Laws regarding the use of control stamps, also the reduction of the insurance fee, have met with general approval, and I am pleased to state that during the year there has not been a single claim on the insurance fund for substitution.

The Department is now in fine working order and I trust the report for next year will be the banner one.

Very respectfully submitted,
 H. G. SMITH, Supt. of Sales.

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Agents Wanted!

About eighteen months since we began to supply a few agents with stamps to sell on commission. They came to us unsolicited being in the most part customers that were pleased with our service and wished to add to their collections without expending much money. The number of agents and volume of business has constantly increased until we now find it advisable to give it a special department. By so doing we can give our agents, and through them our customers, better service than ever before. Only agents that are upright and honorable and hustlers from the word go that can furnish the best of references wanted. We have no use in our business for dead and alive people. Our commissions will continue to be the most liberal and in addition will give extra commissions and substantial prizes to the agent that brings in the most business. We will give exclusive territory and furnish good saleable stamps. If you wish to add to your collection this winter without expense

WRITE US!

GUATEMALAS

At 60% OFF THE 6TH EDITION SCOTT'S Catalogue.

- * Unused.
- *1, *11, *12, *13, *14, *15, *16, *17, *17, *18, *21, 21, *22, 22, *23, 23, *24, 24, *25, 25, *26, 26, *27, 27, *28, 28, *29, 29, *30, 30, *31, 31, *32, 32, *33, 33, *34, 34, *35, 35, *36, 36, *37, 37, *38, 38, *39, 39, *40, 40, *41, 41, *42, 42, *43, 43, *44, 44, *45, 45, *46, 46, *47, 47, *48, 48, *49, 49, *50, 50, *51, 51, *52, 52, *53, 53, *54, 54, *55, 55, *56, 56, *57, 57, *58, 58, *59, 59, *60, 60, *61, 61, *62, 62, *63, 63, *64, 64, *65, 65, *66, 66, *67, 67, *68, 68, *69, 69, *70, 70, *71, 71, *72, 72, *73, 73, *74, 74, *75, 75, *76, 76, *77, 77, *78, 78, *79, 79, *80, 80, *81, 81, *82, 82, *83, 83, *84, 84, *85, 85, *86, 86, *87, 87, *88, 88, *89, 89, *90, 90, *91, 91, *92, 92, *93, 93, *94, 94, *95, 95, *96, 96, *97, 97, *98, 98, *99, 99, *100, 100, *101, 101, *102, 102, *103, 103, *104, 104, *105, 105, *106, 106, *107, 107, *108, 108, *109, 109, *110, 110, *111, 111, *112, 112, *113, 113, *114, 114, *115, 115, *116, 116, *117, 117, *118, 118, *119, 119, *120, 120, *121, 121, *122, 122, *123, 123, *124, 124, *125, 125, *126, 126.

Where price is given it is net.
Last 9 numbers are entire envelopes.
*1901, 2c on 20c green, 3c; *2c on 20c green, 4c; *3c on 20c green, broken 2, 13c; *1c on 25c orange, 3c.

E. F. GAMBS,
P. O. Box 2631, - SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

New Greece, 1901

- 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20..... \$0.14
- 25, 37, 40..... .36
- Guatemala 1901, 1 on 25c red..... .04
- " 1 on 20c green..... .03
- " 2 on 20c..... .07
- Nyasaland 1901, 7 1/2 to 50c, 7 varieties..... .25
- Paraguay 1901, 2c carmine and 40c blue..... .20

T. MERRITT GIFFORD, New Bedford, Mass.

DUTCH COLONIES!!

SPECIAL SUMMER PRICES.

Following our special offers of Netherland stamps in last week's ERA, we beg to offer as follows:

- ALL PERFECT PICKED COPIES.**
- Curaçao 1873, 50c violet, cat. 30c.....only 15c net
 - " 1892-93, 10, 12 1/2 and 25c, cat. 13c..... 7c "
 - Dutch Indies 1864, 10c lake, very scarce..... 45c "
 - " " cat. 65c..... " "
 - " 1870-86, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50c, set of 7 var. King's head, cat. 39c..... " 22c "
 - " 1883-88, numeral 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3 and 5c, set of 5..... " 6c "
 - " 1892-97, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 50c, set of 6 var. Queen's head..... " 9c "
 - " 1892-97, 2 gid 50c, rare..... " 30c "
 - " 1899-00 Prov. 10, 25 & 50c, 3 var. " 18c "
 - Suriname 1873-89, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10 and 25c, fine set of 6, cat. 65c..... 33c "
 - " 1873-89, 15c gray, scarce..... 15c "
 - " 1890, numeral 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3 & 5c, 5 var..... 10c "

Postage is not extra. We are willing to pay that for the sake of getting acquainted. Let us have your order.

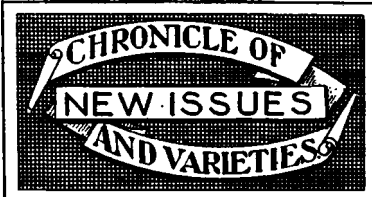
Did you notice our special offer of Netherland stamps in last week's ERA, page 407? If not, please look it up. We can supply Netherlands complete with only two exceptions and expect to have those soon.

Note.—Where you already have part of a set, we will fill in the blank spaces for you at approximately the same rate.

Stamps on approval against first class reference only. Write for application blank or send reference asking for what you want. Would you like a special book of Netherlands?

EXCELSIOR STAMP CO.,
HOOSICK FALLS, - NEW YORK.

Established 1884.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Wylie a copy of each issue to foregoing address, and an extra copy of ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* has received the new 1/2 penny stamp of Great Britain, surcharged for this Protectorate. *Adhesive (Regular):* 1/2d green, blk surch.

BRITISH GUIANA.—An official notice published in several journals announces that the 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40 and 72c of the provisional issue, mauve with value in black, was to have been withdrawn from circulation July 1st. The 5c embossed envelope on thin white paper was included in the order.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—The color of the £5 listed in 428 is dark blue and the £10 blue-lilac. The designs of the three pound stamps 1, 5 and 10 are similar to the 1 shilling, but all are of a larger size.

CHILE.—A new set of stamps is being prepared for this country and will be issued in about three months.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—The *Am. Jour. of Philately* gives the particulars of some provisionals that have come to light here. The first is a set for

Rio Hacha.—In this set the stamps are type set in sheets of sixteen, four rows of four stamps each. There are numerous minor differences, principally in the position of the pieces of the border. The first stamp of the first row has a border of entirely different style from the other stamps in the sheet. The same setting was used for both values, the numerals only being changed. Each stamp is signed in black ink "J. R. Pichon" or "Julio R. Pichon." It is said that the issue consisted of five thousand stamps, and that only two sheets were printed on green paper. All imperforate.

Adhesives (Provisional):
5c black on white.
5c black on yellow.
10c black on white.
10c black on gray blue.
10c black on gray green.

Tumaco.—To the set chronicled in number 426 I have two values to add, also a registration stamp.

Adhesives (Provisional):
2 1/2c black, perf. and imperf.
5 peso, " " " "

It's Over Now—

the Convention, and we hope the extreme hot weather. Next thing is to get in shape for an active stamp season. Don't wait for the new catalogue, it may not be along till next year. It ought to come out regularly not a day later than September 1st, but evidently the publishers think otherwise, so what is the use of wasting any time waiting for it.

You will want supplies of all kinds. I have nearly everything in that line.

The next Auction sale will be announced soon. If you want the catalogue send in your name to be placed on our new card index for this year.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 38 Madison St., CHICAGO.

N. B. Don't forget to join the American Philatelic Association or C. P. S.

U. S. STAMPS.

- 2c Treasury, unused.....Cat. \$1.25, \$0.40
- 1879 Due, 30c brown, used..... " 1.00, .25
- 1879 Due, 50c " "..... " 1.25, .40

The three for \$1.00.

J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
COLDWATER, MICH.

60% DISCOUNT on anything we have you want in U. S. Revenues and Postage. Some nice foreign if you like them best.

St. Nicholas Stamp Co.,
406 St. Nicholas Ave., N. Y. City.

DEALERS! Our large Summer Wholesale List has just been printed. Send your name to us on a post-card for a copy. Prices defy competition. It is Mailed Free. 120 MARKS STAMP CO., - TORONTO, CANADA.

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10,000 VARIETIES,

And offer nearly everything at 50% Discount.

Try Us With a Want List.

VON SCHAEZLER & CO.,

Room 7 Masonic Temple, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Adhesive (Registration):
10c black, perf. and imperf.

FRANCE.—According to Mr. C. A. Howes the *Ill. Briefmarken Journal* states that the French post offices in China are charged with some wonderful provisionals. The stamps in question are the 25c black on pink with a brick-red surcharge 2, 4, 6 or 16c and under the surcharge "Chine" in script type. Chinese cents are meant, these values corresponding to 5, 10, 15 and 40 centimes. Further information as to the origin of these provisionals will be awaited.

GUATEMALA.—I have described one of the threatened deluge of provisionals (428) and two more present themselves for our consideration:

Adhesives (Provisional):
1c on 5c, 1886, black surch.
2c on 5c, 1886, " "

UNITED STATES.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has seen the \$2 revenue in a new shade, pale olive-green. It also learns that the \$500 has appeared in gray with black numerals.

Revenues (Documentary):
\$2.00 pale olive-green and blk.
\$50.00 gray and black.

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REPORT OF CHICAGO AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT.

CHICAGO, AUG. 17, 1901.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

Gentlemen: During the year just closed I have had the pleasure of executing a number of commissions for various members. While I was successful in giving satisfaction to the great majority of members who entrusted me with their business, yet there were several instances where unreasonable demands were insisted upon, and which caused me personal loss.

I find that most of the misunderstandings of auction differences are caused by the too hasty perusal of the catalogues, as well as a difference of opinion as to the description given by the cataloguer. An average specimen, a good specimen, or a fair specimen, does not mean *fine* by any means, yet members do send in bids on such lots and find fault because they do not turn out to be fine.

One other matter which causes the Auction Purchasing Agent considerable embarrassment is the fact that so many members neglect to remit promptly for lots purchased, as the Agent is obliged to pay for them at once. Auction purchases are invariably spot cash, and the members should remit by return of mail in all cases. Remittances should also be made by Post Office or Express Orders. The small checks cost, at least, 15c exchange, and the unused postage stamps means a loss of from 3% to 7% in having them converted into cash. These are small matters individually but they mean much to the Agent collectively.

Trusting for the continued success of the Association, I remain,

Yours very truly,

P. M. WOLSEFFER.

REPORT OF CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15, 1901.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association,

Gentlemen: Since the last Annual Convention Branch No. 1, has held twelve regular monthly meetings. All of the meetings were fairly well attended, and the Branch seems to be enjoying some of the prosperity manifested by the Association at large.

The Branch has done all in its power to advance the interest in this section and advertise the advantages of the Association to non-members, and to influence the return of former members.

It is very gratifying to me to place on record the fact that we have had considerable success, as shown by the reports in our Official Journal during the year just closed.

The Branch re-nominated its ticket of last year, which seemed to have given general satisfaction to all concerned. As, up to this date, there has no opposing ticket appeared we feel that our choice for Directors was approved everywhere. At the last meeting of Branch No. 1, the following officers were elected for the coming year, beginning Sept. 1st.

S. T. S. Doncyson, President.

P. J. Flanders, Secretary.

Fred Michael, Treasurer.

It was also unanimously voted to recommend for the office of Resident Vice-President Mr. A. F. Merell. The Branch also instructed its Delegates to the Convention to propose and advocate certain changes in the By-Laws, which are for the best interests of all concerned.

The members of Branch No. 1 have also taken a lively interest in the work of the "Membership Committee," which President Toppan appointed from members of this Branch.

Very respectfully,

P. J. FLANDERS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 20-22, 1901.

Fellow Members of the American Philatelic Association:—

In submitting the third annual report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature the chairman regrets that he must begin with an apology. Unforeseen circumstances having recently left the chairman the only remaining member of the Committee and the time before the Convention being so short that it was not practicable to fill the vacancies the work of preparing the report has devolved entirely upon the undersigned. Consequently any errors or omissions must be charitably dealt with and charged up to overwork. Before the report appears in the Annual it will be carefully revised and corrected by the new committee to be selected at the present convention.

Of the publications in the English language during the past year the "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" takes first place. The recent receipt of the plates illustrating the section devoted to the issues of our own country brings to a close the publication of the most complete catalogue yet brought forth in our own tongue. With the proposed supplement, which will be issued should sufficient subscriptions be received, it will comprise all the issues from the birth of the postage stamp in 1840 to the close of the nineteenth century. Those who do not own and use the book can have but little conception of its value to the student of philately. The plates in themselves are a perfect mine of information. The work will be an everlasting memorial to its authors, Messrs. Henry Calman and Henry Collin.

The Philatelic Society of India has issued the second volume of its work on the

"Stamps of Jammu and Kashmir" by D. P. Masson. It is illustrated with eleven half tone plates and is gotten up in similar style to the first volume which was reported by us last year. Its cost is 5 shillings and like the other publications of the Society can be obtained of W. T. Wilson, 192 Birchfield Road, Birmingham. A handbook on the Telegraph stamps of British India by C. Stewart Wilson will be the next publication of the Society.

The excellent and most thorough monograph on the "Telegraph Companies of the United States and Their Stamps and Franks" by Joseph S. Rich, which was published in the *American Journal of Philately* has been reprinted in pamphlet form.

The sixtieth edition of the "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue" of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company appeared about Christmas time and being in the hands of most collectors needs no mention here.

The fourth edition of the "A. B. C. Descriptive Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps" was issued about the same time by Bright & Son, 164 Strand, London. It contains 820 pages and sells for 6s cents. It is printed on rather thin paper which detracts from the good looks of the book as the illustrations show through to a considerable extent. The illustrations, which are numerous, are half tones and are decidedly poor.

New editions of Stanley Gibbons' catalogues are promised shortly and an innovation is promised in that special editions for the American trade will be issued with the prices in United States money. A new hand book will shortly appear dealing with one of the West Indian colonies.

The above constitute the leading publications of the year in our own language. In addition mention should be made of the "British Stamp Directory" 15th, "Nunn's Directory," 12th edition, 5s, "Philatelic Almanac 1901," 4p., and several quite bulky price lists issued by Butler Brothers, William Hadlow, A. H. Dingwall and Smyth & Nicholle. Two editions of the latter work have been published during the year and to collectors of Australians it comes in very handy. A charge of 6 pence is now made for it.

In periodical literature there is but little to report. In our last list we enumerated some 41 papers as being in existence at the date of compiling the list. At least 16 of these have suspended publication or been absorbed by other papers, but their place has been filled by about an equal number of new journals. Of the old standbys the *Philatelic Monthly* alone seems to have retired, no number having been issued during the year.

Several new English journals have appeared but they are of minor importance. In the colonies we have to record the advent of the *Philatelic Journal of Australia*, a well gotten up journal and one which can be read with profit.

Of the publications in the German lan-

gauge I can say but little. A new edition of the *Senf Catalogue* has been brought out and they have ceased the publication of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*. There have been numerous year books and several works of minor note which will be included in an appendix to this report.

New catalogues in the French language have been issued by Messrs. Maury, Yvert & Tellier, Berlin, and Gelll & Tani will soon get out a new edition.

The list of periodicals remains about the same as last year. One new publication however deserves especial notice in view of the interest now being aroused in fiscal stamps. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Fiscaux* commenced publication in November, 1900, and as its name indicates is exclusively given up to fiscals. It deserves the support of all such collectors and should receive a hearty welcome as it is the only special publication in that line.

A second edition of the catalogue of M. Galvez Jimenez of Madrid has appeared and forms a 600-page book, pocket size, with numerous illustrations. It includes both postage and telegraph stamps and is arranged with colonies and dependencies following the mother country. It sells for 75 cents post paid. As a supplement to *Madrid Filatelico* there is being issued a history of the stamps of Spain, fully illustrated with official documents etc. and separately paged so that it can be detached and bound up by itself when finished. The catalogue supplement of Argentine fiscals is slowly appearing as a supplement to the *Revista* of the Argentine society. Walter Morley has been running a similar supplement to his *Philatelic Journal* and has just completed the federal issues of the Argentine and commenced on the provincial and municipal issues. Other countries of South America are to be taken up in turn when these are completed.

Probably by far the leading publication of the year is one, which strange to relate, no one of our journals has yet been able to review thoroughly as it is printed in the Danish language. It is entitled "Danske Postfrimærker 1851-1901" by O. Korford. From a review in the *Monthly Journal* I learn that it is lavishly illustrated and contains a very complete history of the Danish postal issues and those of the colonies. It is evidently compiled from official sources and contains tables showing the exact quantities printed of each stamp, etc. The edition is said to be a very limited one and a few copies only can be secured of Stanley Gibbons. Limited, for 17sh 6d post free in Great Britain.

The project of an index of philatelic literature has not been pushed during the year, mainly owing to the fact that the chairman of the Committee has been too busily occupied with other matters to give it his attention. Mr. Stanton has combined his excellent Index with the *Philatelic Chronicle* in which it appears each

month. It is a useful publication and should be encouraged.

With this brief review of the literary field the report must close. In appendixes will be found the lists of publications which have appeared during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. C. Stone, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP:

Gentlemen and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Committee on Membership in rendering its yearly report regrets that it will have to appear in the nature of an unfinished report. The Committee was appointed by the President, Jan. 29th of this year, and by the time the plan of campaign was perfected and the advertising matter prepared for distribution another month and a half had elapsed, making the actual beginning of the work of this committee about March 15th.

Our plan of campaign has been to advertise liberally in the Philatelic press, and to distribute circulars and booklets detailing the advantages accruing from membership in the Association. The circulars were widely distributed through the cooperation of many of our members, and resulted in securing names of collectors who might be induced to join the Association. To such collectors the booklet and application blanks were sent with varying success.

As there were no funds set aside for the use of the Committee to defray the expenses of printing, postage, etc., some of the members stepped in and by the donation of cash and stamps have helped to meet these necessary expenses.

The stamps donated are to be sold at public auction, free of charge, by a member, and as this sale will not take place until after the convention it leaves our report in an incomplete condition, as we will not be ready to report on the finance question until after the sale. We feel certain, however, that the result of the sale will clear up all expenses, and possibly will leave a small cash balance on hand. The space used in the various papers for advertising was kindly donated by the publishers in most cases.

Those members who have not seen a copy of our "booklet" may have one sent them upon application, which, if put to use, might result in one or more applications for membership. Approximately 600 copies of this "booklet" have been sent to collectors in this country and elsewhere.

In closing we beg to call your attention to the following figures:

Membership Feb. 1st (when committee was appointed), 464
Membership to-day, 531
Applications posted, 14

The Committee extends thanks to those

DON QUIXOTE

Shall be his name hereafter. He does not like his own medicine and therefore I will not even call him a wounded crow for fear that he would not relish it. He certainly should not object to Don Quixote, who was dubbed a knight, and who after mounting his famous steed Rozinant, had about as strange conceits as our Don Quixote who expects to astonish the world with his advice to stamp collectors.

His last week's remarks in the ERA show clearly that his frenzy prevailed over reason and therefore it would be a waste of time to try to argue with him.

My remarks in previous advertisements as well as in the ERA of March 16th, referred to last week, were plain enough for any child to understand, but when he can not, or will not understand, and deliberately tries to make a wrong meaning in quoting parts of my remarks it would be just as satisfactory to argue with him as with the original Don Quixote.

In his long (three years) experience as a stamp dealer he saw fit to use his "modern business methods" in running down stamps which he could not furnish, and which other dealers as well as myself offered for sale. He mounted a pedestal and cried out "I am honest" and am a paragon of perfection and if you do not follow my advice you will be lost or financially ruined. If these are his "Sterling qualities" I want none.

He may some time come to his senses and find out that stamp collectors are an intelligent class of people and managed to get along quite well before his knightly crusade to right the wrong.

The only advice I give to collectors is that if they wish bargains to buy of me. The following are some of my

BARGAINS IN CHOICE

U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Cat. No.	Unused, Cut Square, Large Margins.	Cat. Price.	My Price.
1366	1870, 1c blue on white.....	\$0.50	\$0.25
1371	1870, 15c orange on white.....	4.00	1.75
1374	1870, 24c purple on white.....	4.00	1.75
1375	1870, 30c black on white.....	3.00	1.50
1377	1870, 1c blue on amber.....	1.50	.35
1386	1870, 24c purple on amber.....	4.00	1.75
1387	1870, 30c black on amber.....	6.00	3.00
1391	1870, 12c plum on cream.....	4.00	1.75
1393	1870, 24c purple on cream.....	5.00	2.25
1394	1870, 30c black on cream.....	7.50	3.50
1395	1870, 90c carmine on cream.....	5.00	2.25
1397	1870, 3c brown on orange.....	.25	.10
1413	1874, 30c black on white.....	1.50	.75
1416	1874, 90c carmine on white.....	2.00	1.00
1420	1874, 5c blue on white, die B.....	.25	.10
1421	1876, 3c red, Centennial.....	.60	.25
1426	1882, 5c brown on white.....	.20	.10
1448	1875, 5c blue on amber, die B.....	.25	.10
1463	1880, 3c vermilion on cream.....	1.50	.35
1469	1874, 2c brown, die B3, orange.....	1.50	.35
1492	1883, Nov., 2c red on fawn.....	.25	.10
1504	1884, June, 2c red on fawn.....	.75	.25
1509	1884, June, 2c brown on blue.....	1.00	.30
1708	1854, 2c black, die 2, manila.....	.65	.30

Special, Scarce.

1401	1874, 2c brown on white, die A.....	3.00	2.00
1475	1880, 2c pink on blue, die C.....	.75	.60

Please remit by bills or money order.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,

3118 Washington St., BOSTON, MASS.



Confederate Stamps Free.

A beautiful unsevered pair of genuine Confederate stamps used during the late war, to all sending for my Packet No. 29, containing 100 var. of choice stamps. Price, 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned.

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HOME STAMP CO.,

409 W. Saratoga St., [d] BALTIMORE, MD.

who have assisted by action or suggestion in promoting this publicity.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. OESCH, Chairman,
S. T. S. DONCYSON,
A. F. MERRELL.

Adjournment was taken about noon and a trolley trip to Niagara Falls and down the gorge was enjoyed by a very large number.

SECOND SESSION.

The second day one session was held. The Counterfeit Detector reported that he had had several hundred stamps submitted for his inspection and that most of them proved to be forgeries.

There were a number of other reports from various committees mostly dealing with routine business.

The city of Springfield, Mass., was placed in nomination as the place for the 1902 convention by J. D. Bartlett. Denver was nominated by W. H. Barnum and Oswego, N. Y., by C. B. Rice. The only roll call taken during the meeting showed a majority of 16 for Springfield. The second Tuesday in August was fixed as the date of the meeting.

Our Carnegie member who for so many years has regularly sent us a telegram of greeting was present in person and was introduced in an eloquent speech by Mr. Doebelin.

The WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA was unanimously appointed as the Official Journal for another year.

THIRD SESSION.

The Credentials Committee reported a few additional proxies and announced that 69 members were registered and 30 visitors.

The following is a list of the members present:

Adenaw, J.	Gafford, T. H.
Armstrong, Herbert	Gifford, T. M.
Althen, E. C.	Hills, F. K.
Aldrich, E. R.	Hetrich, Geo.
Beck, W. H.	Hungerford, T. R.
Brodstone, L. T.	Hubbell, Raynor.
Bacon, D. H.	Herbst, A.
Bescher, Frank	Hazzard, T. L.
Barr, H. C.	Heinemann, O. E.
Bainum, W. H.	Jungman, A.
Beck, H. C.	Johnston, T. R.
Bartels, J. M.	Johnson, C. C.
Brown, C. W.	Johnson, J. F.
Becker, A. L.	Kiefer, E. N.
Burt, F. H.	Kissinger, C. W.
Bartlett, J. D.	Krassa, A.
Carpenter, E. M.	Loomis, G. L.
Coe, W. S.	Leippe, J. H.
Colson, W. H.	Lev, Ab.
Cobe, Nathan.	Miller, J. C.
Davison, Alvah.	Merell, A. F.
Deats, H. E.	Marks, E.
Doebelin, E.	Martin, E. B.
Drew, B. L.	Platz, A.
Eaton, D. T.	Price, C. W.

Parker, E. T.
Parker, E. Y.
Price, C. B.
Rudy, I.
Rode, G. W.
Smith, H. G.
Stewart, A. C.

Stauffer, Ignaz.
Steigerwalt, Chas.
Stone, Wm. C.
Toppan, G. L.
Williams, F. H.
Wylie, W. O.
Wolsieffer, P. M.

The report of the By-Laws Committee was presented and adopted without opposition. Very few changes were made. The rules and regulations of the Sales Department were incorporated in the By-Laws instead of being issued as a separate section.

The Insurance Fund is to be kept in the custody of the Treasurer. Payments will be made by warrant after approval of claims by the Vice-Presidents.

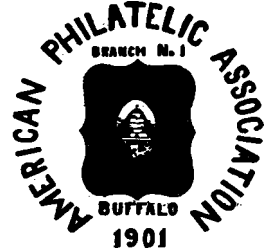
R. R. Thiele was given until October 1st to settle certain claims, failing which he is to be expelled.

WM. C. STONE.

NOTE.

The Chicago Branch took a commendable interest in the Convention of the American Association, and its members were very much in evidence and easily distinguishable by the very neat and attractive badge worn. Mr. Wolsieffer kindly favors us with one of the badges together with the accompanying cut of the inscrip-

tion which is printed in black on aluminum, which is surrounded by a narrow gilt band and around the edge is a neatly twisted gilt and enameled metal beading. It is but one more example of the hustle of the Chicago "crowd."



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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending August 24th.

Applications for Membership.

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SCHAFFNER, W. H., Marion, Ohio; age, 44; occupation, Cashier, the Marion County Bank Co. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, John J. Oesch.

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Change of Address.

240. **STILSON, E. S.**, from Box 586 to 1346 W. 12th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership August 17th 532
New Stockholders..... 3
Total Membership August 24th..... 535

H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Aug. 9, 1901.

Mr. Anderson, Librarian of the Carnegie Library and also of this Association, has had an eight-page catalogue of the philatelic section of that library, which is the library of this Association, printed. A copy of the same may be had from me on request by postal card.

The rules for borrowing books will be found in the last Year Book.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian.

[Copy of above report was misplaced and not found till too late to appear in last week's issue —ED.]

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Official Journal, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

The 352nd regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Aug. 15, at 104 East Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by President Merell with the following members present: Messrs. Birr, Brodstone, Boehm, Dickinson, Dahl, Doncyson, Edmunds, Flanders, Fowler, Gurley, Geldert, Lefever, Massoth, F. Michael, Merell, Oesch, Severn, Schliecker, Schmidt, Rosenthal, Wolseley, Wolsieffer, Arndt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Governing Board:

The resignation of Dr. C. W. Eman has been accepted with regrets.

Report of the Exhibition Committee:

In the exhibition of Brazil Mr. W. F. E. Gurley received highest award, which was a silver medal.

Mr. M. H. Lombard received second award, which was a bronze medal.

The following also exhibited: Mr. A. Holland, Mr. A. F. Merell, Mr. C. Schliecker, Mr. J. Dickinson.

The Treasurer reports balance on hand \$143.97.

After which the meeting adjourned.

C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

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Parties having old catalogues to dispose of or willing in any way to help in this work please address, H. Corbett, Chairman, 1413 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

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 WARNING!

MONTREAL, Aug. 6, 1901.

TO THE SECRETARY CHICAGO PHIL. SOCIETY, Chicago.

Dear Sir: We wish to communicate to you the following particulars trusting that you may be able to help us to locate the man and have him arrested for forgery on the Hibernian Bank, Chicago. Have sent same particulars to Mekeel's.

On Saturday, 3rd, we had a visit from a young man who looked to be 23 or 25 years old, dark complexion, very slight black moustache, about 5 ft. 6 in., well dressed, who presented card of "Portland Cement Co." Chicago, represented by J. H. Walker. He said he was Mr. Walker, and was here on business for his firm for a few days at the Windsor Hotel, and wanted to buy a few stamps. He wanted only U. S. stamps, picked out about \$3 worth and paid for them, then wanted to trade some unused U. S. 5c Columbus envelopes; as we did not require them he said he would buy about \$30.00 worth more if we could take a certified cheque drawn by his firm on the Hibernian Bank of Chicago. We asked to see the cheque, and he took out a letter mailed from Chicago, written on nicely gotten-up letter paper of the "Portland Cement Co., in which it was stated a cheque of \$50.00 for salary, was enclosed, and that he would next hear from them at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec. The cheque was certified on the back and initialed. He seemed to know many Chicago dealers and collectors; mentioned the name of Mr. Wolsley, Massoth and others, so we had not much hesitation in accepting the cheque which we got cashed at the Bank of Montreal. He bought stamps, mostly Cuba and U. S. to value of \$25.50, subscribed to the Montreal Philatelist, giving his private address as 4441 Linden Ave., N. E., Chicago, and received the balance in cash. This A. M. the Bank informed us they had been notified by telegram from their Chicago agents that the Co. had no funds at the Hibernian Bank and that the bank's certificate was a forgery. We since learn the Portland Cement Co. has no existence, the name probably being an imitation of the Portland Cement Paving and Asphalt Co.

As this game will probably be attempted on other dealers, please give warning to dealers and state that if this individual tries to dispose of U. S. or Cuba, mounted on our sheets, to communicate with the police as he is now being looked for by Montreal detectives on charge of forgery.

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Capt. WILLIAM A. CALHOUN, 104S Wilcox Ave., CHICAGO, ILL. Refer to P. M. Wolsiefer. [33*]

DEALERS! Our large Summer Wholesale List has just been printed. Send your name to us on a post-card for a copy. Prices defy competition. It is Mailed Free. [30*] MARKS STAMP CO., - TORONTO, CANADA.

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Will allow face value for used Buffalo stamps (except ones & twos) in exch. for stamps from my sheets, or any particular stamp wanted. H. J. Rice, Beachmont, Mass.

For the scarce J. E. Lee sets and any of the 1899 P. P. issue to fill up your sets, address GEO. H. ANDERS, Norristown, Pa. [33*]

Send us your duplicates; for every dollar's worth, catalogue value, we allow you 75c worth, catalogue, from our stock. Stamps cataloguing under 5 cents not wanted. U. S. Revenues wanted especially. Send a trial lot. Bedford Stamp Co., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Collection of about 250 var. bird eggs for best offer in stamps. I will give 50 foreign stamps for 10 Pan-American above 2c. P. W. TAYLOR, P. O. Box 508, Wilmington, Dela.

\$\$\$ \$ \$ Pan-Americans bought: 5c, 8c and 10c 2 cents each or \$2.00 per 100. 4c at 1/2c each. All in cash or from our Approval Books by countries at 50 to 75% off. Good Revenues wanted in quantity. Also most anything in U. S. before 1890, 3c red, 7, 24, 30 and 90c especially wanted; also any 50c and higher. Present revs. we want \$1.00 and above, especially \$3.00 reds and \$5.00 Newspaper surcharged. High price paid for large collections in good condition. Send whatever you have with lowest price for our inspection at our expense. P. M. reference. J. W. FOWLER, M. D., Dubuque, Iowa. [19*]

For 10 days only I will exchange 15 \$1.00 Greens for 100 2c Pan-Americans, or 45 \$1.00 Greens for 100 1c Pan-Americans. Good copies. ALBERT J. DUBORD, 84 Washington St., New Bedford, Mass.

500 Different stamps for sale at 1/2 cent each. 1200 others at 1 cent each. Lists Free. Wholesale List for Dealers. [221*] CALVIN C. BRACKETT, Lewiston, Maine.

Revenue Proofs are what I want, and I have several single copies and pairs to exchange for others that are missing in my collection. What have you to offer and what do you most desire? Albert E. Chase, Brunswick, Maine. [221*]

Your stamps taken at 1/2 catalogue in exchange for mine at catalogue. Some exceptions. I can use single stamps or wholesale lots. Write. Calvin C. Brackett, Lewiston, Maine. [221*]

Scott's 64th Catalogue 48c postpaid. Wanted, good duplicates for cash or exch'ge. H. K. Moyer, Easton, Pa. [23*]

He was registered at Windsor Hotel as from N. Y. City.

Yours truly, INTERNATIONAL STAMP CO. F. W. WURTELE, Mgr.

The above letter is published at the request of the Chicago Philatelic Society, and informs us that Boston dealer reports about the same scheme having been tried on his firm.—Ed.

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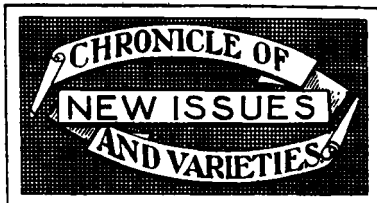
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PORTLAND, ME., SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1901.

WHOLE No. 433.



BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Wylie a copy of each issue to foregoing address, and an extra copy of ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—*La Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* states that as the postal rate for foreign letters has been raised from 12 to 15c the stock of 12c envelopes could no longer be used. Thus 71,000 remaining on hand have been surcharged "5" for internal use. This paper says that:

"12,000 were at first overprinted simply with the figure '5', but as they did not meet with the approval of the Postmaster-General, a further surcharge of six parallel horizontal lines was made over the old value of 12c in order to cancel it. The remaining 59,000 envelopes were then overprinted with the bars and '5' at one operation."

Envelope (Provisional):
12c blue surch. "5" in carmine.

CHILE.—I have received from Mr. A. Lohmeyer the "Memorandum Postal" noted in number 427.

FRANCE.—The 15c is to undergo a change in color according to Mr. Hopkins in *Mekeel's News*:

"It is reported that the current 15c stamp (new type) will be changed from orange to gray. This is the color used for the 15c stamps of the various colonies and in this case the mother country is to follow suit. The 15c envelope and letter card will probably be changed also, but that will be later as the first printing in orange has just been placed on sale. The adhesive may be expected any time now."

GREECE.—I have received from Mr. A. Lohmeyer a specimen official view card, issue of July 10th, 1901, type of the 1900 5 and 10 lepta cards, printed for this purpose on white card board, each having an additional 10 lepta stamp embossed without

color in the upper left hand corner, to cover the cost of the illustration on the reverse. There are 64 different views, a golden (?) opportunity for the picture card collector, but of no interest to philatelists, who are interested in the face of the card only.

Postal Cards (Pictorial Issue):

5x10 lepta, olive on white, 90x139.
10x10 " " red " " " " 139.

JAMAICA.—The *American Journal of Philately* states that "the one penny Jubilee stamp, showing Llandoverly Falls, is to be re-issued in two colors, the frame being in red and the center in black."

MAURITIUS.—I have just received from England the new 2c and 15c. The 2c comes in lilac, value in violet, and the 15c in green, value in orange. Design same as the previous issue.

Adhesives (Regular):

2c lilac and violet.
15c green and orange.

MONTENEGRO.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer informs me that my chronicle of postal cards in number 431 should have been letter cards.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—It has been several months since anything new could be charged up against Newfoundland. In the following letter from Mr. J. H. Jost there must be grains of truth that time will verify. I am very grateful to Mr. Jost for this early information:

"I have just been informed (Aug. 19) that the present issue 1c green Newfoundland, is almost entirely exhausted and as the new supply ordered this time from England has not yet arrived and the chances are it will not for some time, the government will have to surcharge the 2 and 3c stamps till the new issue arrives. I get my information from my father who is at present constructing a government building at St. Johns."

NEW ZEALAND.—From Miss Amy L. Swift I have received a pictorial card used at the time of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to New Zealand. Its face is almost covered with portraits and scenes leaving barely room for the address and the stamps that must be affixed to give it carrying power.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me a new one penny card. Stamp of type "A2" in upper left hand corner. Inscriptions in four lines in upper centre, "NEW ZEALAND.—POST (arms) CARD.—CARTE POSTALE—The address only to be written on this side." The French words "CARTE POSTALE" would indicate that this card is intended to

do international service, although the inscription "Union Postale Universelle" is wanting.

There is also a corresponding double card with same stamp, which has, in addition to the above inscriptions, the French translation "Nouvelle Zelande" under "NEW ZEALAND" and below the arms "WITH REPLY CARD", as well as on the reply half, which is on the fourth side "REPLY CARD."

Postal Cards (Regular):

1d dark brown on white, 89x138.
1x1d " " buff, " " 138.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Homer B. Millen favors me with one of the Hotel Rider labels referred to in a recent ERA. He writes that "it is designed to apply to a special folder that is being distributed at the various hotels at Buffalo." The label is of the same shape as the Pan-Americans, carmine border with the hotel as a center piece in greenish-black.

Written for the ERA.

The P. S. of A. Convention.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Philatelic Sons of America, which was held in the parlors of the Niagara Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., was called to order by President L. T. Brodstone, in the presence of about thirty members, at 10 o'clock P. M., Monday, Aug. 19th, 1901.

At this session the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and caused considerable argument. In making its report this Committee refused to consider any of the ballots cast, which were illegal from beginning to end, both in form and the manner in which they were received. Briefly, the Committee's claim was that the Constitution called for the election of five Directors while the ballot blanks contained spaces for the election of seven; further that the Constitution distinctly states that the ballots shall be sent to the Committee on Credentials and opened in the presence of a majority of the Committee only, after the polls closed, while in this election the ballots were addressed to the Secretary and opened by him, before the closing of the polls, before being received by the Committee on Credentials. In closing its report the Committee further stated that they had consulted with an Attorney before reaching this conclusion. At the end of the reading

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of the report a lively discussion followed and a motion to accept the report, together with the recommendations contained therein, was carried by a vote of 12 to 8, several members not voting. Mr. Aldrich appealed from the decision of the President, claiming that there was not a quorum present. The Chair's decision was upheld, however, and therefore the officers of the past year will govern the P. S. of A. for another term.

The Convention then adjourned for a half hour to allow the Committee on Credentials to make their report on proxies.

Upon re-convening at 1.15 P. M. the Committee reported that 279 proxies had been received; of these 20 had been thrown out and 259 accepted. The largest proxy holders being Messrs. Kissinger and Barnum, the former having 123 to the latter's 79.

The Committee on Official Journal recommended the selection of the *Perforator*, published at Oswego, N. Y., for the coming year and which suggestion was unanimously adopted.

At this session the reports of Officers were read and received. The Secretary's report showed the paid up membership to be 310, a loss of 58 during the year past. The Treasurer's report brought to light the fact that the Secretary had taken the financial responsibilities upon himself and therefore the office of Treasurer had been a sinecure. The other reports contained nothing of special mention but showed that the members throughout the country were taking a great deal of interest in the affairs of the Society.

Mr. H. C. Beck, of Detroit, offered a resolution, the substance of which was that the President appoint a Committee of three to consult with a similar Committee of three to be appointed by the Sons of Philatelia and report at the next annual convention, as to the advisability of consolidating these two societies. After remarks had been made by nearly every member present this resolution was adopted unanimously and President Brodstone appointed the following gentlemen to serve on said committee: H. C. Beck, Detroit; W. H. Barnum, Cleveland; C. W. Kissinger, Reading.

A poem was read from Roy Farrell Greene which elicited much applause and the Secretary was instructed to telegraph a vote of thanks to the author.

At the last session, held Wednesday morning, the business of most importance was the selection of the next convention seat. Mr. Barnum nominated the city of Denver, Colo., and urged its selection, while Springfield, Mass., was placed in

nomination by Mr. Cobe. Springfield was selected by a vote of about 140 to 90.

All in all the convention was a success, the attendance large and representative, a great deal of business done, many important changes in the constitution made and, while the reform party did not begin to accomplish what they had hoped to do, the Society was placed on a much more business-like basis.

At the Directors' meeting Mr. Brodstone asked to be relieved of the President's duties, hence Mr. W. F. Schad, Milwaukee, Wis., will be at the head of the Society for the coming year, the other officers remaining the same

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Written for the ERA.

Noted at Buffalo.

It is said that some strange things happened to some of the boys on the "Midway." Perhaps W. K. Hall of Canada knows a thing or two about this.

The S. of P. meet broke up with a "love feast." Those who expected a row at this Convention were sadly disappointed. Everything was run off in a satisfactory manner and nothing but harmony was in the air. The headquarters of this meet was located about four miles from the Niagara Hotel or as Herbst remarked, "in the woods—on a farm."

W. H. Barnum of Cleveland deserves the credit of his constituents for his labors in behalf of Denver for 1902 Convention seat.

Yes, "Brody" was there with his Camera but it is said that some of his pictures "didn't take."

Those members who brought their wives were both fortunate and thoughtful for they never wandered from the sight of their "better halves" and were never in any "mix up" on the "streets of Cairo."

At the P. S. of A. meet they had things in such a state that it was almost an impossibility to understand where the matter stood. The Credential Committee declared all ballots void and the 1900-1901 officers will officiate for another year.

It was announced that the publishers of the *New York Philatelist* had purchased the *Collector* of J. F. Dodge.

It is said that another effort will be made to consolidate the P. S. of A. and S. of P. The writer predicts a disagreement.

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COUNTERFEITS OF THE 1894 ISSUE OF BRAZIL.

A correspondent in Rio de Janeiro sends us dangerous counterfeits of the 300 and 500 reis of the 1894 issue, and says that the 200 reis is reported to have been counterfeited also. These counterfeits appear to have been made to defraud the government, as the copies shown us are on envelopes mailed in Rio de Janeiro in October, 1900. We give herewith a few points by which they may be distinguished from the genuine stamps:

On the original stamps the letters of "CORRIEIO" are equidistant and slant to the right. In the counterfeits there is a space between the first "o" and the first "r"; the letter "c" is upright and the first "o" is nearly so.

The ornaments in the upper corners are rather too white and distinct.

The letters of "ESTADOS UNIDOS DO BRAZIL" are 1/4 mm. high on the genuine stamps and 1/3 mm. on the counterfeits.

In "REIS" the letters are not well imitated; the "E" is too wide and has the strokes too thick, while the "r" and "s" are too thin.

At the bottom of the stamps, below "REIS," is a row of pearls, then a row of ehort, thin vertical lines, and, finally, a row of heavier vertical lines representing the beveled edge of the background panel. In the counterfeits the vertical lines in the upper row are much broken and often missing entirely, so that the line appears to be nearly white.

The most distinctive mark is found in the spray of laurel leaves on the head of Liberty. On the original stamps only a small piece of the stem, between the leaves, can be seen, and the bases of the leaves are usually lost in shadow. On the counterfeits the entire outline of each leaf can be seen, and the stem is strongly defined and extends below the lower pair of the leaves.

The 300 reis is printed in deep yellow green, whereas the majority of the genuine stamps are in gray-green or emerald-green. The 500 reis is in a dark, dull blue, which does not differ perceptibly from the current shade of the original stamps.

The paper appears to be slightly thicker and harder than in the genuine issue. The stamps are arranged a scant millimeter apart, so that the perforations touch or cut into the design on all sides. The originals usually show a wide margin on one or two sides. The perforation gauges 12 1/2, on the originals it varies from 11 to 14.—*American Journal of Philately.*

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

San Francisco Items.

Your correspondent, who has been traveling on the Pacific coast this summer, spent several days in San Francisco for the first time, and having received a hearty Californian welcome from that old war horse of philately, Mr. Jas. N. Makins, felt quite at home during the entire stay.

Mr. Makins came around the Horn to "Frisco" in 1850. The Metropolis of the far west was then a comparatively small village, and he is full of interesting reminiscences about its early days. With his sons and a daughter, ably assisted by an efficient clerk, they conduct the large business of Makins & Co., whose liberal and enterprising methods are too well known to the readers of this paper to need comment from me. I found the ERA, *New York Philatelist* and other leading stamp journals on file at their office.

W. Sellschopp & Co. have a beautiful location on the ground floor in Stockton St. Although Mr. Sellschopp is in Europe in the interest of his Company much of the time, his associates ably conduct the large mail and counter business built up by long and honorable dealing.

Mr. Max Ettinger has temporarily joined the ranks of the dealers and is disposing of his large collection. I noticed his advertisement in the ERA and felt well repaid in calling, and I secured a few gems in Uruguay, etc., for my collection.

Mr. Chas. T. Warren has accepted a position in the northwest and severed his connection with the Golden Gate Stamp Co. and commercial Philately for the present, leaving the city greatly to the regret of his many friends. Mr. Hollis continues to preside over the destinies of the Company at their new office, 614 Market St., which is quite a popular resort with both local and visiting philatelists. Mr. Hollis is a condition crank of the first magnitude in buying, but on the other hand points out to his customers the slightest defect in any stamp on sale.

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Mr. W. F. Greany was out on the afternoon I called at his home, where he conducts a large mail business. A relative, however, showed me his private collection, which contained several fine unsevered imperforate pairs.

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Written Expressly for the ERA.

Convention Personalities.

For the first time the venerable Ignaz Stauffer, whom friend Doeblin says has collected longer stamps than anybody else, was in attendance. Although a strict watch was kept of his movements even in the midway the "widow" was not seen and the supposition now is that she did not come to Buffalo.

If J. D. Bartlett's wife had been around on Saturday night when that beautiful female was embracing him he would have had a hard time to induce her to believe it was only done in spirit.

Owing to the fact that one of his churches was closed for a couple of weeks President Toppan was persuaded to attend the meets. I trust the church was not a Baptist one.

H. E. Deats was, I think, the last to leave, not intending to start home until the last day of the month. Which of the Midway shows so charmed the genial Secretary of the A. P. A. I could not learn.

The admirer of Anthony Comstock, W. A. McDonnell, had an interesting souvenir card containing a Greek stamp, whereon one of the nude figures had been clothed with an oak leaf apron after the Garden of Eden style.

Frank H. Burt was much astonished one day during the week to receive a telegram saying: "Money has been sent," and upon using the wire found some one had used his name to send for \$50, hoping to have it come by mail to general delivery and thus fall into the sharper's hands before Frank would know aught of it, but luckily he had left his Buffalo address at home and the scheme did not work.

Too much credit can not be given the western proxy holders by Eastern members as had Merell, Eaton and myself not followed what we believed was the desire of those we represented but cast our votes solid for Denver the next meet would have gone west. Should the Easterners hold the upper hand next year may they be as considerate.

The ladies were much in evidence and especially enjoyed the gorge route and we trust that each ensuing year may bring more of them out. There is no reason why the men should leave their wives unless it be the one Mrs. Heineman mentioned and then—aber nicht!

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HENRY L. CALMAN,
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Agent for the Syndicate. [34*]

and is always the life of the group which he is in. This year he was under the personal supervision of his physician and could only hazard an occasional sober thought—on the Midway.

A personally conducted excursion by Willie Stone went "to hell" on Saturday evening. The hell in question was on the Midway, and cost a quarter to drop into. "In the future" Stone will be much more capable of "roasting" in his review since his "Darkness and Dawn" experience.

Of course "Souvenir" Cobe was there. He couldn't have stayed away if he had tried for if there was ever a place where souvenirs were more conspicuously offered than Buffalo and the Pan-Am may we never see it, for if there was a spot on the grounds or a store in the city where they were not offered just tell us and Bescher will see to it that a full stock is put in at once.

To go to sleep in the Midway when your stamps are safely locked up and then get a column write-up of what was taken from your pocket while asleep marks the new era in philatelic advertising. For particulars consult the Buffalo papers or Kelsey Hall.

How the Egyptians in the streets of Cairo do size up family relations. One found both "hubby and mamma" in one stamp group much to "Mamma's" annoyance for Schad never knew he had a son-in-law before.

E. R. A.

Copy for many additional notes came to hand too late to print this week but will appear in next week's issue.—Ed.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 3rd, at 8 o'clock, at the office of Mr. J. Favill Capron, 22 Bromfield St., Boston.

Members will please bear in mind that action will be taken on several important things at this meeting and a good attendance is requested.

Do not forget place and date of meeting.

J. J. CONE, JR., Sec'y.

"Questions."

The interest in the first series of the "Question Competition" given out by *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* some weeks ago was so general that a second competition of seven questions was opened and the results have been announced and as some facts given will interest many of our readers we will give the questions and their answers in the main with portions of the Editor's comments thereon.

1.—Which is the smallest postage stamp ever issued?

The smallest postage stamp ever issued appears to be the $\frac{1}{4}$ schilling of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, which measures about 10x10 mm. or 100 sq. mm. It is run rather close by the first issue for Bolivar, both values of which—10c and 1p—measure only 10x12 mm. each. The following is a list of some of the smallest postage stamps. For the sake of comparison, it may be mentioned that the current id British stamp measures $18\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (416 sq. mm.):

	SO. MM.
1. Mecklenburg-Schwerin, $\frac{1}{4}$ sch.,	100
2. Bolivar, 1st issue (10x12mm.),	120
3. S. Australia, $\frac{1}{2}$ d red-brown (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$),	194
4. Victoria, $\frac{1}{2}$ d (11x19),	209
5. Columbia, $\frac{1}{2}$ c 1865.	242
6. Great Britain, $\frac{1}{4}$ d, 1870 (18x14),	252
7. Spain, $\frac{1}{4}$ c (16x16),	256
8. Brazil, 280 reis (18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$),	268
9. Roumania, 1858, 5p (15x18),	270
10. Venezuela, 1859, (14x20),	280

Two other stamps may be mentioned, namely, the $\frac{1}{4}$ ggr. of Brunswick (12x12mm.) and the Geneva 5c green (14x17mm.), but the quarter and half respectively of these can hardly be considered distinct postage stamps.

2.—Which do you consider the two ugliest adhesive postage stamps yet issued?

This question unfortunately affords rather a wide field for choice of reply, but there can be no hesitation in awarding the palm for ugliness to the issues of French Colonies. It would be hard to find more hideous postage labels than those recently issued for French Congo and seven of our sixteen competitors have found no difficulty in naming them. Several mentioned Indian Native States, but we should describe many of these as weird, rather than ugly. The following are some of our readers' pet aversions:

2. Corrientes, 1864.
3. New Caledonia, 1860, 10c.
4. Surinam, 1892, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c black and orange.
5. Diego Suarez, 1890, 5c.
6. Bhoré, 1880, 4a black on rose.
7. Spain, 1850.
8. Shanghai, 1865, 2c, 4c, 8c.
9. Bamra, 1891, $\frac{1}{2}$ a black on yellow-green.
10. Liberia, 3c 1897, Inland Postage.

Others mentioned were the recent German Colonials; China, first issue, 5 candarins; Dutfla, 1897; Bamra; Rajnandgaon; Mexico, 1895, 4c orange; British Guiana, 1850, 4c black on yellow; New



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South Wales, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d 1897; Guatemala, 1897; U. S. A., 2c 1861; N. Z., 5d olive-black, 1882; Tasmania, 1d pictorial. Two stamps we rather expected to see in the above list are the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Tasmanian pictorial (which however owes its ugliness to the engraver's and printer's fault rather than to the designer's) and the "Miranda" Venezuelans. The last are an eyecore on the page of any album.

3.—Which are the seven most valuable kinds of stamps at the present day; state what you consider to be their value?

This question seems to have been very much misunderstood by competitors. We wished to know the seven most valuable kinds or varieties of stamps, regardless of state (used, unused, etc.) A stamp which is rare unused and common used, like the £1 Anchor of Great Britain, can hardly be classed as one of the most valuable kinds of stamps. The following seven received most votes from competitors:

1. British Guiana 1856, 1c, £500 to £1500
2. Mauritius, 2d "Post Office," £960 to £1250
3. " id " £750 to £1250
4. Hawaii, 2c, 1051, £300 to £800
5. British Guiana, 2c, 1850, £250 to £800
6. Roumania, 81 paras, £75 to £300
7. British Guiana, 4c, 1856, £80 to £150

Several competitors mentioned the Baltimore 10c, (£1000), Alexandria, (£600), Brattleboro', (£80 to £250), and other U. S. A. stamps, but they were not popular enough to be placed. Of No. 1 (British Guiana, 1c 1856) only a single copy is stated to exist, and it is reported to be in very bad condition. It would be interesting to know whether the inscription "ONE CENT" is really clear, or whether there is the slightest chance of its being only the 4c in the same colour.

Other rare stamps are the 5c and 13c of Hawaii, 1851; Canada, 12d black; and British Guiana, 4c 1850. Of course, in unused condition, many stamps might top the £100 mark. Really mint unused examples of many early stamps are of almost priceless rarity, and worth far more than most people would imagine.

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FENDERSON, FRANK D., Limerick, Me.; age, 23; occupation, Lawyer, Lord & Fenderson. References: J. J. Oesch, S. T. S. Doncyson, A. F. Merrell.
FISCHER, ERWIN L., Carrie St., Clifton, Ohio; age, 21; occupation, Bookkeeper. References: J. C. Miller, J. M. Bartels.
GIBBS, FRANK P., Olean, N. Y.; age, 22; occupation, Merchant. References: J. C. Miller, A. Platz.
HUNTER, M. T., Elliott House, Toronto, Ontario; age, 50; occupation, Mining Engineer. References: E. Y. Parker, W. K. Hall.
LADUE, THEODORE P., 62 West Woodbridge St., Detroit, Mich.; occupation, Merchant, Ladue & Isham. References: Wm. H. Beck, Howard C. Beck.

MARKS, E., 169 McCaul St., Toronto, Ont.; age, 23; occupation, Stamp Dealer, Marks Stamp Co. References: C. Wesley Price, Frank Bescher.

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Membership Summary.

Total Membership August 24th	535
New Stockholders	5
Total Membership August 31st	540

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A POPULAR COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE.

It has so long been customary to decry commemorative issues and there has been so much to justify an unfavorable opinion of them, that it is difficult to bring ourselves to regard them in anything like a favorable light. None the less it is possible that such an issue may be a benefit to philately. But, like any other good thing, it must not be overdone.

The saving grace of the Pan-American issue lies in its restricted face value. A series that is overburdened with stamps of high values will never be a popular one. The specialist may not object but the general collector does not care to put too much money into one issue. This is one of the reasons why some of the "postage and revenue" issues of British colonies in Africa and Australia are not popular, likewise Victorian fiscals used postally. When a collector finds he cannot complete one or more issues of a country without an excessive expenditure, he is apt to drop the country and sometimes the whole group to which it belongs.

But to return to the subject of commemorative issues. Our Columbian issue had in its favor beauty of design, fine workmanship and historical interest. Yet, from a philatelic standpoint, it was not an entire success. The Canadian Jubilee issue was even more of a failure and from the same cause, too few stamps for too much money. On its appearance the Columbian series excited a temporary interest, but it was not lasting and those who speculated in the stamps did so to their cost—which is not altogether an unmixed evil. When collectors come to study the issue they found that the five dollar stamp was not more beautiful, interesting or expensive to produce than the one cent denomination. They objected to the high values as an attempt to make money out of them and this resulted in a loss of popularity for the whole issue.

Since that time issues "for revenue only" have had several bitter experiences, which have apparently borne some fruit. Now we have a series, limited in number and cost, interesting in design, if not of surpassing beauty, and of excellent workmanship. As a result the stamps are popular among collectors and are having a marked good effect on business in the duller part of the year. It is reported that, while some 200,000,000 of the Pan-American stamps have been distributed since May 1st, the demand for the regular issue has not fallen off to any noticeable extent.

The moral behind this would appear to be that if a country wants to attract philatelists or to successfully commemorate some occasion it should not make its goods so expensive that no one will purchase them. In other words, it should not be greedy.—*American Journal of Philately.*

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For the WEEKLY ERA.

Empire State Philatelic Society Convention.

The fourth annual Convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society was called to order Thursday, Aug. 15, at 11.30 A. M., at the St. Clond Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y. The succeeding sessions were held during the evenings of the 15th and 16th. It required but two days to transact the business of the Convention. The sessions were fairly well attended and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting. Among those present we noted the following:

- C. B. Rice, Oswego, N. Y.
- A. Herbst, New York City.
- Wm. A. McDonnell, New York City.
- Joseph Kraus, Auburn, N. Y.
- Ab. Leve, Oswego, N. Y.
- W. H. Barnum, Cleveland, O.
- Herbert Bodley, Cato, N. Y.
- W. R. Perry, Syracuse
- C. W. Brown, "
- C. B. Salisbury, "
- Ray C. Brown, "
- D. C. Fulmer, "
- H. P. Bellinger, "
- Edwin A. Norris, "
- Jas. Pearson, "
- John Seager, "
- Theo. Blum, "

At the morning session Messrs. Herbst, Brown and McDonnell were appointed Committee on Credentials. Mr. A. Herbst was chosen chairman pro tem. The second session was called at 8 P. M., Aug. 15. As President Evans was absent Mr. W. H. Barnum was selected chairman pro tem. Mr. Barnum read the annual address of the President, after which the Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

- President.
- Dr. Wm. Evans had 50
- Geo. J. Carter, 25
- Vice-President.
- Joseph H. White, 24
- Chas. S. Sheldon, 48
- Secretary-Treasurer.
- A. Herbst, 54
- C. B. Rice, 22
- Exchange Superintendent.
- Geo. W. Ring, 29
- M. Tausig, 5
- C. W. Brown, 42
- Auction Manager.
- C. B. Salisbury, 50
- M. Tausig, 23
- Counterfeit Detector.
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- A. Bitar, 30
- Supt. Bureau of Information.
- John W. Patterson, 32
- W. H. Davis, 40
- Librarian.
- Jos. T. Kraus, 18
- H. A. Jeffery, 55
- Attorney.
- Charles F. Bridge, 52
- Jos. A. Frank, 19

Supt. Branch Societies.

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- H. A. Feaster, 2
- Ad. and Sub. Agent.
- A. McNeil, 13
- M. Tausig, 40
- C. E. Cooley, 20
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- Edw. Stern, }
- Jos. A. Frank, }
- John D. Carberry, } Brooklyn, 19
- W. J. Coleman, }
- A. Stark, }

Proxies were held as follows:

- A. Herbst, 49
- C. W. Brown, 6
- C. B. Salisbury, 4
- 59

Mr. Willis R. Perry was appointed permanent Chairman. Mr. Perry then appointed the following committees:

- Standing Rules—C. W. Brown, A. Lev, A. Herbst.
- Finance—C. W. Brown, Wm. A. McDonnell, C. B. Salisbury.
- Library—C. B. Rice, Jos. Kraus, Ray C. Brown.
- Exchange Department—C. W. Brown, H. P. Bellinger, Edwin A. Norris.
- Official Journal—C. B. Salisbury, A. Herbst, Wm. A. McDonnell.
- Branch Societies—A. Leve, John Seager, D. C. Fulmer.

Constitution and By-Laws—A. Herbst, C. W. Brown, C. B. Salisbury, Wm. McDonnell, W. R. Perry ex officio.

The report of the Exchange Superintendent followed. Mr. Brown remarked that the Exchange Department had been very successful during the past year and that over \$4,000 worth of stamps were sent to the Department. Mr. Brown was extended a vote of thanks for his labors in connection with the Exchange Department. After some discussion in which a number of the members were heard the session adjourned.

The third session was called to order by Chairman Perry at 8.30 P. M., Aug. 16. The report of the standing committees were called for and read, after which Secretary Herbst read his annual report as Secretary-Treasurer. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Herbst by the members present for the efficient manner in which he conducted the affairs of these two offices. The Auction Manager's report was then read and approved. Nominations were then called for official journal and the *New York Philatelist* was re-elected by acclamation. The chairman then called for nominations for the 1902 Convention Seat. Mr. McDonnell nominated Newburgh, N. Y., which was seconded by Mr. Herbst. As no other convention seat was named Newburgh secured the 1902 meet by acclamation.

After some discussion on various subjects in which all the members present took part, the Convention adjourned *Sine Die*.

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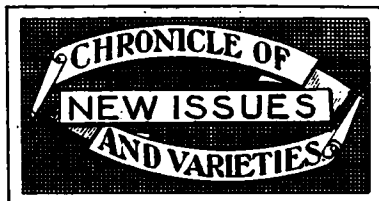
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Wylie a copy of each issue to foregoing address, and an extra copy of ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AMAZON—The following item from *Mekeel's News* would seem to dispose of the issue referred to in number 428:

"H. B. Phillips, Berkeley, California, sends the following: 'In the issue of July 25th, I find mention of an Amazona stamp about which little or nothing seems to be known. As a matter of general information I wish to say that Amazonas is a revenue district of Peru the same as Callao, Moquegua, Piura, Cuzco, etc.; and that stamps of Peru have been surcharged with these district names for a good many years. The earliest specimen of Amazonas in my collection is dated 1870-1871.'"

BAVARIA—Completing the chronicle given in number 408 I have received from Mr. A. Lohmeyer the following cards watermarked with vertical lines and with control number "01":

Postal Cards (Regular):

22pf gray on buff, T3.
13pf carmine on buff.
1021pf carmine on buff, T3.

I have also received from Mr. Lohmeyer two cards with the third address line underscored with a solid line and the fourth line preceded by "Wohnung" "Strasse n. Hausnummer" in two lines.

Postal Cards (Regular):

2pf gray on buff.
5pf green on buff.

CHILE—I announced in a recent issue that this country was to have a new set of stamps. A contemporary gives the values as follows:

1c green.
2c red.
5c blue.
10c black and vermilion.
30c black and purple.
50c black and orange.

As a French paper states that the 30c has appeared in yellow brown and the 50c

in dark brown, I will delay listing the colors until satisfactory information is at hand. The set is to bear the portrait of Columbus.

COREA—The new set is appearing by piecemeal, I have three values to add by courtesy of Mr. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., 50 cheun, 1wn and 2wn.

Adhesives (Regular):

5c cheun, olive and pink.
1wn blue and red brown.
2wn purple and green.

HOLLAND—It is reported that this country is planning to issue a set of Service stamps.

ITALY, Office at Bengasi—The new 25 centesimi has been surcharged "Bengasi—1 PIASTRA 1" in two lines for use at this office.

Adhesive (Provisional):

25c surch. "BENGASI—1 PIASTRA 1."

Office at Canoa—The 25c has also been similarly treated for use here.

Adhesive (Provisional):

25c surch. "CANOA—1 PIASTRA 1."

PERU—The 10c of the current set has been surcharged "Gobierno" for official use.

Adhesive (Official):

10c grey black, surch. "Gobierno."

SEYCHELLES—The 36c value has been surcharged 3c, but there seems to be very little information at hand as to the cause of the issue. The following from *Le Collectionneur* will prove of interest:

"The Seychelles post office has surcharged 30,000 stamps of 36c with the new value, 3 cents. The whole provisional issue is stated to have been bought up in a few hours, so that what useful purpose was served by the issue we fail to see. It could hardly have been made for the sake of increasing the colony's revenue, as the total face value only amounts to 900 rupees, an amount that is of little use in meeting a deficit of 13,000 rupees. Is it a 'benefit' issue for someone? Or perhaps it may be the forerunner of a series. The last outbreak of surcharging was in 1896, but was confined to the issue of two varieties, 18 on 45c and 36 on 45c. Of the latter 12,000 were issued and 11,400 were bought up by one speculator. In 1893, a series of five surcharged varieties was issued."

Adhesive (Provisional):

36c brown and carmine, surcharged "3 cents."

TRANSVAAL—The 1/2d green has been surcharged "E. R. I." Also the 4d registration envelope similarly surcharged.

Adhesive (Provisional):

1/2d green, surch. "E. R. I."

Envelope (Registration):

4d olive green, surch. "E. R. I."

Written for the ERA.

Robie's Around-the-World Letters.

III.—FROM HAMBURG.

HAMBURG, GERMANY, AUG. 14, '01.

MY DEAR JEWETT:

I have now been traveling two weeks and have only taken in 25 cents worth of bad money, and have had no short change rung in on me. From Brussels I crossed the frontier of Germany and made my first stop at Cologne in Prussia. One who has to ride on the Continental trains for any great length of time can appreciate the superior comforts and conveniences of American roads. The caboose of a freight train in the United States is like a palace car compared with the third class carriage of Europe, and the third is just as good as the second, and the second is just as good as the first class. The only difference is you will probably have more select company and softer seats in the first and second class, but the upholstering and plush make these cars much closer and hotter in the summer, for which reason the third is oftentimes preferred and is much cheaper.

Take an ordinary cattle car of ours, partition it off into four sections holding seven to eight persons each, with seats crosswise, and doors with glass windows and steps leading out on the side, and you have the ordinary make up of a car in this country. It would be almost unbearable to ride any great distance if it wasn't for the fact that every now and then the train stops long enough for every one to tumble out for "Quei Bier." At one of these "joints" I dallied too long with the pretty barmaid, and forgetting the number and location of my coup, had to dive in anywhere or get left, and lived in mortal terror for twenty miles that some one would swipe my stamps.

On entering Prussia the Custom House officers were more strict than those I have had experience with elsewhere, and my samples of plasters, etc., came near being seized and I was put to great inconvenience.

The baggage system (luggage they call it here) of England and Europe is abominable. My trunk has been more of a nuisance to me than my money. You have to follow it round and see that it is transferred, and tip everybody handling it, or the chances are it will be left behind.

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6c.....	1.25	\$2.00.....	..30
10c.....	..01	\$2.50.....	..30
15c.....	..25	\$3.00.....	..05
20c.....	..08	\$3.50.....	2.30
25c.....	..01	\$5.00.....	..40
30c.....	..40	\$1.00.....	2.00

You know the condition.

FRED G. JONES, 2013 Brook St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

Besides, it is very expensive. In Belgium they allow nothing free, and only 25 kilos (56 lbs) in Germany. On arriving at your station, some fellow grabs your hand luggage and you have to tag after him and tip him before you can get it back. It is almost advisable to carry nothing but a piece of soap, a tooth brush and a comb, and if you are a bald headed chap like the writer, you can do without a comb.

At Cologne I took occasion to visit the Dorn Cathedral, one of the finest and I believe the largest in all Europe. It is a magnificent structure with two lofty spires of intricate sculpture and ancient architecture, and the music was grand and inspiring. I ran across in this town a fellow with a lot of old and rare stamps, catalogued by Senf about 2200 marks, \$550 00, which he would sell for 400 marks. He was hard up and I got him to take 300, and not having the necessary long green or coin of the realm with me, had him send it here to Hamburg C. O. D. Today I landed the book. It contains nothing catalogued less than \$1.50 up to \$25.00, and I have been dreaming of at least \$200 profit on the deal, till I discovered over half of them were forgeries or fakes, and my profit looks more like ten or twenty dollars to the bad. But there is no kick coming—I am here for experience.

Germany is a country filled with fantastic old windmills, nice fat Dutch girls, good music and beer. It also has a number of wine cellars a thousand years old, which I haven't found yet.

I arrived here in Hamburg the day Count Von Waldesee landed, and the attention and reception given me was consequently diverted and divided. Perhaps I might have received the greater share of attention if I had had along with me a port-

able bath house and could understand the language.

I am having more difficulty in getting round and conducting business in German speaking countries than I have had with the French people, and to try and find anything in a Dutch directory or use the telephone is like running up against a Chinese proclamation to one who doesn't understand it.

Ice water is something never in readiness at the European hotels; or in England either, and is seldom if ever called for by any one but the Americans. I asked for it at my hotel and got a pitcher of boiling hot water, the word hot sounding like ice in German. The streets are named and numbered very perplexing to those unfamiliar with it. In Paris and Brussels nearly all the streets are either Rues, Boulevards or Avenues, with a name one can soon remember, but here you have such outlandish names as Gross Swartzenburger Strasse, Rathenhaus Bleichen, etc.

Returning from a concert garden one evening I undertook to find my hotel, The Germania, afoot. This is pronounced Garmarnier with a broad accent on the a, as if you wanted to spit out something. I didn't know this at the time and after walking around for an hour or so vainly trying to find some one who could understand me, hailed a cab. He drove me round a couple of blocks and returned to the hotel, three rods from where I called him.

I had pictured Hamburg as being nothing much but a big shipping port, with immense docks, etc. It is, however, one of the cleanest and most picturesque places I have yet seen, and the drive along the River Elbe, with the stately mansions of Gothic architecture and broad macadamized avenues, with double rows of Linden trees, is beautiful indeed.

One is impressed with the military display and perfect police system. The cabs are regulated by the police and the cabs have clocks or dials registering the time and expense, so that it is impossible for the driver to overcharge.

Part of this city is a free port, into which all imports can come in free, but out of which into the other port, bridges and waterways are manned all the time by officers, to prevent anyone getting over with dutiable goods. I didn't know this, and passing over nothing was said, but coming back my sample kit was nabbed and I had to go to the Custom House and dole out half of my samples to the confounded beer guzzling Dutchmen before I could get back.

LEWIS ROBE.

Written Expressly for the ERA.

Convention Personalities.

(Continued from page 430.)

One of the enjoyable events was the display of a superb Cuban collection on Thursday after the adjournment by Senor Bowen of Havana. Nearly every variety was shown in shades, pairs and blocks of four, from twenty to thirty specimens being required in each variety.

One of the "wild and woolly west" members is said to have had an especial lady friend in connection with one of the fortune-telling booths on the Midway. This is merely from hearsay, but Mrs. A. L. Stewart is our authority and the westerner is—well, write Norma for particulars.

One of the booths on the streets of Cairo carried a small stock of stamps. While a few good things were shown and prices fully held up the bulk of the stock was Continentals and reprints. As one visitor said, many were "bad 'ens."

Of course Wolstieffer was there. How could stamp collectors get along without the assistance of a "P. M."? He said the Chicago Branch had decided not to ask for the '02 Convention, but if Oesch had been there when the fight between Springfield and Denver was waxing warm that he knew J. J. would have tried to heal the breach with the "I will" City. It's a good thing for the "Home" City that John staid home.

Dr. Hetrich of Birdsboro, Pa., whose specialty is the medicine stamps of the Civil War issue, is one of the most genial gentlemen I ever met—but then he hailed from Mrs. A.'s birthplace, so he couldn't well be otherwise, for as Clifford W. says, all good people come from Berks Co.

A. F. Merell, the President of the Chicago Society, was there and upon roll call was much in evidence for he held over eighty proxies. With the other Chicago men distributed the Branch 1 buttons, which while more elaborate than last year were hardly as showy.

J. F. Johnson, who with J. C. Miller was the "long" of the meet, was the same jolly fellows as of the New York and Detroit meets. He can't help coming from the Bay State and probably wouldn't if he could, and why should he—didn't baked beans originate at the Roxbury Cross cancelled station?

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Alvah Davison, an old time officer of the A. P. A., who has not attended since the N. Y. meet, brought his wife with him. Davison was one of my earliest stamp correspondents and he is still an enthusiastic collector.

Moisant of Kan-akee came in on the same train as I did, and we swapped lies for many "Hoosier" miles. He represented his paper and tried to forget his legal studies. As he goes up to Chicago four times a week to his law school the C. P. S. boys (P. M., J. J., S. T. S. and the rest) will look out that he receives admission to the bar.

W. H. Barnum as chairman of the P. S. of A. Credential Committee succeeded in knocking out the ballots as illegal. A little bird said it was a shrewd scheme to have the ballots so and hold over, but laying joking aside, I believe this year's convention's action will do the P. S. of A. much good.

W. F. Schad, C. C. Johnson and A. Jungman represented Milwaukee and did it well, and may they never miss another meet now they have got the convention habit. W. F. also had his "better half" with him and bought shawls, trading in stamp buttons at half a dollar apiece.

The "home state" of the A. P. A. had three members present, H. G. Smith, the

Exchange Manager, whose seven months administration has given untold satisfaction to the members at large, Eben S. Martin the same gentlemanly young fellow that all who attended the Minnetonka meet remember (don't breath it aloud but his solid girl lives in Springfield, Mass., so of course he'll be there next year) and the writer. The latter, of course, had his wife along as she enjoys the meets as much as he does and is, if anything, even better acquainted.

D. T. Eaton and H. C. Barr represented the Hawkeye state, and D. T. insisted that their state showed the largest percentage attendance. Mrs. Eaton, of course, attended. We'd send D. T. home if he left her behind. Even the trolley lines in Buffalo collect souvenirs, and Mrs. E. donated a jacket.

The group picture taken at the Whirlpool Rapids the day of the trolley ride is as fine a one as the Niagara group of years ago, which always held the palm for excellence. Should any not in attendance wish one he can undoubtedly secure it through the members of the Arrangement Committee.

It was not until the arrival of the Chicago crowd that the meeting room was moved down stairs beside the Rath-Keller. I wonder why?

W. C. Stone represented the ERA, W. O. Wylie the *Weekly Stamp News*, C. W. Brown the *N. Y. Philatelist*, A. Leve the *Perforator*, L. T. Brodstone the *Philatelic West*, P. E. Bridge the *Buckeye Philatelist*.

Clifford W. Kissinger held the proxy vote of the P. S. of A., and had the ballot been counted, would have had the satisfaction of electing his ticket. Mrs. K., as affable as ever, was with him, also her father. J. H. Leippe and family completed the Reading contingent Harry is the same hall fellow as of the days of the New York meet Here's hoping that we may "smile" together at Springfield.

A. Stewart of Toledo was also among those who brought their wives along. Mrs. S., if anything, is more popular than her husband, who this year was not offering the brown shilling Orange Free State at 35c. He is willing to buy back what he sold at Milwaukee from any dissatisfied buyer at selling price.

E. R. A.

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My advertisements in this and another leading "Weekly" for the past two months, calling attention to the POSTAL CARDS of the two Americas, appears to have awakened considerable interest among collectors. To meet the demand I am now compiling a priced list of the Postal Cards of

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Correspondence.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Sept. 2, '01.
MY DEAR JEWETT:
I have seen several items relating to the present name of the late South African Republic. I have just received a letter from Emil Tamsen bearing the following plain postmark "Pretoria Transvaal." As this letter was passed by the censor I think the question is now settled that Vaal River Colony is not the right name. I was very glad to hear from Tamsen as many feared he had been lost in the South African trouble.

Yours truly,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.



The last kick of the

Wounded Bird

is as we expected. He had assumed a position he could not maintain and adopted the school boy tactics of "gutting." We do not object to the name he has given us and do not think being called a crow would worry us as much as the crow he is eating seems to distress him. He says we have "strange conceits" but does not comment on the fact that the Stamp Trust has the same "strange conceit" in regard to poor and damaged stamps and will price fine copies only in the new catalogue. We also note that *Mekeel's Weekly* (see page 209, top of first column) has a contributor that is afflicted with this distressing malady. We also learn from the current number of *Mekeel's* that Mr. Hollis of the Golden Gate Stamp Co. has a very bad case of "strange conceits" when buying stamps. On page 316 of *Mekeel's* is an illustration supposed to be taken from a snapshot of a certain dealer the night after he has sold a "3rd quality" stamp.

We plead not guilty to the charge of running down other dealers' stocks as this is something we would never do but when he attacks us we must not object to our telling the truth. He has so far failed to give the name of the other dealers that advise the purchase of damaged stamps. There was no difficulty in understanding his remarks in ERA of March 16th in which case he took advantage of the hospitality of a leading stamp society to "talk shop." What he said could do no harm as they were intelligent men and could read between the lines that he had an axe to grind.

Not long since by advising collectors not to pay so much for \$1.00 Gray, cat, we brought down the wrath of another "large stock" dealer upon our innocent head. The stamp has since sold for so much per hundred, so that "conceit" was not so very "strange." We have another "conceit" that doubtless seems "strange" to our friend that it is not necessary for collectors to tumble over each other to buy current revenues at high prices. Suppose your hatter said to you "I shall charge you \$3.50 for a perfect hat but I have some in stock on which the brim is one-sided, there is a hole in the crown and the band is wrong side out; however it is a hat and will cover your head so if you are not 'very hard to please' I think it will suit." How long would it be before you looked for another hatter. It is very nice for his customers to have such great confidence in him that they send the money before they see the stamps, but how about his confidence in *ERA* when he will not trust them with a few stamps until he gets a tight grip on their coin. We have a class of customers that we can do and trust. In closing we beg to advise that if you are bereft of all artistic sense and business acumen do not advertise the fact by sending whole money for

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*New Brunswick 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c	-.25
*Newfoundland Cabot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c	-.25
*Philippine 1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c and 1, 2, 5c Dues	-.45
*San Marino Jubilee, 25, 50, 1l	-.25
*Tobago 1885, ½, 1, 2½, 4, 6d, 1sh, obsolete and complete	-.85
U. S. 1893, Columbus, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 50c	-.59
*U. S. 1893, Col. Envelopes, entire, 22 varieties, complete, reg'd and post paid	1.39
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One of Many:

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My prices for B. N. A. cannot be beaten by anyone in the business.

W. W. WALSH,

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Bilateral Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates or portraits.

Adhesive, II: 9, September:

Handbooks.
Counterfeit of Uruguay 1866.
The Minor Variety Crank.
Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

Alliance Timbrologique, IV: 41, July:
Notes.

Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica de Chile,
VII: 3, May-June:

American Journal of Philately, XIV: 8,
August:

Popular Commemorative Issue.
Plain Border Numerals of Hawaii.
Projected New Stamps for Switzerland.
Stamps of Portugal.
Counterfeits of Brazil 1894.
New Stamps for Colombia.

American Philatelic Magazine, V: 10, July:
Encourage the Beginner.
Foresight and Hindsight.

Australian Journal of Philately, I: 11, July:
N. S. W. Recent Perfs.
Federal Prospects.

Philately as an Aid to Culture—In Nature.
Philatelic Menagerie.
Nutsell Hints for Collectors.

Bay State Philatelist, IV: 8, August:
Scientific Arrangement of U. S. Postmarks.
Many Stamps Being Printed.

Briefmarken Sammler, XI: 8, August:
The Post in Brunswick.
Foreign Post Offices in Turkey.

Buckeye Philatelist, I: 5-6, July-August:
Philately as an Educator.
New York Notes.
Canadian Revenues.
Chicago Stamps.

Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy, II: 12,
August:
American Canadian Postal Convention.
The Post Office Mauritius.
Specialize.

Collectionneur des Timbres Poste, 249,
July:
My Enemy Marconnet.

Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, XII: 8,
August:
Stamps of the Netherlands.
Thurn and Taxis, Prussian and North German
Stamps in Hesse.

Echo de la Timbrologie, XV: 207, Aug. 15:
Stamps of Caroba.
Abyssinian Due Stamps of M. Maury.
Study on the Provisional Stamps of Zanzibar July
1897.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, VII: 97, 98, 99,
August 3, 10, 17:
Notes on Sheets of Stamps.
Questions Competition.
Advertisements on New Zealand Stamps.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, IX: 10, July:
Stamps of the Continental Bank Note Co. With
Gill.
About Repaired Stamps.

Madrid Filatelico, V: 55, July:
Stamps of Mauritius.
Unpaid Stamps of Abyssinia.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, XV: 34, 35,
36, Aug. 22, 29; Sept. 5:
Japanese Syllabic Characters.
Hawaiian Lore.

Pan-American Plate Numbers.
Chinese Characters Found on Postage Stamps.
American Philatelic Association Convention Report.
Stamps of Siam.
Boston, Chicago, Etc. Notes.

Metropolitan Philatelist, XV: 20, 21, 22,
23, Aug. 17, 24, 31:
Washington Notes.
English Letter.

Monarch Monthly, II: 1, July:
Counterfeits I Have Met.
Engraving of Stamps.

Montreal Philatelist, IV: 2, August:
Australian Stamp Scenes.

New York Philatelist, X: 5, August:
New South Wales' Penny.
Some More History.
Foreign Post Offices in Turkey.
List of Private Proprietaries.

Omaha Monthly Philatelist, I: 4, June-
July:
Postage Stamp Statistics.
Some Beginnings.

Dealers and Collectors Will

be interested in our next auction sale. For Dealers especially there will be splendid lots of desirable stamps at wholesale in large quantities.

For Collectors there will be a nice line of single stamps including some fine cut square envelopes.

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This sale will contain largely the stock of a retired dealer who requests his name to be withheld.

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J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
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Philatelic Advocate, XI: 3, September:
My Experience as a Stamp Collector.
After Five Years—The Finish.
Aids to Transportation.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, XI: 128,
August:
*Dr. C. W. Viner.
New King's Head Stamps.
Notes on Greek Stamps.
Twelve Years Ago.
Is It a Trust?

Philatelic Journal of India, V: 7, July:
Hyderabad.
Denmark.
Stamps of Holland and the Dutch Indies.
Grenada.

Philatelic Record, XXIII: 8, August:
Philatelic Societies' Work.
St. Pierre Miquelon Surcharges 1885-6.

Philatelic Referee, I: 5, June:
Mafeking Siege Stamps.
Stamp Collector in Haiti.
Stamps of the Transvaal.

Philatelist, XXII: 8, August:
Sera's Prices.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, VII: 168,
August 17:
French and Colonial Reprints.
St. Pierre Miquelon Surcharges 1885-6.
New and Recent Forgeries.

Stamp Reporter, I: 1, July:
Actual Value.

Swap, II: 7, July:
Philatelic Pencilings.

Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt, XI: 8,
August:
Society Notes, Lists of Frauds, Forgeries, etc.
Addresses of Societies and Journals.

Virginia Philatelist, IV: 10, June-July:
*C. W. Kissinger.
Fine Group of Rarities.

Wiedling's Monthly Stamp News, I: 4,
August:
Suggestions to the Philatelic Publisher.
Revenue Notes.
Minute History of Brazil and Its Stamps.

Vacations are a mighty nice thing, but how the papers pile up while one is away!

If I had as much mail as Smiling Brodie does I should simply have to abandon either library work or philately. As it is,

just look at the mess of papers that have accumulated while I was at the Pan-American Convention. It won't be half as much fun roasting the contents of them,

as it was going to — with Aldrich and the rest of the crowd.

I have received the program of the XIII Deutscher Philatelisten Tag which will be held in Berlin, Sept. 7-10. A very inter-

esting program has been prepared and a good time may safely be assured. I notice that a number of papers are to be presented and would commend it to the directors of our own National association for our future conventions.

The *Jahres-Bericht* of the Kiel Society has arrived for 1901 and is made up as in past years of the annual reports and list of members of the Society.

Two very interesting pamphlets were distributed by the Postoffice Department at their exhibit at the Exposition. One was a reprint of Postmaster General Smith's recent article in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, dealing with the workings of the postal service, and the other is a portion of the annual report of the Third Assistant, giving a complete list and description of all U. S. stamps and postal cards.

Brother Chapman just voices my sentiments when he says, in the *Adhesiv*, that any society that makes any pretensions to being a society, should issue once a year a hand-book containing constitution, by-laws, list of members, etc. The American Philatelic Association is cited as a good example to pattern after in this respect. (Are you a member? If not, send to the Secretary and get a blank to fill out so you can attend the Springfield Convention next August.)

William Arnold Jacobs pokes considerable fun at the minor variety crank who goes to extremes in his hobby.

Hawaiian stamps have always been popular and never more so than since the Islands were annexed by the United States. There has been much published concerning them and still we are hungry for more. John N. Luff has been browsing among the numeral stamps to good effect and the *American Journal of Philately* for August contains a twelve page article by him, dealing entirely with these plain looking but by no means common stamps. The make-up of the sheets of the various printings are all illustrated and much valuable information is laid before us. To my mind the article is one of the most important of the year and deserves our most careful perusal.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie and *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* both contain articles on the Maury-Marconnet-Abyssinia controversy. Let us hope that we shall soon learn the truth concerning these unpaid, if for no other reason than to save space for something more valuable than all this washing in public of dirty philatelic linen. Fight a duel over it and then kiss and be friends again.

(Continued next week.)

From a Special ERA Correspondent.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

We are still very much alive here and are looking forward to next year when we shall have the pleasure of entertaining all the big and little guns of American philately. We hope also that many of our Canadian friends will drop in.

Mr. Bartlett and the writer were the only delegates from here at the convention and both reported a royal good time.

Our local Club met last Friday and entertained Mr. Albert Stewart of the Toledo Stamp Co. and his charming wife, who have been making the writer a brief visit.

I stated at the convention that if the meeting next year was held in our city that I would guarantee to double our present local membership. Just watch the application list for the next few weeks and see whether I was right or not.

We are always glad to see brother philatelists who are passing through our city, and if they will notify some one of us we will try to arrange it so that they can meet as many of the local members as possible. Our next club meeting will be September 13, at the home of the writer.

The stamped checks etc. of the Civil War series are receiving considerable attention at the hands of several local men, J. D. Bartlett being considerably interested in them. The need of a good list of these is very much felt. Sterling had a very good one in his famous catalogue, but it is considerably out of date and practically out of the reach of the modern collector. *Mekeel's Weekly* and the *Metropolitan* have both published lists, I think, but what we need is a compendious handbook like that of Mr. Rich on the telegraph stamps of the United States.

Mr. William H. Horne has recently acquired a fine specimen of the \$20 Probate of Will stamp. We all envy him for it is an aching void in all our albums.

Speaking of albums, Krassa's seems to be the favorite with many of our club members. Messrs. Provost and Stebbins have blank albums of local make which are very neat and useful. Just now the club is looking into the stamp tongs question with a view of declaring a dividend among the members. Several specimens have been submitted but no decision has been arrived at yet.

W. C. STONE.

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

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BOSTON, September 10, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

The one hundred and eighth regular meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Tuesday evening, Sept. 17th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction.

Entertainment.

The fifth exhibition of the series of competitive exhibits will be held at this meeting. The stamps of Hawaii will be exhibited. This will probably be the *greatest exhibition of Hawaiian stamps* the world has ever seen, and the total value of the stamps exhibited will be many thousands of dollars. The finest specialized collections of this country belong to our members, and most of them will probably exhibit.

Make a special effort to be present, and bring any friend who is interested in stamps. Start the season right, with a large attendance.

The June Meeting.

The one hundred and seventh regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening, June 18th at 8 o'clock. President Woodward in the chair and twenty-five members and friends present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following applications for membership were presented:
MR. WALTER D. GROUT, Worcester; proposed by Walter L. Brown.
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MR. FRANK D. MOFFAT, Brooklyn, N. Y.; proposed by E. M. Carpenter.
MR. W. O. LOVELL, Malden; proposed by F. P. Brown.

The following were elected members:
Mr. Clarence H. Eagle, New York City.
Mr. John W. Scott, New York City.
Mr. Joseph T. Hunt, Weymouth.
Mr. C. A. Howes presented the Society with a photographic copy of the work he did for Mr. Luff in mounting his Formosan stamps. This was very beautifully gotten up, and a vote of thanks was given him.

The fourth exhibition of the series, U. S. Documentary and Proprietary Revenues, was held

Three exhibits were entered for competition. The judges were Messrs. Rothfuchs, Drew and Johnson.

They awarded the silver medal to Mr. E. S. Phelps and the bronze medal to Mr. W. R. Butler.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9 25 o'clock.
M. H. LOMBARD, Secretary.

A Reminder.

Have your dues been paid for this year?

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending Sept. 7th.

Application for Membership.

REBER, CHARLES A., 234 Hamilton St., Allentown, Pa; age, 19. References: Ab. Leve, E. T. Parker. Guarantor, Wm. Reber.

New Stockholder.

1695. **HERBST, A.**, 106 East 111th St., New York City.

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New Stockholder 1

Total Membership Sept. 7th..... 541
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

Chicago Branch No. 1 held a regular meeting on August 8th, at Room 1603 Marquette Building.

The following members were present: President Oesch and Messrs. Boehm, Doncyson, Lefever, Michael, Merell, Stebbins, Severn, Wolsieffer and Flanders. Visitor present, Mr. Maasoth.

Motion made by Mr. Doncyson, seconded by Mr. Stebbins, that badges should be procured to be distributed as souvenirs at the Convention. Carried.

Report on the Campaign Fund read by Mr. Merell stating that all bills had been paid up to date.

The election of officers for the coming fiscal year was next in order. The following were then elected:

For President, S. T. S. Doncyson, nominated by Mr. Severn, seconded by Mr. Stebbins; elected unanimously.
For Secretary, Mr. P. J. Flanders, nominated by Mr. Lefever, seconded by Mr. Michael; elected unanimously.

For Treasurer, Mr. F. Michaels, nominated by Mr. Wolsieffer, seconded by Mr. Stebbins; elected unanimously.
Moved by Mr. Severn, seconded by Mr. Stebbins, that Mr. Merell be recommended to the Convention for the office of Resident Vice-President of the Association. Carried.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.
P. J. FLANDERS, Secretary.

5114 Wentworth Ave.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Topics About Town.

FROM NEW YORK CITY.

Well, the conventions are over for another year, to meet again in Springfield in 1902. New York City was poorly represented at the Buffalo meets, but it is hoped that the collectors will turn out in full force next year. It was said that Chicago would make a strong bid for the 1903 meets, but the World's Fair at St. Louis in that year may bring the conventions to the latter city.

The following changes in ownership of philatelic monthlies were spoken of at the meets. The *Collector*, J. F. Dodge's last publication, disposed of to the publishers of the *New York Philatelist*. The *Perforator* sold to Ab. Leve of Syracuse and Oswego, N. Y., and Starnaman's *Advocate* to W. G. L. Paxman's *Canada Stamp Sheet*, Quebec, Canada. The changes all occurred in August.

The following auction sales have been announced for September and October: Bogert & Durbin's September 14th. Geo. R. Tuttle's 42nd sale September 25th and 26th; 1266 lots. Scott and Dieschbourg will hold their second sale some time in October, date to be announced later.

A daily paper states that the Danish Ministry has accepted Uncle Sam's offer for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. It is hoped that this is not another false alarm.

The two new provisionals(?) from Colombian Republic have been received. If these were really issued to supply a supposed shortage it surely will become necessary for our South American neighbor to order a second printing, if we can judge by the large quantities of unused copies in this city. They are being offered by the thousands in full sheets, so there will probably be another shortage at an early date. I suppose very few of the natives knew of this so-called provisional issue, and if they did (which is doubtful), it's an even chance that the speculators "got there first."

The sixty-first edition of the Standard Catalogue is announced to appear in November.

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 [11m*]

Written for the ERA.

The S. of P. Convention.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Sons of Philatella was called to order at 10 A. M. on August 19th at 38 Woodlawn Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., by Pres. J. C. Miller. Geo. W. Rode, C. Wesley Price and Herbert Armstrong were named as Credential Committee and Messrs. Herbst, Platz and Gafford as Committee on Standing Rules, and recess taken for the report of Credential Committee. The other committees subsequently appointed were as follows: Finance: C. W. Brown, T. H. Gafford and Geo. W. Rode. Library: Messrs. Gafford, Herbst and Dodge. Sales and Purchasing Department: Messrs. H. C. Beck, Price and Armstrong. Official Journal: Messrs. Bartlett, Robinson and Platz. Branch Societies: Messrs. McDonnell, Bartlett and Dodge. By-Laws: Messrs. Platz, Rode and McDonnell.

- Committee on Credentials reported at 5 P. M. as follows:
- Whole No. of votes cast, 233
 - Rejected, 17
 - Voted twice, 1
 - President, J. C. Miller, 154
 - E. L. Shove, 53
 - Vice-President, Geo. W. Davis, 209
 - Secretary, J. F. Dodge, 111
 - C. W. Brown, 102
 - Treasurer, C. W. Brown, 111
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 - Counterfeit Detector, F. Noyes, 210
 - Attorney, Chas. F. Bridge, 132
 - J. A. Wainwright, 73
 - Purchasing Agent, C. A. Daly, 168
 - S. E. Moisant, 53
 - Trustees, A. Herbst, 98
 - M. Tausig, 96
 - Edw. Stern, 97
 - H. C. Beck, 115
 - W. T. Livingstone, 116
 - Herbert Bowen, 115

The vote as above, counted the Coal Valley ballots and as the Trustees had decided that they were illegal, it was supposed that Mr. Dodge and his friends would vote against the acceptance of the report as they held a majority of the proxies, but after a full discussion of the matter, and taking into consideration the protest of A. Platz, that no votes should be counted that were received in envelopes not inscribed BALLOT, it was voted unanimously to accept the report. A resolution was offered and accepted that a committee of three be appointed by the President to confer with a similar committee named by the P. S. of A. in convention assembled regarding an amalgamation of the two societies.

Reading of the reports of Secretary and

INVERTED CENTRES

are all the rage just now. I have a few \$2, 3rd issue, Canada Bill stamps, with the Queen's head printed upside-down. They are very rare and just as interesting as the Pan-American Inverts. Write me regarding same, and other rare Can. Revs.

W. KELSEY HALL,

Pres't Canadian Philatelic Ass'n,
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Sales Superintendent showed that while the Society had only a net gain of four members during the year, that they had been active participants in the Sales Department.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a committee, with power to act, in the matter of the publication of an official handbook of the Society. An adjournment was taken till 8 A. M. on Tuesday.

At this session it was expected that some lively scenes would take place. After the reading of the balance of officers and committee reports, the recommendations regarding the changes in the Constitution were brought up.

The changes made are as follows: *New York Philatelist* was made official journal instead of the *Collector*.

Constitution can now be changed providing two-thirds of all members voting on same agree to it, though this two-thirds must constitute one-half of all members in good standing. The annual dues were changed from 25c to 35c, and the admission fee from 10c to 15c, both to take effect Jan. 1, 1902. Considerable discussion took place on these proposed changes, but each one was carried with unanimous vote. Richmond, Va., and Springfield, Mass., were the active competitors for the next convention seat, and it was voted that the convention be held in the same city as the convention of the A. P. A. is held

Rising vote of thanks to officers for their efficient services during the past year, and to C. H. Robinson for his hospitality in providing suitable quarters for the convention. After final adjournment a photo of the group of officers and members was taken in front of the convention parlors.

ECHOES.

Pollard brought along his better-half to this his first convention.

Brown and Armstrong were also accompanied by their wives.

Dodge did not, but brought his bicycle and covered hundreds of miles while there.

Brown was remarkably quiet, but perhaps because Mrs. Brown was there.

As Herbst and "Mack" do not get up till noon, they missed the last session.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

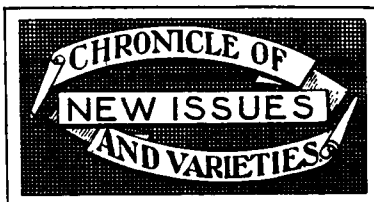
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Wylie a copy of each issue to foregoing address, and an extra copy of ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—Hitherto the British possessions on this island have used the stamps of Queensland but the "federation" is made responsible for a new set just issued the design of which is a Papuan Canoe, according to the *Australian Journal of Philately*, "with native scenery in the background, printed in black, the borders being in color." This set will be used for British New Guinea and thus form another stamp issuing colony of Great Britain. These additional facts are given:

"The stamps are large oblong, size 30 mm. by 25 mm., or roughly 1 1/4 inches by 1 inch, watermark Maltese cross, perf. 14. They have apparently been engraved and printed in England, and are of superior workmanship."

There are also two postal cards with designs same as the adhesives.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1/2d pale green and black.
- 1d carmine " "
- 3d mauve " "
- 3 1/2d ultramarine " "
- 4d brown " "
- 6d dark green " "
- 1sh orange vermilion and black.

Post Cards (Regular):

- 1d vermilion.
- 1 1/2d blue.

BRITISH SOMALILAND—The advent of still another stamp issuing country or colony is of sufficient importance to warrant the publication of these facts gleaned from *Morley's Philatelic Journal*:

On the extreme east of Africa, stret hing southeast of Aden far out into the Indian Ocean, is a vast peninsular, whose broad coast plains are backed by high table lands, and whose inhabitants are wandering Arabs, called Somalis. To the simple minded stamp collector, (I cannot call him philatelist,) who regards all issues as necessary, glories in a set of Abyssinians and

despises not the wonderful provisional productions of the French Colonies, it must be a veritable Eldorado, for to the west are the mountains of Abyssinia, where an impending change of currency is sure to bring forth all sorts of weird labels; to the south the German "Sphere of Influence" in east Africa, and to the North the towns of Obock and Jibouti. The French have abandoned the former and use Jibouti instead as their Somali port, and all the stamps of both places are employed there indiscriminately. Five fifty franc stamps will pay for a special camel from Jibouti to Harrar and prepay the answer. There have been no special postage stamps issued so far in the British Protectorate of Somaliland; the currency is in Rupees, 15 of which go to the sovereign, and, as in Aden, Indian stamps are used. These can only be distinguished by the Berbera postmark, a large B in a circle of horizontal lines, 2 above, 2 below, and 4 on each side of the letter; but for fiscal purposes a special issue is necessary, and the current Indian "Government" stamp has accordingly been surcharged "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines of block capitals, while a somewhat similar, but smaller surcharge has also been applied to the following values of the Indian Court Fee series:

- 1, 2, 4, 8 Annas, 1, 2, 3 and 5 Rupees.

The Foreign Office having now taken over the Somali coast from the Indian office, it is probable that Indian stamps will shortly cease to be used. I am informed the Colonial office in turn is soon to have final control of the district, so we shall most likely see a full fledged set, of De la Rue type, issued under its auspices.

SEYCHELLES.—I listed last week the new provisional 3c on 36c and intimated that the entire issue had been bought up. The rumor seems to be true, and in addition two other surcharges are reported, a 3c on 16c and 6c on 8c. As soon as I learn the number surcharged or the reason for this new turn on the part of Seychelles I will give my readers the benefit of it.

Adhesives (Provisionals):

- 3 cents on 16c.
- 6 cents on 8c.

SIAM.—Upon the authority of the *Ill. Briefmarken Zeitung* I have four letter cards to chronicle as follows

Letter Cards (Regular):

- 2 atts, carmine.
- 4 atts, ultramarine.
- 10 atts, brown.
- 15 atts, green.

UNITED STATES, Porto Rico.—The "Optimist" in the *Metropolitan* gives us the particulars of the issue of the new set of revenues. The denominations and colors of the stamps will be as follows:

- 1 cent, light blue.
- 5 cents, light purple.
- 10 cents, brown.

- 25 cents, lilac.
- 50 cents, slate.
- \$1, gray, surcharged black.
- \$3, gray, surcharged black.
- \$5, gray, surcharged black.
- \$10, gray, surcharged black.
- \$50, gray, surcharged black.

The requisition calls for one million stamps of each denomination. A description of the stamp is given and it appears that two designs will be employed, one for the cent values and the other for the dollar denominations.

"The cent denominations consist of an arch enclosing the seal of Porto Rico. Above the arch, on either side, are female figures representing Sculpture and Painting together with the legend 'The people of Porto Rico, Excise stamp.' The figures showing the denominations are over the top of the arch, and on either side of the coat of arms, also in the bottom scroll supporting the arch.

"The dollar values consist on the left of a female figure and child, suggesting the union of the States, with the legend 'The people of Porto Rico, Excise stamp.' In the center is the seal of Porto Rico. The figures showing the denominations appear in each of the upper and lower corners. The words 'Fifty Dollars,' or whatever the denomination may be, appear over the large female figure."

VICTORIA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. favor me with a partial set of the new issue with the word "Postage" engraved on the plate, and from other sources I learn that the 2d, 9d and 5sh have appeared, completing the set. This change was made necessary, so this firm informs me, because of the misuse to which the previous issue was being put and the difficulty in keeping the fiscal and postal accounts separate. The 5sh has undergone certain minor changes in the transformation of the plate.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1/2 penny.
- 1 1/2 pence.
- 2 " "
- 3 " "
- 4 " "
- 6 " "
- 1 shilling.
- 2 shillings.
- 5 " "

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69	1896, 5 gld bronze green and brown		1.25	.90
70	1898, 1 gld dark green.....		.15	.10
86	1899, 5 gld claret.....		1.25	.90
Congo.				
18	1894, 1 fr lilac and black.....		.12	.10
19	1894, 5 fr carmine and black.....		.50	.40
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One Owed (?) to the Stamp Convention.

ROY FARRELL GREENE TO THE P. S. OF A.

You meet this year at Buffalo, I've been aware of that For twelve month now — that long ago I pasted in my hat The time and place, and fondly thought when August zephyrs blow Across the tasseled corn, next year, I'll pack my grip and go. But now although the tassels wave in windows surcharged with heat, And I can see that August's here by leagues of stubble wheat, I find there's limitations to a recreation dash When one is rather short on time and shorter still on cash.

A quiet unwilling stay-at-home I find myself and vexed But, missing this convention, feeling sure I'll see the next For you know, Hope springs eternal, Pope says, in the human breast, And if I can press the button, Fate may next year do the rest. Yet, still I'm all regretful that from where you meet today The short grass plains of Kansas are a thousand miles away; And one can't span the weary way, though spurred by wishing's lash When one is rather short on time and shorter still on cash.

You'll fraternize, shake hands around, and friendships sweet renew And introduce to fellowship, perchance a favored few Newcomers to our ranks, who've come neath Philatelia's sway, Each one all errors knowing save the errors of his way. A glass in hand, no doubt you have, (perhaps a schooner fleet), And, boys, I pray you do not let cold water mark your meel, But think instead when on the floor the blown of spume doeth splash Of one who's rather short on time and shorter still on cash.

I trust our loved Society may more and more endear Itself to Philatelia's own throughout the coming year; I trust each officer you choose will put his heart and soul Into the work as Brodstone has and reach success's goal. I hope that when adjournment comes, each bit of business through, 'Twill be to meet in Denver, boys, in August nineteen two. In that event, I make this pledge, and 'tis no promise rash Your bard will then be long on time and longer still on cash.

Philatelic Press Review.

By WM. C. STONE.

* Means with plates or portraits.

(Continued from page 438.)

According to the *Buckeye Philatelist* a new society has been, or is to be, formed called the American Fiscal Society with the manager of the paper as its first President and the *Buckeye Philatelist* as official journal. A better plan would be to organize a fiscal section of the American Philatelic Association.

Ewen's Weekly publishes a list of 76 different advertisements found on the backs of New Zealand stamps. To be true specialists we should collect them all on every value on which they occur. Lets!

The Questions Competition has been already reprinted in these columns, and I will only say that all of us can probably learn something by it.

I was informed by one of the gentlemen in attendance at the Buffalo Convention that *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* is to be discontinued after the conclusion of the present volume in September. If this is correct we shall miss our old friend which has come to us for nine years.

McKeel's Weekly is specializing in Chinese just now and we are getting lots of good articles from the pen (or typewriter) of R. H. Geoghegan, who is an expert on the oriental languages. A recent number of the *Weekly* contained a

table of 127 Chinese characters which occur on postage stamps with a key to the names of them. It is exceedingly valuable and we shall all be under a great obligation to Mr. Geoghegan for his labors in compiling the table.

An additional list of pre-cancelled stamps is given in the *New York Philatelist*, and there is also a full list of the 1898-1900 private proprietaries. The compiler asks numerous questions concerning them, a few of which I can answer for him.

1. The list is complete.
2. All are watermarked as far as my observation goes.
3. It is not possible to say when the change in roulette was made. The two machines were used simultaneously for some time I am informed by Mr. Bariels.
4. I have no data at hand concerning the exact dates of issue.
5. The report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the past year is not yet at hand and a complete list of the quantities issued can not therefore be given.
6. I have no data handy of the plate numbers but they can be found by writing Mr. J. M. Bartels.
7. The cost of the plates is as follows: Hostetter, \$2.50; Pico, \$1.25; Centaur Co., \$1.00; Lanman & Kemp (3), \$2.50; Branca, \$1.00; Radway, \$1.00; Warner, \$2.00; J. & J., \$7.5; Marchand (7), \$7.00; Od Chem. Co., \$1.00; Pink Pills, \$1.20; Anti-Kamnia, \$1.50. The prices of the Lee and Emerson plates will be found in the forthcoming report above alluded to.

The *Philatelic Advocate* after an existence of five years gives up the ghost, hav-



What we intended to describe as the school boy's tactics in our last week's ad was

"QUITTING"

not "gutting." However we do not blame the compositor as our writing is sometimes as bad as our ideas in regard to the stamp business. About

ABYSSINIA.

A few months since we sent out our Mailing List the 14 varieties for \$1.50 and afterwards at \$1.25. At this time other live dealers were selling them at \$2.00 and the "long experience and large stock" dealers were charging from \$2.25 up to any old price they could get. We think this set is now worth about 50c which is as low as it will probably be sold, and so to every person to whom we sold a set of these stamps we have given a credit on our books for the amount in excess of 50c which they paid us for them. This amount can be deducted from future purchases or we will forward the cash if preferred. Of course this is a losing game for us but it is one of our "strange conceits" so our customers must forgive it. Remember you take no chances if your name is on our

MAILING LIST.

We note that great stress is laid on the fact that Gum is "advertised" at \$15.00. Suppose they were advertised at \$50.00, would they be worth it? Don't get mixed on what a stamp is "quoted" or "advertised" at and what it is worth (another strange conceit).

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Where price is given it is net. Last 9 numbers are entire envelopes. *901, 1c on 20c green, 3c; *902 on 20c green, 4c; *903 on 20c green, broken 2, 15c; 1c on 25c orange, 3c.

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Taking the argument as a whole I think the publishers of the Standard Catalogue should issue the sixty-first and all future editions without the advertisements of the S. S. & C. Co. This would be a move in the right direction.

News of an interesting character is surprising scarce this week. One dealer reports business very slow, whereas another will tell you that he is kept busy filling mail orders until two and three o'clock in the morning. The party may have been joking when he made this statement, but he seemed to be in earnest. Business activity will not prevail until the first of October.

American Philatelists will await with interest the increased membership of the Springfield (Mass.) Stamp Club, anent Mr. W. C. Stone's remarks in last week's ERA.

VOLUNTEER.

For the WEEKLY ERA.

The Columbian Philatelic Society Convention.

The fifth annual convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society was called together at the Niagara Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., on August 20th, by Secretary-Treasurer Dodge, and J. C. Miller elected temporary chairman. Messrs. Herbst, Moisant and Jungmann were appointed Committee on Credentials and adjournment was taken till August 22nd.

Called together at 9 A. M. August 22nd. by Chairman Miller and Credential Committee reported result of ballot as follows:

- President: Emil Gerlich, 31
Vice-President: E. F. Carter, 18
S. E. Moisant, 10
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Leon V. Cass, 9
Attorney: C. F. Bridge, 31
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Chas. Toelle, 31
H. G. Seyferth, 31

Secretary's report showed 86 members in good standing and Society in good condition financially and Sales Superintendent's report showed activity in the purchase of stamps by a large number of participants.

Lack of a regularly appearing Official Journal has been a drawback to the Society during the past year and the Secretary was instructed to endeavor to arrange for one appearing regularly. The place and time for the next convention was left to the discretion of the President. D.

LARGE AND SMALL CONCERNS

handling stamps will find many desirable lots in our next auction sale. Some stamps will be offered in 100 and 1000 lots, an opportunity not to be neglected. This stock of an old time dealer is in very good shape.

About half the sale will interest collectors, there being many fine single lots.

A. P. A. members will also find the contributions to the Membership Committee in this sale.

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U. S. 1847, 10c, used..... 1.90
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1855-60, 5c brick red, fine color..... 5.00
1855 60, 12c black, good copies..... .40
1869, 15c, used, good copies..... .70
1861, 5c yellow, very fine..... 5.00
Revenues 1c Playing Cards, very fine..... 2.00
\$1.30 Foreign Exchange..... .35
\$15.00 Mortgage, fine..... 3.75
\$25.00 Mortgage, fine..... 2.10
\$50.00 Inland Exchange, fine..... 1.00
\$200.00 " " fine colors..... 10.00
Documentary \$3.00 brown, uncut, fine..... .10
\$5.00 red, uncut, fine..... .14
\$10.00 black, uncut, fine..... .80
\$30.00, fine copies..... 9.00
\$50.00, good copies, uncut..... 2.30
\$50.00, very fine uncut copy of a rare stamp..... 50.00

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Block 4 \$30.00 Documentary, uncut..... 9.00
Block 4 \$10.00 " " " "..... 5.00
Pair \$20.00, 2nd Issue, fine..... 25.00
Strip 3 \$10.00, 3rd Issue, fine..... 12.00
Block 10 5c Playing Cards, fine..... 7.50
Pair 4c Playing Cards, fine..... 14.00
Strip 3 \$20.00 Conveyance, imp., fine..... 6.00
Strip 3 \$20.00 Conveyance, perf., fine..... 3.75
Pair \$10.00 Conveyance, imp., fine..... 7.00
Pair \$1.00 Mortgage, perf..... 4.25
One \$5.00 Mortgage, imp. on o. c..... 3.00

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" 4d, " "..... .93
" 6d, " "..... .26
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Hawaii No. 51, 2c, imp., unused, o. g..... .50
Denmark, 25 varieties, fine copies..... .22
Iceland, 10 varieties, fine copies..... .35
Danish West Indies, 4 varieties, fine copies..... .10
Ho duras 1893, complete, unused..... .33
Wuhu 1894, complete, 10 var..... .75
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*Austria 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10h, unpaid	\$0.15
" 1900, Same set, imperforate	.20
*Austrian Lowest 1900, 10, 20p	.13
*Austria 1866, 50 reis, blue	.06
Angra 1866, 1 gulden, lilac	.04
Austria 1869, 1 gulden, lilac	.02
*British Guiana 1899, "Two Cents" on 5c	.05
*British Guiana 1900, 2c carmine and mauve	.04
Bermuda 1901, 1 farthing on 1sh	.02
*Bulgaria 1901, 10 on 50 stot.	.04
" 1901, 5 on 3 stot.	.03
*Br. East Africa 1899, 1/2 green	.02
Bulgaria 1889, 30s brown	.02
" 1889, 50s green blue	.02
*Brazil 1900, 30c green, unpaid	.02
" 1900, 10c, 20c, 50c, 100c Jubilee	.50
*Ceylon 1900, 12c green and carmine	.08
*Ceres 1901, 2r, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6ch	.22
" 1912, 10, 15, 20ch	.45
*Crete '98-99, 10, 20, 10, 20p, four var.	.06
*Costa Rica 1889, 1 to 50c, 6 var., cat. 15c	.02
*Decan 1900, 1/2 on 1/2 a red brown	.12
*Denmark 1901, 1/2 on 1/2 a red brown	.12
*Dem. Rep. of Haiti '01, 1/2, 1/2c	.03
*Ecuador 1901, 1, 2c	.05
*Federated Malay 1901, 1, 3, 4c	.08
" 1901, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20c	.50
*Fr. Congo 1900, 1, 2c, poster type	.02
*Finland 1901, 1 penny, mourning	.02
*France 1901, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c	.06
*Guam on U. S., 15c olive	1.10
*Greece 1901, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40c	.35
*Grenada Jubilee 1899, 1/2d blue	.08
*Germany 1900, 3 sp, the pair	.02
" 1900, 2pf gray	.04
*Honduras '01, Nos. 209, 210, 211, 212, cat. 2pc	.10
*Hawaii 1893, 2c violet, "Prov. Govt."	.04
*Hong Kong 1900, 2c green	.10
" 1900, 10c blue	.10
Honduras 1896, complete, 8 varieties	.16
*Hungary 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6f, 2f news	.10
*Iceland 1901, 4 aur, official	.12
" 1901, 25 aur, regular	.11
*Italy 1900, 1/2, 1/2, 1/2 on 25c	.14
*India 1890, 3 pie, carmine	.02
*Indian Ids. 1859, 2d red	.45
*India 1868, 1/2 on 1/2 anna	.02
*Jamaica 1883, 1/2 green	.02
" 1900, 1d "Llandoverly Falls"	.04
*Japan Wedding 1900, 3 sen, carmine	.04
" 1900, same surch. "Ceres"	.04
" 1900, " "China"	.04
*Monaco 1901, 5, 10c, new colors	.15
*Montenegro, Numbers 124, 105, 106 only	.05
*Malta 1901, 1f Valetta Harbor	.02
Natal 1881-84, 1/2d gray green	.01
" 1d rose	.01
" 1891, "HALF" on 1d carmine	.02
*New Hebrides 1897, 1, 2d, complete	.11
*New Zealand 1901, 1d 1/2, London Print	.10
" 1901, 1d 1/2, Lo. al Print	.05
" 1899, 1/2d "Hakitiu" error	.12
*Orange River Colon, "on 1/2d green Cape	.03
*Parak 1901, "One Cent" on 2c	.03
" 1901, "One Cent" on 4c	.07
" 1901, "One Cent" on 5c	.05
" 1901, "Three Cent" on 8c	.07
" 1901, "Three Cent" on 50c	.08
*Paraguay 1899, 10c on 40c blue	.05
" 1899, 10c on 15c orange	.05
*Queenland 1900, 1/2d green	.02
*Roumania 1893, 1 leu	.02
*Russian China 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10k	.28
St. Thomas 1869-77, 25 reis	.02
*South Australia 1900, 1/2d Adelaide P. O.	.02
Serbia 1890, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25c, cat. 11c	.04
*Sarawak 1901, 1c slate and carmine	.02
*Sudan 1901, 2, 4, 10, 20m Unpaid	.32
*Spain 1900, 2c boy king	.05
*Straits Settlements 1900, 5c puce	.02
" 1899, 4c on 5c carm.	.05
" 1899, 4c on 8c blue	.06
" 1892, 1c on 8c orange	.02
*San Marino 1877, 2c green	.03
*Sarinam 1899, 10c on 30c green	.10
" 10c on 25c blue	.10
" 10c on 30c brown	.10
*Switzerland 1900, 5, 10, 25c	.13
*St. Vincent 1883-8, 1/2d green	.03
" 1885-91, 2 1/2 on 1d blue	.42
" 1sh vermilion	.42
*Trinidad 1899, 2d Jubilee	.06
*Tunis 1883-93, 1c black	.02
" 5c green	.02
*Uganda 1898, 1 anna, carmine	.04
U. S. 1876, 3c red Centennial env., cat. 50c	.20
*Venezuela 1899, 25c magenta, Jubilee	.08
*Western Australia 1901, 1/2d blue	.05
*Zuliland 1894, 2sh 1/2	1.00
" 1894, 4 shillings	1.55

CONGO.

19 1894, 5 francs, carmine and black	\$0.35
*20 1895, 5c red-brown and black	.03
*21 " 10c blue and black	.04
*22 1896, 15c yellow and black	.05
*26 1900, 3c green and black	.02
*27 " 10c rose and black	.03
*28 " 25c blue and black	.08
*29 " 50c olive and black	.14

HAYTI.

7 1882, 1c vermilion	.18
8 " 3c purple	.40
9 " 5c green	.28
10 " 7c blue	.08
11 " 20c red brown	.17
12 1887, 1c carmine	.08
21 " 2c purple	.05
22 " 3c blue	.08
23 " 5c green	.04
*25 1897, 2c on 3c blue	.07
*26 1891, 2c violet	.07
27 " 2c blue	.04
28 " 3c lilac	.04
29 " 5c orange	.03
*31 1892, 2c on 3c slate	.08
32 1893, 1c lilac	.02
33 " 2c blue	.02
34 " 5c orange	.02
35 " 7c red	.03
36 1896, 1c blue	.03
*39 " 2c gray lilac, (used, ca)	.03
*40 " 3c gray green, (used, ca)	.04
*41 " 7c gray (used, ca)	.02
*42 " 2c orange	.15
*43 1898, 2 on 20c brown	.10
*44 " 2 on 20c orange	.06
*45 " 2c carmine	.02
*49 " 5c green	.04
*52 1898-99, 1c ultramarine	.02
" 3c orange	.03
*53 1890, 1c green	.04
*54 " 2c carmine	.02
*65 " 5c blue	.05

NEWFOUND LAND.

* 1 1857, 1d violet	1.25
" 3 " 3d green	.85
" 3 " 5d brown	.85
* 1863, 4d red-brown	.50
* 19 " 5d lake	.75
* 20 " 15d lake	.40
* 21 " 15d lake	1.25
* 22 " 1sh lake	.80
* 27 1866, 2d pale brown	.35
* 28 " 13c orange	.65
* 31 1867, 3c blue	.30
* 32 " 6c rose	.12
* 36 1876, 2c green	.35
* 37 " 3c blue	.25
* 38 " 5c blue	.25
* 41 1880, 2c yellow green	.08
* 44 1887, 1/2c rose-red	.03
* 45 " 1c deep green	.02
* 46 " 2c orange	.03
* 48 " 5c dark blue	.08
* 49 " 10c black	.16
* 50 1890, 1/2c black	.02
* 51 " 3c slate	.05
* 52 " 6c carmine lake	.10
* 53 " 12c brown	.20
* 61 " Cabot 1c green	.05
* 62 " " 3c red	.05
1897, 1c rose	.03
" 3c orange	.04
* 80 1898, 1/2c olive	.02
" 1c green	.02
* 82 " 3c red	.03
* 83 " 3c orange	.05
* 84 " 5c blue	.07

SARAWAK.

* 33 1899, 2c on 3c brown	.03
* 37 1900, 2c gray green	.02
* 38 " 4c carmine	.04
* 39 " 8c yellow and black	.08
* 40 " 10c ultramarine	.09
* 41 " 12c violet	.11
* 42 " 16c brown and green	.14
* 43 " 20c olive and violet	.18
* 44 " 25c brown and blue	.22
* 45 " 50c olive and rose	.40
1901, 1c blue and carmine	.02

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*1883, 1c green	\$0.06
" 2c rose	.08
" 5c blue	.15
" 10c black	.05
*1893, 1c green, red surcharge	.15
" 5c blue	.12
" 10c black	.02

CONGO, 5 FRANCS.

This stamp is in fine condition and sold lower than usual wholesale quotations. **35**

DANISH WEST INDIES.

* 5 1873, 1c green and lilac	.03
* 6 " 3c blue and lake	.05
* 10 " 10c (not well centered)	.11
* 11 " 12c green and lilac	.18
* 19 1900, 1c green	.02
* 20 " 5c blue	.02
* 21 1877, 3c envelope, entire	.06
* 22 " 3c envelope, entire	.06

G. E. F. Chinese Expeditionary Perce 60

These stamps were used by the British troops in the Chinese campaign and consist of the regular India stamps surcharged with the letters "G. E. F." This provisional set will undoubtedly prove of great interest and value. 3p, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4 annas, 0. g. **.60**

NYASSA 1898

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We offer this set at a very low price. It comprises thirteen stamps from 2 1/2 to 300 reis, and catalogues \$1.28. These stamps are not heavily cancelled and we refund money in case of dissatisfaction. Complete set in fine condition. **.48**

GRENADA, Tete-Beche.

A pair or block of Grenadas in tete-beche adds a great deal of interest to the page of an album. I have some of the 1/2d green, 1883, and 1d carmine, 1887, unused, with original gum, in pairs and blocks. 1/2d pair, 5c 1d rose Per Pair, 9c

"AS WE GO TO PRESS!"

Austria, Newspaper, 1900, 2, 6, 10, 20h	\$0.05
*Bulgaria '01, 5, 15s, Cherry Tree Cannon	.12
*Bsch. Protect. '98, 3d, unpr. by Scott	.15
*Canada 1897, 8c Jubilee	.12
" 1897, 10c Jubilee	.15
*Ceylon 1900, 4c yellow	.03
" 1900, 3c green	.02
*Costa Rica 1901, Official, 1, 2, 5, 10c	.18
*Cuba '83, Nos. 107, 110, 113, 116, each	.08
*Cuba '93, complete, 5 var., cat. 48c	.25
*Dutch Indies '00, 15c on Holland	.12
" '00, 25c on "	.15
" '00, 50c on "	.20
" '00, 50c on "	.20
*Greece 1901, 1 drachma	.35
Netherlands 1891, 1 gulden	.09
" 1896, 1 gulden	.09
" 1898, 1 gulden	.10
*Paraguay 1901, 2c carmine	.02
" 1901, 40c brown	.12
*Peru 1901, 1, 2, 5c, 20th century	.08
" 1901, 10c black	.10
*Roumania 1901, 1, 3, 5b rose gum	.05
*Seychelles 1895, 45 on 48c	1.25
" 90 on 90c	8.00
" 1896, 36 on 45c	1.15
" Envelope, 18 on 30c flat	.20
*Somali Coast 1900, 40c orange and blue	.12
*Sudan (Egypt) '98, 1, 2, 3, 5m	.12
*Travancore 1901, 1/2 chuckram	.02
United States 50c Omaha	.18

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REPORT OF SECRETARY

For the Week Ending Sept. 14th.

Applications for Membership.

CHALONER, HENRY, 839 60th St., Oakland, California; age, 27; occupation, Plumber. References: E. C. Prindle, A. L. Ott; Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

MOISANT, S. E., L. Box 50, 246 Greenwood Ave., Kankakee, Ill.; age, 18; occupation, Stamp Dealer and Publisher. References: John J. Oesch, P. M. Wolsieffer; Guarantor, Mrs. J. B. Moisant.

SCHMITT, JOHN, JR., 2026 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, Cal.; age, 44; occupation, Merchant, Schmitt & Zehner. References: A. L. Ott, H. B. Phillips; Resident Vice-President, William E. Loy.

Correction.

The address of Erwin L. Fischer, published as applicant under date of Aug. 31, should be Carrie St., Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Sept. 14th... 541
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

The Secretary has been directed to advise the Milwaukee Philatelic Society that the invitation extended to the C. P. S. to visit the Milwaukee Society is accepted. As a large number expect to go the President appointed Messrs. Massoth (Chairman), Oesch and Dodd Committee of Arrangements.

Mr. Wolsieffer favored us with a very interesting account of the trip to Buffalo at the A. P. A.

Mr. Wolsieffer having presented the Society with a beautiful bound volume of the 19th Century Sales, it was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given him for the same.

Many of our members having expressed a desire for open discussion and scientific research on those points which were not quite clear to them, the President has decided to give one-half hour of each meeting to the same and any member who has any question to ask regarding stamps may present the same and receive the advice and assistance of his fellow members.

Many of our Passive members having expressed a wish to exhibit their collections and compete for a C. P. S. medal, it has been deemed advisable to allow Passive members to compete for medals given by the C. P. S.

Report of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board elected to membership the following:

Mr. Reginald Robinson, Chicago, Ill.; Active, No. 699.
Mr. W. G. Windhurst, Marion, Ohio; Passive, No. 700.
Mr. Wm. J. Stevens, Marquette, Mich.; Passive, No. 701.

The following applications were ordered posted to be acted upon at our Oct. 3rd meeting:

Mr. J. T. LIVELY, 1440 Dunning St., Chicago, Ill.; Active membership; proposed by Mr. F. N. Massoth.
Mr. H. ROSS SHIELDS, 16 Ludgate Hill, London, E. C.; Passive membership; proposed by Mr. F. N. Massoth.
Mr. J. M. BARTELS, 230 Washington St., Boston, Mass.; Passive membership; proposed by Mr. F. N. Massoth.
Mr. OTTO E. HEINEMAN, 435 Ohio St., Allegheny, Pa.; Passive membership; proposed by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer.

Mr. IGNAZ STAUFFER, Carnegie, Penn.; Passive membership; proposed by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer.

Mr. ALBERT C. STEWART, 226 Floyd St., Toledo, Ohio; Passive membership; proposed by Mr. Chas. C. DeSels.

Mrs. NORMA STEWART, 226 Floyd St., Toledo, Ohio; Passive membership; proposed by Mr. Chas. C. DeSels.

Mr. WILLIAM H. BECK, Detroit, Mich.; Passive membership; proposed by Mr. A. F. Merrell.

The following members were ordered dropped for non-payment of dues: Mr. O. Altermatt, Mr. Carl Eisen and Mr. S. M. Hamilton.

The resignation of Mr. A. H. Ingraham has been accepted with regrets.

Changes of Address:
Mr. Henry Fowler to 5425 Lake Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. M. F. Kline to 3412 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Treasurer reports balance on hand of \$126 37.

After which the meeting adjourned.
C. W. ARNDT, Secretary.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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The 353rd regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday, Sept. 5th, 1901, at 104 East Randolph St.

The meeting was called to order by President Merrell with the following members present: Messrs. Baldwin, Birr, Boehm, Dahl, Dodd, Doncyson, Edmunds, Flanders, Fowler, Geldert, Kline, Lefever, Massoth, Merrell, F. Michael, Oesch, Rosenthal, Strauss, Severn, Stebbins, Schlichekert, Wolsieffer, Arndt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Chairman Flanders of the Collection Committee reports a number of recent donations and that the total catalogue value is \$111 81.

The collection will be on exhibition at the meetings when no exhibitions are given.

REMEMBER THE MAINE.

The rifles used by our soldiers were made at Springfield, Mass., where the next annual convention of the American Philatelic Association will be held, August 12-14, 1902.

The Weekly Philatelic Era

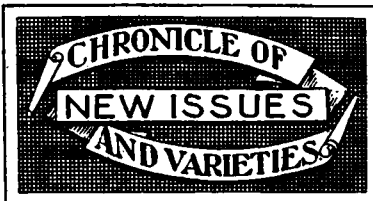
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information concerning new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged. Address, WILLARD O. WYLIE, Beverly, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Wylie a copy of each issue to foregoing address, and an extra copy of ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

BRAZIL.—The *Ill. Briefmarken Journal* announces the appearance of the 10 reis unpaid letter, color blue, type U2. I therefore list

Adhesive (Unpaid Letter):
10 reis, dark blue.

CHILE.—A postal card with a 1c of the current type of adhesive has recently made its appearance.

Post Card (Regular):
1c green on pale green.

FRANCE, Offices at Canton—In addition to the values chronicled in number 431 there are several lower values to be listed. They are

Adhesives (Provisional):
1. black, surch "CANTON"
2c brown, " "
4c claret, " "

GERMANY.—Mr. Brodstone's monthly upon the authority of a correspondent announces that the design of all the low values will soon be changed. I await a confirmation of this rumor.

INDIA, Chamba State—I have received also from Mr. A. Lohmeyer the Indian Service card of 1895, instructions ending with "sender", surcharged in black, over the stamp, in two lines "CHAMBA STATE" and under it the familiar round Sun.

Post Card (Official):
½a ultramarine and black on white.

NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr. A. Lohmeyer states that he has received a 1½x1½d card of New South Wales, a re-issue of Scott's No. 817, showing the following alterations: The card board is of a pale cream tint, the hyphen "-" between "Nouvelle" and "Galles" has been omitted, the bottom line,

"La carte ci-jointe &c," measures 1mm. more than on the first printing, the innermost of the three concentric hairline circles in the stamp has been removed, enlarging the space for the figures of value, so that they no longer touch the inner circle. The color is now a more intense blue. The size has been changed. This change has never been catalogued and Mr. Lohmeyer has written for particulars.

Post Card (Regular):
1½x1½d deep blue on cream, T. 3. 129x81m, new type.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. A. W. Dunning has shown me the 1d Universal Postage, carmine, in imperforate condition.

Adhesive:
1d carmine, imperforate.

TURKEY.—Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends me a set of Inland, as well as Postal Union cards issued for the Ottoman Empire last May. They are of purely Turkish design, devoid of all artistic taste. The Inland card bears Turkish inscriptions only, and, like the International, has the stamp in the upper right corner. The International card has, in addition to the Turkish inscriptions, the French "Union Postale Universelle-Turquie-Carte Postale." An ornamental (?) border runs along the left side and top on both cards, leaving the upper right corner space for the stamp, under which is another bracket shaped ornament, probably intended to support the stamp, although it does not touch it. There are four address lines, of which, on the International card, the first is preceded by "M".

Post Cards (Regular):
10 paras, yellow-green on rose, 135x83,
10x10 " " " " " " T. 4.
20 " violet-rose " " " " T. 4.
20x12 " " " " " " T. 4.

URUGUAY.—*Mekeel's News* states that the 20c in the "ship type" has been revived, issued in blue and black and making its third appearance.

Adhesive (Regular):
20 centesimos, blue and black.

ZANZIBAR—The *Ill. Briefmarken Zeitung* announces changes in the colors of the 1 and 4½ annas. The 1 anna hitherto blue-black has been changed to carmine red and the 4½ formerly orange has taken the color of the 1 anna. A new envelope is announced, 1 anna carmine on white paper.

Adhesives (Regular):
1 anna, carmine.
4½ annas, blue-black.

Envelope (Regular):
1 anna, carmine.

Written for the ERA.

Robie's Around-the-World Letters.

III.—FROM COPENHAGEN.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, Aug. 24th.

MY DEAR JEWETT:

My trip from Hamburg to Kiel, thence across the Baltic Sea to Kurso and by rail here was the most delightful of any yet experienced. The day on the water was perfect. The sky was cloudless and just sufficient breeze stirring to dot the ocean with white caps, but not rough enough to rock the boat. The disagreeable features of seasickness were therefore not in evidence. I was fortunate in meeting some Chicago friends bound for Moscow, and it was a pleasure to not only meet old friends but to be able to converse freely and be perfectly understood. At Kurso we separated and I continued across Denmark to Copenhagen.

It is characteristic of an American drummer on entering a railway coach to spread his feet and his grips all over one seat, and turn the opposite seat over for the rest of him. It is a dangerous procedure in this country. I was tired and there being only one other occupant of the carriage I stretched myself out at full length and with my overcoat for pillow went to sleep and dreamed of finding an old collection of stamps, worth thousands of dollars. At the next station I thought I was struck by a Kansas cyclone. Two burly Danes entered, threw my luggage on the floor and twisted me around that car as if I was a bale of hay, in language which if translated into English would probably be replete with blank spaces and dashes I could only say "Excuse me" under the circumstances and crawl into the corner, as I am not very strong.

Denmark is a country filled with non-corset wearing women, long twilights, "Maud Mullers" raking hay, and good coffee. It is also noted for its verdant forests and picturesque old islands. The language sounds like a conglomeration of Swedish, Polack, Low Dutch and Norwegian, but the people are active and hustling and drink less than the Belgians.

One striking feature that I have especially noticed in my travels so far in Europe, is that everyone, old or young, men and women and children, all more or less

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" " " " 1899, 2 1/2c ".....	.04
Guatemala 1912, 1 on 25c.....	.03
" " " " 20c.....	.03
" " " " 10c.....	.05
Soudan, Unpaid 1901, 2, 4, 10 and 20m.....	.30
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Corea 1900, 2re, 1, 4, 5 and 6ch.....	.28
" " " " 1901, 15 and 20ch.....	.38
Hayti 1892, 2 on 3, No. 31a.....	.10
Peru 1900, 10c black.....	.10
Paraguay 1901, 5c carmine and 40c blue.....	.14
" " " " 5c brown.....	.04
Hawaii 1893, 1c green.....	.30
" " " " 15c red brown.....	.03
" " " " 25c dark violet.....	1.00
Cuba, No. 17, 18, 20 and 21, cat. \$1.60.....	.85
Bulgaria 1901, Jubilee, in use only two days, 5 and 15r, new or used.....	.25

The above are all in unused condition.

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From An Old Government

Employee we obtained some fine things in unused stamps. Absolutely perfect o. g. condition. A few we mention (never hinged and fine bright colors).

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" " " " 7, 5c violet.....	1.50
" " " " 8, 10c red brown.....	1.75
" " " " 18, 1861, 1p pink.....	7.00
" " " " 34, 1864, 1p red violet.....	4.75
" " " " 49, 1866, 1p rose red.....	1.40
" " " " 63, 25c, blue paper.....	.70
" " " " Unpaid No. 271, 25c blue.....	.70
" " " " " " 272, 50c yellow.....	.05
" " " " " " 273, 1p rose.....	1.70
Hong Kong No. 17, 1863, 30c violet, CC.....	.90
" " " " 20, 1863, 90c grey, CC.....	2.25
" " " " 31, 1880, 5c ultra, CC.....	1.00
" " " " 32, " " 10c violet, C.....	.60
" " " " 33, " " 48c brown, CC.....	4.00
Japan No. 15, 1873, 30s lilac.....	1.75
" " " " 16, " " 30s grey.....	3.50
" " " " 47, 1875, 15s lilac.....	1.00
Shanghai No. 77, 40c rose.....	1.25
" " " " 83, 100c brown.....	1.75
Turkey No. 57, 5pi.....	1.00
" " " " 58, 25pi.....	1.75
Italy No. 1, 5c black.....	4.25
" " " " 2, 20c blue.....	2.00
" " " " 3, 40c rose.....	7.50
U. S. Agriculture Department 1c.....	2.50
" " " " 10c.....	4.00
" " " " 24c.....	3.50

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drink the light wines and beers of the country, but I have failed as yet to see anyone so under the influence of liquor to be intoxicated. In my travels through the prohibition towns of Kansas and Iowa I saw more drunken persons than I have in all my foreign travel.

The porters of American hotels are out of sight and are the most poorly paid and ill-clothed of any of the employees. In Europe he is the "whole cheese" around the hotel. He is bedecked in gay uniform and gold lace, and speaks from four to eight languages. If you want anything from a stamp up to knowing where Hamlet's grave is he is the one to go to and one who expects a liberal tip when you quit.

I arrived here as much unnoticed as if I was only J. Piermont Morgan, Carnegie or some other plain common millionaire. The only reception I received was a fellow who spotted me all right as new in the field, and for showing me where the Customs Department and National Hotel were located, had to dig up a "krona" before I could get rid of him.

The reason for this coldness and frost was made apparent soon afterwards for Queen Alexandre, Princess Victoria and other "Heap Big Push" had just come in to visit the Queen's old home, near Copenhagen. When I get to The Hague in Holland it may be I'll be "it" for Queen "Mena" is a "stamp krank."

The eating houses along the railroads in Scandinavia are operated differently from those in England. In London, butter, bread, and every single dish is itemized separately. Here you pay so much, 1 krona or 2 krona (50c) to sit at a table, upon which is every variety of eatables common to the country and you eat till you're tired or not anything but a sandwich the price is just the same. Hotels and car fares etc. are very reasonable here. For the ordinary distance by train or bus the fare is only 5 ore, about a cent, and never over 10 ore. Good cigars can be had for 2 cents, and for 40 ore (9c) one can get a very respectable meal of coffee, rolls and meat. Living must be very cheap to compensate for the low wages. A first class stenographer in the office of a firm I am doing business with gets but \$12.50 a month and writes in English, Danish and German. The cheapness and service is quite a contrast to my experience in the palmy days of Wyoming along in the '80's. All meals were "Six Bits" (75c) and china, silver, napkins etc. were unknown. A fellow would come in in his shirt sleeves, with a bucket of soup and a horse syringe. He would squirt your plate full of it, and if you yelped "no soup" he would draw it up again and squirt it into the next fellow's plate. It had some body to it, however, and was far superior from an epicurean standpoint, to the egg soup we used to get at a Chicago boarding house. The landlady would boil a couple of eggs in salt and water and give us the water.

LEWIS ROBIE.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
W. D. Arnold, The Portland, Broadway, St. Paul, Minn.

Renewal List, No. 5 —44.

COLLECTIONS.
I have collected for dues since my last report \$1.00, making with the \$1.00 on hand \$2.00, which amount I have remitted to the Treasurer.

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Respectfully submitted,
T. H. GAFFORD, Secretary.
CHURCH HILL, MD., Sept. 14, 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand last report, \$103 63
Received from Secretary, 2.00

\$105 63

No payments.
J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.
BOSTON, Sept. 11, 1901

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received one new subscription, Alfred Michael, \$5.00, and the following renewals since my last report: Herbert A. Croghan, \$3.44, and F. L. Smith, \$5.00. Distribution, No. 57, was sent out Aug. 24th, and contained the following new issues: Nicaragua, 1898, set of four cards; Bavaria, 1901, 2, 5 and 5x5 pfennig; Belgium, 5x5, 10 and 10x10 centimes; Victoria, L. C. 1d; Chili, Letter Sheet, 2 centavos; New Zealand, 1d; Greece, L. C., 10 lepta, and illustrated 5 and 10 lepta cards; Peru, 1900, 1, 2 and 4 centavos and L. C. 3 centavos.

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The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The seventieth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday evening, September 9, 1901.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$279 98, exclusive of \$1000 bond, was approved as read.

The Treasurer reported having transferred the share of stock formerly belonging to Mr. Pitman to Mr. Carpenter.

House Committee report read.

Adjourned at 9.45 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

"Questions."

(Continued from page 430.)

4—How many different face values over 6d and under 1sh are to be found on adhesive postage stamps? Only those with values expressed in British currency are eligible.

It is curious that a simple question like this should have caused half the competitors to go wrong, but seven out of sixteen overlooked the 6½d Newfoundland. One competitor remembered this, but forgot the 7d value (as did also one of the above seven). There are six values over 6d and under 1sh, namely:

- 6½d Newfoundland.
- 7d Leeward Islands, Virgin Islands.
- 7½d N. S. W., Tonga, etc.
- 8d Great Britain, N. S. W., Victoria, etc.
- 9d " " "
- 10d " " "

Two readers who gave correct lists somewhat spoilt them by trying to give additional information. One stated that the 7d value came from "Leeward Islands only" (geographically but not philatelically correct) and the other added the 6d and 12d values to his list, although 12d is obviously not "under 1sh" any more than 6d is "over 6d."

5—Place the following seven colours in the order in which they have been most frequently used in printing adhesive postage stamps:—yellow, violet, green, brown, black, blue, red. (The term "red" is intended to cover all shades of red, rose, carmine, pink, lake, vermilion, etc., violet includes mauve, lilac, purple, etc., and so on.)

The votes of our sixteen competitors in favour of the above seven colours are as follows:

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	Points
red,	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
blue,	—	7	5	3	1	—	—	46
green,	—	6	6	4	—	—	—	46
violet,	—	3	5	4	4	—	—	57
brown,	—	—	—	3	7	6	—	83
yellow,	—	—	—	—	3	8	5	98
black,	—	—	—	2	1	2	11	102

As will be seen competitors were unanimous in placing red first. Seven put blue second, six put green and three violet, and so on. Mr. A. E. Johnson gave the list exactly as it is above, and Mr. B. F. J. Cooper gave it with blue and green transposed.

6—Which regularly issued adhesive postage stamp bears the longest inscription (reckoned by the number of letters and figures composing it)? which the shortest inscription? and which the most curious inscription? In the first of the questions; no stamp which has been in use less than two years shall be considered eligible, and no repetitions in the inscriptions will be allowed to count.

I.—THE LONGEST INSCRIPTION.

The record under the above conditions seems to be held by the 5th Map stamp of

THE TRADE

large and small should not overlook our next auction sale which will include part of the stock of a retired dealer. Many stamps will be offered by the hundred and thousand that can't be picked up from wholesalers. This is the season of the year to stock up.

Collectors will also find some rare cut square envelopes in this sale, and Am. Assn. Members will find a nice line of "all sorts" contributed by fellow members for the "Membership Committee Fund." If you have not contributed you can at least send in some very liberal bids on these lots and help swell the fund.

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- ¾c, per 50, \$0.20
- 1c, per 50, .25
- 1½c, per 50, .45
- 2c, per 50, .30
- 3c, per 50, 1.15
- 5c, per 50, .65
- ¾c Fletchers, per 50, .60
- J. & J. Red Cross, " 50, .15
- ¾c Hostetter, each, .09
- 2c Antikamnia, " .14
- ¾c Od Chem., " .13
- 3½c Warners Safe, " .14

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- Japan, War 1894-6, 4 var. 10 sets 50c
- * Costa Rica 1863, 2r scarce..... 12c per 10

CUBA

- 1875-9, 10 var. unused..... 20 sets 50c
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1890-93	30c black	.38
1893	30c Columbian	.38
	10c " " "	.53
	\$1.00 " " "	1.75
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	\$2.00 " " "	2.30
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30c	" " "	.58
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3c	" " "	.50
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	18c dull rose, " " "	.30
	50c red, " " "	1.25
Newfoundland	1863, 6 1/2p lake, unused, fine	.65
	1866, 10c black	.40
	1867-73, 3c vermilion	1.40
	1c viol. t, unused	.65
	1c brown lilac	.65
	1876, 1c brown lilac, rouletted	.50

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New South Wales, which formed part of the "100 Hundred Years" issue, and was certainly on sale at post offices for over two years. It was withdrawn owing to objections made by the Colony of Victoria. It will be noticed that the names of four divisions are clearly legible—New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia—but "Victoria" is merely a blurred line on most impressions, particularly in those watermarked "5sh." In later impressions, "Victoria" is just legible, making a total of 118 letters and figures. Curiously, no competitor mentioned this stamp.

The following is a list of stamps with the longest inscriptions. Those marked with an asterisk * were mentioned by competitors and those marked † are ineligible owing to their not having been issued two years, or regularly issued at all.

- | | LETTERS. |
|---|----------|
| 1. †Portugal, 1894 (see below), | 187 |
| 2. †Nicaragua, 1897, 50c Map, | 178 |
| 3. †Dominican Rep., 1900, 50c Map, | 135 |
| 4. New South Wales, 5sh Map, | 118 |
| 5. *Newfoundland, 30c, 1897, | 104 |
| 6. †Ecuador, 20c, 1895, | 99 |
| 7. *Cuba, 10c, Special Delivery, | 97 |
| 8. Belgium, 5c Sunday Stamp, | 91 |
| 9. †Peru, 22c, 1900, | 90 |
| 10. †U. S. A., 8c Buffalo, | 90 |
| 11. *Newfoundland, 60c, 1897, | 89 |
| 12. *B. S. A., 1895-96 issues, 80 to 85 | |
| 13. *U. S. A., \$3 Columbus, | 81 |
| 14. †Venezuela, 25c Columbus, | 79 |
| 15. *Santander, 1st, | 78 |
| 16. *Mauritius, 36c Jubilee, | 78 |

The issue which heads the above list—that generally known as the St. Anthony of Padua Commemoration issue (Portugal, 1894)—really has only 23 letters in the inscription on its face, but the following prayer, composed of 164 letters, is printed on the back, and must, we suppose, be considered part of the stamp's inscription.

Centenario de Santo Antonio.
MCCXCV. MDCCCXCV.
O lingua benedicta, quae Dominum semper benedixisti et alios benedicere docuisti: nunc perspicue cernitur quanti meriti fueris apud Deum.—S. Boaventura.

The Nicaraguan Map stamps might almost be admitted, as the same design was in use just two years, bearing date 1896 the first year and 1897 the second.

The Cuba 10c Special Delivery also bears a long inscription (97 letters and figures) but according to the latest fashion in philately, it does not rank as a "postage" stamp.

The Newfoundland 30c Cabot stamp (still in use) really bears only 104 letters and figures, but counting the repetition of "30c" and the printer's inscription at foot "American Bank Note Co., N. Y." a total of 126 could be made up.

II.—THE SHORTEST INSCRIPTION.

The restrictions which applied to stamps bearing the longest inscription were with drawn in this case, and the answer therefore appears to be the Swiss 1c postage due stamp, which bears the solitary figure 1. The Bosnian 1 kreuzer and 1 heller stamps bear two figures only, the value "1" being shown twice. The Austrian (1867) and Hungarian (1871) newspaper stamps bear no inscription whatever of any kind, but no inscription at all can hardly be said to be a short one. The early Brazil stamps mostly bear only two figures. Various stamps of Austria, Austrian Italy and Hungary bear as inscription the value only, expressed in one figure and two letters.

III.—THE MOST CURIOUS INSCRIPTION.

Competitors name, amongst others, the following stamps as having curious inscriptions:—Canada Map ("We hold a vaster Empire than has been"); Belgium Sunday stamps ("Ne pas livrer le di-

mauche"); Bhopal (especially that reading *H. H. Nawab Shah Jahon began*); Canada, 12d. ("Twelve pence" being substituted for "One Shilling" because there were shillings of different value in use in Canada, and the Post Office would have had to supply the same stamp for a coin which might be worth 6 1/2d, 7 1/2d, 10d or 12d according to locality); New South Wales Charity Stamps or labels? Uganda, first issue (with values in cowries or shells); Liberia, 1894, 5c red and black ("The love of liberty brought us here"); and California City Letter Express ("If you have wedding cards, notices, letters, etc., to be delivered leave them for California City letter Express at Hoogs and Madison, Real Estate House Brokers and Rent Collectors, Montgomery Street"—"Wedding Cards" being given precedence as apparently more important than ordinary "letters.")

7.—Which two postage stamps have the smallest and largest gauge of perforation?

The smallest gauge of perforation is apparently that found on the 6d orange-yellow of 1854, "serrated perf. 19." A number of stamps claim the largest perforation. The best known stamps with unusually large perforations are the early French stamps, perf. 7 1/2 ("serpentine roulette"), and those of France, 1861, perf. 7 ("La Suisse"). The 1887 and 1893 issues of Mexico furnish numerous examples of "perf. 6" and "perf. 5 1/2." Brazilian stamps of the 1889 issue are found perf. 5 1/2 to 7.

It is possible that Bhopal stamps might be found with an even larger gauge of perforation; indeed, one competitor claims to have an example, "perf. 3," but this may be merely a freak.—*Ewen's Weekly News.*

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BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 14, 1901.

The fourth regular meeting of the Association was held this evening, President Waldron in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Committee on By-Laws was accepted.

Treasurer's report accepted and filed.

The following applications were presented:

- MR. BAYARD C. RYDER, Manchester, N. H.; proposed by Messrs. Livingstone and King.
 MR. W. D. ELDRIDGE, Boston, Mass.; proposed by Mr. J. Favill Capron.
 Consideration of new By-Laws was taken up, read and approved.
 Meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock.
 J. FAVILL CAPRON,
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NOTICE!

Entertainment at next meeting will consist of an exhibition and explanation of varieties of the National, Continental and American Bank Note Co.'s prints of U. S. stamps. Members are invited to bring their collections or specimens of these stamps for examination and comparison.

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Two or three more Resident Vice-Presidents will probably be appointed. As nominations have not been made by the members in the vicinities where they were needed the matter was deferred until later.

Application for Membership.

HEMPHILL, W. A., Box 105, Hammon-ton, N. J.; age, 39; occupation, Actuary and Expert Accountant. References: **P. M. Wolseiffer**, **A. F. Merell**.

Change of Address.

184. COSBY, SPENCER, Captain U. S. Army, from 815 Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., to U. S. Engineer Office, Mobile, Alabama.

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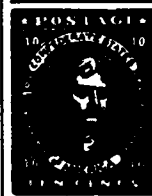
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The October 5th issue of the Metropolitan Philatelist will be a special number designated as the "Fall Season Trade Opener." A lithographed cover depicting a chestnut tree from which the chestnut burrs are falling will accompany this Special.

The latest additions from Chili in the line of new stamps is the 30-cent orange and the 50-cent brown. It is with extreme regret that I have to mention the downfall of Chili from the pinnacle of non speculativeness. The past year or two has seen wonderful changes in the number of new stamps of this South American Republic. At first we were surprised to be favored with a provisional, 5c on 30c, (we had a few inverts also); then it was announced and duly chronicled that the color of 10c violet had been changed to orange, (no explanation regarding the substitution); now we have a 30c stamp in same color (orange). The questions before us are, will the 10c orange cease to be issued in that color or was the 30c issued in orange by error, or is it a fore-runner of a new set with an entire change of colors? In the meantime has the 10c violet become obsolete? If not, why not?

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